

## **May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</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.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church, AJ Dome, Council Grove Republican

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

Discussion was held regarding appointing a new County Health Officer. Candra Good, the current County Health Officer, notified the commission several months ago that her last day would be May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The commissioners received a letter from Corner House, Inc. in Lyon County requesting consideration for an appropriation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the county's alcohol tax fund. The appropriation request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

The commissioners received a letter from the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Finance Committee requesting a financial contribution of \$100.00 to cover costs of appointed representatives from each county to attend the annual session and other meetings required throughout the year.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve a contribution to the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature in the amount of \$100.00. Funds are to be paid from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to recess the commission meeting and convene as the County Board of Health. Motion carried.

The commission meeting was recessed at 9:58 a.m.

The commission meeting re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Randy Barten, County Sanitarian, gave a report on recent sanitation permits and inspections. The commissioners and sanitarian plan to visit Schwartz Farms open house next Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Darrell Miller visited with the commissioners.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. The Transfer Station will close at Noon on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Discussion was held regarding a 2008 used truck scale that is currently for sale on an auction.

Noxious Weed received two quotes for various chemicals:

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Size/Unit</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Van Diest</u>	<u>Nutrien Solutions</u>
Plateau	1.0 gal	72	\$99.49	\$99.95
Freelexx	2.5 gal	180	\$28.00	\$28.00
Escort XP	8.0 oz	4,608	\$2.13	\$2.07
Tank Cleaner (CB)	4.0 lb	24	\$5.11	\$4.25
Guardian	2.5 gal	60	\$20.52	\$20.70
2,4-D Amine 4	2.5 gal	720	\$16.80	\$24.50

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the following quotes:

72 units of Plateau from Van Diest at \$99.49/unit, for a total of \$7,163.28

180 units of Freelexx from Nutrien Solutions at \$28.00/unit, for a total of \$5,040.00

4,608 units of Escort XP from Nutrien Solutions at \$2.07/unit, for a total of \$9,538.56

24 units of Tank Cleaner (CB) from Nutrien Solutions at \$4.25/unit, for a total of \$102.00

60 units of Guardian from Van Diest at \$20.52/unit, for a total of \$1,231.20

720 units of 2,4-D Amine 4 from Van Diest at \$16.80/unit, for a total of \$12,096.00

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding updating procedures and equipment at the Recycle Center for loading items into the baler.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, gave a report on the Appraiser's Office. Real estate values will be certified to the County Clerk for the preparation of budget estimates and the July tax abstract. The total real estate assessed value for 2022 is \$63,997,971.00 (a 6.9% increase from 2021 assessed value). Oil, gas and personal property values will not be certified until after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Kelley Judd, with the Morris County Historical Society, reported that the Civilian Conservation Corp. Camp has shingles and roof damage.

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

- Rawhide Quarry gravel was hauled on 1175 Rd. from G-H and on G Ave. from 1200-1300
- MSM Quarry rock was placed on 1700 Rd. from Z-AA
- Rebuilding 2800 Rd. from R Ave. to Hwy 56; shoulder and ditch work was done; MSM Quarry rock was used for the base and topped with Hamm's Quarry rock
- Installed field entrances on 2800 Rd. between T Ave. and Hwy 56
- Tree and debris cleanup were done across the county after storms
- Kelso detour road and parts of 800 detour road was graded
- Placed rip-rap in culvert/box washout on 1175 Rd. between G and H
- Creek gravel was screened at Four Mile Rd. and AA Ave.

- Culvert was unplugged on CC Ave. between 2800-2900

Two fuel bids were received for 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel and 4,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Diesel</u></b>	<b><u>Reg Unleaded</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
MFA Oil	4.3834/gal	3.6235/gal	\$31,647.65
Agri Trails	4.4325/gal	3.4911/gal	\$31,223.70

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the fuel bid from Agri Trails in the total amount of \$31,223.70. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the Kelso Rd.

Four sealed bids were received for approximately 5,000 tons of ½ inch chips to be delivered to various locations in the county (2,000 tons to CG, 1,200 tons to White City, 550 tons to Wilsey, 1,250 tons to Dwight) and are as follows:

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Chips</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver-White City</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver-Wilsey</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver-Dwight</u></b>	<b><u>Deliver-CG</u></b>
APAC	18.50/ton	No Hauling	No Hauling	No Hauling	No Hauling
Harshman	13.00/ton	18.75/ton	16.20/ton	18.00/ton	12.60/ton
Hamm	20.00/ton	7.65/ton	9.25/ton	8.85/ton	12.25/ton
MSM	12.85/ton	21.05/ton	21.05/ton	21.05/ton	21.05/ton

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the chip bid from Harshman's at \$13.00/ton with an additional hauling fee to Wilsey of \$16.20/ton and an additional hauling fee to Council Grove of \$12.60/ton. The total cost for chips and delivery to Wilsey is \$16,060.00 and the total cost for chips and delivery to Council Grove is \$51,200.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the chip bid from Hamm's at \$20.00/ton with an additional hauling fee to White City of \$7.65/ton and an additional hauling fee to Dwight of \$8.85/ton. The total cost for chips and delivery to White City is \$33,180.00 and the total cost for chips and delivery to Dwight is \$36,062.50. Motion carried.

Two sealed bids were received for approximately 173,585 gallons of RS-1M Road Oil Emulsions to be delivered to various locations in the county and are as follows:

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>173,585 gal.</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc.	2.755/gallon	\$478,226.67
Vance Brothers, Inc.	2.92/gallon	\$506,868.20

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the oil bid from Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. at 2.7555/gallon for a total amount of \$478,226.67. Motion carried.

The county will be chip sealing approximately 26 miles this summer, which includes 1 mile in White City and 1 mile in Council Grove. The following roads have been requested for the Council Grove 1 mile: East Conn St. from Union St. west to dead end, Pool Rd. from Valley St.

around park to Union St., Valley St. from east side of bridge to Union St., Market St. from Union St. to Railroad Ave., and possibly East Valley St. from Union St. East to Fox St. The county plans to begin chip sealing on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the lease purchase agreement with Murphy Tractor for a 2022 John Deere 624 P Wheel Loader and to authorize Jeff Falter to sign documentation for the agreement. The lease agreement is \$42,976.17 annually for 3 years and a purchase option of \$132,312.77 after year 3. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox discussed a railroad underpass on 1000 Rd. north of B Ave. that may need clearance heights posted due to the increased travel on the road during the Hwy 177 closure.

Dan Bacon visited with the commissioners regarding a low water crossing in his area that is plugged.

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

The commission entered executive session at 2:18 p.m.

The commission returned to open session at 2:33 p.m.

No action taken.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$63,193.56. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 18,795.06
Road & Bridge:	\$ 12,700.21
Reappraisal:	\$ 492.79
Noxious Weed:	\$ 2,682.34
Solid Waste:	\$ 17,751.48
Morris County 911:	\$ 956.18
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 9,815.50

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the employee paid payroll liabilities in the amount of \$38,985.58. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

--Meeting minutes can also be found on the county website: [www.morriscountyks.org](http://www.morriscountyks.org)

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**David L. Fox, Member**