

January 31st, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 31st, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, was present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, gave a report on recent courthouse maintenance issues. The courthouse heat was not running again this morning. KVK has been contacted.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's Office and Dispatch Addition/Remodel Project. Plans are being made with Atmos Energy to shut off the courthouse heat and install the new gas line and meter.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from January 24th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$130,209.40. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$32,874.39. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 16,893.73
Road & Bridge:	\$ 5,113.25
Reappraisal:	\$ 3,936.41
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 3,412.00
Noxious Weed:	\$ 575.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 2,944.00

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Solid Waste Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Solid Waste departments.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, gave a report on the Appraiser's Office. A quote was obtained from Bolton Chrysler Dodge Jeep for a 2023 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 truck in the amount of \$45,000.00. Discussion was held. The appraiser has been saving funds for the purchase of a new vehicle for the past several years; a balance of \$45,000.00 has been transferred from the Reappraisal Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund. The item was tabled.

Chelsey Schmidt was not present for the afternoon session.

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

- 2 ½ inch Mid States Materials gravel, from the Wilsey location, was placed on 400 Rd. from CC-DD during the road rebuild
- Rawhide Quarry gravel was hauled to K Ave. from 900-1050, M Ave. from 1100-1200 and to 1050 Rd. from M-White Memorial Camp
- Mid States Materials gravel, from the Skiddy location, was put on 2800 Rd. from C-D and 2400 Rd. from F-G
- Creek gravel was placed on 1050 Rd. from M-White Memorial Camp, 1400 Rd. from M-U, 700 Rd. from V-Donnon and on 400 Rd. from CC-DD
- US Stone rock was hauled to 3000 Rd. from BB-CC and 3100 Rd. from CC-DD

- Brush was cut at Q Ave. from 2600-2700, X Ave. from 2600-2800, R Ave. from 2500-2600, R Ave. from 2200-2300, AA Ave. from 2800-3200, 3200 Rd. from V-Y and 2700 Rd. from P-Q
- Burnt brush piles at various locations across the county
- Chip seal roads were treated with brine and cleared of snow
- A purchase agreement was signed with Equipment Share (Victor L Phillips) on a new breaker for the mini-excavator
- Jeff Falter met with a representative at Schwartz Farms; they are ready to pump hog waste on land up to 5 miles south of the hog farm. They would like to close several roads in that area for roughly 5 days at the end of February.

Carolyn Andres visited with the commissioners to discuss road concerns in the area of Old Hwy 4, M Ave. and 500 Rd.

Commissioner Kohler discussed the area of Helmick Rd. going north on 1400 Rd. to Hwy 56; needing more gravel.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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

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ATTEST:

David L. Fox, Member

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

Wayne Kohler, Member