

## **August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners 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, AJ Dome, Council Grove Republican

Lloyd Davies, County I.T. with Great Plains Computers & Networking, gave a report on the county's current information technology management.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to go into executive session to discuss security measures for 15 minutes with Chelsey Schmidt, Lloyd Davies and Bill Kassebaum present. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 9:16 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 9:31 a.m.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the quote from Networks Plus for migrating county email domains to Microsoft 365 and to authorize Chelsey Schmidt to sign agreement documentation. The estimated monthly cost is \$322.80 and will be dependent upon the number of emails that are hosted from month to month. Motion carried.

Jay Simecka, Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office is currently down two patrol vehicles. The 2017 Chevy truck with 112,000 has been reported to need a total engine repair. The 2016 Dodge truck is out of operation due to an accident that occurred in June. Discussion was held regarding routine vehicle maintenance being monitored on all patrol vehicles. Discussion was held regarding damage estimates and claim with KCAMP. Further information will be obtained from KCAMP and will be re-visited during next week's meeting.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the County Attorney's Diversion Fund Request for the 2022-2023 CGJSHS Sports Program Ad in the amount of \$60.00. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the County Attorney's Diversion Fund Request for a Domestic Violence Course Training for the Court Service Officer in the amount of \$710.00. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-11 allowing Morris County to foreclose liens on property filed for delinquent taxes and to have a judicial sale of said property. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$137,394.10. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 37,905.84
Road & Bridge:	\$ 90,797.13
Reappraisal:	\$ 313.98
Noxious Weed:	\$ 654.34
Ambulance:	\$ 411.26

Solid Waste: \$ 3,195.13  
Morris County 911: \$ 956.18  
Capital Improvement: \$ 3,169.24

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve payroll as presented; in the amount of \$95,490.59 and employer paid liabilities as presented; in the amount of \$16,380.25. Motion carried.

Jeff Falter gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Chip seal work completed at the following locations: Dunlap streets, Dunlap BB-DD Ave., Transfer Station, Recycle Center, County Shop, 1 mile of streets for Council Grove, Ram Court, Country Lane, Meadow Lane, 975 Rd. from R-T Ave., 1000 Rd. from T-U Ave., U Ave. from 56-1000, T Ave. from 975 Rd. to city limits, 875 Rd. from L-M Ave., Wilsey streets
- Started chip seal work on the Parkerville Rd.
- Mowing was done on the Wilsey route
- A reimbursement was received from State Farm in the amount of \$1,075.97 for damages done to signs and guardrails in January
- Received a check from Purple Wave for equipment sold in the amount of \$30,535.00
- Met with Chad McCullough from Schwaab Eaton and we will be submitting the OS-58 (Joe Buchanan) Bridge to the KDOT Small Bridge Program and the OS-32 (H Ave. 1800-1900) Bridge to the KDOT Off System Bridge Program; Federal participation is 100% for construction and engineering; there is no longer a local match required; Both applications are due on September 2, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

--Meeting minutes can also be found on the county website: [www.morriscountyks.org](http://www.morriscountyks.org)

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**Wayne Kohler, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Jim Barber, Member**

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**Chelsey Schmidt**  
**Morris County Clerk**

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**David L. Fox, Member**