

September 20th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler and David L. Fox were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's office. Discussion was held regarding the county's policy on law enforcement overtime compensation.

Commissioner Barber attended the meeting via telephone from 10:20 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.

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

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the September 13th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$100,095.59 and payroll liabilities in the amount of \$103,589.06. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$339,429.13. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 51,001.15
Road & Bridge:	\$ 12,613.53
Reappraisal:	\$ 494.45
Health:	\$ 61,107.00
Ambulance:	\$ 100,000.00
Mental Health:	\$ 32,000.00
Hospital Maintenance:	\$ 82,213.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; to be paid from the ARPA Funds in the amount of \$25,000.00. Motion carried.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2708 Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to appoint Carolyn Wirtz and Sharon Haun to be present for the destruction of past election ballots. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve seeking bids for the County Property and Liability Insurance. Bids will be due by and reviewed on October 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioners meeting room.

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. between 1500-1700, 1850 Rd. between K-L, 2700 Rd. between L-M, 2700 Rd. between H-J, 2850 Rd. and K intersection and 2600 Rd. between K-L
- Installed culverts on F Ave. between 1200-1300, F Ave. between 2300-2400 and 1700 Rd. between AA-BB
- Cold patch on asphalt at 2600 Rd. from Q-R

- Retrieved gravel from the ditch at 3000 Rd. and U Ave.
- Mowing continues on the western routes and the Diamond Creek area
- K-177 reimbursement was submitted to KDOT for July-September 2nd in the amount of \$51,525.13
- 2600 Rd. has been designated as a haul road for K-177 project
- Cleaned shoulder and ditch on 3100 Rd. between L-P and on 800 Rd. between H-J and put it back on the road
- Safety meeting was held; MSHA records are up to date
- Water bill usage discussion
- Mower tractor is fixed and back from KanEquip in Herington

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the purchase of a used tractor mount retriever from Lycox Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$7,500.00. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox discussed the road signage on T Ave.

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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ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

David L. Fox, Member