

October 25th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 25th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, Jim Barber and David L. Fox were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk were present.

Discussion was held regarding the educational sessions the commissioners attended at the KAC Conference. The commissioners would like to consider contracting with a grant writer or possibly having a shared grant writer with neighboring counties.

Discussion was held regarding CD interest rates.

Insurance bids were opened for the county's property, liability and work comp insurance. Jesse Pfannenstiel, David Luke, and Brandon Mann with KCAMP and KWORCC were present.

One bid was submitted for the property and liability insurance from KCAMP. One bid was submitted for work comp insurance from KWORCC. Discussion was held regarding the bids.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the bid for property and liability insurance submitted by KCAMP as presented, in the amount of \$112,613.00; this is a 12.8% increase from the annual premium for 2022. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the bid for work comp insurance submitted by KWORCC as presented, in the amount of \$29,533.00; this is an 11% decrease from the annual premium quoted for 2022. Motion carried.

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, discussed CD interest rates.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-12 to make dormant 20-year old personal property tax warrants. There are eleven personal property tax warrants that are 20 years old or older. It is not reasonable to expect said tax warrants to be collected because of various factors such as the person has moved, the property is gone, or the person has passed away. The total amount of outstanding taxes is \$1,382.13. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the annual renewal of the contract with IServe Facilities for the courthouse cleaning, maintenance and landscaping/mowing/snow removal services. There will be a 4% increase for 2023, bringing the annual premium to \$59,991.00. Motion carried.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. The Recycle Center is seeking applicants for a full-time route driver; duties would also include assisting at the Transfer Station. Applications are available at the Recycle Center and on the County Website.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the Transfer Station to be closed November 24th-27th in observation of Thanksgiving; and December 24th-26th in observation of Christmas. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the letter of support for the application submitted by Morris County General Public Transportation to the Kansas Department of Transportation. The application will be for public transportation assistance funding for FY2024. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$138,867.50. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to apply for funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). Morris County is considered an eligible revenue sharing county and is allocated \$100,000.00 in funding. \$50,000.00 is allocated for 2022 and \$50,000.00 is allocated for 2023. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$39,547.89. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 18,513.66
Road & Bridge:	\$ 3,487.90
Reappraisal:	\$ 313.51
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 16,545.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 687.82

Commissioner Kohler did not attend the afternoon session.

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

- Road V between 1700-1800 was ditched and new gravel laid; both creek gravel and Mid States Materials gravel was used
- Creek gravel was hauled to DD Ave. from 100-400, 150 Rd. from Z-AA, 400 Rd. from D-F, 300 Rd. from G-H, 300 Rd. from D-F, F Ave. from 500-600, 500 Rd. from F-G, 600 Rd. from F-G, F Ave. from 500-600, Kahola Rd. from 400-500, Kahola Rd. from 500-FF, 200 Rd. from X-Y, 400 Rd. from R-T and on 400 Rd. from X-Y to cover a culvert
- Removed a culvert and made a low water crossing at 1900 Rd. between D-F; creek gravel was placed after dirt was hauled away to 1700 Rd. from G-H
- Fixed shoulder on the west side of 300 Rd. between D-F and rocked with creek gravel
- Crushed rock at the landfill was hauled to 525 Rd. between V-X
- Spread dirt over rock at 1700 Rd. between G-H; put big rock on F Ave. from 1600-1700 where the bank was eroding
- Culverts were set at 1900 Rd. between C-D, 400 Rd. between X-Y and on 4 Mile Rd. between AA-BB
- Removed a broken head wall and fixed a hole in the ditch on 1800 Rd. and 6th Street at Wilsey
- Cleaned brush out of the ditches on G Ave. between 1100-1200 and 1100 Rd. between D-F
- Fixed a washout on 2900 Rd. between L-M; Mid States Materials rock was used
- Shoulder ditch work was done on Z Ave. between 3000-3100, 500 Rd. between Kahola Rd. and DD Ave., 400 Rd. between P-Q and 300 Rd. between D-F
- Asphalt patch was used to patch potholes on the RS-60 (Dunlap Bridge)
- Mowing was done in the Dunlap, Wilsey and Latimer areas and on Old Hwy 4, Helmick Rd. and at the gun range
- Jeff Falter took part in the Mentoring Program at Council Grove High School for career day
- Shelly and Jeff met with Michael Maris of E.E.S. Engineering regarding bi-annual bridge inspections
- Jeff and Shelly met with KDHE at the OS-99 (Gail Lee Bridge), to continue compliance of the burn permit
- Jeff Falter attended the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Conference

Commissioner Barber discussed a pothole that may need attention on G Ave. between 2300-2400 Rd.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the October 11th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. 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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