

Morton County Chamber Luncheon Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2026

Date: 3-4-26

Location: Morton County Museum

In Attendance:

Call to Order

- Call to Order: by Alexis @ 12:09pm

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Laura Martin to amend minutes (school report regarding basketball location-update to "Rolla")
- Second by April

Treasurer's Report

- Presentation of accounts by Radleigh Hurn
 - \$16,731.15 ending balance for the month of February

Old Business

Memberships

- Membership renewal is due
- Renew electronically or on paper
- Membership plaques available now for those who have renewed

Banquet Tickets

- \$45 / ticket
- Tickets can be purchased online or with Board rep
- Seating is first come first served

Accessory Packages

- \$5 - \$10 accessory packages on sale thru Natasha via Chamber Board at Pate Agency

Bingo Fundraiser

- \$5 / ticket to be used at Chamber Banquet
- looking for prize donations from individuals and businesses

New Business -

Seaboard

- Seaboard donated and served lunch today
- Introduction of Delvita Gomez - Community enrichment specialist

- Scholarships for the year had over 600 applications across the service area (CA, KS, TX, CO, OK); Separate scholarships for employee students/children and community members
- Educator Grants to open in April; 40 x \$1000 Grants
- Seaboard donating prizes for Banquet Bingo
- Senior Lunch @ Elkhart for Class of 2026
- National Pig Day 3/1/26

Wine Walk

- Date is May 9th 2026
- Chamber to send info after banquet
- looking for Artists for Wine Walk

Business Reports

Ellie - Elkhart Lumber

- The Greenhouse is coming back in April
- Working on roof repairs

Jenni Forbes - JJ's Feed / Waylon's Welding

- Grand Opening date to be announced on FaceBook
- follow social media for updates

Crystal Basalniel - Mt. Co. Extension

- Walk Kansas begins March 22 - May 16
- \$10 / person, teams 4-6
- Register online, pay @ Extension Office

Becky Hanna - Cornerstone Physical Therapy

- Ashley Brown relocating so we will lose 1 PTA
- Business as usual

Kylee - TCEC

- Scholarships still available
- Collegiate Delegate Program for OPSU students

Presley Aranda - EHS

- YEC 3/11 @ EHS
- StuCo Bash 3/7 - need prizes & helpers
- Prom 4/18 - Under the Sea themed; Seaboard donated main course
- MAD Day 4/22 for community service projects
- History State Assessment will be a mock trial to be presented @ Courthouse

Taylor McCammon - EHS

- Student of the Month - Feb
- Cheer tryouts 3/5
- Softball started 3/2 - 13 out this year

Cooper Fink - EHS

- Student of the Month - Feb
- Powerlifting 3/24 @ SWH - League meet
- Baseball started 3/2

Marla Houtz - Health Dept.

- Sponsoring Coffee @ Lumber yard
- Drop off site for fire dept donations
- See us for sports physicals / vaccines

April Kerbo

- No update

Kent Boaldin - Boaldin Electric, Prairie RV, Car Wash

- Boaldin A/C & Electric is gearing up for summer
- Prairie RV - Business as usual
- Car Wash - working to get ready for spring

Becki Ellis & Drew - Morton County Museum

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Working to get into KS Tourism Magazine; \$100 for ad space in the magazine. If businesses want to advertise, contact Drew to help get your ad submitted

Jeannie - Morton Co. Hospital

- The hospital hosted Healthcare Day for Elkhart & Rolla students; Career Day & Tour of Departments. Seaboard donated lunch. Juniors + Seniors in small groups visited departments at the clinic / hospital. Discussed financial assistance & education
- Onboarding with an apprenticeships program to provide opportunities for jobs / education / internship in healthcare
- March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- Swingbed and respite care available via Morton Co. Hospital

Laura Martin - Sew Loved Quilt Shop

- Quilt Wars 3/7-8 @ City Hall, over \$1,000 in prizes
- Open 9am - 6pm to the public Saturday and Sunday

Karen Gates

- No update

Sherri - Senior Center

- March for Meals - help deliver meals
- 4/12 Fundraiser - 11-1pm BBQ Chicken
- 4/25 Spring Fling - contact Iris to get involved

Pastor Forrest Cornwell- First Church of God

- 4/3 6:30 Good Friday Service @ Church of God
- 4/11 Womens Retreat @ City Hall 8am

Colette - Garnand Funeral Home

- Welcome to Chamber

Rachel Sparkman - Shear Elegance Salon

- Loving the new storefront thanks to Eco Devo/Chamber Pitch Your Porch Competition
- Tanning available

Tim Hardy - City of Elkhart

- Accepting lifeguards & summer help applications
- Searching for police officers
- Statewide Tornado Drill 3/4 @ 10am successful; reminder that local sirens are outdoor notice systems only.
- 3/26 Storm Spotter Class @ fire Dept
- WhistleStop repairs in works for sidewalks; please report any damages to City Hall.

Nancy - Grasslands

- 3/11 @ City Hall 5-8:30 Workshop to discuss management plan

Presley Aranda- Heaven on Ice

- Opening March 7th
- Follow social media for special events
- Taylor McCammon is new business manager, contact her for special events

Radleigh Hurn - Dream First

- Shred Week 4/6 - 4/10; Paper Document only
- Added new banks: Alva OK, Woodward OK, Lakin, Cherokee OK
- New account gifts - duffel bags
- Easter Coloring Contest - enter to win \$50

Natasha Eagan- Pate Agency

- 3/15 Sales closing for spring crops
- 2 Farmers meetings held last few weeks

Alexis O'Hair- Economic Development

- YEC 3/11

- Awaiting appraisal for Childcare Building; transferring to County Coalition (Old Oxy Building)
- WeKAN - Choosing Rural Conference

Liz Watson - EHS

- YEC 3/11
- Spring Sports began 3/2: Baseball - 19, Softball 14 (Co-op with Rolla), Track- 14, Golf- 13
- RESIST Chapter to attend regional day of advocacy 3/25, students to host local advocacy day for 6-12 students
- First in state of KS Junior High Baseball Club started practice on 3/2.
- End of the third quarter is 3/6.
- Cheer Tryouts on 3/5
- Spring Break 3/16-3/20
- State Assessments coming late March/early April; reminder to families to have students at school for these assessments.

Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn @ 12:48 by Natasha
- Laura - second
- Meeting Adjourned