

## February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, and Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, were present.

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, gave a report on courthouse maintenance. The county's annual contract with KVK, Inc. was reviewed. The contract renewal date is August 1, 2023. KVK will be contacted and scheduled for an upcoming commission meeting to discuss the contract.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$41,177.66. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$75,105.22. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 17,785.26
Road & Bridge:	\$ 23,444.38
Reappraisal:	\$ 15.00
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 6,096.13
Noxious Weed:	\$ 39.83
Ambulance:	\$ 348.82
Solid Waste:	\$ 14,540.56
Morris County 911:	\$ 111.44
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 12,723.80

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Solid Waste Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Solid Waste departments. The Annual Noxious Weed Report and Management Plan for the State Department of Agriculture was presented to the commissioners. The report was reviewed.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Report and Management Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Three bids were obtained for the purchase of various chemicals and are as follows:

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Size/Unit</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Van Diest</u>	<u>Nutrien Solutions</u>	<u>MFA</u>
Outrider	20 oz/1 oz	400	\$14.19	\$15.50	\$14.25
Remedy Ultra	1 gal/1 gal	288	\$61.44	\$61.50	\$66.30
Escort XP	8 oz/1 oz	1262	\$ 2.04	\$ 1.95	\$ 2.14
Arsenal Powerline	2.5 gal/1 gal	20	\$74.74	\$58.50	\$60.00
2,4-D Amine 4	2.5 gal/1 gal	720	\$18.49	\$17.99	\$18.00
Activator 90	1 gal/1gal	144	N/A	\$17.50	N/A
Activator 90	2.5 gal/1 gal	180	N/A	\$16.50	N/A
Credit 41	2.5 gal.1 gal	720	N/A	\$17.00	N/A

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the following quotes from Van Diest:  
400 units of Outrider at \$14.19/unit, for a total of \$5,676.00  
288 units of Remedy Ultra at \$61.44/unit, for a total of \$17,694.72.  
Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the following quotes from Nutrien Solutions:  
1262 units of Escort XP at \$1.95/unit, for a total of \$2,460.90

20 units of Arsenal Powerline at \$58.50/unit, for a total of \$1,170.00  
 720 units of 2,4-D Amine 4 at \$17.99/unit, for a total of \$12,952.80  
 144 units of Activator 90 at \$17.50/unit, for a total of 2,520.00  
 180 units of Activator 90 at \$16.50/unit, for a total of \$2,970.00  
 720 units of Credit 41 at \$17.00/unit, for a total of \$12,240.00  
 Motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed a 3-year plan for the county's Equipment Reserve Fund.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the Equipment Reserve Fund Projected Expenditures as follows:

**2023**

Public Transportation:

SFY2022 Grant Match; 1 New Ramp Accessible Mini-Van	\$ 8,500
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SFY2023 Grant Match; 2 Replacement Ramp Accessible Mini-Vans	\$ 24,600
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Appraiser's Office:

New Truck Purchase	\$ 45,000
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Sheriff's Office:

New Truck Purchase & Retrofit Costs	\$ 60,000
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Recycle Center:

Horizontal Baler/Building Alterations	\$100,000
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Road & Bridge:

John Deere Loader- Lease Payment #1	\$ 42,976
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Plow Spreader Trucks	\$175,000
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**2024**

Sheriff's Office:

New Truck Purchase & Retrofit Costs	\$ 60,000
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Road & Bridge:

John Deere Loader- Lease Payment #2	\$ 42,976
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Motor Grader Purchase/Rebuild	\$225,000
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EMS:

New Ambulance & Monitor Purchase	\$325,000
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**2025**

Sheriff's Office:

New Truck Purchase & Retrofit Costs	\$ 60,000
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Road & Bridge:

John Deere Loader- Lease Payment #3	\$ 42,976
John Deere Loader- Buyout Option	\$132,312
Motor Grader Purchase/Rebuild	\$225,000

The plan is based on projected expenditures and is subject to changes and revisions.  
Motion carried.

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

- Rebuilt and reshaped 2200 Rd. from A-B; ran reclaimer and placed Mid States Materials rock (Wilsey location); topped with Mid State Materials AB-3 rock; installed a new crossroad tube
- Creek gravel was placed on 500 Rd. from L-M and on AA Ave. from 100-Dunlap Rd.
- Mid States Materials AB-3 rock was hauled to A Ave. from 2200-2300, B Ave. from 2300-2400, 1200 Rd. from D-F, C Ave. from 2800-2900, 3100 Rd. from J-K and J Ave. from 3100-3200
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on B Ave. from 1800-2400 and on H Ave. from 2100-2200
- Installed a new culvert on C Ave. between 2800-2900
- Brush was cut on 4 Mile Rd. from 1300-1400, 2600 Rd. from X-Y, L Ave. from 2800-2900, 3000 Rd. from Q-R, Q Ave. from 2900-3000, T Ave. from 2600-3000, V Ave. from 2900-3000, X Ave. from 2400-2600, R Ave. from 2800-2900 and 2400 Rd. from V-X
- Routine grading was done on all routes
- A Crush-All bucket was purchased from the State Surplus for \$3,840.00.

Discussion was held regarding trading in the county's track hoe. The current Track hoe is a 2014 with 3900 engine hours. Two trade in offers from Van Keppel Equipment were made as follows:

- 2022 EC-250 track hoe with 330 engine hours; comes with a 5 year/3500-hour warranty; \$275,000.00 and would give \$65,000.00 for trade in value for the 2014 track hoe making the final price \$210,000.00
- 2021 EC-250 track hoe with 1900 engine hours; comes with a 4 year/additional 2500-hour warranty; \$225,000.00 and would give \$65,000.00 for trade in value for the 2014 track hoe making the final price \$160,000.00

The item was tabled. Further discussion will be held.

Commissioner Kohler discussed the area of 1400 Rd. south of Helmick Rd.; there is a drainage issue that needs attention.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of M Ave. and 2300 Rd.; the road needs bladed and needs more gravel.

Commissioner Barber reported that there are stop signs and 911 signs that are missing on 1700 Rd. north of Hwy 4.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

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**David L. Fox, Member**

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**Chelsey Schmidt**  
**Morris County Clerk**

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**Wayne Kohler, Member**