

## **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners David L. Fox, Jim Barber and Wayne Kohler were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, were present.

Others present: Gary Floyd, Billy Kryger- Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Jill Burton, CEO of Hetlinger Development Services, Inc. presented a report regarding services provided in calendar year 2024. Hetlinger Developmental Services provides assistance and support for individuals and families with intellectual and developmental disabilities; they are currently serving 11 residents of Morris County. An appropriation request was made for the 2025 budget year in the amount of \$7,500.00; this is the same amount as last year. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, gave a report on Emergency Management. All portable and mobile 800mhz radios have been dispersed to the fire departments, except for two. An inventory list will be submitted to the county clerk. Discussion was held regarding installing a tornado siren in the Vista Del Lago area. The anticipated area impacted would be Vista Del Lago and White Memorial Camp. No action was taken. Further information will be obtained.

Phil and Lisa Meyer visited with the commissioners regarding the Morris County Transfer Station.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$43,662.73. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 13,853.56
Road & Bridge:	\$ 22,305.12
Ambulance:	\$ 312.05
Solid Waste:	\$ 242.00
ARPA:	\$ 6,950.00

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$106,307.07. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Canvass of Election Meeting. Motion carried.

The commissioners visited the Sheriff's Office to tour the progress of the remodel project.

Ben Moore attended the commission meeting via telephone. Discussion was held regarding the Sheriff's Office remodel project. A quote from K-Construction for additional concrete work for the Sheriff's Office radio tower, west entrance stairway and handrails was presented. K-Construction was the only bidder the county received for the Sheriff's Office sidewalk project several weeks ago. They would be able to do the additional concrete work needed for the tower and stairway at the same time.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the quote from K-Construction for the additional concrete work for the Sheriff's Office radio tower in the amount of \$1,702.00 and the

west entrance stairs and handrail in the amount of \$12,695.00; for a total amount of \$14,397.00. Funds are to be paid from the ARPA Fund. Motion carried.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed & Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. The kiosk is installed on the Transfer Station Scale; staff will be trained on operating the kiosk and scale.

Steve Cabbazoo visited with the commissioners regarding an easement to his property. His property is located within the City of Council Grove. He was referred to the County Appraiser and the City of Council Grove for further assistance.

Shelly Lautt and Jeff Falter gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Detour route of K Ave. from 2100-2200 had Air Capital Quarry rock added to it
- Air Capital Quarry rock was hauled to 2100 Rd. from K-L and Helmick Rd. from 900-1200
- Rawhide Quarry rock was placed on 1100 Rd. from B-C and 1000 Rd. from B-C
- Creek gravel was placed on 4 Mile Rd. from Z-BB and Z Ave. from 1200-1500
- Mid States Materials Quarry AB-3 rock was used on 2800 Rd. from B-C
- Shoulder work was done on DD Ave. from 200-400, 400 Rd. from DD-Kahola Rd., Kahola Rd. from 400-500, Kahola Rd. from 500-FF, Y Ave. from 2700-2800, BB Ave. from 2450-2700 and 3000 Rd. from U-X
- Removed an entrance culvert at 3000 Rd. and X Ave.; it is no longer needed
- Routine sign maintenance was done across the county
- Finished ditch and shoulder dress up work at the Skiddy Rd. and B Ave. box culvert
- Completed ditch work on 1000 Rd. from T-U
- Jeff attended the District 2 luncheon meeting in Salina

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the utility permit from Evergy for the placement of new utility poles and lines in the area of V Ave. and 1600 Rd. Jeff Falter is authorized to sign the permit, as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the county's 2010 M2 Freightliner that has been awaiting repairs for an ECM issue since September of 2023 at Moonlite Trucking.

Discussion was held regarding preparation for chip bids for this year's chip seal projects.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the contract agreement with K-Construction for the Sheriff's Office sidewalk project and ADA compliant handrails; Chairman Fox is authorized to sign the agreement. The quote was approved on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the amount of \$21,934.00. Funds are to be paid from the ARPA Fund. Motion carried.

A contract addendum will be drafted and presented to the commission to include the additional concrete work for the radio tower, west entrance stairway and handrails that were approved today.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

--Meeting minutes can also be found on the county website: [www.morriscountyks.org](http://www.morriscountyks.org)

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**David L. Fox, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Wayne Kohler, Member**

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**Chelsey Schmidt  
Morris County Clerk**

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**Jim Barber, Member**