

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
October 24, 2022

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Jim Tucker Chairman; Bill Light, Vice-Chairman; JW Finn, Commissioner; Adam Carey, County Attorney and Gina Shores, County Clerk.

Pastor Denny Huebner with the Church of God opened with prayer.

Commissioners approved October 10<sup>th</sup> minutes on a motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV. Commissioners signed 1 P/R forms and Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Register listed below; Road Permit from Enterra Resources and Contract with the Hospital for providing a Medical Consultant.

		2022
General		\$3,244.14
Road & Bridge		\$190.98
Payroll W/H		\$2,778.87
Airport		\$50.25
Ambulance		\$762.07
Ambulance- Gifts/Grants		\$62.00
Health		\$22,643.86
Capital Improvement		\$1,595.00
Civic Center Deposit Fund		\$720.00
Total		\$32,047.17

Commissioners discussed the following; the Clerk went over some budget numbers and we will visit with Lisa, with Lewis, Hooper and Dick within the next month to go over details for the end of the year.

At 9:30 we were going to open bids for the Health Department, but contractors have been updated that we are going to have to redo our specs and rebid this project, we only received one sealed bid.

Kendra–Health. Kendra gave an update for Local Board of Health of a couple health issues, one is a case of tuberculosis and one syphilis that they are following protocols with. She discussed working with the sheriff office billing for the health department services for inmates, she will talk to Shelby on details. Her department had the drive thru flu clinic last week, went well. She is still trying to decide if they are going to have

one in Rolla. The County Attorney suggested he and the Clerk will reach out to architects to discuss costs and timeframes for the next meeting. Kendra stated she has approximately \$90,000 for the project.

Stephanie and Vicki entered at 10:00. At 10:03 a motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV. To go into executive session for personnel for 5 minutes with the Clerk in attendance. Back in regular session at 10:08. Stephanie and Vicki left. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to go back into executive session for personnel with the Clerk for 2 minutes at 10:10. Back in regular session at 10:12. No action taken.

Kevin-Golf. He asked to attend the Kansas turf grass conference in Topeka 2 days. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV, to attend Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chris—Public works. He received quotes on new tractors Case IH 120c and 110 and John Deere. He also wanted to look for used ones on auction sites, he has \$30,000 budgeted for this. Warranties are comparable from both companies. He is not wanting to trade in, as the older tractor is at the Airport and works well for what is needed there. One tractor is in the shop right now, as Sheldon is busy and it needed professional mechanic to fix. Chris said they can contract with Co-op at \$3.50 for diesel 20,000 gallons, March-Oct. 2023. Hampel did not submit a quote. Approved to contract with Co-op on a motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, UYV. He has 3 bids for a tire machine \$5476.99/Elkhart Auto, \$5500/Napa (same machine and \$8479/McGee. A motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV to accept the bid by Elkhart Auto. The Bridge stone will be delivered Thursday and there will be a construction meeting that morning, according to County Attorney. The Landfill bucket is needing repaired, Todd is welding it and a machine shop in Hugoton is also doing repairs. They started baiting prairie dogs now, he would like to purchase a 3<sup>rd</sup> baiter and it is under \$700.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session for Attorney Client privilege at 10:52 for 5 minutes. Clerk stayed in attendance. Back in regular session at 10:57. No action taken.

Frank with Syracuse Dairy entered and discussed the conference call that KDOT, Syracuse Dairy, Adam and Gina attended. The County Attorney had updated the Commissioners that 2 amended supplemental agreements will need to be signed. KDOT has agreed to an additional \$300,000 and the Dairy has agreed to an additional \$100,000. Commissioners agreed to proceed with this KDOT amendment agreement. Commissioners asked how the Dairy was going, Frank stated about the same.

Patrick and Richard—Hospital. Richard presented an updated financial report. Currently, the hospital has 32 days of cash on hand. Patrick said critical access is changing in definition, he is following this and they will try to get this designation but it will take time. He and Richard updated the Commissioners on the award the Hospital received, the Commissioners said this would be good to put on website.

Other items discussed were looking at removing/replacing bushes on the East side of the building they are overgrown and hard to maintain windows. Update the Supervisors

on putting office/small supplies in the break room to eventually put on Gavel Roads auction. The County Attorney will look at some upgrades needed to see how it affects handicap accessibility. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to pay the annual website invoice CivicPlus approximately \$18,231.15 for ARPA fund.

A motion to adjourn at 12:14 by Bill, seconded by JW, UYV.

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Jim Tucker, Chairman

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Bill Light, Vice-Chairman

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JW Finn, Commissioner

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Attest:  
Gina Shores, County Clerk