

December 28th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 28th, 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 Resolution 2021-14 to approve and join the statewide litigation regarding the opioid epidemic and to authorize Chairman Fox to sign related documents and settlement participation forms with the Kansas Attorney General's Office. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the 2022 Annual Contribution Premium for property, liability and crime insurance coverage with KCAMP in the amount of \$99,767.00. This is a 15.7% increase from last year. Motion carried.

The public hearing was held regarding vacating Maple St., south of Hwy 56 in Delavan, Kansas. Floyd and Loretta Albrecht were in attendance. Discussion was held.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, gave report on the Sheriff's Office. Discussion was held regarding revising the shift differential pay structure for dispatch personnel. The sheriff's office is obtaining price quotes for new garage doors for the southwest side of the courthouse.

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

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$60,350.34. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General:	\$ 23,303.60
Road & Bridge:	\$ 4,422.24
Capital Improvement:	\$ 32,624.50

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve payroll as presented; in the total amount of \$90,544.38. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the December 21st, 2021 commission meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The 2021 Budget Hearing was held at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the 2021 budget amendments as presented and published in the Council Grove Republican. The proposed amended 2021 expenditures are \$8,636,874. Motion carried.

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

- Received 2019 FEMA payment for the northeast ¼ of county roads in the amount of \$59,726.24
- Continue screening and hauling creek gravel
- Hauled gravel to the Council Grove blade routes
- Ran the magnet on B Ave. from 1200-1400 Rd. and on 500 Rd. from R- T Ave.
- Rd., M Ave. from 2100-2200 Rd., and 1400 Rd. from Y to BB Ave.

- Preparing snow removal trucks for upcoming weather
- Completed more MSHA training and went through Flagger Safety Training
- Notified BG Consultants that the barricades were down on the Kelso Bridge Project

Commissioner Barber discussed K Ave. from 2400-2500 Rd.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, discussed an employee application that was received for the Recycle Center.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the 2021 Budget Year End Transfers as follows:

- Transfer \$400,000 from the 2021 Road & Bridge Fund Budget to the Equipment Reserve Fund
- Transfer \$50,000 from the 2021 General Fund Budget to the Capital Improvement Fund
- Transfer \$20,000 from the 2021 Reappraisal Fund Budget to the Equipment Reserve Fund for future purchase of a vehicle

Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve Resolution 2021-15 vacating the platted street in Delavan, Kansas known as South Maple Street. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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

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