

July 3rd, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Monday, July 3rd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, was present.

During the February 7th, 2023 commission meeting, commissioners had approved the purchase of a 2023, 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck for the Appraiser's Office from Bolton Chrysler Dodge Jeep in the amount of \$45,000.00. Bolton Chrysler Dodge Jeep has notified the county that the vehicle is no longer being manufactured and will not be available. A new quote was provided for a 2021 Dodge 1500 Pickup Truck; 504 miles; bumper to bumper warranty until September 2025 or 36,000 miles; power train warranty until September 2027 or 60,000 miles; for a total of \$45,495.00. A trade in offer was also made in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Appraiser's Office 2014 Jeep Cherokee.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to rescind the motion from the February 7th, 2023 meeting and to approve the purchase of the 2021 Dodge 1500 Pick-Up Truck from Bolton Chrysler Dodge Jeep in the amount of \$45,495.00 and the trade in offer for the 2014 Jeep Cherokee in the amount of \$10,000.00. The total amount of \$35,495.00 shall be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$64,346.82. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 8,447.38
Road & Bridge:	\$ 4,925.79
Reappraisal:	\$ 1,173.80
Noxious Weed:	\$ 14,006.88
Ambulance:	\$ 78.97
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 35,714.00

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll liabilities as presented, in the amount of \$124,373.96. Motion carried.

Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, presented the following 2024 budget requests:

<u>Department</u>	<u>2023 Approved Budget</u>	<u>2024 Budget Request</u>
Clerk	\$131,600	\$135,700
Public Transportation	\$196,000	\$189,000
Election	\$ 63,000	\$ 82,000

(2024 is a presidential election year, plus an additional primary in March.)

Budget requests will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

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

- Air Capital Quarry rock was hauled to 2800 Rd. from BB-FF, Q Ave. from 2300-2400, T Ave. from 2300-2500, 2700 Rd. from H-J, M Ave. from 1900-2200 and 2900 Rd. from G-H
- Rawhide Quarry gravel was placed on J Ave. from 1050-1600
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) was placed on X Ave. from 400-525 and at the landfill

- A rough area on 2400 Rd. between D-F was patched with gravel
- Cut down a tree falling over the road on 825 Rd. between R-T
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on Z Ave. from 2900-3000, X Ave. from 300-400, DD Ave. from 200-400 and Dunlap Rd. from DD-FF; excess dirt was removed and hauled to stockpile
- Dirt was hauled to 300 Rd. from U-V to build up a minimum maintenance road
- Reclaimer was used on 2100 Rd. from A-G
- Mowing was done on the Dwight, Burdick and Council Grove routes
- Boom-mower was used on Z Ave. from 1500-1700, AA Ave. from 1500-1900, 1600 Rd. from Z-AA, 1500 Rd. from Z-AA, 1700 Rd. from Z-BB, BB Ave. from 1500-1700, 1600 Rd. from BB-CC, 1900 Rd. from Z-AA and 1800 Rd. from Z-AA
- Road signs were re-installed on Y Ave. between 1800-1900, Y Ave. between 1900-2000, 1900 Rd. between V-X, 1900 Rd. between X-Y, 1900 Rd. between Y-Z and 1900 Rd. between Z-AA; a report has been filed with the Sheriff's Office regarding the 16 stolen road signs and damaged sign posts; costs to replace the signs and damaged posts is approximately \$1,600.00.
- Jeff met with the Master Tech representative and signed the order for the hydraulics and bed upfitting on the two new trucks
- Jeff attended the area supervisors meeting in Salina
- Shelly attended the county health insurance committee meeting
- KAW Nation would like to have a Zoom meeting on Friday to finalize the Memorandum of Agreement with the County for the temporary storage of the Sacred Red Rock that is to be placed at Allegawaho Heritage Park.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Discussion was held regarding the replacement of the garage door and the settlement with Hamm's and KCAMP.

The Transfer Station was notified by Hamm's of an upcoming policy change regarding the overweight or underweight of Hamm's hauling trucks. If truck loads are determined to be underweight it would be an additional \$15.00 per ton for under 2100 tons, and if it is overweight the county is held liable for penalties. Hamm's trailer arrives empty, the county loads the trailer, and Hamm's weighs the trailer upon arrival at their landfill. The county currently has no ability to weigh the trailers to verify compliance nor to verify the weight with Hamm's invoices. Discussion was held regarding the scale for the Transfer Station.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the invoice to Geary County 4% of the Community Corrections Executive Director Salary for the months of July 2022 thru June 2023, in the amount of \$480.00. Motion carried.

The Morris County service/maintenance contract with KVK Inc. is up for renewal on August 1st, 2023. The annual contract amount will have approximately a 10% increase from \$12,041.00 per year, to \$13,248.00 per year. The contract and premium have not been updated nor increased since 2014. The item was tabled and will be discussed further during next week's meeting.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the June 27th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Jacob Smith, with Jake's Tree Service, introduced himself to the commissioners. Jake's Tree Service would like to offer to trim the Burr Oak Tree located northwest of the Sheriff's Office, free of charge. He is KSA Certified, ISA Certified, and has a certificate of liability insurance. Commissioners approved trimming of the tree but requested that Jacob discuss further details with the Sheriff.

The meeting adjourned at Noon.

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

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Morris County Clerk

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