

February 2nd, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, Wayne Kohler and David Fox were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, was present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Amanda Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer for CrossWinds, and Linda Johnson, Morris County Crosswinds Board President, provided a review of mental health services that were provided in 2020 and discussed plans for 2021.

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, provided an annual financial report and summary of activities for 2020. There were 11,062 vehicle transactions and 479 driver license renewals made during the year. As of 12-31-2020, 57% of the 2020 taxes had been collected.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, discussed the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

John Lee gave report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved that the commission go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters for 10 minutes, with John Lee, Bill Kassebaum and Chelsey Schmidt present. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 11:10 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 11:20 a.m.

No action taken.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve increasing the fee for out of county residents to dump household trash at the transfer station from \$5.00 per pickup load to \$10.00 per pickup load. Motion carried.

Laura Viar, County Attorney, gave report on the Attorney's office. Discussion was held regarding the Attorney's office employee base wages.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved that the commission go into executive session to discuss a pending legal matter for 5 minutes, with Chelsey Schmidt present. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 11:53 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 11:58 a.m.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to extend the executive session for further discussion of a pending legal matter for another 5 minutes, with Chelsey Schmidt present. Motion carried.

The commission re-entered executive session at 11:58 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 12:03 p.m.

No action taken.

Jeff Blosser, County Road Engineer, gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Completed the fence repairs on the culvert on J Ave. west of 1050 Rd.
- Hauled rock on spots on G, H and J Ave. from 1100 Rd. to 700 Rd.
- Graded on most of the gravel roads last week
- Spread brine on the blacktops last week
- Hauled creek gravel on the Parkerville Rd. between 1600 Rd. and 1700 Rd.
- Installed 2 culverts at the new rock quarry on 2800 Rd. south of C Ave.
- Received the other 2 Department of Water Resources permits for the low water crossings on Big John Creek and Rock Creek
- Hauled rock on 2400 Rd. and R Ave. north of Hwy 56 in the feedlot area
- Installed an entrance culvert on 1200 Rd. south of F Ave.
- Started construction on the Big John Creek low water crossing- poured the upstream footing yesterday and are excavating the old crossing today
- Brush pile fire discussion

Commissioner Fox discussed a culvert that needs attention at 1050 Rd. and K Ave.

Commissioner Barber discussed trees that are protruding on D Ave. and 2200 Rd.

The public hearing for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was held at 2:00 p.m.

Those present: Ryan Michaelis- County Appraiser, Matt and Lindsey Forge, and Shawn and Nikky Tiffany

The proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was discussed.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve Resolution 2021-4 adopting the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Morris County, Kansas. Motion carried.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is available by contacting the Morris County Clerk's Office or the Morris County Appraiser's Office.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, discussed the proposed Senate Bill 13 and potential amendments.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the January 26th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

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