

## October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 24<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.

Others present: Gary Floyd

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

- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) base rock was stockpiled at the shop
- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) road rock was placed on 2400 Rd. from L-M and Helmick Rd. from 1200-1400
- Air Capital Quarry road rock was placed on 2400 Rd. from L-M, 1900 Rd. from T-U and 2500 Rd. from T-U
- New field entrance culvert was installed on 2400 Rd. between D-F; crossroad tubes were installed on 2400 Rd. between L-M and on 2500 Rd. between T-U
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 2500 Rd. from T-V and 3000 Rd. from Q-R
- Clearing of the hedge row from the right of way on T Ave. between 2400-2500 was completed
- Replaced a 5-foot section of a box culvert on 1900 Rd. and T Ave.
- Mowing was done on the Council Grove, Wilsey, Delavan, Latimer and Dwight routes
- Mowing was done at the gun range and around the shop
- Trees were cut on Y Ave. from 1600-1800, T Ave. from 2400-2500 and 1600 Rd. from V-X
- Shelly attended a "Reading the Roadway" webinar hosted by the National Center for Rural Road Safety
- Jeff and Shelly attended the KDOT pre-construction meeting for the Hwy 56 Bridge
- Olgoonik has started the waterline project work at the county shop

One fuel bid was received for 4,000 gallons of clear #2 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>
MFA Oil	3.9973/gal	2.6867/gal	\$27,736.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the bid from MFA Oil as presented, in the total amount of \$27,736.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the county shop in Latimer; it is needing mowed.

Discussion was held regarding selling the county shop lot in Latimer. The property is approximately 5 acres in the area of 2400 Rd. and V Ave. The item was tabled.

Discussion was held regarding selling the county hay ground. The item was tabled.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 2800 Rd. and C Ave. and 2900 Rd. and D Ave; both are minimum maintenance roads that need attention.

Discussion was held regarding implementing a policy and agreement for the Road & Bridge Department to put interested employees through CDL courses. The item was tabled.

Commissioners approved a quote from Goodell Masonry LLC last week for stone veneer wainscot of the west side of the Sheriff's Office entryway in the amount of \$7,200.00. An

additional quote was presented from Goodell Masonry LLC for labor and materials for stone veneer wainscot to the south and north side of the Sheriff's Office entryway.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the additional quote from Goodell Masonry LLC for the stone veneer wainscot to the south side and north side of the Sheriff's Office entryway, in the amount of \$3,400.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, visited with the commissioners regarding the additional quote from Goodell Masonry LLC. Discussion was held regarding the progress on the addition and remodel. The commissioners viewed the Sheriff's Office construction site.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$111,312.44. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 58,875.54
Road & Bridge:	\$ 9,361.83
Special Bridge:	\$ 3,600.00
Reappraisal:	\$ 89.97
County Health:	\$ 9,002.00
Ambulance:	\$ 14,308.00
Mental Health:	\$ 4,000.00
Hospital Maintenance:	\$ 10,016.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 2,059.10

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll liabilities as presented, in the total amount of \$131,489.76. Motion carried.

The Transfer Station has sent out bid specifications for truck scales. Sealed bids are to be opened on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:15 A.M. in the Morris County Commissioner's Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

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

#### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

#### **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**