

March 1st, 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 1st, 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

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, discussed the status of the remodel in the treasurer's office.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to discontinue COVID Paid Leave for Morris County employees, effective March 1st, 2022. Motion carried.

Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, joined the commission meeting.

Kevin Leeper, Morris County Hospital CEO, discussed housing and station relocation for Morris County EMS.

Discussion was held regarding extreme shortages for local blood banks. Commissioners agreed to develop and implement a blood donation policy. The policy will allow county employees who wish to donate blood, to be able to do so during the work day. Employees will not be required to clock out and will be allowed up to 2 hours to donate blood. Employees wishing to donate blood during a regularly scheduled work day will need to have prior communication and approval from the department head.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the payroll liabilities as presented; in the amount of \$134,201.75. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$270,733.16. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 10,418.98
Road & Bridge:	\$ 23,427.86
Reappraisal:	\$ 459.95
Noxious Weed:	\$ 495.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 10,285.47
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 225,645.90

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the February 22nd, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the lease agreement with HooptieX as presented. The lease will allow County owned land in section 7, township 16, range 9; located east of the tractor pull area and south east of the old stone barn; for creating a race course and using the race course for no more than two HooptieX racing events per year. Motion carried.

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

- Stockpiled Robidou creek gravel to G Ave. between 500-600
- Hauled gravel on 400 Rd. from AB to CC Ave.
- Hauled gravel on Y Ave. from 100-200, U Ave. from 100-200 and X Ave. from 400-525
- Patched in gravel on Helmick Rd. from 1200-1400
- Installed two entrance culverts on 2500 Rd. between J and K Ave.
- Installed a crossroad tube on J Ave. between 2700-2800

- Certified the 2019 low water crossing FEMA paperwork
- Received notification from KDOT: the OS-58 Bridge was not selected for the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program
- Jeff, Shelly and Chad attended a KDOT field check meeting for the Four Mile Creek Bridge and the Four Mile Creek Drainage Bridge
- Shelly attended the Kansas County Communicators virtual meeting

One bid 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	3.5874/gal	3.3754/gal	\$27,957.20

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid from MFA oil as presented, in a total amount of \$27,957.20. Motion carried.

Fuel bids from January 18th, 2022 were 3.0384 for diesel and 2.5833 for gasoline.

Three bids were received for 44 culverts of various sizes and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total</u>
Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC	\$22,222.20
Welborn Sales, Inc.	\$26,247.80
J & J Culverts	\$27,900.00

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid from Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC as presented; in a total amount of \$22,222.20. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the old stone bridge on F Ave. and 1700 Rd. and reported that dead trees in that area need removed.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, discussed the current status of staffing for dispatch.

George Herpich and Jim Engel with Clarks Creek Cemetery District discussed an abandoned cemetery located at 512 S 2800 Rd., in White City. The cemetery board would like to expand Clark's Creek Cemetery District boundary lines to include St. John's Cemetery. The proposed expansion would include the addition of section 27-14-5 and section 28-14-5 in Overland Township. A public hearing is scheduled for March 22nd at 11:30 a.m. Notice of the hearing will be published in the newspaper once a week, for two consecutive weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 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

**Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk**

David L. Fox, Member