

January 3rd, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber and David L. Fox were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, and Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, were present.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2023-01 setting salaries and county holidays for 2023. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 authorizing the county to waive the requirements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) for the year ended December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2023-03 pertaining to the county's participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment Program. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the contract agreement with the City of Herington for fire protection services for Fire District No.11 for the 2022 calendar year in the amount of \$5,326.69. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from December 27th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

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

- The waterline break at the county shop was fixed
- Trucks and sanders were cleaned after salt/sand use and oiled
- Stockpiled Mid States Materials gravel from the Wilsey location at the county shop
- Mid States Materials gravel from the Wilsey location was placed on Helmick Rd. from 1200-1400 and on 1400 Rd. from X-Y Ave.
- Entrance culverts were installed on 2800 Rd. between BB-CC and on AA Ave. between 2900-3000
- New employee for the motor grader route at Delavan started last week

Discussion was held regarding the OS-82 (Sunflower) Bridge located southeast of Wilsey. The bridge was closed in November of 2011 due to being determined as fracture critical and the high costs to repair. The bridge needs extensive repairs and because it is listed on the Historical Register, it cannot be replaced. Commissioner Barber expressed interest in repairing/re-opening the bridge.

Commissioner Barber discussed a culvert on K Ave. ¼ east of 2400 Rd.

Two fuel bids were received for 4,000 gallons of winter blend clear diesel fuel and 4,000 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total</u>
MFA Oil	3.5766/gal	2.6581/gal	\$24,938.80
Agri Trails	4.1476/gal	2.6352/gal	\$27,131.20

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the fuel bid from MFA Oil as presented, in the total amount of \$24,938.80. Motion carried.

The water leak at the county shops has been located and patched; concrete blankets have been placed in the manhole to help with freezing; Schwab-Eaton has submitted a proposal to provide surveying and design services for replacing the waterlines.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the proposal from Schwab-Eaton to provide surveying, engineering, and design services for replacing the waterlines at the county shop and fairgrounds in the amount of \$21,940.00. Motion carried.

Schwab-Eaton has began putting together a proposal for a polymer overlay for the deck of the RS-70 (Clark's Creek) Bridge on G Ave. The bridge is a great candidate for a machine prep milling and polymer overlay; the polymer overlay would slow down deterioration and gain the county an additional 20-25 years of life before the bridge would need replaced. The design of the bridge does not allow for a deck replacement, therefore, once the deck is completely deteriorated the entire bridge must be replaced which would cost roughly \$1.6 million. The cost of the proposed polymer overlay would be approximately \$65,000.00. Further information will be obtained and the item will be discussed in the upcoming weeks.

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

Dave Baker, Chairman for the Republican Central Committee, notified the commissioners that the central committee has appointed William Halvorsen as the Morris County Attorney. William Halvorsen will fill the unexpired term previously held by Laura Viar.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, gave a report on the Appraiser's Office.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$130,856.98. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$338,603.07. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 26,523.60
Road & Bridge:	\$ 281,559.95
Reappraisal:	\$ 552.06
Noxious Weed:	\$ 2,568.26
Ambulance:	\$ 14,026.23
Solid Waste:	\$ 13,372.97

The commissioners attended the Robing Ceremony for Laura Viar as the Magistrate Judge of the Eighth Judicial District at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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

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