

June 7th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 7th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David Fox and Jim Barber were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Dawn Wecker, County Clerk's Office clerical staff, were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church, AJ Dome, Council Grove Republican

Discussion was held regarding the Road Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with KAW Nation. The item was tabled.

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, gave a report on the Treasurer's Office. The treasurer's proposed budget for 2023 was presented to the commission.

Discussion was held regarding participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The item was tabled.

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

- Mid States Materials Quarry gravel was placed on Y Ave. between 2800-2900 in the Burdick area
- Rawhide Quarry gravel was spotted in on the detour route on J Ave. from 1300-1400 and 1400 Rd. from H-J on the Dwight route
- Final approach work was completed on the Parkerville Bridge and was graveled with rock from Rawhide Quarry
- Continue to mow on the Council Grove routes
- Creek gravel was placed on M Ave. from 2400-2500, 2500 Rd. from M-P and 2400 Rd. from L-M on the White City route; and 200 Rd. from X-Y on the Council Grove route
- Brush was cut on K Ave. from 2000-2100 and 1700 Rd. from Z-AA
- Cleaned out ditch tubes on 2100 Rd. from G-H, 2600 Rd. from G-H, Dunlap Rd. from Y-Z and 1000 Rd. from R-U
- Installed culvert on B Ave. between 1700-1800 and J Ave. between 2300-2400
- Cleaned out tube and replaced rip rap on 1100 Rd. and G Ave. and on 400 Rd. between Q-R
- Pulled gravel from ditches on AB Ave. from 100-200, 150 Rd. from Z-AA, 2400 Rd. from J-K, 2400 Rd. from L-M, 2400 Rd. from Q-R, 2600 Rd. from K-L, P Ave. from 2600-2700 and P Ave. from 2500-2600
- Signs have been placed on 1000 Rd. for the overhead height

Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc. has reviewed the bids received on May 24th, 2022 for the Dunlap River Bridge Project and recommends awarding the contract to Bridges, Inc. as presented.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid for the Dunlap River Bridge Project from Bridges, Inc. as presented, in the amount of \$2,334,848.00. Motion carried.

The surfacing of the Kelso Bridge is complete. Barricades have been removed, however, the bridge is not officially open.

Discussion was held regarding vehicles involved in the Hwy 177 construction project hauling heavy loads on county roads during all of the recent rains.

A quote was received from Pitt's Construction to repair roof damages to the CCC Building located at the County Shops. The item was tabled.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Morris County Noxious Weed will be hosting the North East District Meeting on June 15th, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding Poison Hemlock that is located all over the county. Travis reports that it is similar to Poison Ivy and although it is not considered a noxious weed, the commissioners can add it to the list of noxious weeds for the county.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the May 31st, 2022 County Board of Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the May 31st, 2022 County Board of Health meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, visited with the commissioners regarding the 2020 Bridge Bonds, National Flood Insurance Program, and the CCC Stone Building.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the payroll liabilities as presented; in the amount of \$39,630.11.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$77,903.28. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 35,375.56
Road & Bridge:	\$ 13,402.14
Reappraisal:	\$ 350.79
Health Dept. Flowthu:	\$ 4,089.00
Noxious Weed:	\$ 17,100.15
Solid Waste:	\$ 6,518.02
Morris County 911:	\$ 1,067.62

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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

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