

August 10th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, Jim Barber and David Fox were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

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

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the donation to the Council Grove Area Foundation for the USD 417 School Supply Fund Raiser in the amount of \$2,500.00. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

Stacy Edwards visited with the commissioners about the mask mandate.

Commissioners all reported that they have had conversations with several constituents regarding the mask mandate.

Tracy Henry, GMDC, discussed the appropriation request that was made for the 2022 budget.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve amending the GMDC appropriation to a total of \$28,000.00 for the 2022 budget year. Motion carried.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, and Ben Moore, architect, discussed recommendations to improve the dispatch and jail area.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve Ben Moore as the architect for the jail and dispatch concept designs. Initial costs for the concept designs will be \$6,500.00. Motion carried.

The county sold multiple vehicles and equipment on a recent Purple Wave Auction. The total revenue for all items sold was \$29,350.00.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$106,655.76. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 35,061.31
Road & Bridge:	\$ 49,729.26
Reappraisal:	\$ 742.34
Noxious Weed:	\$ 1,000.29
Solid Waste:	\$ 18,260.68
Morris County 911:	\$ 1,061.88
Bridge Bonds 2020A:	\$ 800.00

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the gross payroll and employer paid liabilities as presented, in the total amount of \$106,453.49. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the August 6th, 2021 special meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the August 3rd, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to schedule the County RNR & Budget Hearing for August 31st, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioner's meeting room. Motion carried.

Shelly Lautt, County Road Assistant, gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Continue to mow on the Dwight and White City routes
- Continue to stockpile and screen creek gravel
- Completed patching the Skiddy Rd., Woodbine Rd., Dwight Blacktops, and Parkerville Rd.
- Patched the Sale Barn Rd. but still have a spot to dig out, undercut and install a French drain before it can be chip sealed
- Patching on the Burdick Blacktops
- Awaiting an update on the dump trucks
- Begun receiving 2019 FEMA payments; we have received \$34,982.01 for culvert damages and \$11,901.01 for debris removal
- The Federal Highway Administration sent notification that they will be returning approximately \$22,800.00 to the county from unused matching funds from the FLAP Project

One quote was received for 4,000 gallons of #2 diesel fuel and 4,000 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
MFA	2.489/gal	2.4532/gal	\$19,768.80

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to accept the fuel bid from MFA Oil as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioners were all in agreement to allow the Arts Council to use the Light Tower for Seth Fest.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 2600 Rd. and X Ave. and the area of 1400-1500 Rd. and J Ave.

Randy Barten, County Sanitarian, provided a report on recent inspections.

The commissioners interviewed Charles Swift for the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director position. John Lee, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, was present for the interview.

John Lee, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, provided a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Chemical inventory as of August 1st for the Noxious Weed Department was presented.

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, discussed applications received for the courthouse custodial position.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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

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