

June 20th, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, was present.

Jimmy Parker, Chad Sanford, Brian Burhoop, Logan Zimmerman, Ernie Augustein and Tisha Richardson, Board Members for the Morris County Conservation District, presented an appropriation request for the 2024 budget year, in the amount of \$33,000; this is \$3,000 more than last year's request. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

Tracy Henry and Maria Ochoa with the Greater Morris County Development Corporation (GMDC) presented an appropriation request for the 2024 budget year, in the amount of \$35,000; this is \$5,000 more than last year's request. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

Colleen Anderson, President for the Morris County Senior Citizens Inc., gave a monthly report on the services being provided within Morris County. The Senior Centers will not be serving meals on July 3rd or July 4th. The Senior Centers also offer freezer meals. Although freezer meals are ordered mostly in preparation for weekends and holidays, they are available to be ordered any time.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the June 13th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$435,491.01. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 9,868.39
Road & Bridge:	\$ 13,464.99
Noxious Weed:	\$ 854.62
Solid Waste:	\$ 951.96
Morris County 911:	\$ 560.90
Capital Improvement:	\$ 581.38
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 409,208.77

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll liabilities as presented, in the amount of \$41,984.45. Motion carried.

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

- Air Capital Quarry rock was hauled to 2600 Rd. from U-V to complete the road rebuild
- Creek gravel was placed on T Ave. from 1300-1400, 1400 Rd. from Q-T, D Ave. from 900-1100 and 1100 Rd. from U-V
- Rawhide Quarry rock was placed on D Ave. from 900-1100
- Shoulder and ditch work was done to rebuild three miles of road on P Ave. from 1900-2200; three drainage culverts were replaced; Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) base rock and Air Capital Quarry road rock was used to resurface the road
- Signage of the newly constructed Dunlap River Bridge was completed
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 1500 Rd. from Z-CC and CC Ave. from 1300-1500
- Mowing was done on the southeast Council Grove route and the Delavan Route
- The Dunlap River Bridge was resurveyed and found to meet the plan specifications; the bridge is open and signage has been posted

- Air Capital Quarry is done crushing the 40,000 tons of road rock that was ordered; we will have a bill coming for 20,000 tons
- Electrical wiring issues need to be addressed at the Delavan shop.

Two fuel bids were received for 4,000 gallons of clear #2 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	2.8889/gal	2.7665/gal	\$22,621.60
Agri Trails	3.0356/gal	2.8271/gal	\$23,450.80

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the bid from MFA Oil as presented, in a total amount of \$22,621.60. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the RS-70 (Clark's Creek Bridge). PBX Corporation began milling work on the bridge in preparation for applying the polymer bridge deck overlay. It has been discovered that the integrity of the bridge deck is in worse condition than what was originally thought and milling cannot be done to the deck. It was initially projected that the milling and polymer overlay would slow down the bridge deck deterioration and gain the county an additional 20-25 years of life before the bridge would need replaced. It is still recommended to only apply the polymer overlay (with no milling); this will extend the bridge life for 8-10 years before the bridge will need to be replaced.

Discussion was held regarding obtaining quotes for dump truck chassis and having them upfitted to install the dump bed and systems to operate snow and ice equipment. The commissioners would like to see this price comparison as an alternative to purchasing new dump/plow trucks.

Many counties and cities are applying an onyx frictional mastic surface treatment instead of chip sealing. The onyx surface treatment would be done by a third-party contractor and is projected to have a longer life expectancy than chip seal. The onyx surface treatment costs approximately \$23,000 per mile vs the chip seal cost of approximately \$27,000 per mile. Further discussion will be held.

Commissioner Barber discussed an entrance culvert in the area of P Ave. between 1900-2000.

A constituent has requested that the dollar amounts for each county department's budget requests be listed in the commission meeting minutes. Discussion was held. Commissioners agreed to list the dollar amounts of each department's budget requests in future minutes. The department budget requests that have already been presented the past several weeks are listed as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>2023 Approved Budget</u>	<u>2024 Budget Request</u>
County Attorney	\$ 249,000	\$ 249,000 + Inflation
County Appraiser	\$ 211,000	\$ 211,000
Dispatch	\$ 242,200	\$ 290,000
County Sheriff	\$ 532,000	\$ 561,681
Jail	\$ 280,500	\$ 283,500
Register of Deeds	\$ 112,960	\$ 117,555 or \$115,623

<u>Department</u>	<u>2023 Approved Budget</u>	<u>2024 Budget Request</u>
Noxious Weed	\$ 210,250	\$ 210,650
Transfer Station	\$ 324,900	\$ 326,400
Recycle Center	\$ 197,800	\$ 216,800
Road & Bridge	\$3,505,000	\$3,510,000
County Treasurer	\$ 185,400	\$ 222,220 or \$226,100
District Court	\$ 49,600	\$ 54,778

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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

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