

August 22nd, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, was present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church, and Gary Floyd, Morris County Resident

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, and Ben Moore with Ben Moore Studio LLC, discussed the progress on the Sheriff's Office Construction Project. Change orders that are to be submitted to the contractor were reviewed. Change order #1 consists of removing several interior windows and results in a deduct of \$8,720.00. Change order #2 and #3 consists of adding ballistic glazing and ballistic panels and results in an increase of \$24,321.00.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the change orders as discussed, in the total amount of \$15,601.00. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding an increase to the courthouse water bills over the past several months. Monthly water bills have increased from an average of \$150 per month to \$589 for June, \$545 for July and \$559 for August. The City will be contacted to obtain a detailed usage history.

Two quotes were received for painting the downstairs meeting room and downstairs hallways as follows:

<u>Quote</u>	<u>Meeting Room</u>	<u>Hallway</u>	<u>Total</u>
Debbie Meierhoff <i>(Not including the purchase of paint and supplies)</i>	\$420.00	\$700.00	\$1,120.00
Shane's Handyman <i>(Including the purchase of paint and supplies)</i>	\$2,500.00	\$3,250.00	\$5,750.00

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the quote from Debbie Meierhoff in the amount of approximately \$1,120.00; supplies and paint will be furnished by the county. Motion carried. Funds are to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll as presented, in the total amount of \$114,313.23. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$30,434.71. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 8,938.76
Road & Bridge:	\$ 2,911.67
Reappraisal:	\$ 196.30
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 1,948.07
Solid Waste:	\$ 16,439.91

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the August 15th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

The Equipment Reserve Plan was reviewed. Discussion was held regarding vehicle and equipment purchases that have already been approved and encumbered funds for calendar year 2024 and 2025.

Shelly Lautt gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Chip Seal work was done on the Lake Rd., Four Mile Rd. and Dunlap Rd.
- A culvert pipe was replaced on 1000 Rd. between X-Y
- Air Capital Quarry rock was hauled to a stockpile at the county shop
- Mowing was done on Council Grove and Delavan routes
- Received notification that three new employees passed their flagger certification testing
- Jeff met with the White City maintenance director to discuss the city's 1-mile of chip seal
- Jeff and Shelly met with Gary Smith of Schwab Eaton to discuss upcoming project work

Jeff met with Nick Stringer from Foley in Salina to look at the used 120 AWD motor grader that was discussed during last week's meeting. Further details on the quote are as follows:

2018 CAT 120M2 AWD with 1,700 hours	\$246,400.00
Extended Warranty PT+HYD 48 mo/4,000 hrs + travel	+ \$ 29,709.00
CAT machine warranty rebate	- \$ 3,500.00
(No Trade) moldboard extension	+ \$ 3,500.00
Total with no trade:	\$276,109.00

Trade offers:

MP23 2013 CAT with 11,195 hours	-\$58,000.00	\$218,109.00
MP22 2013 CAT with 11,056 hours	-\$58,900.00	\$217,209.00

Discussion was held regarding the motor grader quote. The county planned to have a motor grader rebuild done in calendar year 2024; the estimated cost for the rebuild is \$225,000 and would be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Commissioner Barber stated that the motor grader rebuild would also include a new factory warranty. The commissioners do not wish to purchase a motor grader at this time and would like to adhere to the equipment purchase schedule as listed in the Equipment Reserve Plan.

Commissioner Fox discussed a recent conversation with a county resident inquiring about closing a section of minimum maintenance road; 1900 Rd. from D-F.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05PM.

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

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Morris County Clerk

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