

## **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</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.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, gave a report regarding the status of the 800mhz radios that are being distributed to fire departments in the county. Repairs are being done to the radio tower in White City.

Colby Patnode, with Epoxy Brothers LLC, provided various quotes for epoxy 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 ceramic tile in the courthouse entryways and stairways. The item was tabled until additional quotes can be reviewed.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. Hess and Son's completed removal of the scrap metal from the transfer station. During the month of April, Travis will attend the commission meeting every other week to allow for more flexibility for spraying of noxious weeds.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the March 14<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 \$215,422.88. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 6,954.31
Road & Bridge:	\$ 8,388.60
Noxious Weed:	\$ 79.97
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 200,000.00

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$104,340.46. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the 2022 Annual Financial Reports for Highland Township, Township Two, Township Seven and Township Eight as presented. Motion carried.

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

- Rawhide quarry gravel was hauled to 800 Rd. from H-K and K Ave. from 800-900
- Opened the mine site at Casey's; removing creek gravel, screening, and hauling to the stockpile at the county shop
- Returned the rental dozer to Foley's; it was used to push gravel at Casey's
- 2022 Volvo EC250 Trackhoe has been delivered and is being used at Casey's creek gravel site
- Installed entrance culverts on 500 Rd. from H-K and K Ave. from 400-500
- Brush was cut on 1600 Rd. from X-Y and on 2600 Rd. from A-F
- Shoulder ditch work was done on Y Ave. from 2800-3000, 2600 Rd. from P-Q, U Ave. from 2500-2600 and 2900 Rd. from Z-AA

- Ordered new tarps for dump trucks; will be reimbursed from KCAMP Risk Avoidance Grant
- Assisted the Transfer Station with loading wire into containers
- The concrete deck placement for the Dunlap Bridge has been moved to Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, due to weather. The project is designated critical habitat for the Neosho Madtom and is subject to work date restrictions May 21<sup>st</sup>-July 15<sup>th</sup>
- MP27 motor grader was taken back to Foley for EGR issues; may be replacing the EGR cooler

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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

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