

## January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

Tim Tyner and Zach Tyner with Tyner Insurance Group, Inc. discussed bidding the county's property and liability insurance.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the quote from Heartland Door and Window for two garage doors for the courthouse in the amount of \$8,439.86. Funds are to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the quote from Associated Insulation, Inc. for insulation of the new piping and boiler pumps in the amount of \$2,186.28. Funds are to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 public health nuisance hearing as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 special commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. Electrical issues at the transfer station have been repaired.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the engagement letter with Lloyd Group, LLC as presented. The Lloyd Group, LLC will continue to provide consultation services (previously provided by Swindoll Janzen Hawk and Lloyd, LLC) for the American Rescue Plan Act Funding, as needed. The fee will be \$350.00 per hour and funds are to be paid from the ARPA funds. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve increasing the County Health Officer wage from \$200.00 per month to \$500.00 per month. Motion failed for a second.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve increasing the County Health Officer wage from \$200.00 per month to \$600.00 per month. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$119,533.49. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 15,485.23
Road & Bridge:	\$ 19,737.28
Health Dept. Flowthr:	\$ 5,926.00
Noxious Weed:	\$ 16,655.25
Solid Waste:	\$ 14,367.49
Employee Benefits:	\$ 33,559.00

Morris County 911: \$ 110.84  
Bridge Bonds 2020A: \$ 7,192.40  
ARPA: \$ 6,500.00

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

- Hauled gravel to 1200 Rd. from T-U Ave., DD Ave. from 400-500, 1000 Rd. and X Ave., 4 Mile Rd. K-177 to Y Ave., and DD Ave. from 100-200 on the Council Grove blade route
- Hauled creek gravel and performed drainage work on 2500 Rd. and M Ave. on the Latimer blade route
- Shoulder and ditch work done on 850 Rd. K-177 to AA Ave., Dunlap Rd. from DD-FF Ave. and DD Ave. from 400-500
- Cut concrete bannisters off of the box culvert at 1500 Rd. and AA-BB Ave.
- Cut and removed brush on X Ave. from 400-525 in preparation for culvert work
- Culverts installed on AB Ave. from 200-400, CC Ave. from 100-200 and Kahola Rd. from 400-500
- Continue screening and training workers at the screening site

One quote 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	3.0384/gal	2.5833/gal	\$22,714.35

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid from MFA as presented, in a total amount of \$22,714.35. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox discussed a low water crossing on 400 Rd. between H and J Ave.

Commissioner Barber discussed the roads in his district during the snow and ice over the weekend.

Ken Campbell discussed the mask mandate. He also commended the road and bridge department on the quality of the roads in Morris County.

Sharon Haun, with the Morris County Historical Society, asked if the county would consider the placement of a historical water pump at the courthouse. It is currently located at the Kaw Mission and is needing to be relocated.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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

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**OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS**

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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**