

March 29th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 29th, 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

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

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real property for 15 minutes, with Chelsey Schmidt and Bill Kassebaum present. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 9:42 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 9:57 a.m.

No action was taken.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the payroll liabilities as presented; in the amount of \$129,352.54. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$43,114.81. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 21,587.40
Road & Bridge:	\$ 10,581.74
Reappraisal:	\$ 50.81
Health Dept Flowthru:	\$ 9,048.97
Noxious Weed:	\$ 236.04
Solid Waste:	\$ 1,609.85

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave a report on the Sheriff's Office.

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.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the purchase of a 14-foot Buck-Dandy trailer from NAPA Auto Parts in the amount of approximately \$2,600.00. Motion carried.

Byron Litke discussed concerns regarding the speed limit on 500 Rd.

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

- Received the FEMA 2019 Low Water Crossing payment in the amount of \$113,696.71.
- Graveled DD Ave. from 200-400 on the Council Grove blade route
- Patched drainage shoulders at 1400 Rd. between H-J and 700 Rd. between G-H with oversize rock
- Filled potholes and patched in gravel on 2800 Rd. between F-G and 2800 Rd. between C-D on the White City blade route
- Culvert work was done on 2100 Rd. between J-K, 1200 Rd. between T-U, 1250 Rd. between T-U and Old 4 between M-500
- Screened gravel at 2400 Rd. and G Ave.
- New CAT grader was delivered and is now in use on the Dwight blade route

- Applied and received approval from LTAP for use of traffic counters; they are being installed today; data collected will help identify the best times for road maintenance to be done during the highway 177 closure

Discussion was held regarding speed limits on 500 Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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

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Wayne Kohler, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

**Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk**

David L. Fox, Member