

## January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 24<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.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Construction has begun on the Sheriff's Office Addition & Remodel Project. The first major item will be running a new gas line. Coordination will be needed between courthouse staff and Evergreen Design-Build, in regards to shutting down the gas to the building. The concrete without rebar has been transported to the county shops for the Road and Bridge Department to use for erosion control.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to request that the City of Council Grove waive the permit fees for the construction of the Sheriff's Office and Dispatch addition/remodel in the amount of \$4,700.00. Motion carried. Commissioner Barber will attend the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to ask that the City waive the permit fees.

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

- Mid States Materials gravel, from the Wilsey location, was placed on 2400 Rd from Q-R
- Shoulder/ditch work was done on 400 Rd. from CC-DD and Mid States Materials 2 ½ inch base rock was put on to complete rebuilding the road
- Rawhide Quarry gravel was placed on J Ave. from 1300-1400 and on 1300 Rd. from J-K
- Shoulder/ditch work was done on 2200 Rd. from U-V
- Cut brush on Z Ave. and Diamond Creek Rd., K Ave. from 900-1050, K Ave. from 1100-1200 and J Ave. from 900-1050
- CAT grader MP27 warranty work was completed; the machine is back in use
- New culvert entrance was installed on Ram Court and an old culvert was replaced on 1200 Rd. between B-C
- Bridges Inc. has all beam/girders set on the new RS-60 Dunlap Bridge
- Schwab-Eaton came to mark utility locations for the survey for the waterline project
- Jeff attended a multi-county road department meeting in Alma, hosted by Wabaunsee County

Engineer cost estimates were obtained for bridge deck polymer overlays for the following bridges:

<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
RS 70 Bridge (G Avenue & 2720)	\$66,744.00
RS 80 Bridge (G Avenue between 2400-2500)	\$25,736.00
RS 12 Bridge (Dunlap Rd. between 200- Dunlap City)	\$93,096.00
RS 14 Bridge (Dunlap Rd. just east of Four Mile Rd.)	\$69,512.00
Total:	\$255,088.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to request for bids for bridge deck polymer overlays for the RS 70, RS 80, RS 12, and RS 14 bridges. Motion carried.

Bid specifications will be prepared and published along with the date/time of the bid opening.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 2800 Rd. from C-G; reported it needs more gravel.

Commissioner Fox discussed several spots on 500 Rd.; reported they need more gravel.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Solid Waste Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Solid Waste departments. Discussion was held regarding placing a sign along Highway 56 directing traffic to the Transfer Station and Recycle Center.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a pending legal matter for 10 minutes, with Travis Schweger, Bill Kassebaum and Chelsey Schmidt present. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 11:25 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 11:35 a.m.

No action was taken.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$104,526.31. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$129,099.13. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 72,454.23
Road & Bridge:	\$ 22,911.42
Solid Waste:	\$ 4,453.49
Morris County 911:	\$ 129.99
Bond & Interest:	\$ 29,150.00

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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

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## **OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**Jim Barber, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**David L. Fox, Member**

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

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**Wayne Kohler, Member**