

## February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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

Valerie Hiebert and JoJo Williams with Kansas State Bank visited with the commissioners regarding municipal financing programs that they offer specifically for governmental entities.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, visited with the commissioners regarding current legislation proposals; Senate Bill 484 along with several other bills were discussed.

Dave Owen, Morris County EMS Director, gave a report on Morris County EMS and presented the following run statistics for the month of January:

Ambulance calls:	54
Transfers from MCH to other hospitals:	18
Total number of runs:	72
<i>North County:</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>South County:</i>	<i>58</i>
Year to date total runs:	72

Darrell Miller visited with the commissioners regarding the Morris County Representative for the Eighth Judicial District Nominating Committee.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the February 6th, 2024 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed & Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. The Transfer Station scale is currently being constructed.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the bid from Ziegler Plumbing, Heating, Cooling and Electrical for trenching and installing power to the Transfer Station scale in the amount of \$2,900.00. Funds are to be paid from the LATCF Funds. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for calendar year 2023 for Highland Township, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for calendar year 2023 for Township Eight, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$73,921.02. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 32,893.81
Road & Bridge:	\$ 31,979.99
Reappraisal:	\$ 1,055.00
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 7,125.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 867.22

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$44,960.73. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the lease agreement with Chris Brackenridge for the lease of the county hay property, as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a roof maintenance program for the courthouse. Stanfield Roofing, from El Dorado, offers a 40% discount on their roof maintenance program to counties who are members of Kansas Counties Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP). Stanfield Roofing will be contacted to obtain further information and a quote.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to accept Darrell Miller's resignation letter from the Morris County Representative on the Eighth Judicial District Nominating Committee. Motion carried.

Darrell's term serving on this committee will end March 1, 2023. The commissioners will need to appoint a replacement to serve as Morris County's Representative on this committee.

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

- Worked on roads across the county; blading and adding rock to repair damages from the winter storm
- Rawhide Quarry 2-inch clean rock was placed on G Ave. from 1200-1400, G Ave. from 900-1100, 1400 Rd. from H-J, J Ave. from 1300-1400, G Ave. from 500-600, G Ave. from 700-800, 2800 Rd. from G-H, 2825 H-J, J Ave. from 2825-2900, 2600 Rd. from P-R, 3100 Rd. from R-U, 1800 Rd. from J-K and L Ave. from 3000-3100
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) base rock was hauled to J Ave. from 2200-2400, FF Ave. from 2800-2900, 2900 Rd. from DD-FF, DD Ave. from 2800-2900, 2700 Rd. from X-Y and 2700 Rd. and AA intersection
- Mid States Materials Quarry 3-inch base rock was hauled to P Ave. from 2700-2800, 2600 Rd. from G-K, J Ave. from 2300-2600, 2600 Rd. from J-L and 2700 Rd. from D-F
- Harshman Quarry 2-inch clean rock was placed on Kahola Rd. from 400-500, DD Ave. from 400-500, 2300 Rd. from U-V, L Ave. from 3000-3200, 2800 Rd. from Q-R and DD Ave. from 2900-3000
- Air Capital Quarry rock was hauled to 700 Rd. from V-Donnon and L Ave. from 3000-3100
- Creek gravel was put on 600 Rd. and H Ave. south to the driveway past J Ave.
- Cleaned ditches to get water off roadways on J Ave. from 2800-3000 and 3000 Rd. from H-J
- Trees and brush cut on B Ave. from 1200-2400, F Ave. from 1700-2400, 2300 Rd. from B-G, J Ave. from 2100-2700, 500 Rd. from D-M, F Ave. from 500-700, G Ave. from 300-800, J Ave. from 800-1300, Kelso Rd. from 1050-1300, P Ave. from 1700-2200 and Q Ave. from 1800-2200
- Picked up the two used trucks and the bottom dump trailer; have them wired and ready to use
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Skiddy location) has sent notification that there will be a \$1.25/ton price increase on all rock, plus the additional energy surcharge per ton
- Concerns found on 2700 Rd. south of U Ave.; the Morris County Sanitarian will be contacted for assistance

One fuel bid was received for 4,500 gallons of clear #2 diesel fuel and 3,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total</u>
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MFA Oil	3.5049/gal	2.5230/gal	\$24,602.55
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Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the bid from MFA Oil as presented, in the total amount of \$24,602.55. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the design plans from Kaw Valley Engineering for the OS-5 (Marstellar) Bridge Replacement located on F Ave. over Laird's Creek, and to authorize Shelly Lautt to sign the letter of agreement. The total cost for the design plans is \$61,980.00; funds are to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the design plans from Kaw Valley Engineering for the OS-58 (Buchanan) Bridge Replacement located on 575 Rd. over a tributary of Big John Creek, and to authorize Shelly Lautt to sign the letter of agreement. The total cost for the design plans is \$57,460.00; funds are to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the areas of H Ave. and 2800 Rd.; 2600 Rd. and X Ave., 2800 Rd. and Z Ave., and the intersection of AA Ave. and 2800 Rd.

Commissioner Fox discussed the area of 600 Rd. going south on H Ave.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to recess the commission meeting in order to travel to the Transfer Station and view the scale site. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at the Morris County Transfer Station at 2:29 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

--Meeting minutes can also be found on the county website: [www.morriscountyks.org](http://www.morriscountyks.org)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS**

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David L. Fox, Chairman

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Chelsey Schmidt  
Morris County Clerk

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Jim Barber, Member