

December 27th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 27th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, Wayne Kohler and David L. Fox were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, and Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, were present.

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, discussed courthouse maintenance issues. The heat was not running when staff arrived at the courthouse Tuesday morning. KVK has been contacted. This is the second time in the past two weeks that the heat has shut off and the boiler system has had to be reset. KVK installed the new boiler pumps earlier this year.

The commissioners received a Diversion Fund Request from the County Attorney for the purchase of two, 360 Degree 4K Video Digital Cameras. The cameras would be used by the Morris County Sheriff's Department and the Council Grove Police Department for crime scene photos. Discussion was held regarding the Morris County Sheriff's Department and the Council Grove Police Department sharing one camera.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the Diversion Fund Request from the County Attorney for the purchase of only one, 360 Degree 4K Video Digital Camera in the amount of \$1,049.99. Motion carried. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from December 20th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

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

- Mid States Materials rock from the Wilsey location was hauled to Helmick Rd. from 1200-1400, Y Ave. from 400-Dunlap Rd., X Ave. from 525-Dunlap Rd. and 200 Rd. from V-Y
- New bearings were put on sanders and new hydraulic lines were ran
- Sanders were put on trucks
- Salt/sanded blacktop roads across the county
- Removed a down tree on Z Ave. between 1300-1400

Discussion was held regarding requesting bids for a polymer overlay for the deck of the Clark's Creek Bridge located on G Ave., west of 2700 Rd. The item will be discussed further in upcoming weeks.

A large water leak was found at the "County Shops" over the weekend. They are working on locating a possible pipe break in order to repair.

Dennis Anderson discussed re-posting of the road signs along Hwy 177.

Commissioner Barber questioned the reasoning as to why the OS-82 (Sunflower Bridge) located southeast of Wilsey was closed. Jeff Falter will look into past records to determine the reason for the closure of the bridge.

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

Discussion was held regarding developing an inclement weather policy for county departments.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to authorize the County Clerk to determine and make year end budget transfers for 2022. Potential transfers will include transferring funds from the Road &

Bridge Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund, the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund, and the Reappraisal Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund. The final transfer amounts will be reported to the commission in January. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$98,930.41. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

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Jim Barber, Member

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

David L. Fox, Member