

July 25th, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 25th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Dawn Wecker, County Clerk clerical staff, were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, gave a report on courthouse maintenance issues. Quotes are being obtained for painting the downstairs hallway and downstairs meeting room. The item will be discussed further. KVK will be assisting with obtaining quotes for dehumidifiers for the courthouse. There was flooding in the judge's chamber last week; KVK was called and repairs were done.

Quotes were obtained from Hayden Tower Service and Ka-Comm for installation of the new EMS Radio Tower outside of the Sheriff's Office. The commissioners requested that further detail and clarifications be made to the quotes; the item was tabled.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the July 18th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll as presented, in the amount of \$109,006.58. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$364,629.15. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 12,153.13
Road & Bridge:	\$ 47,541.25
Special Bridge:	\$ 240,046.60
Noxious Weed:	\$ 31,239.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 33,649.17

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

- Rawhide Quarry rock was hauled on F Ave. from 1400-1700
- Mid States Materials (Wilsey location) base rock was used on 1500 Rd. from Z-BB
- Mid States Materials (Wilsey location) road rock was placed on 200 Rd. from T-U, 1700 Rd. from M-P, 1700 Rd. from J-K and 1900 Rd. from U-X
- Air Capital Quarry was placed on F Ave. from 1850-2000, L Ave. from 3100-3200, H Ave. from 2800-2900 and DD Ave. from 2800-2900
- Fallen tree was removed from the road on A Ave. between 2000-2100
- Boom mower was used to trim trees on 2300 Rd. from U-V, 2400 Rd. from U-V, X Ave. from 2400-3100, U Ave. from 2500-3200, 2700 Rd. from U-X and V Ave. from 2200-3000
- Old concrete culvert was replaced with a new metal pipe on U Ave. between 2600-2700
- Mowing was done on the Delavan, Wilsey and White City routes
- Water leak at the fairgrounds was fixed prior to the fair
- Three new employees took "Flagger Safety" course
- Met with Welborn representative; looked at box options for Skiddy Rd. and B Ave.
- Jeff and Shelly met with Skylar Mathews of the Kaw Nation; discussed proposed work to roads leading to the Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park
- Road & Bridge safety meeting was held with staff in conjunction with supplemental insurance sign-up

- The county is still waiting on chip n seal equipment that was due to arrive in June

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the Over-Size Permit Application for moving over-sized loads on county roads, as presented. The permit application will be made available on the county website. Motion carried.

Elisha Bacon gave the Noxious Weed and Waste Management report. The bailer at the recycle center broke last week; employees were able to fix it along with help from the Road & Bridge department. The hot water heater has stopped working; they are waiting on quotes for the repairs. The transfer station has been notified that Hamm's will be having another price increase to their hauling fees. The price increased from \$37.03/ton in June of 2023, to \$38.14/ton in July of 2023, and as of October 1, 2023 it will now be \$46.00/ton. Discussion was held regarding seeking additional quotes from Waste Management.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the purchase of the building (garage) located at 211 North Fifth Street in Wilsey, from Township Nine, in the amount of \$1,000.00. The building will be used as a new recycle center drop off location. Motion carried.

Tom Moxley, Morris County resident, visited with the commissioners regarding concerns about a narrow bridge on 200 Rd. between X and Y Ave.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the Morris County Attorney's Diversion Fund Request for a payment to the USD 417 Junior Senior High Sports Program, in the amount of \$60.00. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Register of Deed's managing/over-seeing the courthouse maintenance needs.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to increase the stipend for the management of courthouse maintenance needs from \$100.00/month to \$200.00/month. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at Noon.

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

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