

May 16th, 2023

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, was present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Jamie Johnson, County Health Nurse, gave a monthly report on the Morris County Health Department. A tree fell on the health department during recent storms. Damages to the roof have been temporarily patched. The health department is county owned, however, it is insured by Morris County Hospital. Damages and quotes will be reviewed through the hospital's insurance to determine whether to replace or repair the roof. Discussion was held regarding remaining COVID-19 grant funding for the health department. The funding needs to be allocated and spent by June of 2024. The grant funding must be used for something that relates to vaccine equity.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the May 9th, 2023 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$225,654.42. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 3,514.60
Road & Bridge:	\$ 31,537.54
Reappraisal:	\$ 164.13
Noxious Weed:	\$ 100.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 14,159.29
Morris County 911:	\$ 111.37
Equipment Reserve:	\$ 40,527.49
ARPA Funds:	\$ 135,540.00

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$107,077.06. Motion carried.

Dave Owen, Morris County EMS Director, presented a quote for two portable ac units from Menards in the amount of \$579.98 and hardware for the installation and mounting from Adams Lumber in the amount of \$135.00. The ac units will be installed in the living quarters of the EMS building.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the purchase of two portable ac units from Menards and the associated hardware from Adams Lumber in the total amount of \$714.98. Funds are to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the 2023 Cereal Malt Beverage License applications for Kahola Cantina located at 490 Kahola Road, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed re-organizing and categorizing the commercial special assessment landfill fees.

Colleen Anderson, President for the Morris County Senior Citizens Inc., gave a monthly report on the services being provided within Morris County. The Council Grove Senior Center is serving approximately 100 meals per day. The center has increased from 2 meal delivery routes to 3 meal delivery routes when adequate staffing is available. Several meals have been cold by

delivery time due to the routes being longer. The center is hoping to improve this by adding the additional route. Diana Jost will be the new District 3 representative for the Morris County Senior Citizens Inc. governing board. The Council Grove Senior Center is hosting card games in the afternoons, bingo every Thursday, ladies' coffee on Tuesday mornings, and other social events. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

Rick Haug, Morris County resident, visited with the commissioners regarding National Law Enforcement Week (May 15th- 21st). He commended the work being done by the local law enforcement officers whom protect and serve Morris County.

Travis Schweger, gave a report on Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Year-to-date chemical sales are currently lower than last year; recent weather has not been ideal for spraying. Discussion was held regarding a garage that is currently located next to the recycling drop off in Wilsey. The garage may be purchased and used for a new building for the Wilsey recycling drop off. Further discussion will be held at a later date. The recycle center would like to purchase a portacool fan.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve a quote from John Veh to power wash the transfer station, in the amount of \$2,456.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve a quote from PB Trucking in the amount of \$5,300.00 for the repair of the EMS station driveway. The quote includes millings and hauling, laying, rolling and the dirt/gravel excavation work. Funds are to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.

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