

## October 31st, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 31st, 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. The courthouse was inspected on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Areas of visible mold and elevated levels of humidity were found throughout the building. Discussion was held regarding determining the types of mold present. Commissioners authorized Lamunyon to obtain tape samples in each office throughout the courthouse and to submit for testing. The tape samples are \$75.00 per sample. Lamunyon will obtain the samples on November 1<sup>st</sup> and submit for testing. Reports will be presented to the Commissioners at next week's meeting. Lamunyon will also provide quotes for various dehumidifiers for the Commissioners to review.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, visited with the commission regarding neighborhood revitalization for residential properties.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, visited with the commissioners regarding dispatching procedures for paging first responders.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$86,444.11. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 8,741.80
Road & Bridge:	\$ 32,270.19
Noxious Weed:	\$ 123.54
Morris County 911:	\$ 109.58
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 45,199.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve payroll as presented, in the total amount of \$100,481.33. Motion carried.

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

Four sealed bids for a 40-foot truck scale and a 60-foot truck scale (including installation and electronic upfitting) were received and opened.

Those present: Larry Travis with Travis Scale Company LLC

Bids are as follows:

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>40-Ft Scale</u></b>	<b><u>60-Ft Scale</u></b>
Salina Scale	\$97,543.00	\$116,228.00
WH Scale Company	(bid incomplete)	(bid incomplete)
Travis Scale Company LLC	\$105,992.20	\$130,107.80
Hammel Scale	\$136,215.00	\$154,715.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to reject all bids received for the truck scales. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to accept the offer from Travis Scale Company LLC for a new Cardinal 70-foot steel deck above ground truck scale in the amount of \$130,107.80. Funds will be paid from the LATCF Funds and the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve and authorize Commissioner Barber to sign the quote from Travis Scale Company LLC, as presented. Motion carried.

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 Old Hwy 4 from M-P
- Rawhide Quarry road rock was placed on K Ave. from 900-1050
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 300 Rd. from Q-R and 3000 Rd. from DD-FF
- Routine grading was done on all routes across the county
- Trucks went to Kanopolis for salt and to Wamego for sand; mixed salt/sand and put away into the storage sheds at White City and Council Grove
- Worked on brine tank pumps and circulated brine in tanks at Dwight, Delavan and White City
- Mowing was done on the Burdick, Council Grove and Dwight routes
- Creek gravel was screened at the county shop
- Ogloonik continues to work on the waterline project at the county shops

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to authorize Commissioner Barber to sign the contract with Mid States Materials to crush rock at the Wilsey Quarry. 15,000 tons of 2 ½ inch base rock will be crushed at \$9.25 per ton and 35,000 tons of 1 ¼ inch screed road rock will be crushed at \$10.25 per ton. Crushing will begin the first quarter of 2024. Morris County will own all lime by-product produced by the 1 ¼ inch screened road rock production. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, discussed proposed legislation regarding a constitutional amendment that would cap assessed value increases to 4% per year.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to appoint Chelsey Schmidt as the Morris County Voting Delegate and Commissioner Barber as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual KWORCC Business Meeting to be held in Wichita on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

--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**