

## **November 15th, 2022**

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber and David L. Fox were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk was present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Melissa Landis, Director of Empower House Ministries, gave a report on the women's home that is established in Lyon County. The home can accommodate 9 individuals and is currently full.

Ben Barr attended the commissioner's meeting via telephone and discussed creek gravel that was placed on the roads in the Diamond Springs area. A request was made to place crushed rock over the creek gravel on Diamond Creek Rd. going south to the county line.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the contract with Evergreen Design-Build LLC for the Morris County Sheriff's Office Addition and Remodel Project, as presented. Motion carried.

Kevin Leeper, Morris County Hospital CEO, and David Owen, Morris County EMS Director, gave a report and update on the renovation work that has been done at the EMS Building. The building renovations were paid for by Morris County Hospital. The completed renovation cost was \$29,400.46.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Solid Waste Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Solid Waste departments. Discussion was held regarding price quotes for a scale for the Transfer Station.

An application is being submitted to KDOT for the Public Transportation Assistance Grant. The application is for funding to assist with the operation and administration of the Morris County General Public Transportation Program for SFY24. If the application is approved, the county's local matching portion would be \$47,462.50.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the certification of local matching funds for the SFY24 Public Transportation Assistance Grant. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the Letter of Authorization designating Chelsey Schmidt as the authorized signer for the Morris County General Public Transportation Program and the Grant Application for SFY24. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$106,559.57 and employer liabilities in the amount of \$99,639.61. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$242,253.85. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 13,091.93
Road & Bridge:	\$ 43,330.60
Reappraisal:	\$ 81.95
Noxious Weed:	\$ 280.05
Solid Waste:	\$ 310.30
Morris County 911:	\$ 111.44
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 177,797.58
ARPA Funds:	\$ 7,250.00

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the County Attorney's Diversion Fund Request for an invoice to Rays Apple Market in the amount of \$19.66 for the October MDT meeting. Funds are to be paid out of the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

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

- Potholes were repaired with asphalt patching material on G Ave. from 2300-2400, G Ave. from 2700-2800, 2400 Rd. from F-G, BB Ave. from 2800-2900 and 2575 Rd. from T-U
- Mowing was done on the Council Grove route and around the Helmick area
- Wing walls were repaired and lego blocks were installed on 2900 Rd. from J-K
- Washouts were fixed on 2900 Rd. from H-J and on J Ave. from 2400-2500 and gravel was reclaimed
- Routine grading of roads was done across the county
- Sign maintenance was done across the county; posts were reinstalled and new signs were put up
- The Delavan Shop and property was cleaned up; bait was put out for varmints and a blade will be kept at this location again
- Prepared salt and sand equipment in preparation for winter
- Jeff Falter contacted KDHE regarding the drainage concerns on 2800 Rd. between K-L; there is an existing permit and a site inspection will be done on Thursday
- Shelly Lautt ran reports and emailed information to Skylar Thompson with KAW Nation
- Dunlap River Bridge Cost Share discussion

Commissioners Fox and Barber discussed Diamond Creek Rd. going south to the county line.

Commissioner Barber discussed the Clarks Creek Bridge on G Ave. (Woodbine Rd.) possibly needing some patching done.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from November 8th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 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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**Jim Barber, Member**

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**Chelsey Schmidt  
Morris County Clerk**

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**David L. Fox, Member**