

November 1st, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, Jim Barber and David L. Fox were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk was present.

Darrell Litke attended the commission meeting. Discussion was held regarding the "County Farm" (the area north of the Old Stone Barn at the Fairgrounds). Darrell is currently the tenant and leases the pastureland and cropland from the County.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the October 25th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding plans for equipment reserve and capital improvement expenditures for the next five years. A draft of the plans will be developed and discussed further in the upcoming weeks.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$92,901.67 and employer liabilities in the amount of \$16,283.39. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$17,352.59. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 14,891.33
Road & Bridge:	\$ 672.62
Noxious Weed:	\$ 550.41
Ambulance:	\$ 95.19
Solid Waste:	\$ 1,143.04

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. The Recycle Center is seeking applicants for a full-time route driver; duties would also include assisting at the Transfer Station. Applications are available at the Recycle Center and on the County Website.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the purchase of 54, 96-gallon recycle containers at a unit price of \$55.06 each and 54, 64-gallon recycle containers at a unit price of \$48.61 each from Cascade Cart Solutions; for a total of \$5,598.18 and a shipping cost of \$1,305.00. Funds are to be paid from the Recycle Fund. Motion carried.

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

- Mid States Materials gravel was placed on T Ave. between 2400-2600 and on 1900 Rd. between U and V
- Creek gravel was hauled to T Ave. between 2500-2600, T Ave. between 2000-2100 and AB Ave. between 100-150
- Cleaned log jam at the OS-99 (Gail Lee) Bridge
- Mowing was done in the Four Mile area and on the Wilsey, Burdick and Latimer routes
- Shoulder ditch work was done on BB Ave. from 100-150, 525 Rd. from V-X, 1900 Rd. from U-Z and Z Ave. from 1900- CC
- Cleaned up trees that blew down on DD Ave. from the Dunlap Rd. to 400 Rd.
- Checked and got the pumps working on the brine tanks
- Shelly participated in the National Highway Institute Course "Foundations of Federal-Aid Highway Program Appraisals" and received a certificate of training

Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, arrived at the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to authorize Jeff Falter to bid on a 1995 Ford L8000 Dump Truck and a 2009 Dodge Ram 5500HD Quad Cab Dump Truck on a Purple Wave Auction on November 8th, 2022 in an amount not exceed \$45,000.00 total. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the Proclamation supporting the “Stepping Up” Program, to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

--Meeting minutes can also be found on the county website: www.morriscountyks.org

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Wayne Kohler, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

David L. Fox, Member