

March 12th, 2024

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners David L. Fox, Jim Barber and Wayne Kohler were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, were present.

Others present: Gary Floyd

Dave Owen, Morris County EMS Director, Emily Nuss, Paramedic, and Mike Seadeek, AEMT, gave a report on Morris County EMS and presented the following run statistics for the month of February:

Ambulance calls:	39
Transfers from MCH to other hospitals:	13
Total number of runs:	52
<i>North County:</i>	19
<i>South County:</i>	33
Year to date total runs:	124

A quote was presented for a 30KW Generac Generator with 200amp and 3-phase transfer switch from Blue Dot Services for the EMS Building. The bid for the generator is \$14,789.00; installation costs are an additional \$14,627.00; for a total quote of \$29,416.00. Discussion was held regarding the size of the generator. Commissioners felt that the generator was larger than what would be needed. Discussion was held regarding a 3-phase system vs 1-phase system. Commissioners requested that more information and alternate bids be obtained.

Dave Owen will be instructing an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course through Butler Community College this fall. The course will be offered in the evenings over a 16-week period during the fall semester. Classes will be held at the Butler Community College building in Council Grove. Dave Owen would like to hold classes as at the Morris County EMS Building as well. The Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services has reported a significant decline in the number of Emergency First Responders and Paramedic certification renewals in the past year. Emergency First Responder certifications have declined 24%. Paramedic certifications have declined 25%. Morris County is hopeful that instructing and hosting EMT courses within the county will assist in recruitment for local First Responders, EMT's, AEMT's and Paramedics.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Butler Community College and Morris County for the use of the Morris County EMS Building, and to authorize Chairman Fox to sign the MOU. Motion carried.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed & Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. Discussion was held regarding individuals hauling household trash to the Transfer Station and not having the trash tarped, covered, or secured in some fashion. There has been an increase in the amount of trash along the roadway and ditches on the east side of Council Grove towards the Transfer Station. This issue has been discussed several times over the past few years. The county has a policy in place that any vehicle that delivers trash to the Transfer Station and is found to not have their trash covered or secured appropriately will be charged an additional \$5.00 fee. This policy will be enforced beginning April 1st, 2024. The Transfer Station will attempt to educate individuals regarding the policy over the next few weeks.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Friday, March 29th and on Saturday, March 30th in observation of Good Friday and the Easter holiday.

Ernie Augustine visited with the commissioners regarding 1700 Rd. going south from Hwy 4, towards Parkerville. There is a one-mile portion of this road that is minimum maintenance but needs attention.

Dan Bacon visited with the commissioners regarding access agreements between adjoining land owners.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the March 5th, 2024 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

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

- Air Capital Quarry rock was placed on T Ave. from 1900-2000, T Ave. from 2500-2600, 2000 Rd. from T-U, U Ave. from 2100-2200, Q Ave. from 2100-2200, L Ave. from 2900-3000, 2800 Rd. from L-M, 1900 Rd. from V-Y, V Ave. from 2100-2200, Old Hwy 4 from 575-625, and P Ave. east of Old Hwy 4
- Rawhide Quarry road rock was placed on F Ave. from 600-700 and D Ave. from 600-700
- Wildcat Construction had rock hauled to the designated haul road on 2600 from L-Q; the county spread the rock
- Shoulder and ditch work was done at 2600 Rd. and P Ave. to the scale; the road was reshaped and ran the sheep's foot on it before adding Air Capital Quarry rock
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on U Ave. from 1200-1250, R Ave. from 3000-3200, 3000 Rd. from R-U, U Ave. from 2800-3000, 2800 Rd. from U-X, X Ave. from 2600-2800, 2600 Rd. from Q-X, 2700 Rd. from P-Q, T Ave. from 2500-2600, U Ave. from 2500-2600, 2900 Rd. from DD-FF, 2800 Rd. from BB-FF, CC Ave. from 2700-2900, 2900 Rd. from AA-CC, Z Ave. from 2700-2800, 2450 Rd. from AA-BB, AA Ave. from 2450-2700, 2700 Rd. from BB-DD, and 2750 Rd. and CC Ave. to the blacktop
- Installation work on the box culvert on B Ave. between 2400-2600 continued; lego block wing walls and backfilling were done; Air Capital Quarry rock was used to resurface the road
- Shelly attended a zoom meeting on the new MUTCD 11th Edition presented by the National Center for Rural Road Safety; there have been 650 changes that became effective January 18, 2024; states have up to two years to adopt the new standards
- Jeff and Shelly met with Mr. Crosby of KDEM to prepare data for a PDA meeting with FEMA
- Numerous road signs were vandalized over approximately a 10-mile area; a report has been filed with the Morris County Sheriff's Department

One fuel bid was received for 5,000 gallons of clear diesel fuel and 3,000 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total</u>
MFA Oil	3.2246/gal	2.5167/gal	\$23,673.10

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the fuel bid from MFA Oil as presented, in the total amount of \$23,673.10. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler discussed the area of 2600 Rd. south of Hwy 56.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 625 Rd. between M and P Ave.; needs attention.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of J Ave. and 2500 Rd., 2200 Rd. south of B Ave. to D Ave., and 3000 Rd. north of the railroad crossing; all need attention.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the letter of support for the City of Council Grove for their application to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant, for the replacement of the Katy Depot roof. Motion carried.

Stanfield Roofing Inc. inspected the courthouse roof last week. A report of the inspection findings was reviewed.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the quote for repairs to the courthouse roof from Stanfield Roofing Inc., in the amount of \$3,892.73. Funds are to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioners would like to consider an annual roof maintenance contract with Stanfield Roofing LLC. after their repair work is complete and evaluated.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$80,167.56. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 24,947.76
Road & Bridge:	\$ 21,289.55
Reappraisal:	\$ 602.56
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 6,394.55
Noxious Weed:	\$ 147.22
Ambulance:	\$ 264.58
Solid Waste:	\$ 25,563.02
Morris County 911:	\$ 958.32

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$45,615.38. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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

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