

August 1st, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 1st, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, were present.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, gave a report on the appraiser's office. The reappraisal budget has transferred a total of \$45,000.00 to the equipment reserve fund over the past two years. The funds were originally transferred for the purchase of a new vehicle. Due to vehicle availability the vehicle purchased was \$35,495.00; the appraiser would like to use the remaining funds to complete office updates. A quote was presented from Midway Floor & Home for the purchase and installation of carpet, in the amount of \$7,333.08.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the bid from Midway Floor & Home for the purchase and installation of carpet in the appraiser's office, in the amount of \$7,333.08. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Cindy Jensen, Certified Public Accountant, presented Morris County's 2022 Financial Audit.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the Financial Audit for the year ended December 31st, 2022 as presented. Motion carried.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's Office. Discussion was held regarding quotes from Hayden Tower Service and Ka-Comm for installation of the new EMS Radio Tower outside of the Sheriff's Office. The 800mhz radio repeater has been installed on the City of Council Grove water tower. Sheriff Simecka reports significant improvement to the radio communication between agencies in the area.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the July 25th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll liabilities as presented, in the amount of \$129,773.04. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$51,782.36. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 14,582.22
Road & Bridge:	\$ 13,008.70
Reappraisal:	\$ 1,647.56
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 15,606.16
Noxious Weed:	\$ 6,247.70
Ambulance:	\$ 690.02

Jo King, resident of Morris County, visited with the commissioners regarding Morris County's taxing entities, election precincts, and the CCC Building.

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

- Mid States Materials Quarry base rock (Wilsey location) was placed on DD Ave. from 1100-1300
- Mid States Materials Quarry road rock (Wilsey location) was placed on 2050 Rd. from CC-DD
- Air Capital rock was placed on BB Ave. from 2300-2700 and DD Ave. from 2400-2700

- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 200 Rd. from R-T, Old Hwy 56, Old Hwy 4 from R-T and 975 Rd. from R-T
- Surface asphalt patch work was done on Dunlap Rd. from Four Mile Rd. to X Ave.
- Thayne, with Welborn, came down to discuss pipe options for the B Ave. culvert project
- Cut and removed fallen trees on 1400 Rd. from Z-AA and on 1300 Rd. north of R Ave.
- Patch work was done over the culvert on 2400 Rd. between D-F
- Two new entrance culverts were installed on 2300 Rd. between V-X
- Worked on approaches to the RS-14 Bridge on the Dunlap Rd.
- Boom mower was used to trim trees on 2400 Rd. from Q-T, Q Ave. from 2200-2400, T Ave. from 2600-2800 and 2600 Rd. from P Ave. to Hwy 56
- Mowing was done on the Wilsey, Dwight, Council Grove and White City routes
- Wildcat Construction placed Air Capital rock on 2600 Rd. from L-Q (designated hauling route) and the county spread the rock on the road
- Marked roads for patching work to be done
- Typed and submitted the X Ave. work cost proposal and submitted to the Kaw Nation
- Revisions approved during last week's commission meeting for the house moving permit were made and submitted

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 3000 Rd. and R Ave.; due to construction of a new residence it will need ditched and turned into an open road.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 1900 Rd. south of Hwy 4; it will need to be bladed.

Commissioner Fox discussed the area of 250 & 300 Rd. and M Ave.; needs attention and mowing.

Commissioner Kohler discussed the area of 1000 Rd., south of X Ave.; needs a longer drainage tube installed.

The road and bridge department will be seeking sealed bids for the waterline replacement project at the county shops and fairgrounds. The bid opening will be held on September 5th at 1:15 p.m. in the commissioners meeting room.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.

--Meeting minutes can also be found on the county website: www.morriscountyks.org

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ATTEST:

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Morris County Clerk

Wayne Kohler, Member