

February 1st, 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 1st, 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.

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, gave a report on emergency management. Tornado sirens will be tested the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. A storm spotter class will be held on March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. for first responders. The fire chiefs throughout the county will begin holding quarterly meetings.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, and Rebecca Anderson, 9-1-1 Dispatcher, presented the commission with 3 quotes for a Computer Aided Dispatch System. The following quotes and programs were discussed:

Huber & Associates: Enterpol	\$77,648.00
Motorola Solutions: Spillman Flex	\$210,000.00
Motorola Solutions: Command Central	\$106,878.00

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the quote from Motorola Solutions Command Central Suite Software Solution for the purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch System in the amount of \$106,878.00 with an annual subscription fee of \$22,770.00 for the first five years. Funds are to be paid from the 9-1-1 Fund. Motion carried.

Cheyenne Sun Eagle, with the Kansas Department of Agriculture, provided information about the National Flood Insurance Program.

Darrell Litke visited with the commissioners regarding the pasture located north of the rodeo arena. Discussion was held about the amount of trash that accumulates along the highway due to people hauling trash to the transfer station with no tarp.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. Two quotes were obtained for LED lighting in the recycle center bay as follows:

3C Services LLC	\$2,786.00
Mark Knopp	\$3,072.35

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the quote from 3C Services LLC as presented in the amount of \$2,786.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the January 25th, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the payroll liabilities as presented; in the total amount of \$138,896.02. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$99,794.36. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 22,402.02
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Road & Bridge:	\$ 29,989.79
Noxious Weed:	\$ 150.00
Morris County 911:	\$ 152.52
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 42,025.03
ARPA:	\$ 5,075.00

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

- Hauled gravel to BB Ave. from 2300-2700 on the Burdick route
- Patched in gravel on 2100 Rd. from G-H, K Ave. from 1950-2000 and K Ave. from 2100-2200 on the White City route
- Hauled gravel to 1400 Rd. from AA-CC, 1500 Rd. from BB-CC, 4 Mile Rd. from 1300-1400 and 1600 Rd. from Z-AA on the Wilsey route
- Posted weight limit signs for the bridge on 800 Rd. between D and G Ave. and replaced a dry plug with a culvert to assist with drainage
- Met with landowners on the Dunlap River Bridge project
- Completed project work on X Ave. between 400-525; the existing box was dug out, 2 new culverts were installed, the channel was cleaned, rip-rap was placed in the ditch and the road was packed/graveled
- Enclosed trailer was delivered

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the utility permit from Flint Hills Pork with Mears Installation, doing work for Atmos Energy, at Hwy 56 to 1374 S 2800 Rd. Motion carried.

Department head meeting was held in the downstairs meeting room at 2:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Jim Barber, Wayne Kohler, David Fox, Bill Kassebaum, Chelsey Schmidt, Shelly Lautt, Jeff Falter, Jay Simecka, Laura Viar, Linda Eldridge, Corrine Blosser and Travis Schweger.

Items discussed:

- The commissioners will be reviewing and updating the county's five-year plan for the Capital Improvement Fund. They would like for each department to provide a list of capital improvements or large purchasing needs they may anticipate to have within the next five years. Laura Viar reported that she would like to see more maintenance and improvements done to the courthouse. Travis Schweger reported that the transfer station needs a scale. Jeff Falter and Shelly Lautt reported possible needs for shop improvements and repairing an on-going water leak out at the county shops. Jay Simecka reported the need for a jail expansion and sheriff's office remodel.
- The county's health insurance benefits were discussed. After the annual renewal premium is received in July further discussion will be held with department heads.
- The commissioners would like to plan an active shooter drill and fire drill for the courthouse and county staff.
- Department heads and courthouse staff are pleased with the cleaning and maintenance that has been provided by IServe.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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

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Morris County Clerk

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