

## **March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</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.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve Morris County to sponsor the Trail Trolly for 3 hours on Friday evening and 3 hours on Saturday evening of Washunga Days in order to provide a SAFE ride option for the evening events. The cost is not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, gave a report on the Appraiser's office. Discussion was held regarding an application for real property tax relief.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve an application for property tax relief due to a fire at the residence located at 406 West Harris Street in White City. The property tax relief will be prorated for the 2022 tax year. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the payroll as presented; in the amount of \$96,748.40. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$124,359.55. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 53,522.24
Road & Bridge:	\$ 2,501.32
Health:	\$ 61,106.00
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 914.00
Noxious Weed:	\$ 245.31
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 6,070.68

Peggy Jenkins discussed a drainage tube located at H Ave. and 400 Rd.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. The Recycle Center is seeking applications for a full-time route driver.

A public hearing for expanding Clark's Creek Cemetery District was held at 11:30 a.m. Kristi Meyer and Roger Deikmann were present for the hearing. Discussion was held regarding the proposed expansion of Clark's Creek Cemetery District boundary lines.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the expansion of Clark's Creek Cemetery District to include the addition of section 27-14-5 and a portion of section 28-14-5 in Overland Township. Saint John's Cemetery, located at 512 S 2800 Rd., White City, Kansas, will now be part of Clark's Creek Cemetery District. Motion carried.

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

- Put Rawhide quarry gravel on J Ave. from 1300-1400, 1400 Rd. from G-J, Kelso Rd. from Q-R and K Ave. from 800-900 on the Dwight blade routes
- Hauled MSM quarry gravel on 2700 Rd. from G-H, J Ave. from 2500-2600 and H Ave. from 2600-2800 on the Latimer blade routes

- Channel maintenance was done to repair a box culvert on Kelso Rd. between P and Q Ave.; placed 6-inch ditch liner and 18-inch rip rap to help with erosion
- Driveway tube was installed on F Ave. between 900 and 1000
- Crossroad culvert was installed on J Ave. between 2500 and 2600
- Ditches were cleaned on J Ave. from 2500-2600, 2700 Rd. from J-K and J Ave. from 800-900
- Trees and brush cleared on 2600 Rd. from BB-CC
- Gravel was screened at G Ave. between 500-600
- Blades working on grading routes

Mid States Materials (MSM) Wilsey Quarry made the following proposal for gravel:

3 inch screened	1,296 ton	\$7.50/ton	\$ 9,720.00
1 ¼ inch screened	22,550 ton	\$7.50/ton	\$168,750.00
2 ½ inch base rock	15,447 ton	\$6.00/ton	\$ 92,682.00
Total: \$271,152.00			

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the purchase of gravel from MSM Wilsey Quarry as presented; in a total amount of \$271,152.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the sale of up to 300 tons of 1 ¼ inch screened gravel from the MSM Wilsey Quarry to the City of Wilsey at \$7.50/ton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 3000 Rd. and V Ave.

Commissioner Fox discussed the area of H Ave. and 400 Rd.

Discussion was held regarding settling the insurance claim with KCAMP for damages to the “old truck shed” from the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 wind storm.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the quote from K-Construction for the repair/rebuild of the “old truck shed” at the county shops in the amount \$64,420.00. Funds will be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, pending the final insurance reimbursement amount. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve Resolution 2022-07 Expanding Clark’s Creek Cemetery District in Morris County, Kansas. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 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**

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**Chelsey Schmidt**  
**Morris County Clerk**

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**David L. Fox, Member**