

## December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, Wayne Kohler and David L. Fox were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, and Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, gave a report on emergency management. The batteries for the tornado sirens were re-conditioned and are now working. The batteries will continue to be monitored and tested; it does not appear that new batteries need to be purchased. Plans continue to be on-going with local fire departments to purchase 800-mhz portable radios; funding sources are being pursued and quotes for new vs used radios are being obtained.

The commissioners scheduled the next quarterly department head meeting for January 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve a burn permit for Flint Hills RECA for calendar year 2023. Motion carried.

Gary Floyd discussed R Ave. from 3000-2900 Rd.; and 3100 Rd. south of 56 Hwy to U Ave. is needing more gravel, if possible.

The County Employee Policy Handbook was reviewed. Revisions to the policy will be made to the handbook and the item will be re-visited at next week's meeting. Those present were Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, and Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the 2023 Morris County Employee Holidays, as presented. Motion carried. 2023 Morris County Employee Holidays are as follows:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 16, 2023
President's Day	Monday	February 20, 2023
Good Friday	Friday	April 7, 2023
Memorial Day	Monday	May 29, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday	July 4, 2023
Labor Day	Monday	September 4, 2023
Veterans Day	Friday	November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 23, 2023
	Friday	November 24, 2023
Christmas Day	Monday	December 25, 2023
New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2024

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Solid Waste Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Solid Waste departments. The spray truck has been moved to the north end of the EMS building for storage during the winter months.

Jeff Daniels discussed concerns regarding property taxes.

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

- Shoulder and ditch work was done on 2700 Rd. from L-M, L Ave. from 2850-2900, Y Ave. from 400 Rd.- Dunlap Rd., 400 Rd. from Dunlap Rd.- AB Ave. and on Helmick Rd. from 1200-1300
- Trees and brush were cut on 2700 Rd. from J-L
- Hauled Skiddy Mid States Materials Quarry rock to R Ave. from 2900-3000, 2825 Rd. from J-K, J Ave. from 2825-2900, 2800 Rd. from G-H and on A Ave. from 900-1000
- Wilsey Mid States Materials Quarry rock put on Z Ave. from 1900-2000, 1900 Rd. from X-Z, 1800 Rd. from X-Y, 1800 Rd. from T-U, V Ave. from 1700-1800, 2800 Rd. from F-G, Y Ave. from 1700-1800 and on AA Ave. from 1600-1700
- Rawhide Quarry rock was placed on D Ave. from 1100-1200
- Patched a hole in the road over a box culvert on AA Ave. between 2900-3000
- Mowing was done on Vista Del Lago, Lake Rd. and on the Council Grove route around the lake area
- Cleaned road and re-established a ditch on 2800 Rd. between K-L
- Dirt from 2800 Rd. between K-L was hauled to solve the Sunflower Bridge traffic issue on Y Ave. between 1700-1800; barricades were removed from the creek and placed back on the roadway; the lego blocks were hauled back to the shop
- Signed continuance maintenance agreements with Foley for the MP 22 and MP 23
- BG Consultants will submit an application for Morris County for the HRRR (High Risk Rural Roads) project for the remainder of the major collector route signing
- Received fuel permits; permits are valid through July 2023
- Request for bids for pipe was sent out; Bids will be due at Noon on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Shelly attended the Kansas Open Meetings Act presentation by Jay Hall
- Julie Lorenz resigned as State Secretary of Transportation and Burt Morey, State Transportation Engineer will also be leaving at the end of the year

Randy Parker discussed the area of 1800 Rd., northeast of White City. Follow up will be done with the County Appraiser to determine property lines of the gravel pile in this area.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll liabilities in the amount of \$41,387.58. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$91,778.76. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 33,757.64
Road & Bridge:	\$ 51,889.33
Reappraisal:	\$ 263.64
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 2,160.00
Noxious Weed:	\$ 1,117.51
Ambulance:	\$ 471.15
Solid Waste:	\$ 1,163.31
Morris County 911:	\$ 956.18

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 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**

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**Jim Barber, Member**

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**Chelsey Schmidt  
Morris County Clerk**

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**David L. Fox, Member**