

January 25th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David Fox and Jim Barber were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Dawn Wecker were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Melissa Landis, Executive Director for Empower House Ministries Inc. provided the commissioners with an update on their housing project. They have established a housing facility located in Emporia to provide support for addicts in recovery. They are receiving donations of furniture and food items from the community and will be holding an open house on Monday January 31st.

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, gave a report on emergency management. Morris County Commissioners had received a letter from the Kansas Division of Emergency Management informing them that Morris County currently has an expired Emergency Operations Plan as of 12/01/2021. Chris Blackledge reports that the state has added new requirements that he was not aware of. He is currently completing online classes and updates for the Emergency Operations Plan.

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, presented quarterly financial reports.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. The sink in the breakroom has a leak and is being repaired. Staff will be participating in conflict resolution training to improve communications with the public.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the January 18th, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve payroll as presented in the amount of \$107,439.84. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$82,849.25. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 21,483.90
Road & Bridge:	\$ 2,050.32
Reappraisal:	\$ 8,367.00
Health Dept. Flowthr:	\$ 7,121.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 9,355.00
Bond & Interest:	\$ 31,150.00
ARPA:	\$ 3,322.03

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

- Hauled gravel to 1500 Rd. from Z-AA on the Wilsey route
- Hauled gravel to Kelso Rd. from M-P on the Dwight route
- Hauled gravel to 2900 Rd. from AA-BB on the Burdick route
- Completed shoulder and ditch work on DD Ave. from 200-400 Rd. and finished it with creek gravel

- Completed ditch work and hauled culverts and signage to X Ave. between 400-525 for the culvert project this week
- Sent out bids for graders; bid opening will be on February 15th
- Sent out bids for mini excavator; bid opening will be on February 8th
- Road maintenance agreement with Schwartz Farms, Inc.

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, discussed flooring located by the extension office that needs repaired.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Wayne Kohler, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

Dawn Wecker
Morris County Clerk- Clerical

David L. Fox, Member