

July 12th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 12th, 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

Initial drafts of the county's 2023 budget were reviewed. Each department head's budget requests were reviewed. Discussion was held regarding inflation, the County Sheriff's request for an additional deputy for 2023 and the County Attorney's request for an additional Prosecutor for 2023.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Discussion was held regarding the 2023 budget for the Recycle Center and Transfer Station. Discussion was held regarding the special assessment landfill fees for residential and commercial properties.

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

- The final payment was processed to Bridges Inc. for work on the Kelso Bridge; "Completion of Work Certification" was signed; BG Consultants final payment was processed also
- "Notice of Award" for the Dunlap Bridge Project was signed and submitted by Kaw Valley Engineering to Bridges Inc.
- Rawhide Quarry gravel was hauled to K Ave. from 800-900, J Ave. from 800-900 and 800 Rd. from H-K on the detour route
- Mid States Materials Quarry gravel was hauled to the Burdick route on DD Ave. from 2800-2900 and the Council Grove route on Y Ave. from 100-200
- Creek gravel was used on a washout on 2800 Rd. between J-K
- Mowing was done on the Dwight routes
- Picked up the dump truck in Parsons
- Cleaned culverts and ditches at 400 Rd. and D Ave., 400 Rd. and F Ave., 1175 and G Ave., 2900 Rd. between M-P, J Ave. between 2825-2900, 2800 Rd. between J-K and AA Ave. between 100-150
- Installed a culvert to a field on the Dunlap Rd. and 400 Rd. at Cottonwood Corners
- A Winter Maintenance Training Program web meeting was attended by Shelly; information regarding free classes for high school seniors with an internship and an Associates online degree in Highway Maintenance Management through Front Range Community College was passed on to USD 417 and USD 481 high school counselors
- Ran the magnet up and down 800 Rd. detour route
- Spoke with Sherri Pankratz, KDOT Inspector, regarding a loaded concrete truck with hopper leg traveling on the 2-mile minimum maintenance portion of 800 Rd.
- Planning to start chip seal on Monday of next week; will begin in Council Grove

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the proposal from Kaw Valley Engineering for the construction materials testing and inspection services for the Dunlap River Bridge Project as presented; in the amount of \$209,600.22. Funds are to be paid from the Bridge Bond 2020A Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 2000 Rd. and D Ave.

Ben Sexton, Chief Judge, Nikki Davenport, Court Administrator, Jan Helmer, District Court Clerk, Stephanie Petvil, Court Trustee and Loyce Smith, Court Services Officer presented the 2023 Morris County District Court budget request for the 8th Judicial District. The request is for \$49,600.00; \$1,787.00 more than last year's request.

Ken Reitz, an owner of a City Lake property, discussed recycling procedures.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to recess the meeting to tour the new EMS Station. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 2:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the July 5th, 2022 County Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$160,081.71. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 54,607.21
Road & Bridge:	\$ 36,055.66
Special Bridge:	\$ 3,610.00
Reappraisal:	\$ 737.18
Noxious Weed:	\$ 1,412.71
Solid Waste:	\$ 3,110.06
Morris County 911:	\$ 956.18
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 59,592.71

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$95,572.24 and employer paid liabilities in the amount of \$15,884.16. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

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

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Jim Barber, Member

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Morris County Clerk

David L. Fox, Member