

## **April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, and Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Mike Seymour, Morris County resident, visited with the commissioners regarding the Federal Highway Administration Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL). The BIL establishes a national electric vehicle infrastructure formula program to provide grant funding to states to deploy electric vehicle charging stations. Local governments are eligible to apply for this grant funding between FY2022-FY2026. Mike Seymour encouraged the commissioners to pursue applying for a project and grant funding.

Nick Jones, Administrator for the City of Council Grove, presented the city's request for one mile of chip seal for 2023. The roads that the city would like to request for 2023 are Hillside Drive, Park Lane, Fairway Drive, Lakeside Drive and North Adams Street. Contracts for fire district's coverage with the Council Grove Fire Department will also need to be renewed before the upcoming budgeting process.

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deed's, gave a report on courthouse maintenance. Courthouse flooring was discussed.

Jan Sciacca, with the Council Grove Republican, discussed proposed changes of the US Postal Service and post office locations. The US Postal Service is in the process of creating sixty large, multi-functional mega plants called Regional Processing and Distribution Centers. Some distribution centers may go live as early as this summer. Once these larger distribution centers are implemented, it is highly likely that smaller post offices will be closed. Jan Sciacca will be creating a Council Grove/Morris County task force to advocate for keeping Morris County's post offices. The commissioners expressed the county's support and participation with the task force.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$99,061.82. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$96,407.72. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 18,277.13
Road & Bridge:	\$ 34,968.03
Noxious Weed:	\$ 91.20
Ambulance:	\$ 95.19
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 42,976.17

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to authorize Chairman Barber to sign the application withdrawal to FEMA for Public Assistance Emergency Work Reimbursement, as there was no eligible emergency work done that was related to COVID-19. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the county participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments.

Morris County's application was approved to receive discounted grant pricing of a Zoll, fully automatic, AED Plus in the amount of \$1,545.67, this is a \$722.33 discount from the MSRP pricing.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the purchase of the Zoll, fully automatic, AED Plus from AEDGrant.com in the amount of \$1,545.67. Motion carried.

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

- Rawhide quarry gravel was hauled to 1200 Rd. from K-L, M Ave. from 1100-1200 and 1050 Rd. from K-M
- Mid States Materials quarry (Wilsey location) road rock was placed on 3000 Rd. from AA-CC and 1800 Rd. from P-Q
- Shoulder/ditch work was done on 100 Rd. from Q-M; finished with Casey creek gravel
- Mid States Materials quarry AB-3 rock was hauled to 2900 Rd. from G-J
- Mid States Materials quarry (Wilsey location) base rock and Casey creek gravel were used on 200 Rd. from U-Y for rebuilding and reshaping the road
- 2900 Rd. from L-M was fixed with Mid States Materials quarry base rock and topped with AB-3 rock; a new crossroad culvert was also installed
- Ditch liner, oversized creek gravel and rip rap were used on L Ave. between 2900-3000 (Clark's Creek Bridge) for stabilization
- Shoulder/ditch work was done on 1600 Rd. from U-V during the road rebuild; it was roll packed and topped with Mid States Materials quarry road rock and AB-3 rock
- Ditch work was done on G Ave. from 900-1000 to re-route the waterway from washing out the headwall
- Shoulder/ditch work was done on 2000 Rd. from H-K, 1950 Rd. from K-M, DD Ave. from 3100-3200, 3000 Rd. from AA-CC and X Ave. from 2100-2200
- Ran the rock reclaimer on 2000 Rd. from H-K, 1950 Rd. from K-L, F Ave. from 2200-2400, 2200 Rd. from B-C and 2400 Rd. from P-R
- The newest grader employee attended the LTAP Grader Class held in Alma
- Foley's brought down a loaner AWD grader to use while they work to repair MP28; repairs are covered under warranty
- Met with representatives of the Kaw Indian Nation regarding FY2022 and FY2023 work; a maximum of \$10,000 is eligible for funding reimbursement through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Jeff Falter attended the District 2 luncheon meeting in Salina on March 31<sup>st</sup>
- The Dunlap Bridge has approximately 20 yards of concrete overage due to the fillet changes and because of the arch of the beams; Kaw Valley Engineering has agreed to pay for 10 yards and Bridges Inc. will cover the rest of the overage; Kaw Valley Engineering has agreed to pay for the extra steel as well
- The bridge plaque for the Dunlap Bridge will be invoiced separately
- MP27 grader engine is being put back together; a bent rod was fixed; repairs should be completed on Wednesday; repairs are covered under warranty
- Jeff Falter and Shelly Lutt will be attending the KCHA Conference in Manhattan
- There have been issues with Shilling trucks traveling on K-177 local detour routes rather than designated hauling routes. A crossroad culvert on 1100 Rd. south of A Ave. caved from the heavy loads and needs to be replaced.

Bids were requested for bridge deck polymer overlay treatments for the RS70 Bridge (2700 Rd. and G Ave.), the RS80 Bridge (2400-2500 Rd. and G Ave.), the RS12 Bridge (200 Rd. and Dunlap City) and the RS14 Bridge (Dunlap Rd. east of Four Mile Rd.).

Three sealed bids were opened at 1:00 p.m. Those present for the bid opening were Chad McCullough with Schwab Eaton, Brett Danner with Bettis Asphalt and David Meiers with PCI Roads. The bids were as follows:

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Pbx Corporation	\$295,066.60
PCI Roads	\$295,785.38
Bettis Asphalt	\$310,877.69
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$271,688.00</i>

Chad McCullough with Schwab Eaton will review the bids and final approval will be made at next week's commission meeting.

Three sealed bids were opened at 1:30 p.m. for approximately 6,200 tons of ½ inch grade B chips to be delivered to various locations in the county (1,270 tons White City, 1,100 tons to Lake Rd./Corp Office, 600 tons to Delavan airbase, 750 tons to Four Mile & Z Ave., 1700 tons to CG Fire Station and 800 tons to the county shop). Those present for the bid opening were Chad McCullough with Schwab Eaton and Doug Francis with Ergon Asphalt and Emulsion. The bids were as follows:

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Chips</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver WC</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver Lake Rd.</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver Delavan</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver Four Mile</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver CG Fire Station</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver County Shop</u></b>
Hamm	24.00/ton	6.00/ton	11.75/ton	9.80/ton	11.75/ton	11.75/ton	14.70/ton
MSM	18.35/ton	19.00/ton	19.00/ton	13.50/ton	19.00/ton	13.50/ton	13.50/ton
APAC	No Bid	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Bids will be reviewed and final approval will be made at next week's commission meeting.

Two sealed bids were received for approximately 230,000 gallons of RS-1M Road Oil Emulsions to be delivered to various locations in the county. Those present for the bid opening were Chad McCullough with Schwab Eaton and Doug Francis with Ergon Asphalt and Emulsion. The bids were as follows:

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>173,585 gal.</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc.	2.673/gallon	\$614,790.00
Vance Brothers, Inc.	2.77/gallon	\$637,100.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the oil bid from Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. at 2.673/gallon for a total amount of \$614,790.00. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Sunflower Bridge. The bridge of the deck will be removed in order to further inspect the base.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of K Ave., east of 2400 Rd.

Commissioner Kohler discussed the area of DD Ave., west of 400 Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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

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**Morris County Clerk**

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**Wayne Kohler, Member**