

December 21st, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 21st, 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

Tracy Schmidt, White City Fire Chief, discussed concerns regarding emergency management communications, emergency responder badges, and communications and follow-up for families who have been displaced from their homes due to house fires or other disasters.

David Owen, Director of Morris County EMS, and Shad Johnson, Morris County EMS Staff Member, visited with the commissioners about the current living quarters for EMS staff at Morris County Hospital.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments. The Transfer Station and Recycle Center will be closed at 1:00 p.m. on December 23rd along with other county offices. The Transfer Station and Recycle Center will also be closed on December 24th and December 25th for Christmas. The Recycle Center truck was involved in a motor vehicle accident on December 16th.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to recess the commission meeting to take a tour of the EMS quarters at Morris County Hospital. Motion carried.

The commission meeting was recessed at 11:07 a.m.

Brett Wilkinson, Leon Osbourn and Randy Perdue with Kaw Valley Engineering discussed the proposed design plans for the Dunlap River Bridge Project.

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

- Stockpiling and screening creek gravel
- Hauled creek gravel to 200 Rd.
- Bladed minimum maintenance roads on the White City & Dwight routes
- Blade operators participated in a two-day training at the county shop
- Performed shoulder ditch work on Y Ave. and 100-150 Rd. in our two-day training
- Cut and removed trees and debris from the roads after the wind storm
- The roof blew off of the old truck shed at the county shops; there was also damage to the roof on the old rock office
- Ran the magnet through the yard to clean up nails from roof debris
- Ran the magnet on B Ave. from 1200-1400 Rd. where a shed went across the roadway
- Stockpiled Rawhide Quarry gravel at the county shop
- Completed the 8-hour MSHA training with screen operators

Commissioner Barber discussed the culvert at the entrance of the Downing Cemetery.

Diana Jost visited with the commissioners.

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, gave a report on the Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the December 14th, 2021 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to appoint Steve Morgan to the Morris County Hospital Board for District 3. Steve Morgan will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former board member Don Harmison. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to appoint Marty Wright to the Morris County Hospital Board for District 2. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to appoint Angie Schwerdtfeger to the Morris County Hospital Board for District 1. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$55,375.89. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 26,074.01
Road & Bridge:	\$ 5,057.34
Health Dept Flowth:	\$ 7,121.00
Noxious Weed:	\$ 635.00
Solid Waste:	\$ 16,488.54

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the payroll liabilities as presented; in the total amount of \$135,786.33. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve extending the leave policy maximum carryover amount for an additional year. Motion carried, 2-1.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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

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OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

David L. Fox, Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Kohler, Member

**Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk**

Jim Barber, Member