Morton County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Road & Bridge 2025 - \$274.39 2024 - \$2,796.65 Library

Weed

Airport 2025 - \$892.96

2024 - \$938.81 Sheriff

2025 - \$260.84 2024 - \$4,665.68

2024 - \$340.13

Health 2025 - \$130.70 2024 - \$5,682.93

Capital Improvement 2024 - \$285.24

Ambulance 2025 - \$235.79 2024 - \$4,147.87

Employee Benefits

2025 - \$546.11

Tax-Health Sales System 2024 - \$17,181.71

Reserve-Equip Golf

2024 - \$59,278.00

Treasurer M/V 2025 - \$322.79 2024 - \$56.11

Pre-Emergency paredness

2025 - \$104.72 Hospital

2025 - \$664,719.85

Fair 2025 - \$53,485.06

Soil Conserv

2025 - \$10,710.23 Extension

2025 - \$69,351.00

Mental Health

the American Farm

Bureau Federation

Convention in San

Antonio. For any

of you who have

never attended an

annual meeting, it

would be my hope

that someday you

might get that op-

portunity. If you do

you should jump

on it as fast as you

and I have many

takeaways from it.

However, the one

I keep going back

to is the same one

I have each year. I

am always amazed

at just how vast

and different ag-

riculture is across

the country, and

it's all represented

by the members of

the American Farm

Bureau Federation.

as diverse as it gets,

I talked to a pota-

Glenn

2025 - \$2,984.49 \$4,992.26

2025 - \$111,759.51

2024 - \$66.87 Intel Disability 2025 - \$3,017.59

> COA 2025 - \$48,177.09

Historical

2025 - \$63,409.50

Total

2025 -\$1,046,525.40 2024 - \$122,615.61

motion by Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV to sign Resolution 2025-1, Salary Resolution a motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve Resolution 2025-2 (A Resolution Adopting Standards for and Financial

Statements and Reporting.) motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to approve the 2025 mileage reimbursement rate of .70. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the County banks as Dream First and TBK Bank and Elkhart Tri-State News and www.mtcoks. com as the official advertising sources.

Commissioners reviewed both received to clean the Assisted/Memory facilities Bryan Castillo Co. \$10,500.

Greg Stiver, maintenance entered to discuss Assisted/ Memory Care facility what needs secured and what needs hauled off. Darrell Smith stated that he was interested in this as well. inquired to see if there was a scope of work insurance needed. The also discussed receivthe MOU from the Veterans Center. After some discussion the Commissioner agreed to rebid with scope of work drawn up by the County Attorney. Open bids

on Feb. 10th. Sheldon and Calum - Public works. They are looking at fuel contracts MC Oil by Mark Williams at \$2.68 and Texhoma Wheat Growers by Bil-Wayne Hines \$2.52. Hampel is \$2.92 and Pride Ag will not currently do contracts. This is for 20,000 gallons of diesel. The Commissioners asked to contact Fronk Oil then a motion Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV to approve Sheldon to go with

the lowest best

bid. A motion by

proved that Anthony Munn to legal

go to full-time status as he has received his diploma. He has received another application, but currently the road department is fully staffed. The Commissioners asked if he would just hold on that application.

Dusty and Steph—EMS. presented They the breakdown of the costs for transfers.

After a lengthy discussion, this was tabled until the Commissioners review budget documents with the Clerk. Kevin—Golf.

Presented the amounts in funds by the Clerk and Treasurer and the amount we are looking to need to finish the water well. He can save \$1,500 on the motor(a different type) and TCEC is able to do the Electric pole and transformer for \$9,000, the electric motor was donated. With the proceeds od

grinding reels this year, he will still need an additional \$11,500. Approved to proceed on a motion by Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV.

The County At-

and Ed, seconded by torney would like Valdez Roofing Jim, UYV to ap- to hire Melody Thomas as his assistant/ Floater position. Commissioners approved his recommendation. A motion by Ed, seconded by JW, Jim abstained to appoint Richard Adams to the Hospital Board. Salaries were reviewed and discussed for the incoming Sheriff. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to set the annual salary at

\$60,000. The Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's documents regarding the request in EMS and how that will affect the budget. After much discussion, this is tabled.

A letter from Loewen Pedro was given to the Commissioners, they will have the County Attorney look at the farm land lease agreement and review at the next

meeting. A motion by Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV to adjourn at 2:00.

