

January 11th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Monday, January 11th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Diana Jost, David Fox and Wayne Kohler were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, was present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church, Jim Barber

Commissioners discussed revisions made to the County Employee Policy Handbook. Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the revisions to the County Employee Policy Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

The commission meeting was recessed at 9:59 a.m.

The following county elected officials were sworn in by Judge Margaret White in the courtroom at 10:00 a.m.:

County Commissioner 2nd District- David L. Fox (2nd term)
County Commissioner 3rd District- Jim Barber (1st term)
County Clerk- Chelsey Schmidt (1st term)
Register of Deeds- Corrine L. Blosser (4th term)
County Attorney- Laura E. Viar (5th term)
County Sheriff- Jay Simecka (1st term)

The commission meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, provided an update on the Sheriff's Department.

The commissioners reorganized for the year. Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to elect Commissioner Fox to serve as Chairman for 2021. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to elect Commissioner Kohler to serve as Vice-Chairman for 2021. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to designate the Council Grove Republican as the county's official newspaper for 2021. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to designate all banks in the county and the State Municipal Investment Pool to serve as depositories for county funds for year 2021. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to make the following appointments for county representation for 2021. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Fox - Flint Hills Regional Council
Chamber of Commerce/Tourism
- Commissioner Kohler - Greater Morris County Development Corporation
Morris County Hospital
LEPC
- Commissioner Barber- North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention Facility
Community Corrections Advisory Board

Twin Lakes WRAPS

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the invoice from Street Cop Training in the amount of \$598.00. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioners attended the reception for Diana Jost and Scott Coover in the downstairs meeting room from 1:00 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve completing an application for FEMA public assistance for the COVID-19 pandemic. The application would allow Morris County to submit reimbursement for COVID-19 related purchases, should any more costs be incurred in the future. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the Facility Use Agreement with the American Red Cross to designate the downstairs courthouse meeting room as an available facility in the event of a disaster. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the January 5th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Jeff Blosser provided a report on the road and bridge department.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 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