

Morton County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

about the Solar/wind farms that possibly could lead to economic expansion. Also the conversation covered growing Hemp for use in making housing materials. Commissioners thought this was good information to pursue.

Dusty—EMS. They passed the state inspection last week. EMT testing was done on Saturday for 5 people, 2 have passed the written and if they pass they will be able to start volunteering. He met with the Hospital to discuss the process with transfers and open doors of communication. Commissioners agreed it's good timing with new staff. To date they have done 42 transfers, this is above average. CORE conference is 2 days thru KEMSA. It's once a year, and receive 20 hours continuing ed. He would like to offer it to employees and volunteers. The class is \$165/each and \$95/night. Commissioners approved. He presented a spreadsheet on how much transfers cost and how much revenue is generated. He would like an additional amount to be paid to employees for making transfers. Approximately \$20-30 more per person per transfer. After much discussion, it's good to look at these and also look at the funds. Table until reviewing further.

At 12:30 Commissioners adjourned for lunch.

Back in regular session at 1:25. Commissioners reviewed the public notice for Facility Modification Application for a Livestock Management Permit- Prairie Valley Farms, LLC, A-CIMT-H005, Morton County. A motion by JW seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the 2025 County Holidays. Commissioners also approved to change County credit card to cash back instead of reward points.

Judge Harder entered to discuss the court room cameras and security needs. Commissioners tabled any adjustments for now. Commissioners agreed to have the November 11th meeting on November 12th since Monday is a holiday and we will canvass the General election results.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to adjourn at 1:50.

Jim Tucker,
Chairman
JW Finn,
Vice-Chairman
Ed Anderson,
Commissioner
Attest:
Gina Shores,
County Clerk

October 28, 2024

Jim called the meeting to order at 9: 00 a.m. with open doors.
Present: Jim Tucker, Chairman; JW Finn, Vice-

Chairman; Ed Anderson, Commissioner; David Thompson, County Attorney and Gina Shores, County Clerk.
Ed Richards with First Baptist Church entered to pray
Commissioners signed 1 P/R form and Warrant Register, 1 A/P Warrant Register listed below. A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to approve amended minutes of October 14th. Commissioners signed Pioneer Communications Road permit and an abated order 2015-35.

	2024
General	
Road/Bridge	\$18,995.23
Noxious Weed	\$44,077.40
Airport	\$160.00
Sheriff	\$4,852.51
	\$2,465.19
Treasurers Motor Vehicle Ambulance	
	\$2,019.17
911	
	\$145.86
Health	
	\$6,647.40
Fire	
	\$51.74
Capital Improvement	
	\$6,446.87
Special Economic Dev	
	\$606.26
Golf Course G & G	
	\$1,690.00
Payroll W/H	
	\$2,924.55
Sales Tax -Health Systems	
Emerg Prepar Fund	
	\$416.59

Employee Benefits \$5,330.51
Civic Center Dep Fund \$440.00
Totals \$97,269.28
Kevin—Golf. He received cost estimate for repairing the water well. M&T from Moscow \$6/foot
L&N from Sublette \$5.25/foot
Fink Well Service no quote, doesn't have the equipment to do this job.
Kevin asked some local farmers their recommendation, most said M&T so that's who he recommends. A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to approve M&T. Kevin has a call into State Farm regarding the damage to the cart shed, he will keep the Commissioners updated. The Turf Grass conference is Dec. 4th and 5th in Manhattan. Commissioners approved him to attend. Tom Walsh's last day was 10/31/2024 and

Kevin would like to hire a part-time person around March.
Sheldon—Public Works. At a meeting he attended it was discussed that Goodland, Kansas is constructing a tire recycling plant. Sheldon will get more information and there will be more discussion in the future. The landfill pit survey should be done soon, and begin the bid process. Road crew will start mowing the last round throughout the county next week.
Rhonda Fernandez with PIC came to discuss the BCBS renewal. Rhonda went over our annual usage and costs for next year. Rates are up 14%. She explained that we could do a 50/50 plan instead of an 80/20. After much discussion, a motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to stay on the 3-tiered plan we currently have. She will set a day with the Clerk for

employee open enrollment. Discussed the 2 bids previously received to replace the generator at the Civic Center. A motion by Ed, seconded by Jim, JW abstained to approve Central Power bid from Capital outlay. We will put the one they take out on auction site. Central Power--\$40,394 Down & Dirty Ditching--\$35,908
The County Attorney said he has a voucher out of the Diversion Fund for \$2000 to Western Kansas Child Advocacy for the 2024 year.
A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to adjourn at 12:05 .

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