

## **June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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: AJ Dome, Council Grove Republican

Julie Hower gave a report on the Morris County Fair Board. An appropriation request was made in the amount of \$27,500.00 for the Fair Building and \$4,000.00 for the Insurance Premium; the same amount as last year's request. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

Jeff Falter and Shelly Lauth attended the meeting via telephone. Discussion was held regarding bidding on used dump trucks that are on a Purple Wave Auction that is set to close later this morning. Commissioners authorized Jeff Falter to bid up to \$85,000.00 each on two, 2012 Freightliner Dump Trucks. Report of the auction results will be given later this afternoon.

Laura Viar, County Attorney, gave a report on the Attorney's Office. The Attorney's proposed budget for 2023 was presented to the commission. Discussion was held regarding the request to hire an additional prosecutor.

Tracy Henry, Greater Morris County Development Corporation Director, gave a report on the GMDC. An appropriation request was made in the amount of \$30,000.00; \$2,000.00 more than last year's request. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's Office. Kevin Reyes, a new deputy for Morris County, was introduced to the commissioners. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a vehicle for the K-9 unit. Four quotes were obtained from Bolton Chrysler Dodge Jeep on various vehicles; two used vehicles and two new vehicles.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Police Vehicle from Bolton Chrysler Dodge Jeep in the amount of \$35,199.00. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Discussion was held regarding adjusting the fee structure for the rental sprayer.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve setting the fees for the rental sprayer to \$40.00 per day. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 County Board of Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to recess the Commission meeting and convene as the County Board of Health. Motion carried.

The commission meeting was recessed at 11:29 a.m.

The commission meeting resumed at 11:37 a.m.

The County Board of Health meeting minutes will be published on the county website.

Randy Barten, County Sanitarian, discussed the development of a fee schedule for the sanitation code and related permits.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the proposed Sanitation Services Fee schedule, with the change that Foster Care Inspections will have no fees charged. Motion carried. 2-1 with Commissioner Barber abstaining.

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

- Rebuilding the roads on the Kelso Rd. detour; graders are pulling shoulders; trucks are hauling Rawhide Quarry gravel; two water trucks are running on Kelso Rd. from J-K, 1300 Rd. from J-K, J Ave. from 1300-1400 and 1400 Rd. from G-J
- Hauled Robidou creek gravel to 1700 Rd. from D-F (recently changed from minimum maintenance to gravel road)
- Established hauling routes for Wildcat Construction with KDOT Inspector, Sherri Pankratz
- Mowed the Lake Rd., Dunlap Rd. and various roads around Dunlap
- Thrasher Inc. foamed the low water crossing at 500 Rd. and F Ave.
- Cleaned culverts in various locations on the White City and Latimer routes
- The light tower/portable generator was taken to the Riverwalk for Washunga Days
- Seeding was done on the Kelso Bridge and plaque has been ordered; Bridges Inc. will install at a later date
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 1800 Rd. from X-Z

One fuel bid was received for 4,500 gallons of diesel fuel and 3,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total</u>
MFA Oil	4.9477/gal	4.5510/gal	\$38,193.15

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the fuel bid from MFA Oil in the total amount of \$38,193.15. Motion carried.

The dump trucks that were sold on the Purple Wave Auction earlier this morning were not purchased by the County.

Road & Bridge crews will be working a 4/10 schedule next week as a trial.

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, gave a report on the Register of Deed's Office. The Register of Deed's proposed budget for 2023 was presented to the commission.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$131,120.21. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$32,344.49. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 2,295.91
Road & Bridge:	\$ 469.53
Noxious Weed:	\$ 127.57
Ambulance:	\$ 103.48
Morris County 911:	\$ 3,948.00
ARPA:	\$ 25,400.00

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

--Meeting minutes can also be found on the county website: [www.morriscountyks.org](http://www.morriscountyks.org)

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Morris County Clerk**

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