

## **February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

Laura Viar, County Attorney, provided a report on the Attorney's Office.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, provided a report on the Sheriff's Office.

Dave Owen, Director of Morris County EMS, provided a report on Emergency Management Services. In 2020 Morris County EMS ran 801 emergency response calls and 94 patient transfers to other medical facilities.

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

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

- Hauled rock to various spots on H Ave. east of Hwy 149
- Graded on most of the gravel roads last week
- Hauled creek gravel on DD Ave. and 400 Rd. south of AB Ave.
- Continue to perform winter weather operations as needed
- Installed a culvert on DD Ave. at 500 Rd, at the entrance to Kahola Joe's
- Poured both the east and west footings for the low water crossing on Big John Creek at Four Mile Rd.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the amendment of an additional \$1,500.00 for the contract for the Kelso Bridge Project with BG Consultants. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox discussed the area of J Ave. where several box cars were recently installed.

Commissioner Barber discussed 1900 Rd. north of Hwy 4.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to begin proceedings to vacate one-mile of 1900 Rd. between Hwy 4 and F Ave. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Sean Honer and Oriee Klein expressed interest in establishing a race track for an annual Hootie X Racing Series to be held in Morris County. Discussion was held.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

*--Meeting minutes can also be found on the county website: [www.morriscountyks.org](http://www.morriscountyks.org)*

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**OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**David L. Fox, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Wayne Kohler, Member**

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**Chelsey Schmidt**  
**Morris County Clerk**

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**Jim Barber, Member**