

## March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, and Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, were present.

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, attended the meeting via telephone. Blackledge reports the new county wide fire talk group has been created and implemented. EMS and law enforcement will also have access to the new talk group when situations arise in which all agencies need a common radio frequency to communicate. The programming of the 800mhz radios will be done next week. Installation will then be scheduled with all county fire departments.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the quote from Nation Wide for a Major Medical Insurance Policy for K9 Officer Kimber in the amount of \$257.62 per year; with a deductible of \$250.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to appoint Colleen Anderson to serve as a Morris County Representative on the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors. The two-year term is from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the County Attorney's Diversion Fund Requests for the February MDT Meeting expenses as follows: Subway in the amount of \$149.14 and Ray's Apple Market in the amount of \$30.83. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

Ulysses Eldridge, with Eldridge Flooring and Installation, provided various quotes for flooring and installation for the upstairs and downstairs hallways of the courthouse. As previously discussed, the tile in the downstairs hallway needs replaced and the old tile that was installed in the courthouse is no longer available. It was recommended to keep the tile in the courthouse entryways and stairways. Additional quotes for flooring have been obtained. The item was tabled until additional quotes can be reviewed.

Dave Owen, Morris County EMS Director, Mike Seadeek, Morris County EMT, and Dave Vance, with Osage Ambulance, presented two ambulance quotes as follows:

### Bidder: American Response Vehicles

2023 AEV Trauma Hawk X Series	\$350,422.94
Ford F550 LWB 4x4, Diesel	
Zoll X Series Monitor and Accessories	\$42,453.40
Stryker Cot Power Load	\$28,407.00
Stryker Cot Power PRO XT	\$27,279.00
Total:	\$448,562.34

### Bidder: Osage Ambulance Supply

2025 Osage Type 1 Conversion	\$272,190.00
2025 Ford F550 4x4 Diesel Chassis	
Stryker Power Load and Cot	\$50,773.54
Zoll X Series Advance Monitor	\$40,330.73
Danhardt Shoreline 110 HVAC System	\$5,315.0
Total:	\$368,609.72

The two quotes were reviewed. Discussion was held regarding possible trade-ins of older ambulances vs. selling older ambulances. The item was tabled. The quotes are valid for 30 days. The commissioner's requested a report on all current vehicle inventory for EMS. Dave Owen will provide current fleet inventory information and further discussion will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. Hess & Son's have been delayed in removing the scrap iron pile due to machinery and equipment issues. A Morris County Noxious Weed Facebook Page will be implemented to make information more available to the public.

Jan Kimbrell visited with the commissioners on behalf of the Morris County Historical Society. The Historical Society will be hosting a presentation with the Kansas City Monarchs and America's National Pastime at the Dunlap Learning Academy and Museum on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. There will be free rides on the Council Grove Trail Trolley from the Hay's House to the Dunlap Learning Academy and Museum and grab 'n' go hot dogs will also be provided. The Historical Society had questions regarding repairs needing to be done to the streets in Dunlap. The streets that were discussed are located within the city limits of Dunlap; the Dunlap City Council would be the point of contact to address the street repairs.

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

- Air Capitol rock (Delavan location) was hauled to 2400 Rd. from R-U, 800 Rd. from G-J, AA Ave. from 3000-3100 and 3000 Rd. from Z-BB
- Mid States Materials 2 ½" base rock (Wilsey location) was placed at the intersection of Four Mile Rd. and 1500 Rd.
- Mid States Materials road rock (Wilsey location) was placed on BB Ave. from 2300-2400 and over culverts at the Four Mile Cemetery
- Rebuilt and reshaped Dunlap Rd. from DD-FF and used Mid States Materials base rock and creek gravel in the process
- Three new entrance tubes were installed at the Four Mile Cemetery
- Culvert inventory across the county continues
- Chip seal letters for oil and chip bids were sent out to vendors on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>; sealed bids are due and will be opened on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.
- Engineer from Schwab Eaton came and looked over several projects, including RS330 Bridge that was damaged by a recent vehicle accident
- Engineer from Schwab Eaton also met with Shelly and Commissioner Barber at the Sunflower Bridge and the box culvert located at Skiddy Rd. and B Ave.
- Confirmation has been received for the K-177 agreement for the second half of the project detour routes and funding
- Picked up a rental dozer from Foley's on Friday of last week; it will be used at the creek for a week
- The Federal Fund Exchange 2023 Distribution was received and the request for reimbursement has been submitted; \$58,537.01 in funding is available; after the exchange rate \$52,683.31 will be received
- Quotes for the County Road Department repeater were received from TFM Comm; cost was \$1,500 to repair or \$8,500 to replace; the repeater was repaired.
- 2023 Polymer Bridge Overlay bid information is being advertised on <http://www.drexeltch.com> as well as being published in the local newspaper and on the county website; sealed bids will be due and opened on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m.

- Bridges Inc. is scheduled to pour the deck on the Dunlap Bridge on March 21<sup>st</sup>

Discussion was held regarding employees traveling to and from Schwartz Hog Farm having flat tires.

Discussion was held regarding the initial recommendation from the engineer at Schwab Eaton for the Transfer Station scale layout.

Discussion was held regarding the engineer's recommendations for repairs to the Sunflower Bridge, RS330 Bridge, and the box culvert at Skiddy Rd. and B Ave. No action was taken on any items.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the 2023 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the Council Grove Marina locations at 1025 Lake Rd. and 1002 Lake Rd. in Council Grove. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$91,828.93. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 21,626.09
Road & Bridge:	\$ 29,180.07
Reappraisal:	\$ 15.00
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 3,867.00
Noxious Weed:	\$ 24,085.16
Ambulance:	\$ 329.47
Solid Waste:	\$ 12,614.77
Morris County 911:	\$ 111.37

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$41,459.65. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

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