

## **November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

Gary Sevenans visited with the Commissioners regarding the City of Council Grove possibly expanding their Zoning Regulations up to a 3-mile radius outside of the city boundaries.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's Office remodel and expansion project. The expansion portion of the project is nearly complete; the contractor plans to begin on the remodel portion of the project soon. Discussion was held regarding the power pole located west of the Sheriff's Office. Discussion was held regarding policies and procedures for Morris County Dispatchers. A quote from Navrats was presented for the purchase of office cubicle workstations for the Sheriff's Office remodel in the amount of \$21,284.20. The Sheriff and Undersheriff will use their current office furniture; the new cubicle workstations will be for the deputies. Sheriff Simecka discussed funds he has available in the Registered Offender Fund and the Drug Forfeiture and Seizure Fund.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the quote from Navrats for office cubicle workstations for the Sheriff's Office remodel in the amount of \$21,284.20. Funds are to be paid from the Sheriff's Registered Offender Fund, Sheriff's Drug Forfeiture and Seizure Fund and Jail Capital Outlay Fund. Motion carried 2-1, with Commissioner Barber opposing.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments.

Ed Gillespie discussed a culvert located at 1400 Rd. and T Ave. that needs attention.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$372,370.86. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 1,489.75
Road & Bridge:	\$ 2,353.85
Special Bridge:	\$ 5,643.00
Reappraisal:	\$ 8.26
ARPA Funds:	\$ 362,876.00

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll as presented, in the total amount of \$103,492.65. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

John Mugler, District Director for Senator Marshall's Office visited with the Commissioners.

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

- Air Capital Quarry gravel was placed on 1800 Rd. from C-G and spotted in on 500 Rd. from H-K
- Rawhide Quarry road rock was put on G Ave. from 500-800
- A load of base rock was used to fix potholes on G Ave. from 400-500
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) base rock was used on Kahola Rd. from 400-500, DD Ave. from 400-500 and 400 Rd. from DD-Kahola Rd.

- Mowing was done on both White City routes
- Final walk through was done with Olgoonik for the waterline project completion
- A culvert/ditch issue located at 2525 H Ave. was discussed

Commissioner Barber discussed the box culvert located at 1400 Rd. and T Ave.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-07 declaring the Morris County shop property located in Latimer, Kansas to be surplus property and to be sold by sealed bid. Motion carried.

Notice of the sale of property will be published in the newspaper for two consecutive weeks. Sealed bids will be opened at the Morris County Commission Meeting Room on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners visited with Ben Moore via telephone regarding the power pole located west of the Sheriff's Office. Discussion was held regarding the proposed parking lot for the Sheriff's Office remodel and addition.

There will be no commission meeting held next week, Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioners will be attending the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Conference in Wichita, Kansas.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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

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**OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**Jim Barber, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**David L. Fox, Member**

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**Chelsey Schmidt  
Morris County Clerk**

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**Wayne Kohler, Member**