

December 19th, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 19th, 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.

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

Discussion was held regarding the contract completion date with Evergreen Design Build LLC for the Sheriff's Office Addition and Remodel Project. The estimated completion date from Evergreen is January 24, 2024.

Colleen Anderson, President for the Morris County Senior Citizens Inc., gave a monthly report on the services being provided within Morris County. The Council Grove Senior Center continues to average approximately 100 meals served per day. The Rolling Prairie Senior Center continues to average approximately 30 meals served per day. Repairs were done on the 2016 Dodge Caravan that is used for meal deliveries.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the December 12th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the annual contract renewal with I-Serve Facilities. Morris County will have a 3.5% price increase to the annual contract with I-Serve Facilities for the courthouse janitorial and maintenance services.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$44,234.79. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$84,370.89. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 6,855.95
Road & Bridge:	\$ 27,082.44
Special Bridge:	\$ 49,625.00
Reappraisal:	\$ 696.13
Morris County 911:	\$ 111.37

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed & Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. The steel/metal decking for the scale should be delivered on January 10th, 2024; construction of the scale should begin on January 15th, 2024.

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

- Air Capital Quarry rock was hauled on 2400 Rd. from R-U, U Ave. from 2500-2600, 3000 Rd. from X-Z, 3000 Rd. from AA-CC, 3100 Rd. from T-U, C Ave. from 1800-1900, F Ave. from 1500-1700, 1800 Rd. from X-AA and AA Ave. from 1600-1800
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) base rock was put on AA Ave. from 1600-1800
- Crossroad culvert was installed on 250 Rd. between M-P and top dressed with Air Capital Quarry rock
- Entrance culvert was replaced on F Ave. between 1100-1200 Rd.
- Steel culvert pipe was delivered and welded together at BB Ave. between 2800-2900
- Trees were cleared on the north side of the Lake Rd. between 1100-1300

- Weed-eating around signs and box culverts was done on G Ave. from 300-1400, H Ave. from 300-1175, 1300 Rd. from G-M, Helmick Rd., Z Ave. from 1200-2200, Parkerville Rd., Kelso Rd., 1800 Rd. from C-K, 300 Rd. from D-K, Old Hwy 4 gravel, Four Mile Rd., V Ave. from 1400-2200, 500 Rd. from D-Old Hwy 4 and 300 Rd. from D-Old Hwy 4
- Box culvert was ordered for the Skiddy Rd. and B Ave. project
- Creek gravel permit extensions for the Casey and Sturgeon sites were approved by the state
- Short list letters were sent out for the HRRR Signage Project
- Jeff attended the pre-construction meeting for the K-4 Bridge at the Marion KDOT Office
- Jeff attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting with the Corp of Engineers at the courthouse

Discussion was held regarding dirt work that will need to be done prior to the Transfer Station scale arriving.

The Hwy 4 Detour Contract, for the Level Creek Bridge south of White City, with KDOT was reviewed. Morris County is proposing reimbursement for rock and patching material to maintain the detour route in an amount not to exceed \$14,662.50.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the Hwy 4 Detour Contract with KDOT as presented and to authorize Chairman Barber to sign the contract. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of Q Ave. and 3100 Rd.; it needs attention, J Ave. to Latimer; needs bladed, J Ave. going east towards Hwy 77; needs attention, a new culvert/driveway entrance may be requested by landowner to C Ave. between 1700-1800 Rd.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed to David & Dawn Spiker for the "Latimer Shop Property" and to authorize Chairman Barber to sign the Deed. The property was sold in the amount of \$2,150.00 by sealed bid. Motion carried.

Morris County offices will be closing at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22nd and will also be closed on Monday, December 25th; in addition, the Morris County Transfer Station will be closed Saturday, December 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Jim Barber, Chairman

ATTEST:

David L. Fox, Member

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

Wayne Kohler, Member