August 24th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 24th, 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.

Travis Schweger was offered and accepted the position for the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director. He will begin training under John Lee effective immediately.

Darrell Miller, Morris County's non-lawyer member for the 8th District Judicial Nominating Committee, provided a report on the interview and selection process for the 8th Judicial District Judge vacancies. There is one vacancy for Geary County and one vacancy for Marion County. A total of 13 candidates applied. Of those 13 candidates, the following were nominated by the committee to proceed in the selection process:

Geary County Position	Marion County Position
Keith Collett	Keith Collett
Laura Viar	Doug Jones
Krista Blaisdell	Susan Robson

Governor Laura Kelly will review the candidates and make the final selection.

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

John Lee, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, provided a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Travis Schweger was present.

The Transfer Station will be closed at Noon on Friday, August 27th, for repairs. Regular hours will resume on Saturday, August 28th.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the August 17th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of $182,449.77. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:
General Fund: $ 3,713.64
Road & Bridge: $ 52,614.38
Reappraisal: $ 7.51
Noxious Weed: $ 114.24
Equipment Reserve: $ 126,000.00

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the gross payroll and employer paid liabilities as presented, in the total amount of $202,613.98. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the American Rescue Plan Interim Expenditure Report as presented. The report is to be submitted to the Department of the Treasury by August 31st, 2021. There have been zero expenditures of the funding to date. Motion carried.

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

- ➢ Continue to mow on the Dwight and Delavan routes
- ➢ Stockpiling chips at Burdick
- ➢ Completed patching on the Burdick blacktops, Dunlap Rd., 4 Mile Rd., Old 4 Hwy, 700 & Donnon St., Lake Rd., and 975 Rd. from T Ave. to the Lake Rd.
- ➢ Completed the French drain on the Sale Barn Rd.
- ➢ Began repairing the south-east corner of the OS-19 Bridge on 600 Rd. approximately 0.75 miles south of H Ave.
- ➢ Preparing to start chip seal later this week
- ➢ Attending a planning meeting with KDOT, Wabaunsee County, Geary County and Klaver Construction. More information will be available next week regarding the proposed schedule. Maintenance of the detour will be discussed with KDOT.

Future road detour plans for the area of K Ave. and 800 Rd. were discussed.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the contract with Bridges Inc. for the RS-210 West Kelso Bridge Project as presented and to authorize Commissioner Fox to sign the contracts. Motion carried.

Two bids were received for 6,500 gallons of propane as follows:

Bidder	Price Per Gallon	Total
K & R Propane	$1.40	$ 9,100.00
MFA Oil	$1.60	$10,400.00

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the bid from K & R Propane as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to submit an application to the KDOT Cost Share Program for 50% of the expenses of the Parkerville Rd. Box Culvert Project. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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

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