

August 23rd, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners David L. Fox and Jim Barber were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk was present.

Others present: AJ Dome, Council Grove Republican

The Morris County Historical Society discussed the CCC Building located at the county shops. Those present were Kelley Judd, Jan Kimbrell, Rebecca Elias and David Cosgrove. Morris County Transfer Station plans to have scales in the future. The placement of the scales would preferably be near where the CCC Building currently sits. Discussion was held regarding the current use of the building and any potential plans for its use in the future. Rebecca Elias proposed that the Department of Interior be contacted. If funding can be obtained to disassemble the building, it could be re-assembled at an alternate location. The item was tabled. Rebecca Elias and the Historical Society members will report back with further information.

Malcolm Casey discussed pot holes on 100 Rd. north of Hwy 56.

Bob Rose discussed the RNR Notice of Estimated Taxes.

David Owen, Morris County EMS Director, gave a report on EMS. Crews are moved into the EMS Station. They are continuing to renovate the bedrooms and living quarters. 9-1-1 calls in the county have increased significantly compared to prior years; more calls are being received from the western part of the county.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the August 16th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$99,098.27 and employer payroll liabilities in the amount of \$102,426.74. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$15,163.16. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 10,989.35
Road & Bridge:	\$ 3,252.81
Reappraisal:	\$ 496.00
Noxious Weed:	\$ 212.50
Solid Waste:	\$ 212.50

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

- Chip seal work was completed; finished White City and Dunlap streets
- Returned all rental equipment used during chip seal
- Mowing was done on the Delavan route
- Trees are being trimmed with the boom mower on the Burdick route
- Hauling and screening gravel from the creek at the Dean Miller site
- Grading roads on all routes
- Signed and completed the maintenance agreements for CAT equipment

- Toured the CAT grader rebuild at Foley's
- Dug up the gas lines to the new shop to allow Services Unlimited to fix for the gas leak
- Grader rebuild discussion

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the Utility Permit for Every Central to install electrical poles on A Ave. for a new cell tower. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the Modification of Entrance Permit for High Plains Resources LLC for the property located on F Ave., between 2300 and 2400 Rd. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve a one-time bonus, as presented, for road and bridge employees that have assisted with additional duties throughout the past year due to staffing shortages and increased work load with managing detour routes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the Clarks Creek Bridge on the Woodbine Rd.

Commissioner Fox discussed the area of 1000 Rd. north of Hwy 4 and the area of 100 Rd. north of Hwy 56.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 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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