

August 16th, 2022

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, David L. 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

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, gave a report on courthouse maintenance.

Jay Simecka, Sheriff, discussed the KCAMP insurance proposal for the repair of the 2016 Dodge patrol truck.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the proposal from KCAMP for the repair of the 2016 Dodge patrol truck, in the amount of \$10,611.98. Powell's Auto Body will repair the vehicle. Motion carried.

Ryan Michaelis, Appraiser, gave a report on the Appraiser's office. Morris County received notification from the State Division of Property Valuation that the 2021 Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study has met statistical performance standards established for the residential class of property.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the quote from Gerald Schumann Electric Inc. to replace light fixtures in the District Court conference room in the amount of \$1,372.10. The light fixtures must be replaced in order to allow KVK to gain access to repair a water leak. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to appoint Chelsey Schmidt as the Morris County Voting Delegate for the Annual KWORC Meeting to be held in Overland Park on October 17th, 2022. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to appoint Commissioner Barber as the Morris County Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual KWORC Meeting to be held in Overland Park on October 17th, 2022. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to appoint Commissioner Kohler as the Morris County Voting Delegate for the Annual KCAMP Meeting to be held in Overland Park on October 17th, 2022. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to appoint Commissioner Fox as the Morris County Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual KCAMP Meeting to be held in Overland Park on October 17th, 2022. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to go into executive session to discuss a non-elected personnel matter for 10 minutes with Travis Schweger, Tyria Callaham, Chelsey Schmidt and Bill Kassebaum present. Motion carried.

The commission entered into executive session at 11:05 a.m.

The commission returned into open session at 11:15 a.m.

No action was taken.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the August 2nd, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried 2-1, with Commissioner Barber abstaining.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the August 11th, 2022 commission meeting, as presented. Motion carried 2-1, with Commissioner Kohler abstaining.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the August 11th, 2022 Canvass of Votes for the Primary Election, as presented. Motion carried 2-1, with Commissioner Kohler abstaining.

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$503,282.14. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 11,891.86
Road & Bridge:	\$ 233,328.44
Reappraisal:	\$ 145.31
Noxious Weed:	\$ 3,034.12
Solid Waste:	\$ 23,590.97
Morris County 911:	\$ 351.44
Bond & Interest:	\$ 230,940.00

Jeff Falter gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Chip seal work was done in Parkerville from J Ave. to 1800-2200, 1800 Rd. from A-C and C Ave. from 1400-1800
- Replaced planks and stringer on the bridge on CC Ave. between 1500-1600
- Mowing was done on the Wilsey route, western Dwight route and southern White City route
- Retrieving creek gravel at the Dean Miller site
- Graded roads and routes on Monday
- Federal Fund Exchange Reimbursement was submitted to KDOT in the amount of \$64,117.09

Commissioner Fox (Barber) moved to approve the utility permit for Evergy to install utility poles on 1700 Rd., on the county's right-of-way. and to authorize Jeff Falter to sign the permit. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed areas throughout the county that need to be mowed and the area of L Ave. and 2900 Rd. that needs to be bladed.

Pauline Sharp and Dave Loewenstein gave a presentation regarding the Sacred Red Rock Project. Relocation of the stone from the City of Lawrence to Kaw Nation property in Morris County is anticipated to be between May- October of 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Wayne Kohler, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jim Barber, Member

**Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk**

David L. Fox, Member