

September 19th, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, were present.

Others present: Gary Floyd and Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Jamie Johnson, County Health Nurse, gave a report on the Health Department. The health department is preparing for the upcoming flu season. Plans are being made to hold vaccination clinics throughout the county and at the schools. Jamie would like to obtain quotes for re-doing the flooring in the health department. No immediate plans are in place to move forward with the project, however, she would like to have a price range in order to apply for possible grant funding.

Dennis Anderson discussed signage posted on H-J Ave., along Hwy 177, a road is mislabeled as being I Ave. The 9-1-1 signage was posted by Wildcat Construction. The information will be reported to Wildcat Construction.

Connie Fisher, Treasurer's Office employee, discussed holiday pay. It was requested to consider part time employees that are scheduled to work on a holiday to receive holiday pay. Discussion was held. The item was tabled.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the County Attorney's Diversion Fund Request for the August MDT Meeting invoice to Rays Apple Market in the amount of \$99.71. Motion carried. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the quote from TBS Electronics Inc. in the amount of \$7,596.00, for the purchase of 12 additional used Motorola 800mhz mobile radios for the fire departments within Morris County. The purchase of these additional radios will deplete the \$50,000.00 private donation that was received for 800mhz radios. Motion carried. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund.

Commissioner Kohler, (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$68,129.54. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 17,892.75
Road & Bridge:	\$ 27,830.77
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 20,610.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 297.02
Morris County 911:	\$ 399.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 1,100.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve payroll as presented, in the total amount of \$109,289.81. Motion carried.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed & Waste Management Director, gave a report on Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. Discussion was held regarding the proposed renewal contract with Hamm Companies. Jeff Hamm and Charlie Sedlock with Hamm Companies attended the commission meeting via telephone. The Transfer Station will be closed on Friday, November 10th in observation of Veterans Day. A request was made to be closed on Saturday, November 11th as well. The Transfer Station will be closed Thursday-Friday, November 23rd and 24th in observation of Thanksgiving. A request was made to be closed on

Saturday, November 25th as well. Commissioners were in favor of closing the Transfer Station Saturday, November 25th. The request for closing Saturday, November 11th 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 to DD Ave. from 1100-1300 and to the county shop stockpile
- Air Capital Quarry road rock was spotted in on 3000 Rd. from Q-R, 3000 Rd. from U-V, 3000 Rd. from T-U, 2600 Rd. from J-L, J Ave. from 2600-2700, 2700 Rd. from L-M, G Ave. from 800-1050 and 1100 Rd. from F-G
- Hauled chips to stockpile at White City and back hauled Air Capital Quarry rock to the county shop stockpile
- Culvert work was done on 1100 Rd. between F-G
- A tree was removed on 400 Rd. between Dunlap Rd. and Z Ave.
- Mowing on White City and Delavan routes and the Diamond Springs area
- Boom mower was used on trees on the Burdick route
- Routine grading of all roads was done on all routes
- Jeff and Shelly met with the Welborn sales rep and a Welborn engineer to view the box culvert at Skiddy Rd. and B Ave.
- Jeff and Shelly met with Kaw Valley engineers regarding work on the Dunlap Bridge project
- Jeff attended the MINK Conference in St. Joseph, Missouri on September 13th and 14th
- South approach of the Dunlap Bridge has had a shoulder added to it and the asphalt crack sealed; seeders should be here on September 20th to complete the project

The following report was provided following completion of the 2023 county chip seal:

Cold Mix	395.4 tons	\$ 34,676.60
Chips- Hamm's	3,120 tons	\$104,237.50
Chips- MSM	3,100 tons	\$ 98,725.00
RS1-M Oil- Ergon		\$560,205.67
Rental Equipment		\$ 30,739.77
Oil Distributor Repair Bill		\$ 264.07
Total:		\$828,848.61

The county patched and chip sealed approximately 30 miles. The cost per mile for the 2023 chip sealing was approximately \$27,600.00 per mile, not including labor/salaries.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the September 12th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioners received a letter from the State Department of Revenue; the Morris County Appraiser's Office has completed the annual statistical and procedural compliance review and was determined in compliance for the 2023 appraisal year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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

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