

November 21st, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 21st, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, Wayne Kohler and David L. Fox were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, and Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Laura Viar, County Attorney, gave a report on the Attorney's Office. Laura Viar has been appointed to fill the unexpired term for the 8th Judicial District Magistrate Judge position for Morris County. Magistrate Judge, Peggy White, is retiring from the position at the end of 2022. The Central Republican Committee will be responsible for appointing a County Attorney to fill Laura Viar's unexpired term.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from November 15th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried, with Commissioner Kohler abstaining.

Plans were discussed for Capital Improvement expenditures for 2023-2027 and for Equipment Reserve expenditures for 2023-2025.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Solid Waste Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Solid Waste departments. Discussion was held regarding an overflow of cardboard at the Recycle Center. The spray truck will be moved and stored in the north end of the EMS Building for the winter months. The EMS building is heated and has adequate space in the north end. Moving the spray truck will also help temporarily free up space for the Recycle Center to utilize for storage of the current cardboard overflow.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$137,343.74. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$77,652.76. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 5,701.94
Road & Bridge:	\$ 39,655.98
Reappraisal:	\$ 260.00
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 9,647.04
Noxious Weed:	\$ 2,961.93
Solid Waste:	\$ 19,156.87
Capital Improvement:	\$ 269.00

Commissioner Kohler did not attend the afternoon session.

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

- Truck shed repair from wind storm damages was completed by K-Construction; Shelly notified KCAMP of the completion; final reimbursement check from KCAMP is being issued in the amount of \$10,557.97
- A culvert was replaced at DD Ave. and 1000 Rd.
- Removed a long tube on 200 Rd. and X Ave. with a damaged end; cut off damaged end and replaced
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 200 Rd. from X-Y, 300 Rd. from P-Q, 900 Rd. from U-V, 150 Rd. from Y-AA, 1200 Rd. from T-U and 1500 Rd. from U-V
- Ditches were cleaned out on 2000 Rd. from V-X and 2500 Rd. from V-X

- Creek gravel was placed on 1500 Rd. from U-V and 1200 Rd. from T-U
- Mowing was done on the Lake Rd. and the Council Grove route
- Oversized creek gravel was placed on 150 Rd. from Y-AA and 900 Rd. from U-V
- Worked on salt and sand equipment and chainsaws in preparation for winter
- Maintenance work was done on equipment and on the shop
- The used trucks that were purchased on Purple Wave Auction were picked up and brought back to the shop
- Jeff attended the District 2 meeting in Salina on Friday
- KDHE did a site visit to the area of 2800 Rd. from K-L

One fuel bid was received for 4,000 gallons of winter blend clear diesel fuel and 4,000 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agri Trails	4.3436/gal	2.7333/gal	\$28,307.60

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the fuel bid from Agri Trails as presented, in the total amount of \$28,307.60. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed a possible drainage issue in the ditch located at 525 and X Ave. The drainage issue was discussed during the August 30th, 2022 commission meeting. At that time, the Commissioners agreed for the county to haul 2-3 loads of rip-rap to the location; the land owner would be responsible for the purchase of the rip-rap. The landowner has now decided an alternate method of reconstructing the ditch and no longer wishes to purchase the rip rap, nor have the county haul the rip rap.

Commissioner Barber discussed the Diamond Creek Rd. going south of Diamond Springs to the county line.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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

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