

August 30th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 30th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David L. Fox and Jim Barber were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, discussed neighborhood revitalization.

Marc Bowen discussed rock that is placed on the roads in the area of 300 and G Ave.

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, discussed installing an automatic handicap door for the Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the quote for installation of an automatic handicap accessible door for the Treasurer's Office from Dormakaba in the amount of \$2,637.70. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to purchase the existing air compressor, that is already installed in the EMS building, from Axe Equipment in the amount of \$3,300.00. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the August 23rd, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried 2-1, Commissioner Kohler abstaining.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Discussion was held regarding the disposal of grass clippings. There was a fire at Hamm's landfill disposal site several weeks ago due to grass clippings and other yard waste being disposed of along with other household trash. Grass clippings will readily catch fire and therefore are to be disposed of separately from other waste items. Grass clippings should be kept separate from household trash and can be disposed of at the compost pile at the Council Grove transfer station's north yard, at no charge.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve a one-time bonus for Jeff Falter and Shelly Lauth in the amount of \$1,000.00. The bonus is in recognition of their management of the road and bridge department and employees over the past year through staffing shortages, managing detour routes, etc. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$134,805.49. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the special payroll in the amount of \$15,500.00 and employer payroll liabilities in the amount of \$2,571.75. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$36,604.14. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 10,126.43
Road & Bridge:	\$ 17,632.40
Reappraisal:	\$ 5.81
Solid Waste:	\$ 90.50
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 8,749.00

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

- Pushed up rock and hauled from the creek at Dean Miller's to the stockpile where it was screened
- Hauled a load of crushed concrete to rock ledges on the detour road on 800 from D-G
- Creek gravel was placed on BB Ave. from 200-300
- Shoulder/ditch work was done on Kahola Rd. from 500- FF Ave.
- Concrete edge of the road was repaired at Dwight from damages during the chip seal
- Cleaned up bridge plank and work items on 1500 Rd. from BB-CC
- Mowing was done on the western routes
- TU51 was taken from Moonlite Trucking to Salina to be repaired
- Met with Joe Burgett with KDOT on the Bridge Load Rating Program
- BBQ lunch for the road crew was provided and sponsored by Ergon Oil; Doug Francis, field representative, was present and answered questions

Two fuel bids were received for 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 4,000 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agri Trails	4.3546/gal	2.8972/gal	\$29,007.20
MFA Oil	4.2887/gal	2.7658/gal	\$28,218.00

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the fuel bid from MFA Oil as presented, in the total amount of \$28,218.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed minimum maintenance roads in the Latimer area and a culvert on 1300 Rd. south of J Ave.

Discussion was held regarding a possible drainage issue in the ditch located at 525 and X Ave. The county will haul 2-3 loads of rip-rap; the land owner will be responsible for purchasing the rip-rap.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to pre-purchase 4,000 gallons of propane from K & R Propane at \$1.90/gallon. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a new water leak at the county shops/fairgrounds.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

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ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

**Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk**

David L. Fox, Member