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

> Regional

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signing bonus. Benefits include 401K, health insurance, dental insurance, and life insurance. Please apply in person at our office (751 SE CR 36, Syracuse, KS 67878) or call 620-492-

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Deadline FOR Elkhart Tri-State

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Pictures & Stories **Deadline** 5 pm Monday Advertising **Deadline** 10 am Tuesday

Morton County is seeking applicants

for 1 full-time position. A Deputy position for the County Sheriff's department. Applications are available on the County's web page or the County Clerk's office. Deputy position open until filled. Applications may be emailed to gina.shores@mtcoks.gov or delivered to the County Clerk's Office at 1025 Morton Street. Elkhart. EOE

Stanton County is hiring a dedicated professional for the full-time role

of EMS Director. This non-exempt position offers excellent benefits, including health insurance, paid time off (PTO), KPERS retirement, and optional insurance coverage. Wage dependent on experience and credentials. Applications/resumes will be accepted through March 18th and are available at the County Clerk's Office or on-line at www.stantoncountyks.com The job description can also be found on the website. For more details, contact the County Clerk's Office at 620-492-2140 or email stcoclerk@stantoncountyks.com. **Stanton County is an Equal Opportunity**

Employer (EOE).

Engineering & Operations Support Assistant

The position of Engineering & Operations Support Assistant will open to applicants beginning on February 14 and will remain open until February 28, 2025. This position provides technical, administrative, and communication support to Engineering and Operations staff. In addition, provides information on the progress or status of construction, maintenance, and strategic plan projects. Assists staff in completing work and asset management documents.

Position description and application may be obtained at www.tcec.coop under the Careers tab.

Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. TCEC is an equal opportunity employer.

Legal Notice

First published in the Elkhart Tri-State News, Thursday, February 6, 2025, Thursday, Feb-

ruary 13, 2025, Thursday, February 20, 2025, IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Victoria Noh White, Individually, and as Trustee of the White Family Trust dated May 20, 2020; David Groves; and Ronald Shaw

Plaintiffs,

Case No. MT-2024-CV-000010

Donald Parsley, deceased and the Administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, beneficiaries creditors, and assigns of any defendants which are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of any defendants who are or were partners or in a partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants who are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, beneficiaries, creditors and assigns of any alleged to be deceased,

Defendants. Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Donald Parsley, deceased, and the Administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, beneficiaries, creditors, and assigns of any defendants which are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of any defendants who are or were partners or in a partnership; the unknown guardians conservators, and trustees of any defendants who are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, beneficiaries, creditors and assigns of any alleged to be deceased;

You are notified that a Petition to Quiet Title has been filed in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Morton County, Kansas by Victoria Noh White, Individually, and as Trustee of the White Family Trust dated May 20, 2020; David Groves; and Ronald Shaw, Plaintiffs, praying for clear title of the SE/4 of Section 5-T34S-R43W Morton County, Kansas, and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before March 19, 2025, in the court at Elkhart, Morton County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

> /s/ Jeremiah Johnson Jeremiah Johnson, #21968 Attorney for Plaintiffs Graber & Johnson Law Group, LLC 701 Vilymaca - PO Box 450 Elkhart, KS 67950 Phone: (620) 697-2163

kow, Pottawatomie of agriculture at the proposals had Meeting County farmer and the American Farm worked its way up from an individual rancher Bureau Federation Not too long ago I table. member or county had the privilege of Farm Bureau. It had At the annurepresenting Kan- al gone through each meeting we Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee sas Farm Bureau at discussed

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issues forward icy from state Farm about

dairy, honeybees, wheat, beef and just about every other commodity you can think of. We discussed conservation, trade, the farm bill and transportation, just to name a few topics. That is just This year's meet- a sampling of what ing was very good, makes the American Farm Bureau Federation the best general farm orga-

brought

Bureaus

nization.

We had several fascinating discussions on those topics and the ideas and thoughts presented by the members were from many different angles. To be sure, not everyone agreed on what the policy should to grower from Ida- be, but at the end ho, a rancher from of that Tuesday Wyoming and a afternoon we had peanut farmer from hammered out pol-Georgia all in one icy positions that day. I also met a met the approval

cherry grower from Michigan, membership. crop farmer from Wis-Did consin and a dairy farmer from Marydid come to a con-

land. That is about sensus. The best part meeting and it is a good rep- about the discus- hallways and dinresentation of all sions we had was ner tables.

Brun- the various kinds that each one of Advisory Committee state's unique poldevelopment process, the resolutions committee at the American Farm Bureau Federation and finally it was presented on the floor of the annual business meeting.

That rigorous journey is what makes the American Farm Bureau such a great organization. We find a way to represent everyone in agriculture no matter what the produce, how they produce it or where they live. Every kind of agriculture is wel-

come at the table. It is amazing and comforting to know just how much we all have in common. Our dreams, challenges and hopes are all fundamentally the same. We are all proud producers of the food and fiber this nation and world need. We want to preserve of a majority of the our air, land and water for the next everyone generation. Most of agree? No, but we all we love what we do, and that is what you will find in the

rooms,

The Kansas Water Office's (KWO) Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will have a meeting to discuss current water issues affect-

ing the region as

well as the state.

The hybrid meeting will be Tuesday, February 20 at 1:30 p.m., in Hugoton at the Stevens County Library at 500 S Monroe St. The main items on the agenda will be a legislative update and a Q&A session on Local Enhanced

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