

April 5th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David 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

Chris Blackledge, County Emergency Manager, gave a report on Emergency Management. Chris has been working with the White City School to develop an emergency tornado plan and policy. A storm spotter class was held for emergency responders. Meetings have been held to discuss the Fire and EMS Response Plans during the highway 177 road closure. Updated inventory lists are being collected from all local fire departments. Planning to hold a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting within the next few weeks. Discussion was held regarding an 800-radio system for county fire departments.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to recess the commission meeting and convene as the County Board of Health. Motion carried.

The commission meeting was recessed at 10:00 a.m. to conduct a public health nuisance hearing.

The commission meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m.

The minutes from the public health nuisance hearing will be made available on the county website.

Randy Barten, County Sanitation Officer, gave a report on recent inspections and permits within Morris County.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. The Recycle Center is seeking applications for a full-time route driver. The Transfer Station will be closed along with other county offices on April 15th in observance of Good Friday.

Rhonda Fernandez with Professional Insurance Consultants (PIC) gave a presentation.

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

- MSM Rock from the Wilsey quarry was hauled on 2800 Rd. from CC-FF on the Burdick route and T Ave. from 2800-2900 on the Delavan route
- Creek gravel was hauled on G Ave. from 400-500 and 500 Rd. from G-H on the Dwight route and to 1850 Rd. from V-X and 1600 Rd. from V-Y on the Wilsey route
- Rawhide quarry rock was hauled on Kelso Rd. to 1600, J Ave. from 1050-1400 and 1400 Rd. from H-J
- Oversized rock was placed on H Ave. from 500-550 to stabilize the north side ditch
- Blades are out grading routes
- Shoulder and ditch work done on D Ave. from 500-550 and 1200 Rd. from D-F on the Dwight route and on H Ave. from 2700-2800, 1600 Rd. from U-V and 3000 Rd. and M Ave. on the Delavan route
- Finished building a pipe swab on 400 Rd. from H-J for a low water crossing
- Inspected box issues on 2900 Rd. and AA Ave. and on Helmick Rd. between 1300-1400
- Entrance tubes were installed at 1800 Rd. and V Ave. and 2700 Rd. and K Ave.

- Continue to screen rock at G Ave. and 2400 Rd.
- Cut brush with the boom mower on 1300 Rd. between Q-R, 1600 Rd. between Q-R and 1700 Rd. from Q to the Parkerville Rd.
- Applied for an extension with the state for the Bill Miller creek gravel permit; extension was granted for another two years

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to authorize Chairman Kohler to sign the reimbursement agreement with KDOT for the purchasing, hauling, placing and maintaining surface rock on the unofficial detour routes for the Hwy 177 closure. Motion carried.

One bid was received for 4,500 gallons of #2 clear diesel fuel and 3,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total</u>
MFA Oil	4.1091/gal	3.1632/gal	\$29,562.15

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid from MFA oil as presented, in a total amount of \$29,562.15. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox discussed the areas of 500 Rd., 1000 Rd. and Old Hwy 4 pertaining to speed limits and reckless driving on the unofficial detour routes for the Hwy 177 road construction.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve installing speed limit signage on 500 Rd., 1000 Rd. and the gravel portion of Old Hwy 4 for the duration of the Hwy 177 road construction. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the March 29th, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the payroll as presented; in the amount of \$92,772.61. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$378,175.00. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 17,155.29
Road & Bridge:	\$ 40,495.37
Reappraisal:	\$ 35.21
Noxious Weed:	\$ 167.21
Solid Waste:	\$ 1,387.92
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 308,300.00
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 10,634.00

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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

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Morris County Clerk

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