

December 14th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 14th, 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.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, provided a report on the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office will advertise for taking sealed bids for a Computer Aided Dispatch System.

Ryan Young, Sheriff Deputy, discussed concerns regarding the County Leave Policy.

The commission meeting was moved to the downstairs meeting room at 9:25 a.m.

Those present: Commissioner Kohler, Commissioner Barber, Commissioner Fox, County Counselor, Bill Kassebaum, County Clerk, Chelsey Schmidt, Marcus Hernandez, James Blue, Bridgette Blue, Jay Troxell, Tamie Dragone, Ashley Iverson, Lyndsey Laramore, Andrea Messer and Billy Kryger.

Lyndsey Laramore, Andrea Messer, James Blue, Tamie Dragone and Ashley Iverson all spoke to the commissioners regarding the mask mandate. The general consensus was opposition to the mask mandate and they asked that the commissioners consider rescinding the mask mandate at their meeting scheduled for January 11th, 2022.

The commission meeting was moved back to the upstairs meeting room at 10:18 a.m.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. Travis has completed testing and has obtained his chemical applicator license for the Noxious Weed Department. Discussion was held regarding the fee schedule for out-of-county recycle pick up and the fee schedule for the Transfer Station. Fee schedules from surrounding areas were obtained and compared to the current fee schedule for the Transfer Station.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to increase the Transfer Station fees as presented. Motion carried. Fee changes are as follows:

<u>Trash Type</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Old Fee</u>	<u>New Fee</u>
Pickup/Small Trailer	Demolition	\$5.00/each	\$10.00/each
Medium Truck	Demolition	\$10.00/each	\$15.00/each
Large Truck/Trailer	Demolition	\$15.00/each	\$20.00/each
Extra Large Truck	Demolition	\$30.00/each	\$40.00/each
Demolition	Construction	\$0.03/pound	\$0.05/pound
Car/Lt Truck- Business	Tires	\$1.10/each	\$1.25/each
Car/Lt Truck- Residential	Tires	-----	\$2.00/each
Medium Truck (20 in. +)	Tires	\$4.50/each	\$5.00/each
Farm Tractor Rear Tires	Tires	\$20.00/each	\$30.00/each
Larger Rear Tractor Tires	Tires	\$25.00/each	\$30.00/each
Heavy Equip. Tires(200 lbs. +)	Tires	-----	\$40.00/each

Car & Pick-up Tires	Out of County	\$3.00/each	\$5.00/each
Large Truck Tires (20 in. +)	Out of County	\$9.00/each	\$10.00/each
Pallets	Pallet Pick Up	\$1.30/each	\$1.40/each
Railroad Ties	Old Timbers	\$0.03/pound	\$0.04/pound
Minimum Charge	Out of County	\$10.00/each	\$10.00/each
Out of County Demolition	Out of County	\$0.06/pound	\$0.06/pound
Trash Truck	Trash (Kahola)	\$0.01/pound	\$0.01/pound

Shelly Lautt and Jeff Falter gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Performed equipment repairs
- Hauled gravel and ran the roller over it on 2800 Rd. north of Hwy 56
- Dragging minimum maintenance roads on the Wilsey and Burdick blade routes
- Performed shoulder ditch work on G Ave.
- Cut brush and trees on Old Hwy 4, Donnon St. and 700 Rd.
- Hauled Rawhide Quarry gravel to areas on the Dwight blade route
- Met with MSHA and re-inspected the loader
- 2019 FEMA- Notified that low water crossing is now considered a large project
- Discussion- Road Maintenance Agreement with Schwartz Farms

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the utility permit for Century Link to bore under the road at A Ave. from 800-900 Rd., east of Hwy 177. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the minimum maintenance road of V Ave., west of 2800 Rd.

Commissioner Fox discussed 1050 Rd. going to White Memorial Camp and asked that it receive some attention as soon as we get some moisture.

Bruce Anderson visited with the commissioners about maintaining and mowing the area around the Old Stone Barn.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to amend the 2021 County Budget as presented and to schedule the budget hearing for December 28th, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve continuation of reimbursement to the Morris County Health Department for an additional COVID-19 Contact Tracer through the end of January 2022. Reimbursement is to be paid from the ARPA Funds. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the December 7th, 2021 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve payroll in the amount \$100,239.22. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$89,273.73. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 11,887.37
Road & Bridge:	\$ 58,125.17
Reappraisal:	\$ 227.28
Noxious Weed:	\$ 60.50
Solid Waste:	\$ 256.57

Morris County 911: \$ 18,110.84
Bridge Bonds 2020A \$ 606.00

Employee Christmas boxes will be delivered to all county employees on December 23rd.

All county offices will close at 1:00 p.m. on December 23rd and will be closed on December 24th.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the 2022 County Holidays as presented.
Motion carried.

2022 MORRIS COUNTY EMPLOYEE HOLIDAYS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 17, 2022
President's Day	Monday	February 21, 2022
Good Friday	Friday	April 15, 2022
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30, 2022
Independence Day	Monday	July 4, 2022
Labor Day	Monday	September 5, 2022
Veterans Day	Friday	November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 24, 2022
	Friday	November 25, 2022
Christmas Day	Monday	December 26, 2022
New Year's Day	Monday	January 2, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 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