

July 19th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 19th, 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, AJ Dome, Council Grove Republican

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, presented the quarterly financial reports. Discussion was held regarding the 2023 proposed budget and installing a handicap accessible door in the Treasurer's office.

Dan Bacon discussed an easement agreement.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, discussed the 2023 proposed budget and the request for an additional full-time deputy. Discussion was held regarding the drawings from Ben Moore Studio, LLC. for the jail/dispatch remodel.

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

- Mid States Materials Quarry rock was hauled to AA Ave. from 100-150, X Ave. from 150-200, 850 Rd. and 2400 Rd. from M-Q
- Rawhide Quarry gravel was hauled to Y Ave. from 150-200
- Hamm's Quarry gravel was hauled to DD Ave. from 200-400 and Dunlap Rd. from DD-FF
- Washouts were fixed on M Ave. from 2000-2400 and 2600 Rd. from J-L
- Harshman's gravel scalping was hauled on 1200 Rd. from T-U, 1250 Rd. from T-U, 1300 Rd. from T-U, 850 Rd. and Helmick Rd. from 1000-1100
- Waterline was excavated at the fairgrounds to locate a leak
- Road closed barricades were put up again on Y Ave. from 1700-1800 (Sunflower Bridge)
- Replaced road closed signs that were vandalized on 1900 Rd. and F Ave.; incident was reported to the Sheriff's Department
- Cut brush on 700 Rd. and Donnon St.
- Boom mower was used to trim trees back on the Wilsey route
- Chips were stockpiled at 1800 Rd. and C Ave. for chip seal
- Mowing was done on roads around Council Grove where chipping will occur and on the northeast Dwight route and the intersection of 2500 Rd. and H Ave.
- Shoulder ditch work was done on 400 Rd. from X-Y, 200 Rd. from Y-Z, 575 Old Hwy 4 to Q Ave. and X Ave. from 2400-2600
- Trees were cleaned from the Gail Lee Bridge on Y Ave. between 150-200; hired John Sawyer to assist with tree removal
- Met with Bureau of Local Projects regarding state bridge records and random bridge inspections; Morris County passed the inspection
- Signed roller agreement with Geary County Road and Bridge to rent their roller
- Serviced the chipper and roller; prepared dump trucks for chip seal work
- Morris County has 152 bridges and 3 fracture critical bridges that are due for inspection this year; quote was received from E.E.S. LLC
- Chip seal has not yet begun; the distributor is estimating the oil will be available at the end of this week

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid from Elite Engineering Services, LLC for 152 bridge inspections and 3 fracture critical bridge inspections in the amount of \$15,006.00

and to authorize Chairman Kohler to sign the agreements. Funds are to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the purchase of a 2007 Kenworth Dump Truck from Purple Wave in the amount of \$69,300.00. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Heideman/Newey drainage issues; an entrance on G Ave. between 1200-1300; and drainage issues on X Ave. and the Dunlap Rd.

A quote was received from K-Construction for replacing the roof on the CCC Building from the December 2021 wind storm damages. Item was tabled until an additional quote can be obtained.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of V Ave. and 2300 Rd.

Randy Bolz, a local contractor, discussed the need for the Transfer Station to have a scale.

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.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the July 12th, 2022 County Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve Resolution 2022-10, Providing for Compensation for Election Board Workers and Supervising Judges, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$126,520.05. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 11,030.87
Road & Bridge:	\$ 22,825.18
Noxious Weed:	\$ 5.25
Ambulance:	\$ 131.12
Solid Waste:	\$ 18,492.48
Morris County 911:	\$ 111.44
Capital Improvement:	\$ 3,009.71
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 69,300.00
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 1,614.00

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$40,324.62. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the proposed 2023 budget and to schedule the RNR and Budget Hearing for Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Courthouse Downstairs Meeting Room. The proposed 2023 levy is 84.525 mills. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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

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ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

**Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk**

David L. Fox, Member