

April 12th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 12th, 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.

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

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve a donation to Chapter JN P.E.O. for the Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night in Morris County, in the amount of \$500.00. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

Kelley Judd, Colleen Anderson, Dave Cosgrove and Jan Kimbrell, board members for Morris County Senior Center Inc., gave a report on the senior centers. Discussion was held regarding plans/goals for building improvements and activities held at the centers.

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, gave a report on the Register of Deed's Office and discussed maintenance, landscaping and lawn care for the courthouse.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to cancel the April 26th commission meeting and to authorize Commissioner Fox to sign payroll liabilities and accounts payables for the week while Commissioner Kohler and Barber attend the Kansas County Commissioners Conference in Salina, Kansas. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) move 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 10:40 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 10:55 a.m.

No action taken.

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.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, gave a report on the Appraiser's Office.

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

- MSM Rock from the Wilsey quarry was hauled on DD Ave. from 2900-3100 and 3000 Rd. from Z-AA on the Burdick route, T Ave. from 2800-2900 on the Delavan route, 1900 Rd. from T-U on the Wilsey route and T Ave. from 2100-2200 and Q Ave. from 1700-1800 on the White City route
- Creek gravel was hauled on 575 Rd. from Old Hwy 4- Q Ave. and Q Ave. from Old Hwy 4- 575 Rd. on the Council Grove route
- Rawhide quarry gravel was placed on J Ave. from 900-1100 on the Dwight route
- "Watch for School Bus" sign was installed on G Ave. between 500-600 as requested by USD 417
- New 35 mph signs were installed on 1000 Rd. from A-C, 500 Rd. from D Ave.- Old Hwy 4, and on the gravel portion of Old Hwy 4; notified Sheriff's Department of the changes and had information published in the Council Grove Republican

- Cleaned culverts on C Ave. between 1400-1500, 500 Rd. between D-F, F Ave. between 500-600, 400 Rd. between D-F, 1100 Rd. between G-H and 1175 Rd. between G-H
- Entrance tubes were installed at 2700 Rd. between X-Y, 2000 Rd. and M Ave. and BB Ave. between 2600-2700
- Ditches were cleaned at 2000 Rd. and M Ave. and 2700 Rd. between X-Y
- Cut brush with the boom mower on 1900 Rd. between H-J
- Creek gravel was screened at 2400 Rd. and G Ave.
- Submitted the 2021 Annual Engineers Report to the state
- Held a safety meeting with employees; emphasizing the use of PPE gear and work zone safety especially in detour areas
- Received notice of refund from KDOT in the amount of \$296.74 on the bridge replacement project east of Parkerville on J Ave.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to submit advertisement for bids for the Dunlap River Bridge Project. Sealed bids will be due on May 24th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Bid opening will be at 1:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding pursuing a loader through a lease agreement with Murphy Tractor and Equipment.

Discussion was held regarding box culvert issues located at 500 Rd. and F Ave., Helmick Rd. between 1300-1400 Rd. and 2900 Rd. and AA Ave. Schwab-Eaton gave recommendations for repairs for each culvert.

Commissioner Barber discussed a bridge located on B Ave. between 2400-2500 Rd.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, provided a report on the Sheriff's Department. Discussion was held regarding bicycle rallies that are held in the county. There have been concerns regarding past rallies that have not given any prior notification to county officials.

Ben Sexton, Chief Judge and Nikki Davenport, Court Administrator, for the 8th Judicial District discussed plans and policies regarding mediation in the 8th Judicial District. Laura Viar, County Attorney, was present for the discussion.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the April 5th, 2022 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the April 5th, 2022 County Board of Health- Public Nuisance Hearing as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the payroll liabilities as presented; in the amount of \$37,904.72. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$324,669.38. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 18,364.04
Road & Bridge:	\$ 298,712.22
Reappraisal:	\$ 1,306.80
Noxious Weed:	\$ 4,339.28
Solid Waste:	\$ 879.42
Morris County 911:	\$ 1,067.62

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

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