

November 7th, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 7th, 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.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church, and Gary Floyd

Dustin Gibson, with Lamunyon Mold Inspection and Remediation, attended the meeting via telephone. 18 tape samples were obtained throughout the courthouse on November 1st. The samples were sent to Hayes Microbial Consulting Lab. The lab report was presented confirming the organisms found and the spore estimate. Lamunyon is unable to verify from the reports whether the organisms and spore estimate reported are toxic mold or non-toxic mold. It is suggested that the County contact an environmental contractor to perform more extensive testing and review of the lab report. Lamunyon will provide the county with contact information for an environmental contractor.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the October 31st, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Kevin Leeper, Morris County Hospital CEO, gave a report on the Morris County Hospital. Financial reports were presented and reviewed for Morris County EMS and Morris County Hospital.

Ben Moore with Ben Moore Design LLC discussed the power pole and Sheriff's Office Remodel and Addition Project. The existing pole will need to be relocated. Everygy is estimating a cost of approximately \$50,000.00 to complete the relocation of the pole. Commissioners discussed obtaining alternative quotes for the line boring. The item will be discussed further next week.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the change order for the Sheriff's office Remodel and Addition Project as discussed, in the amount of a \$10,006.25 cost deduction. Only three of the offices will be carpeted; the rest will be epoxy that will be contracted separately by the County. Motion carried.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. Discussion was held regarding the definition of household trash.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the County Attorney's Diversion Fund request for an invoice to Ray's Apple Market in the amount of \$146.87 for the October MDT Meeting. Motion carried. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$51,819.06. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 39,922.74
Road & Bridge:	\$ 4,428.29
Reappraisal:	\$ 208.22
Noxious Weed:	\$ 914.51
Ambulance:	\$ 571.72
Morris County 911:	\$ 955.58
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 4,818.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve payroll liabilities as presented, in the total amount of \$41,686.09. Motion carried.

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

- Air Capital Quarry road rock was placed on 2500 Rd. from T-U and C Ave. from 2200-2300
- Base rock was stockpiled at the county shop
- Base rock was spotted in on 250 Rd. from M-P
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on P Ave. from 250-300 and 250 Rd. from M-P
- Brush crew removed trees, thickets and trimmed cedar trees on 1600 Rd. from U-V, 1800 Rd. from D-F, 2000 Rd. from A-B and 2100 Rd. from A-B
- Mowing was done on the Wilsey, Council Grove and Dwight routes
- Creek gravel was screened at the county shop
- Schwab-Eaton and engineer Dave Beach were selected to lead the work on the OS-34 Bridge Replacement
- Olgoonik continues to work on the waterline project at the county shop; lines were pressure tested and there were no problems; a change order has been approved for an additional hydrant and additional footage of line; a change order has been approved to eliminate a pit by the barn bathrooms

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 1800 Rd. between C-D; there are drainage issues that need to be addressed and 1800 Rd. going north from the railroad needs more gravel.

Commissioner Fox discussed drainage concerns on 575 Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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

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