

August 31st, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 31st, 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

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the August 24th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

The commissioners held the RNR and Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve Resolution 2021-12 to exceed the revenue neutral rate in its property tax levy for the tax year of 2021. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the 2022 Budget as published. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to appoint David Fox as the voting delegate, Jim Barber as the 1st alternate voting delegate and Wayne Kohler as the 2nd alternate voting delegate for the KAC Annual Conference to be held October 18th, 2021. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to appoint Jim Barber as the voting delegate and Wayne Kohler as the alternate voting delegate for the KCAMP Annual Meeting to be held October 18th, 2021. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to appoint Chelsey Schmidt as the voting delegate and Wayne Kohler as the alternate voting delegate for the KWORC Annual Meeting to be held on October 18th, 2021. Motion carried.

John Lee and Travis Schweger provided a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Discussion was held regarding a harassment incident of a county employee at the Transfer Station on Saturday. Travis Schweger will be following up with the Sheriff's office regarding the incident.

Corrine Blosser discussed the courthouse having the water shut off due to the City of Council Grove performing repairs on West Main. Zach Krause with KVK attended the discussion via telephone and advised that the courthouse shut off the chiller system or contact the local fire department to refill the water tower for the courthouse chiller system.

Jeff Blosser, County Road Director, and Shelly Lauth, County Road Assistant, gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Continue to mow on the Dwight, White City, Delavan, and Council Grove routes when we are not chip sealing
- Stockpiled creek gravel yesterday and today
- Have chip sealed 2200 Rd. from G to F Ave.
- Currently chip sealing G Ave. (Woodbine Rd.) and plan to be completed on Sept. 1st
- Plan to begin chip sealing the City of White City and the Sale Barn Rd. on Sept. 2nd
- Cut back trees along 600 Rd. south of H Ave.
- Hauled and placed concrete rubble for bank stabilization on the southeast corner of the OS-19 Bridge, located on 600 Rd. approximately ¾ of mile south of H Ave.
- The fully executed contract for the RS-210 (Kelso Bridge) replacement has been returned to Bridges Inc. We are waiting for their construction schedule.

- Replaced a driveway culvert on H Ave. between 500 and 600 Rd.
- Highway 177 Project update; The anticipated date to close the road is March 28th, 2022

Future road detour plans for the Hwy 177 Project were discussed.

Salary schedules and pay scales for the road department were discussed.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to authorize Jeff Blosser to implement salary and base pay adjustments as discussed. Changes will be effective beginning the next pay period. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox discussed a bridge on 2400 Rd. and G Ave., south of the Skiddy Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

David L. Fox, Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Kohler, Member

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

Jim Barber, Member