

## **August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

The Morris County Commissioner meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler and David Fox 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

Chris Blackledge, Emergency Manager, gave a report on Emergency Management.

Jay Simecka, Sheriff, and Ben Moore, with Moore Studio LLC, discussed the Sheriff's Office/Dispatch remodel project. Potential cost savings were reviewed and will be placed as alternates when the project is put out for bid.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to proceed with the bidding process for the Sheriff's Office/Dispatch remodel. Motion carried.

Ben Moore, Moore Studio LLC, will prepare the bid specifications and the notice to bidders for publishing.

Shelly Lautt gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Hauled Robidou creek gravel on 700 Rd. from F-H and G Ave. from 1000-1250
- Rawhide Quarry rock was placed on G Ave. from 900-1300
- MSM Quarry rock was hauled on Z Ave. from 1600-1900, 1900 Rd. from U-Z, 1400 Rd. from Y-Helmick, 925 Rd. from V- Four Mile and 1000 Rd. from B-C
- Gravel was spotted in on Old Hwy 4
- Hills and roads were bladed after washouts from heavy rains last week
- Mowing was done on the southern White City route, Wilsey route, Burdick route and around the lake on the Council Grove route
- TFM Comm. installed radios in the two recently purchased trucks and the rental loader
- Started chip seal work on Donnon and 700 and on the Dunlap Rd. from the Rock Creek Bridge to BB Ave.; Etnyre had a representative present for the first day to provide training on the distributor

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the permit from Enterprise Pipeline to perform work on X Ave. between 3000 Rd. and 3100 Rd. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the Dunlap Bridge Agreement and Notice to Proceed with Bridges Inc., as presented. Motion carried.

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

Larry Banks discussed the possibility of installing a fire hydrant while digging and installing new water lines; the hydrant would be located in Fire District No.12. Mr. Banks will get in contact with the Fire District.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 County Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the amount of \$55,916.86 Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:               \$ 14,651.25  
Road & Bridge:       \$ 28,942.59  
Ambulance:           \$ 34.30  
Solid Waste:          \$ 12,288.72

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve payroll liabilities as presented; in the amount of \$132,430.72. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Chelsey Schmidt and Bill Kassebaum present. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 11:47 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 11:57 a.m.

No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 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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**Wayne Kohler, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Jim Barber, Member**

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**Chelsey Schmidt  
Morris County Clerk**

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**David L. Fox, Member**