

March 28th, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, and Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, were present.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to recess the commission meeting to visit USD 417 Council Grove Junior Senior High School. Motion carried.

The commission meeting was recessed at 9:12 a.m.

USD 417 Superintendent, Aron Dody, showed the commissioners various areas of the school that have epoxy flooring that was done by Epoxy Brothers, LLC.

The commissioners returned to the courthouse at 9:47 a.m.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's Office. The 800mhz radio tower that is located outside near the sheriff's office is structurally deteriorating and is rusting from the inside out. The tower will need to be replaced. A quote was presented from Ka-Comm Inc. to replace the tower in the amount of \$14,230.01.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the quote from Ka-Comm Inc. for a new 800mhz radio tower and installation in the amount of \$14,230.01. Funds are to be paid from the 9-1-1 Fund. Motion carried.

Two quotes for a new ambulance were presented during the March 14th commission meeting. The item was tabled as follow-up information was requested by the commissioners. Dave Owen, Morris County EMS Director, Mike Seadeek, Morris County EMT, and Brandon Walker, Morris County AEMT, presented the current inventory of EMS vehicles. The current vehicle inventory is as follows:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
Medic 304	2001 Ford E350	144,990	Council Grove	None
Medic 301	2008 Chevrolet Kodiak 4500	98,660	White City	First Responder
Medic 303	2014 Ford 450	130,667	Council Grove	First Out Truck
Medic 1	2015 Nissan Rogue	48,653	Supervisor	Supervisor
Medic 302	2019 Ford Transit 350	43,889	Council Grove	Transfer Truck

EMS would like to keep the box from Medic 304 to use for training. The engine and transmission from Medic 304 would be sold. It was recommended that Medic 301 be sold as well. The new ambulance that is purchased would become the first out truck that is stationed in Council Grove and Medic 303 would be moved to White City for first responder use.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the bid from Osage Ambulance for a 2025 Ford F550 4x4 Diesel Chassis, Stryker Power Load and Power Cot, Zoll X Series Advance Monitor and Danhart Shoreline 110 HVAC System in the amount of \$368,609.72. The funds will be encumbered and paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. The proposed delivery date is 2025. Motion carried.

Ben Moore, with Ben Moore Studio LLC, attended the commission meeting via telephone. Discussion was held regarding the progression of the sheriff's office remodel and addition project.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the March 21st, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried, with Commissioner Barber abstaining.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$29,922.62. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 3,236.70
Road & Bridge:	\$ 26,098.68
Ambulance:	\$ 344.14
Solid Waste:	\$ 243.10

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$126,035.45. Motion carried.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, presented a neighborhood revitalization application.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the neighborhood revitalization application from Michael and Linda Muncy for the property located at 617 East Main Street in Council Grove. Motion carried.

Robert Cramblett, sales representative with Lineage, presented quotes for upgrading the county's mailing machine. The current mail machine's lease is expiring and the machine model will be obsolete due to USPS mandates requiring new IMI technology. Both quotes presented are for 60-month lease terms; one model is \$246.18/month; one model is \$295.17/month. Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, was present for the discussion. The item was tabled. A demo and more information will be provided to the Register of Deeds office.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve sponsorship of the Council Grove Elementary School's 5th and 6th grade "Draw a Business" ad to be published in the Council Grove Republican, in the amount of \$30.00. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

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

- Rawhide quarry gravel was hauled to 800 Rd. from J-K, J Ave. from 800-1100 and 1175 Rd. from G-H
- Continue working at the Casey mine site; removing creek gravel, screening and hauling to stockpile at the county shop
- New crossroad tubes were installed on 100 Rd. from R-T
- Mid States Materials (Wilsey location) 2 1/2" base rock was placed on A Ave. from 2000-2100
- Mid States Materials AB-3 rock was placed on B Ave. from 2100-2300
- 100 Rd. and M Ave. to Hwy 56 was reshaped and rebuilt; reclaimed rock and added creek gravel to the road
- Creek gravel was placed on 500 Rd. and K Ave. to Old Hwy 4 and on 400 Rd. and K Ave. to Old Hwy 4
- Cleared trees on the fence line on the county farm, north of the arena
- Shoulder/ditch work with the rock reclaimer was done on 2500 Rd. from Q-R, R Ave. from 2500-2600, Q Ave. from 2200-2400, 2300 Rd. from R-T, T Ave. from 2400-2500 and 2675 Rd. from T-U

- Cleaned out the low water crossing on X Ave. between 100-200 Rd.
- Barricades were picked up as the pumping work from Schwartz Farms has been completed
- MSHA Safety and Health Specialist looked at mining records; all records were up to date and complete
- The concrete deck was poured on the Dunlap Bridge on Wednesday, March 15th
- Foley's believes the fuel is getting through and contaminating the EGR on the MP27 motor grader; they have removed the head and found a bent rod; they will now be removing the engine and pan

One fuel bid was received for 5,000 gallons of clear #2 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	3.2167/gal	2.7668/gal	\$24,383.90

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the bid from MFA Oil as presented, in a total amount of \$24,383.90. Motion carried.

Preliminary drawings from Schwab Eaton were presented for the waterline replacement at the county shops.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. A Superior Systems trash truck was preparing to unload today at the Transfer Station when it was realized there was a fire in the truck. The fire department responded and the fire was extinguished without any injuries or damages. It was found that several lithium polymer batteries were the cause of the fire. The Transfer Station will try to educate the public on proper ways to dispose of lithium batteries.

Shelly Lautt visited with the commissioners via telephone regarding the box culvert at Skiddy Rd. and B Ave.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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