

February 15th 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David 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

Amanda Cunningham, Linda Johnson, Meagan Adcock and Katie Jo Conner with Crosswinds Mental Health and Wellness, gave a report on plans to open an additional office in Emporia. The additional location will provide services targeted towards the Hispanic population. Crosswinds has been experiencing staffing shortages along with increased needs for mental health services in the area. Implementation of the SOAR Program is underway and will provide outreach access and recovery for individuals with a diagnosed severe mental illness.

Sean Honer discussed pursuing the agreement with Hooptie-X to establish a racetrack located east of the rodeo grounds. The organization would like to hold 1-2 events per year at the racetrack.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to recess the commission meeting to tour the proposed location and track for the Hooptie-X event. Motion carried.

The commission meeting was recessed at 9:36 a.m.

The commission meeting resumed at 10:10 a.m.

Upon reviewing the proposed location for the track, the commission agreed to allow use of county property for the Hooptie-X race to be held in May of 2022; pending the signed lease agreement.

Linda Eldridge gave report on the Treasurer's office. The office will be remodeled beginning Friday, February 18th through Tuesday, February 22nd. The office will be closed; however, services will still be available in the commission meeting room.

The commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 22nd, will be held in the downstairs meeting room.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. The cardboard bailer and forklift have been malfunctioning and are in need of repairs.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the following Council Grove Marina locations: 1002 Lake Road and 1025 Lake Road in Council Grove. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the February 8th, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

- Hauled creek gravel to Diamond Creek Rd. DD-FF, 2050 Rd. from CC-DD, and DD from 2050 Rd. – Diamond Creek Rd.
- Hauled rock to K Ave. from 2100-2200, M Ave. from 250- Old Hwy 4 and 400 Rd. from AB-CC

- Shoulder ditch work was done on 100 Rd. from BB-CC
- Cut brush on CC Ave. from 1300-1400 and 1700 Rd. from Z-AA
- Culvert replacements were installed on 975 Rd. and 1700 Rd. and F Ave.
- Concrete culvert was patched on 800 Rd. between G and H Ave.
- Stockpiled Robidou creek gravel at G Ave. between 500 and 600 Rd.
- Work continues with landowners and utility companies for the Dunlap River Bridge replacement
- BG Construction completed the inventory inspection for the Comp Bridge and submitted it to KDOT
- Received notice from MSHA for two violations that amount to a total of \$277.00

Two sealed bids were opened for a motor-grader and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Grader</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Trade-In Value</u>
Foley	140	\$310,000.00	\$35,000.00 6070D \$42,000.00 6070G
	120	\$265,442.00	(Same)
	Add On-Rear Ripper	\$19,000.00	
	Add On- Groomer	\$8,500.00	
	Add On- Reverse Fan	\$5,800.00 (140) \$4,850.00 (120)	
Murphy	620GP	\$300,000.00	\$30,000.00 6070D \$50,000.00 6070G
	6070GP	\$320,933.00	(Same)
	620GP AWD	\$327,650.00	(Same)
	Add On- Rear Ripper	\$17,500.00	
	Add On- Groomer	\$6,450.00	
	Add On- Reverse Fan	Standard	
	Add On- Presets	\$1,526.00	
	Add On- Auto Pass	\$1,526.00	

Both bids include a 7-year/7000-hour warranty. The bids will be reviewed further and discussed at next week's meeting. Those present for the bid opening were Fred Coble and Nick Stringer with Foley CAT and Chris Crum with Murphy Tractor & Equipment.

Mini excavator bids from last week were discussed. Jeff Falter recommended approval of the bid from Victor L Phillips.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid from Victor L Phillips for the Case 57C mini-excavator with the angle blade in the amount of \$77,864.00 and the trade in value of \$39,500.00; for a total cost of \$38,364.00. Funds are to be paid from the equipment reserve fund. Motion carried.

A quote from K-Construction was presented for repairing/replacing the roof on the truck shed that was destroyed during the high wind storm. Commissioner Kohler asked that at least one more bid be obtained before further discussion is held.

Commissioner Fox discussed a dead oak tree at the county shops located northwest of the fair building. Permission was granted for David Fox to remove the tree.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the payroll liabilities as presented; in the total amount of \$38,834.01. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$72,861.74. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 10,787.11
Road & Bridge:	\$ 35,650.00
Reappraisal:	\$ 9.24
Noxious Weed:	\$ 5.25
Solid Waste:	\$ 17,325.80
Morris County 911:	\$ 110.84
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 8,973.50

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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

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