

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's Office, Jail and Dispatch. Representatives from Motorola provided a presentation to staff for the implementation and use of the Computer Aided Dispatch System. Discussion was held regarding current staffing for the Sheriff's Office, Jail and Dispatch. Sheriff Simecka would like to hold a meeting with local fire agencies to discuss the new 800mhz radios. He will contact Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, for further information.

Dave Owen, Morris County EMS Director, gave a report on Morris County EMS and the following run statistics for the month of April:

Ambulance calls:	54
Transfers from MCH to other hospitals:	11
Total number of runs:	65
Year to date total runs:	252

Ambulance runs continue to be tracked for responses in the north area of the county vs the south and are as follows:

North County:	17
South County:	48

Services Unlimited evaluated the EMS building's current ac unit last week. After further evaluation it is recommended that individual units be placed in the sleeping quarters. Neither quote that was presented at last week's commission meeting will be needed. Dave Owen will obtain quotes on small single ac units from home improvement stores and report the pricing to the commissioners.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Shandi Andres, District Director for the K-State Research and Extension- Flint Hills District, has received funding from the Grand Challenge for Health Grant. The funding will allow for a water bottle filling station to be purchased for the courthouse water fountain. The filling station is approximately \$650.00.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve funding from the Grand Challenge for Health Grant in order to purchase a water bottle filling station. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed re-organizing and categorizing the commercial special assessment landfill fees.

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

- Rawhide Quarry road rock was hauled to 1050 Rd. from J-P and 2000 Rd. from C-D
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) road rock was placed on V Ave. from 1900-2200, 2200 Rd. from V-Y, 1300 Rd. from R-U, 400 Rd. from Y-CC and V Ave. from 525-700

- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) base rock was hauled to M Ave. from 900-1050 and Helmick Rd. from 1200-1400
- Casey creek gravel was put on 1100 Rd. from A-B, Helmick Rd. from 1200-1400, 1400 Rd. from V-Z, M Ave. from 900-1050 and Kelso Rd. from M-P
- Trees were cut with the boom mower on 2000 Rd. from A-B and R Ave. from 2400-2500
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 400 Rd. from Y-CC, 300 Rd. from V-X, 3200 Rd. from BB-DD, 3000 Rd. from DD-FF, 2900 Rd. from Z-AA, R Ave. from 2400-2500 and 2500 Rd. from U-V
- Reclaimer was run on 300 Rd. from U-V, 3000 Rd. from J-P, 2400 Rd. from G-H and 2400 Rd. from L-Q
- Sign maintenance was done across the county
- Shelly had a conference call with MSHA regarding a violation; will have determination in approximately 2 weeks
- Chad McCullough, Engineer with Schwab Eaton, viewed the Meierhoff culvert

Two fuel bids were received for 4,500 gallons of clear #2 diesel fuel and 3,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total</u>
MFA Oil	2.8363/gal	2.5747/gal	\$21,774.80
Agri Trails	3.0286/gal	2.7154/gal	\$23,132.60

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the bid from MFA Oil as presented, in a total amount of \$21,774.80. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the hauling of the 2010 Freightliner M2 Dump Truck that was purchased on a Purple Wave Auction. The dump truck is in Minnesota and is to be picked up by the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. A quote from Purple Wave Shipping LLC was presented for delivering the dump truck in the amount of \$4,850.00.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the quote from Purple Wave Shipping LLC in the amount of \$4,850.00. Motion carried.

An employee was driving a tractor with a boom mower attached when the boom mower struck a truck that was parked on the street. The incident occurred in White City; nobody was injured. The damage to the parked truck has been submitted to KCAMP.

An application will be submitted to the FY2025 Small Bridge Program for funding to replace the OS-34 Bridge (Crocker Bridge located at K Ave. between 2000-2100). The bridge was built in 1925.

An application will be submitted to the FY2024 Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program (KLBIP) for funding to replace the RS-414 Bridge (Indian Creek Bridge located at 400 Rd. and DD Ave.). The bridge is rated as fracture critical.

Discussion was held regarding the area of 800 Rd. between Q-R; trees are needing to be trimmed and there were questions about whether or not this was an open public road.

Commissioner Kohler left the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of D Ave. between 1800-1900; minimum maintenance road that has drainage issues that need attention.

Commissioner Barber discussed the creek gravel pile located at the county shop, west of the fairground building; suggested that it be used and/or moved as fair season approaches.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$176,175.10. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 25,991.36
Road & Bridge:	\$ 22,540.29
Reappraisal:	\$ 303.51
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 18,726.51
Noxious Weed:	\$ 2,926.44
Ambulance:	\$ 339.68
Solid Waste:	\$ 944.74
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 20,350.00
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 83,097.00

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$43,196.97. Motion carried.

Chelsey Schmidt, Morris County Clerk, will be advertising in local newspapers, on social media and on the county website for a part time public transportation driver.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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

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**David L. Fox, Member**

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**Chelsey Schmidt**  
**Morris County Clerk**

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**Wayne Kohler, Member**