

June 28th, 2022

Morris County Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David Fox, and Jim Barber were present for the Kelso Bridge Opening Ceremony at the Kelso Bridge site at 9:00 a.m.

Others present: Chelsey Schmidt, Morris County Clerk, Bill Kassebaum, Morris County Counselor, Shelly Lautt and Jeff Falter, Morris County Road & Bridge Supervisors, Chris Becker and Heather Scott with BG Consultants, Marcus Hernandez with the Council Grove Republican and Michelle Needham, Shelby Miller and Ashley Perez with KDOT.

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 at 9:45 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

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office, Jail and Dispatch proposed 2023 budgets were presented to the commission. Discussion was held regarding the request to hire an additional full-time deputy.

Commissioner Kohler discussed citizens that have expressed concerns regarding courthouse security and safety.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Discussion was held regarding the need for an additional stock trailer to rotate for cardboard pickup at Hodgdon Powder Company.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to authorize Travis Schweger to purchase an additional stock trailer in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

Two quotes were obtained for various chemicals as follows:

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Size/Unit</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Van Diest</u>	<u>Nutrien Solutions</u>
Remedy Ultra	1.0 gal	144	\$54.44	\$52.50
Makaze	2.5 gal	180	\$	\$36.50
Buccaneer Plus	2.5 gal	180	\$35.80	\$
Turf Trax Blue HC	1.0 qt	48	\$16.94	\$16.50

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the following chemical purchases:
144 units of Remedy Ultra from Nutrien Solutions at \$52.50/unit for a total of \$7,560.00;
180 units of Makaze from Nutrien Solutions at \$36.50/unit for a total of \$6,570.00;
48 units of Turf Trax Blue HC from Nutrien Solutions at \$16.50/unit for a total of \$792.00.
Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the June 21st, 2022 County Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the June 21st, 2022 County Board of Health meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$43,961.11. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$	6,808.75
Road & Bridge:	\$	2,099.36

Solid Waste: \$ 53.00
Equipment Reserve: \$ 35,000.00

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$95,113.66 and employer paid liabilities in the amount of \$15,382.86. Motion carried.

Ty Wheeler with Kansas Legal Services gave a report on services provided for Morris County. An appropriation request was made in the amount of \$7,500.00; this is \$1,000.00 more than last year's request. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

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

- Continue rebuilding roads on the Kelso Rd. detour; graders are pulling shoulders, trucks are hauling Rawhide Quarry gravel; running two water trucks on Kelso Rd. from J-K, 1300 Rd. from J-K, J Ave. from 1300-1400 and 1400 Rd. from G-J
- Finished hauling Robidou creek gravel to 1700 Rd. from D-F (newly changed from minimum maintenance to gravel road)
- Repaired flood damage with creek gravel on 400 Rd. from R-T and 500 Rd. from Q-R
- Repaired a crossing at the Dean Miller creek gravel site after the heavy rainfall
- Sign work being done across the county
- Ditches and tubes were cleaned on 400 Rd. from R-T, 500 Rd. from Q-R, 700 Rd. and Donnon St., V Ave. from 525-700 and 300 Rd. from Q-R
- Mowing was done on 400 Rd. to Kahola Rd., Vista Del Lago, 825 from R-T, 875 from R-T, Old Hwy 56, Helmick Rd. and areas around Helmick Rd.
- Removed trees and brush from the ditch on D Ave. from 1700-1800
- Invoiced Schwartz Farms \$16,166.50 for 2800 Rd. rebuild, per the agreement
- Signed and emailed the Kelso Bridge completion paperwork to BG Consultants
- Invitations were sent out for the Kelso Bridge Opening Ceremony to KDOT, BG Consultants, Bridges Inc. and local newspapers; the ceremony was held this morning at 9:00 a.m.
- KDOT Cost Share funds request was made; payment to arrive the week of July 11th
- Received Federal Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$17,562.00; funds are in lieu of taxes from the US Department of Interior
- Signed the Central Federal Lands Highway Division closing paperwork for the FLAP (Lake Road Safety) Project; Morris County will be receiving an additional \$20,000.00 reimbursement
- Mini-excavator is being built and delivery is now estimated to be in August; bids were opened February 8th and had listed 120 day estimated arrival

The Road & Bridge proposed 2023 budget was presented to the commission.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the 2023 renewal with BCBS as presented. Motion carried. The health premium increased 5.10% with an estimated annual premium of \$1,258,528.56; the dental premium decreased 7.4% with an estimated annual premium of \$28,586.04.

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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

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