

March 8th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David Fox and Jim Barber were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Dawn Wecker, Clerk's office staff, were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Laura Viar, County Attorney, gave a report on the Attorney's office.

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, gave a report on the Treasurer's office remodel. The Treasurer's office has moved services to the downstairs meeting room of the courthouse for the remaining duration of the remodel. This will allow multiple customers to be assisted at the same time. Discussion was held regarding the Treasurer's office current wages.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved that the commission go into executive session to discuss the preliminary acquisition of real property with Bill Kassebaum and Dawn Wecker present for 15 minutes. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 9:25 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 9:40 a.m.

No action was taken.

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, reported that the financial software has been programmed to allow for the use of credit and debit cards at the Transfer Station.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll as presented; in the amount of \$93,030.55. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$206,636.72. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 23,967.62
Road & Bridge:	\$ 12,244.65
Reappraisal:	\$ 313.83
Noxious Weed:	\$ 71.27
Solid Waste:	\$ 1,404.74
Employee Benefits:	\$ 733.00
Morris County 911:	\$ 4,156.18
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 163,427.40
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 318.03

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the March 1st, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-06 declaring a portion of 1400 Road as minimum maintenance in Morris County. The resolution is to be published in the official county newspaper. A public hearing will be scheduled for March 15th, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried.

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

- Stockpiled Robidou Creek Gravel to G Ave. between 500-600

- Shelly attended the Recovery Transition Meeting for the 2019 FEMA disaster. Morris County has received \$417,570.35 for 2019 FEMA reimbursement to date and are awaiting reimbursement in the amount of \$31,251.01 for administrative costs and \$100,320.63 for low water crossing costs.
- Employee MSHA training hours are completed and employees are now certified
- Shoulder and ditch work completed on 1800 Rd. from D-G, B Ave. from 1400-1500, F Ave. from 1200-1300 and 1700 Rd. from C-F
- Patched in gravel on Kahola Rd. from 400-500
- Patched in gravel on 800 Rd. from G-H, over a reinstalled culvert
- Reached easement agreements with landowners on the Dunlap River Bridge Project

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of L Ave. and 2900 Rd. with erosion that needs more dirt fill; Clark's Creek Bridge needs more gravel; and the Marstellar Bridge needs cleaned out.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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

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ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

**Dawn Wecker
County Clerk Staff**

David L. Fox, Member