

## **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David Fox and Jim Barber were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, was present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to accept the resignation letter from Candra Good as the County Health Officer/Director of Public Health, to be effective May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve and renew the agreement between Morris County and Kansas Workforce One. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the payroll liabilities as presented; in the amount of \$38,058.34. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$893,639.37. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 230,657.99
Road & Bridge:	\$ 43,420.26
Reappraisal:	\$ 2,832.44
Health:	\$ 122,213.00
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 914.00
Ambulance:	\$ 233,213.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 12,141.73
Mental Health:	\$ 71,500.00
Hospital Maintenance:	\$ 164,426.00
Morris County 911:	\$ 111.44
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 12,209.51

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Discussion was held regarding the trainings that Travis attended the past several weeks. Preliminary information is being obtained on the cost for a scale at the Transfer Station. The Recycle Center is taking applications for a full-time route driver. An oil heating system has been sitting unused for several years in the road and bridge department. The Recycle Center plans to use the heating system.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid from On-Time Contracting to install the vent pipe \$2,406.00 for the oil burner at the Recycle Center. Motion carried.

The Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan was reviewed.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan and the Annual Eradication Progress Report as presented. Motion carried.

A public hearing regarding a minimum maintenance road was held at 11:30 a.m. Jeff Falter and Shelly Lautt were present. Road and bridge personnel and commissioners have heard no concerns or objections from patrons.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to declare a 2-mile portion of 1400 Road, between Parkerville Road and J Avenue, minimum maintenance. Motion carried.

David Owen and Mike Seadeek with Morris County EMS discussed the relocation of the EMS station.

Discussion was held regarding Morris County EMS' response plans throughout the county during the Hwy 177 closure.

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

- Crews were busy most of the week clearing snow from the blacktops and blade routes
- Burned brush piles
- Graveled L Ave. from 2850-3000 on the Latimer route
- Spotted in gravel on Helmick Rd. from 1200-1400 on the Council Grove route
- Received notice that the 2024 High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Program application was not selected. Out of 41 applications, only 10 were selected for a total of \$6 million

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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**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**