

November 8th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber and David L. Fox were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Laura Viar, County Attorney, Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, Scott Coover, Undersheriff, John Riffel, Deputy, Kevin Leeper, Morris County Hospital CEO, and Amber Wangerin, RN, discussed the policies and procedures for care in treatment cases. Care in treatment cases addresses the care of individuals that are in custody of law enforcement and are determined to be a harm to themselves or others due to mental illness and need specialized treatment/supervision. Communication and consistency are needed between all agencies involved in this process. Policies and protocols will be developed for care in treatment cases and the item will be re-discussed December 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, gave a report on Emergency Management. Discussion was held regarding applying for an Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) for 800mhz radios for all fire departments in Morris County.

Shandi Andres discussed improvements needing to be done at the Fair Building. The Fair Board has developed an improvement committee to address and prioritize the improvements needed. The Fair Board will also be in search of grant funding opportunities to assist with funding the improvement projects.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Discussion was held regarding price quotes for a scale for the Transfer Station.

Steve Wagner, with Air Capital Recycling, discussed plans for the company to decrease their operation at Rawhide Rock Quarry to part time.

Skylar Thompson with KAW Nation discussed partnering with the county to apply for funding to repair bridges that correlate with the KAW Nation.

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

- Mid States Materials Quarry gravel was placed on 2800 Rd. from BB-DD, CC Ave. from 2700-2800, 1900 Rd. from U-V, 2900 Rd. from CC-FF, and Z Ave. from 2700-2800
- Rawhide Quarry gravel was hauled on Kelso Rd. from M-Q, J Ave. from 1300-1400 and G Ave. from 1100-1300
- Mowing was done on the Council Grove and Burdick routes
- Removed a downed tree from the roadway on K Ave. between 400 Rd. and Old Hwy 4
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 2700 Rd. from G-H
- Finished removing the log jam at the OS-99 (Gail Lee) Bridge
- Trees were removed from the channel on K Ave. between 2000-2100 at the OS-34 Bridge; trees and brush were removed and hauled to the White City burn site
- Channel maintenance was done on a box culvert on J Ave. from 1300-1400; 18-24-inch rip rap and 6-inch ditch liner was placed to help with erosion
- Drainage issues on 2800 Rd. from K-L

The Commissioners had given prior authorization for Jeff Falter to bid on trucks on a Purple Wave Auction in an amount not exceed \$45,000.00. A 2009 Dodge Ram dump truck with a plow and sander was purchased in the amount of \$26,400.00 and a 2007 International dump truck with a plow was purchased in the amount of \$12,650.00. Funds will be paid from the Road & Bridge Fund.

Corrine Blosser gave a report on courthouse maintenance.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from November 1st, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$39,489.46. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$98,196.38. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 28,765.38
Road & Bridge:	\$ 66,424.43
Reappraisal:	\$ 271.74
Noxious Weed:	\$ 141.86
Ambulance:	\$ 401.13
Solid Waste:	\$ 930.62
Morris County 911:	\$ 1,261.22

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the County Attorney's Diversion Fund Request for expenses for attending the KCDA Conference in Wichita and for expenses for attending the Cycle of Violence Training in San Diego. The total cost of mileage, hotels, flights, and meal reimbursements is \$3,031.26. \$1,312.88 is to be paid from the Diversion Fund and \$1,718.38 is to be paid from the Prosecutor Training Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve and authorize Chelsey Schmidt to sign the Notice to Proceed and agreement documentation with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the Access Innovation and Collaboration (AIC) Grant for the Morris County Public Transportation Facility. Morris County Public Transportation was awarded grant funding from the AIC- Call for Projects Program to build a new public transportation building. The total cost of the project will be \$563,850.00; \$507,465.00 (90%) of the cost is funded by KDOT; the remaining \$56,385.00 (10%) is funded by Morris County. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

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ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

David L. Fox, Member