

September 27th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 27th, 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.

Tera Gifford and Erica Peres-Hernandez with Crosswinds Mental Health and Wellness introduced themselves to the commissioners and discussed Tera Gifford's new role as the criminal justice mental health coordinator for Morris County. Plans to implement the "Stepping Up" initiative in Morris County were discussed.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's office. Morris County Sheriff's Office received final confirmation from the Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program that their grant application has been awarded the full funding amount of \$20,444.37. The grant application was submitted for a multi-purpose police service dog, a 120-hour K9 and officer training course and patrol vehicle K9 cage.

Sealed bids were opened for the Sheriff's Office Addition and Remodel Project and are as follows: ***Bidder No. 1- Icon Structures, Bidder No. 2- Nelson Fowles, Bidder No. 3- Evergreen***

	BIDDER:	<u>NO. 1</u>	<u>NO. 2</u>	<u>NO. 3</u>
Base Bid:		1,040,000	796,900	755,684
Alternate No. 1: Renovation- existing offices		+211,000	+236,700	+150,904
Alternate No. 2: Renovation- existing dispatch		+136,000	+121,900	+93,475
Alternate No. 3: Deduct: parking stalls & drive area		-25,000	-37,500	-39,684
Alternate No. 4: Deduct: work in storage rooms		-2,000	-3,000	-2,116
Alternate No. 5: Deduct: entry canopy		-12,000	-7,000	-17,811
Alternate No. 6: Deduct: thin stone at entry- replace with metal siding		-1,900	-11,940	-14,747
Alternate No. 7: Deduct: removal and installation of soil		-28,000	-15,300	-30,000
Alternate No. 8: Deduct: footing extension from 3' to native soil		-9,800	no bid	no bid
Alternate No. 9: Deduct: pier and grade beam system w/engineering		no bid	no bid	no bid
Total Calendar Days:		225 days	310 days	365 days

Those present for the bid opening were: Josh Calvaruzo, Nelson-Fowles LLC, Justin Mallon, Evergreen, Marcin Stanko, Icon Structures and Ethan Sharp with Ben Moore Studios.

Bids will be further reviewed by Ben Moore Studios; the item will be tabled for a few weeks.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the September 20th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$139,178.82. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$32,376.95. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 10,104.50
Road & Bridge:	\$ 21,565.96
Noxious Weed:	\$ 288.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 418.49

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

- Creek gravel was hauled to 150 Rd. from Y-AA, AB Ave. from 200-400 and 2800 Rd. from Q-U
- Mid States Materials rock was hauled on 2900 Rd. from AA-BB, 3000 Rd. from L-M and X Ave. from 400-525
- Gravel was pushed up at the creek mine site; track hoe is down with the repairman scheduled to come out today
- Repairs were made to a hole in the road at the edge of the Gail Lee Bridge
- Mowing continues on the White City route, Burdick route and on the Council Grove routes
- Mixed asphalt grindings with millings and spread for the floor in the old truck shed
- Culverts were cleaned on F Ave. between 2300-2400, AB Ave. between 200-400, 400 Rd. between AB-BB, H Ave. between 2500-2600, J Ave. between 2500-2600 and 2600 Rd. between K-L
- Installed a new culvert on 1700 Rd. between AA-BB
- Equipment was serviced and tires were fixed on rain days
- MSHA inspected the mine site and checked the air quality levels
- Pre-construction meeting was held on the Dunlap Bridge Project; construction is to begin on October 3rd, 2022
- Closed the Kelso Rd. last week for a couple hours due to a vehicle accident that had power lines down across the road. This allowed RECA to safely set the new pole and power lines.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, gave a report on the Appraiser's Office.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Application for Adam's Lumber as presented. The construction of a 40x60 steel framed building is estimated to begin in November of 2022. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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

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Morris County Clerk**

David L. Fox, Member