

May 2nd, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 2nd, 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.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Chris Blackledge, Morris County Emergency Manager, gave a report on emergency management. The 800mhz radios are scheduled to be programmed and installed by TBS next week. The Morris County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Membership Roster was reviewed and updated.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the Morris County LEPC Membership Roster as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the audit engagement letter with Cindy Jensen, CPA, for the year ending December 31, 2022 as presented, in the amount of \$14,500.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the April 25th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for Township Nine for the year ending December 31, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.

Kevin Leeper, Morris County Hospital CEO, gave a monthly report on Morris County Hospital. Dr. John Price will be starting at the Morris County Clinic and Hospital on August 1st, 2023. Dr. Daniel Samani, orthopedic surgeon, has been seeing an increased number of patients at Morris County facilities. The old EMS quarters in the hospital will be converted and utilized for pulmonary rehabilitation services. It is estimated to begin providing services by the end of July 2023. The hospital is considering plans to offer Nuclear Medicine services in house vs the current arrangement of having mobile units. This would allow Nuclear Medicine services to be provided inside the facility several times a month. Convenient care has been re-opened. Clinic volumes have returned to pre-covid numbers. Updates continue to be done to the safe room in order to meet the required specifications.

Dave Owen, Morris County EMS Director, discussed the current ac unit condenser at the EMS building. A quote was obtained from Services Unlimited. Two options were provided as follows:

Installing a new split system ac and evaporator coil and moving to ground level: \$4,790.05

Installing two 6k ductless mini-splits for downstairs/upstairs sleeping quarters: \$6,989.50

Discussion was held regarding alternate options for cooling the sleeping quarters that may be more cost effective. Services Unlimited will be further evaluating the current ac unit this week. Dave Owen will report their recommendation at next week's commission meeting. The item was tabled.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave the weekly report on the noxious weed and waste management departments. Hamm's waste services have been experiencing a shortage of drivers especially during the weekends. The transfer station has had to close early on a few occasions due to trailers being full and no availability from Hamm's to

haul. Discussion was held regarding improving and expanding the recycle drop off location at Wilsey.

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

- Rawhide Quarry road rock was hauled to 1800 Rd. from J-K, K Ave. from 1900-2000, 1950 Rd. from K-L, 1300 Rd. from J-M, 1900 Rd. from C-D, D Ave. from 1900-2000 and 2000 Rd. from C-D
- Casey creek gravel was placed on Kelso Rd. from K-P, DD Ave. from 200-400, Dunlap Rd. from DD-FF and 400 Rd. from AB-DD
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) road rock was hauled to L Ave. from 2800-2900, 2700 Rd. from AA-BB and 2700 Rd. from X-Y
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) road rock was hauled to X Ave. from 400-525, 400 Rd. from AB-CC, 2450 Rd. from AA-BB, 2700 Rd. from AA-BB, L Ave. from 2900-3000 and 2700 Rd. from Y-Z
- A crossroad tube was removed and replaced on J Ave. between 2400-2500; fill dirt, Mid States Materials (Wilsey location) base rock and AB-3 rock were used on the project
- Cold patch was used to fix potholes on 1000 Rd. from T-U and 2800 Rd. from X-Y
- Trees and brush were cleared on 850 Rd. from BB-DD, Old Hwy 4 from K-400, Old Hwy 56 to Old Hwy 4, and Four Mile Rd. from 600-700
- Shoulder ditch work was done on CC Ave. from 2700-2800, 2700 Rd. from X-Y, 2600 Rd. from X-AA, AA Ave. from 2450-2600, Y Ave. from 2700-2800, 2450 from AA-BB, 2700 Rd. from X-BB, 2500 Rd. from U-X, 2500 Rd. from L-M, L Ave. from 2850-2900, K Ave. from 1800-1900, 150 Rd. from Y-AA and 400 Rd. from AB-CC
- The boom mower was used on 2600 Rd. from U-V
- Jeff Falter attended the District 2 area meeting in Salina on April 28th

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the purchase of 2010 Freightliner M2 Dump Truck with 9,215 engine hours from Purple Wave in the amount of \$20,350.00. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox discussed the areas of Four Mile Rd. and DD Ave. and 100 Rd. going north; he has received several reports of patrons getting flat tires.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$65,617.14. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 15,434.57
Road & Bridge:	\$ 9,378.46
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 6,048.00
Noxious Weed:	\$ 34,317.60
Ambulance:	\$ 118.51
Solid Waste:	\$ 50.00
Morris County 911:	\$ 270.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$102,945.26. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for the Council Grove Marina located at 1025 Lake Rd. The application is for a one-day event; consumption on premises. Motion carried.

The stairways outside of the north and east entrances of the courthouse are needing repairs. Epoxy Brothers LLC provided the following quotes that include stem wall and stairway patching as needed, removal of old slip-resistant coating and application of new textured coating:

East entrance stairways: \$4,000.00

North entrance stairway: \$4,800.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the quote from Epoxy Brothers LLC for repairs of the stairways on the east entrance of the courthouse. The commission will consider repair of the north stairway at a later date. Funds are to be paid from the Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regard the county's Capital Improvement Fund plans.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the Capital Improvement Plan, as follows:

2023

Courthouse Flooring	\$ 40,000
EMS Building Lease	\$ 84,240
Road & Bridge Waterline Project	\$100,000
EMS A/C Condenser	\$ 1,000
Appraiser's Office Remodel	\$ 2,850
Courthouse Exterior Stair Repair	\$ 4,000

2024

EMS Building Lease	\$ 82,680
Public Transportation Building	\$ 56,385

2025

EMS Building Lease	\$ 81,120
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2026

EMS Building Lease	\$ 79,560
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The plan is estimations only and may be revised or amended in the future, as needed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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