

Morton County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2024

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Jim Tucker, Chairman; JW Finn, Vice Chairman; Ed Anderson, Commissioner, David Thompson, County Attorney; Gina Shores, County Clerk. Jim Lavielle member of 1st Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners approved September 23rd amended minutes on a motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV. Commissioners signed 1 P/R form; 2 A/P Warrant Registers listed below.

	2024
General	
Road/Bridge	\$69,982.00
Hospital	\$33,471.72
Soil Cons.	\$18,495.42
Extension Council	\$328.02
Sheriff	\$1,507.78
Airport	\$17,699.10
Emp. Benefits	\$7,210.76
Ambulance	\$5,992.77
Health	\$7,908.34
Fair	\$6,247.67
Fire	\$1,300.85
Sales Tax Health	\$301.02
P/R Withholding	\$20,718.86
Treas. M/V	\$3,421.98
Emerg. Prep.	\$1,967.40
Noxious Weed	\$3,250.15
Council on Aging	\$3,038.80
Intellectual Disability	\$1,625.69
Historical	\$42.19
Mental Health	\$1,542.63
Library	\$169.23
Capital Improvement	\$2,571.35
911	\$155,634.49
Civic Center Deposit Fund	\$741.97
Special Economic Dev	\$2,785.00
Health Dept Grant	\$4,000.00
Totals	\$10,400.00
	\$382,355.19

Sheldon—Public Works. He stated the road patching is completed. Also, discussed the patching material they tried and he feels like it worked well. They also discussed the heavy truck traffic through harvest and commercial traffic on County Road 16 is

picking up again. Road Department took large equipment up to the ag teacher's class at Elkhart High School. The students were real interested in this hands-on experience. One pit at the landfill is getting close to filling up. Noxious weed department is gearing up for prairie dog season and winterizing the spraying equipment. Sheldon asked about another employee applying for a chemical license. Commissioners approved. Discussion also took place about grinding tires and possible uses. They are allowed to be used for pit cover and there are other uses.

Shelby—Sheriff. The fingerprint system, is needing upgraded. The PC system is \$3658 and the scanner is \$17,000. This quote is for the same kind of system, the Commissioners asked her to get a couple other quotes. She asked if her officers would be able to be paid for remainder of vacation time. After much discussion, the Commissioners would like the employees to try and use vacation time and we may address this again at the end of the year. A couple officers from the city have agreed to work some shifts for the county.

Kendra—Health. They had a coyote in the city limits, which required some investigative measures. The drive through flu shot clinic will be starting in Elkhart and Rolla. They have a group coming over to help people check on qualifications for Medicare. A motion by Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV to go into executive session for personnel at 10:36 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:46. No action taken. She presented a resignation letter from Kathryn Fowler effective Dec. 31st she will begin to advertise the open position. “Standing in the Gap” event had a good turnout. She has heard good comments about the “988” buildings in the County.

Shelby and Vicki—Both entered and the Commissioners asked their input on incoming elected official's salaries. Items discussed were years of service, experience qualifications. The Commissioners will take all this information into consideration when setting salaries. Vicki stated she is advertising a full -time


position, as an employee has given her notice. Alexis—Economic Development. The NextGen Award Ceremony is Friday Nov. 8th in Manhattan, she

would like to attend and asked if it would be a paid work day. Commissioners approved. She and Commissioner Tucker attended a call

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)

JOHN M. HOBBLE, II, DECEASED)

Case No. MT-2024-PR-000025

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF KANSAS, TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Terri M. Hobbble, Personal Representative of the estate of John M. Hobbble, II, deceased, praying that the foreign Will of John M. Hobbble, II, deceased, be admitted to probate and record in this court; that no administration of this estate is necessary; that the Will be construed; and that all real estate described in the Petition and all other property owned by the decedent in Kansas be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 20, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., of said day, in said court, in the City of Elkhart, in Morton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Terri M. Hobbble, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)

OF)

Case No. MT-2024-PR-000026

GARY R. GRICE, A/K/A
GARY GRICE AKA,
GARY ROYCE GRICE, DECEASED)

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Margaret Grice, spouse and one of the heirs of Gary R. Grice, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Morton County, Kansas:

NW/4 of S1-T35S-42W, and the S/2 NE/4 of S2-T35S-42W, Morton County, Kansas;

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the terms of the "Valid Settlement Agreement" dated October 25, 2024.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before January 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the District Court, in the city of Elkhart in Morton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/Jeremiah Johnson
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Legal Notice

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS
NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: BEREXCO LLC -- Application for an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Beauchamp SW Unit 5-5, located in Morton County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomsoever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Berexco LLC has filed an application for an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Beauchamp SW Unit 5-5, located in the SW NE of Section 5-31S-41W, Morton County, Kansas.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

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