

June 27th, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 27th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, and Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, were present.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the June 20th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve changing the regularly scheduled commission meeting from Tuesday, July 4th, to Monday, July 3rd. The meeting on Monday, July 3rd will be held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Motion carried.

Commissioners received a letter from the Tri-County Fair Board. An appropriation request was made for the 2024 budget year. No specific amount was requested; last year's appropriation was \$1,000.00. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$38,091.17. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 8,996.87
Road & Bridge:	\$ 28,742.52
Ambulance:	\$ 351.78

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll as presented, in the amount of \$107,347.20. Motion carried.

Ben Moore, with Ben Moore Studio LLC, and Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the construction progress for the Sheriff's Office/Dispatch remodel and addition.

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, gave a report on courthouse maintenance.

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, gave a report on Emergency Management. Each fire department in the county has received two mobile 800mhz radios and two portable 800mhz radios. A fire chief meeting will be held tomorrow evening, Wednesday, June 28th, to review the use of the 800mhz talk-around channel.

Commissioners received notice from the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP) that insurance premiums for 2024 are expected to increase 20-25%. The premium for 2023 was \$110,849.00. The insurance coverage runs on a calendar year; the renewal premium will not be received until later this fall. Discussion was held regarding budgeting for the expected increase and for seeking alternate bids.

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

- Air Capital Quarry rock was hauled to P Ave. from 1900-2000, 1900 Rd. from P-Q, L Ave. from 2800-3000, 2900 Rd. from L-M, P Ave. from 2500-2600 and 2400 Rd. from J-L
- Rip rap was used to stabilize the channel on 1175 Rd. between G-H
- Creek gravel was placed on Y Ave. from 150-400 and 100 Rd. from AB-BB
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) base rock was spotted in on V Ave. from 525-700
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) road rock was put on AA Ave. from 100-150 and 150 Rd. from AA-AB
- Fixed a hole in the roadway on 1900 Rd. between X-Y

- Reclaimer was run on Y Ave. from 100-Dunlap Rd., AB Ave. from 100-300, 100 Rd. from AB-CC, CC Ave. from 100-Dunlap Rd., 400 Rd. from X-AA, Dunlap Rd. from DD-FF, DD Ave. to Kahola Dam, X Ave. from 200-Dunlap Rd., Four Mile Rd. from 600-Hwy 177 and 525 Rd. from U-X
- Removed a fallen tree from X Ave. between 400-525 and from the Downing Cemetery entrance
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on DD Ave. from 200-400, Dunlap Rd. from DD-FF, AB Ave. from 200-400, 400 Rd. from DD-FF, 400 Rd. from Dunlap Rd.-DD, 700 Rd. from Donnon-V, 400 Rd. from X-Y, 525 Rd. from V-X, X Ave. from Dunlap Rd.-200 and Four Mile Rd. from Dunlap-Hwy 177
- Mowing was done on the Dwight, Burdick, and Council Grove routes
- Boom-mower was used on 500 Rd. from Q-T, Q Ave. from Old Hwy 4-500 and 575 Rd. from M-Q

Bridge Deck Polymer Overlay Report:

- RS-70 Bridge over Clarks Creek is complete; the bridge deck is in worse condition than originally thought; no milling was done
- RS-12 Bridge over Rock Creek will be finished on Wednesday; the bridge deck is in worse condition than originally thought; no milling was done
- RS-80 Bridge on G Ave. between 2400-2500 Rd. will close on Wednesday; work will be completed by Friday
- RS-14 Bridge over Big John Creek will start after July 4th

Two quotes were obtained for the purchase of dump truck chassis and hydraulic system upfitting for plow and spreader attachments as follows:

Quote #1

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Truck Chassis</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Warranty</u>
Williams Service	2025 HV507 SFA International	\$116,587.34	\$9,154.00 (6 year)
<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Hydraulic Bed/Upfitting</u>	<u>Price</u>	
Master Tech	MTTE/Lanau 16' Dump Body	\$108,021.00	
TOTAL PRICE: \$233,762.34			

Quote #2

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Truck Chassis</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Warranty</u>
Master Tech	2024 T480V Kenworth	\$143,496.00	\$10,155.00 (5 year)
<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Hydraulic Bed/Upfitting</u>	<u>Price</u>	
Master Tech	MTTE/Lanau 16' Dump Body	\$108,021.00	
TOTAL PRICE: \$261,672.00			

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the purchase of two, international dump truck chassis from Williams Service in Florence, Kansas, with a six-year warranty and Master Tech bed and hydraulic system upfit for plow and spreader attachments for a total amount of \$233,762.34 each; grand total of \$467,524.68. The trucks are estimated to be delivered by the summer of 2024. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

The purchase of these two dump trucks will allow seven of the older dump trucks/snow plows to be sold on Purple Wave Auctions. The funds made from the sale of old equipment will be deposited back to the Equipment Reserve Fund.

Commissioner Barber requested that the Diamond Creek Bridge looked at.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

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