

October 3rd, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 3rd, 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

Discussion was held regarding areas of mold in the law library that has been found around the HVAC piping. A licensed mold remediation company will be contacted to inspect the courthouse and determine the type of mold and appropriate remediation measures that need to be taken.

One sealed bid was received for a three-year lease of the County Farm Property as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Darrell Litke	\$5,400.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the bid from Darrell Litke for the lease of the County Farm Property, in the amount of \$5,400.00 annually. The term of the lease will be for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding bidding out the county's property and liability insurance. During the budgeting process commissioners received notice from the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP) that insurance premiums for 2024 are expected to increase 20-25%, along with increases to deductibles. The renewal premium with KCAMP will be available soon. Commissioners would like to seek alternate bids; notice will be published in the newspaper.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the Letter of Support for the SFY25 KDOT Public Transportation Assistance Grant Application. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to authorize Chelsey Schmidt, Public Transportation Director, to execute and sign all documents pertaining to the SFY25 KDOT Public Transportation Assistance Grant Application. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll as presented, in the total amount of \$100,732.21. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$171,711.97. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 28,340.44
Road & Bridge:	\$ 123,717.58
Reappraisal:	\$ 20.99
Ambulance:	\$ 117.54
Morris County 911:	\$ 18,667.17
Capital Improvement:	\$ 848.25

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the September 26th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the quote from Jake's Tree Service for trimming and maintenance for the courthouse trees, in the amount of \$1,555.48. Motion carried.

Chad Gerhardt and Lindsay Erhart, with Mid States Materials, visited with the commissioners regarding a proposal to crush rock for the county at the Wilsey location. Mid States Materials will

crush 1 ¼ inch road rock for \$9.25/ton and/or 1 ¼ inch screened road rock for \$10.25/ton; a minimum quantity of 50,000 tons would be required. Discussion was held. The item was tabled.

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

- Mid States Materials Quarry (Wilsey location) base rock was hauled on U Ave. from 3100-3200
- Air Capital Quarry road rock was spotted in on 1900 Rd. from U-V, 2200 Rd. from Diamond Springs to Z Ave., U Ave. from 3100-3200, CC Ave. from 2800-2900, 2400 Rd. from J-L, 2600 Rd. X-Y, J Ave. from 2200-2300, Kelso Rd. from M-P, G Ave. from 700-800 and G Ave. from 900-1100
- Mid States Materials Quarry AB-3 rock was put on 2800 Rd. from C-D and 2700 Rd. from B-C
- Air Capital Quarry rock was placed on 2500 Rd. from Q-T, 2400 Rd. from Q-R, 525 Rd. from V-X and 300 Rd. from P-Q
- Base rock was hauled on 300 Rd. from P-Q
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 300 Rd. from P-T
- Mowing was done in the Parkerville and Kelso areas and on the Wilsey and Delavan routes
- E.E.S. LLC has received the bridge files and started bridge inspection work
- Culverts were installed on CC Ave. between 2800-2900, 2500 Rd. between R-T, 2600 Rd. between Y-Z and 2600 Rd. between X-Y
- Jeff Falter attended the District 2 meeting in Salina

Three bids were received for 48 culverts of various sizes and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total</u>
Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC	\$25,623.84
Welborn Sales, Inc.	\$20,166.12
J & J Drainage Products	\$20,498.20

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid from Welborn Sales, Inc. as presented; in a total amount of \$20,166.12. Funds are to be paid from the Road & Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

Skylar Matthews and Paul Stokesberry, with the KAW Nation, visited with the commissioners regarding expanding the area of roadways to be included in the Kaw Nation's Tribal Transportation Program route system. The intergovernmental agreement between Morris County and the Kaw Nation, along with the expansion of the designated route system, will allow for potential grant funding sources for road and bridge improvements in the designated area.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to authorize Jeff Falter to sign the utility permit for Hyterra LTD to perform work along 2400 Rd., located between Section F20, Township 5 South and Range 6 East. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to authorize Jeff Falter to sign the utility permit for Everygy to perform work along South 700 Rd., located between Section 19, Township 16 South, and Range 9 East. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to authorize Chairman Barber to sign the contract agreement with Olgoonik Enterprises, LLC for the waterline replacement project. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the implementation of a base pay scale for the road department employees. The base pay scale for road department employees would be categorized by experience level into the following tiers:

OP1- Grader or specific machine entry level

OP2- Specific machine(s) advanced level

OP3- Multiple Machines, proficient at all

TD1- CDL straight truck with restrictions

TD2- CDL straight truck with no restrictions

TD3- CDL all vehicles, proficient at all & operates equipment

RC1- Road labor, no CDL, does not operate equipment

RC2- Road labor, no CDL, does operate equipment

RC3- Road labor, with CDL, does operate equipment

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the implementation of the base pay scale for the road department employees, as presented. Motion carried.

Jan Sciacca, with the Council Grove Republican, informed the commissioners that the Republican will now be making all legal publications available online for public access and viewing. This will be provided at no additional charge and does not require subscription to the website. All legal publications will continue to be printed in the newspapers as well. The website for the Council Grove Republican is www.councilgroverepublican.com.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the County Attorney's Diversion Fund request for an invoice to Ray's Apple Market for the September MDT Meeting, in the amount of \$102.81. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. 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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