

September 13th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David L. Fox and Jim Barber 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, gave a report on the Attorney's Office.

Tim Tyner, with Tyner Insurance Group Inc., discussed bidding the county's property and liability insurance.

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, gave a report on emergency management. Discussion was held regarding the need for an 800-radio system for all fire departments in Morris County. The commissioners approved a quote from KA-COMM last week for the replacement of four battery back-ups for the tornado sirens in the amount of \$1,523.10. The quote that was presented was incorrect; \$1,523.10 is the price per individual battery. The commissioners requested to have other quotes obtained.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to rescind the motion made last week approving the quote from KA-COMM in the amount of \$1,523.10. Motion carried.

Darrell Litke discussed the area north of the rodeo arena.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to recess the commission meeting and change the location of the meeting to the downstairs meeting room for a continuation of the RNR and Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

A continuation of the RNR and Budget Hearing was held in the downstairs meeting room at 10:00 a.m.

Those present were: Commissioner Kohler, Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Barber, Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Billy Kryger.

No taxpayers were present for comments.

The 2023 RNR and Proposed Budget were reviewed. No action was taken and no changes were made from last week's hearing.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to adjourn the continuance of the RNR and Budget Hearing and to change the location of the meeting to the upstairs meeting room. Motion carried.

The commission meeting resumed in the upstairs meeting room at 10:10 a.m.

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

- Pushed up rock and hauled from the creek at the Dean Miller site to the stockpile where it was screened
- Stockpiled creek gravel at the county shop
- Creek gravel was hauled to Q Ave. from 1600-1700, P Ave. from 1700-1900, 2600 Rd. from G-H, 2600 Rd. from K-L and the intersections of 2400 Rd. and M Ave. and 2400 Rd. and Q Ave.
- Blading on all routes

- Mowing was done around the lake on Four Mile Rd. and Z Ave.; continue mowing on the western county routes
- Installed a driveway culvert at 3000 Rd. between AA-BB
- Shoulder and ditch work was done on AA Ave. between 3100-3200
- Routine sign maintenance done across the county; county stop signs and 911 signs continue to be removed and thrown in the pasture at Old Hwy 4 and 500 Rd.
- Inventory lists were updated and submitted to the clerk
- LTAP installed traffic counters on 1000 Rd. between A-B, 800 Rd. and J Ave., Kelso Rd., Old Hwy 4 and 400 Rd.; data will be collected until September 26th and report will be provided on September 30th
- Four Mile community are moving forward with the development and design of a community sign that individuals could purchase for their yards or driveway entrances
- 500 Rd. rock discussion
- Box culvert in the area of B Ave. and Skiddy Rd. discussion; photos were reviewed

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the Community Arts Council to use the county's light tower and generator for Seth Fest on October 8th. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed ditches in the area of 2100 Rd. and Parkerville.

Commissioner Fox discussed mowing on Old Hwy 4.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the County Attorney's Diversion Fund request for an invoice to Rays Apple Market for the September MDT Meeting in the amount of \$51.53. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the bid opening for the Sheriff's Office Remodel. The bid opening is scheduled for September 20th at 10:00 a.m. During the pre-bid walk through that was held on September 8th, several contractors requested to have an extension for the bid opening.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to extend the bid opening for the Sheriff's Office Remodel from September 20th at 10:00 a.m. to September 27th at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the September 6th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$41,022.25. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$271,370.51. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 17,877.16
Road & Bridge:	\$ 228,960.20
Reappraisal:	\$ 325.36
Noxious Weed:	\$ 1,419.44
Solid Waste:	\$ 21,720.73
Morris County 911:	\$ 1,067.62

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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

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Wayne Kohler, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

**Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk**

David L. Fox, Member