

## January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber and David Fox were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, was present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Abby Evans, Kay Taylor, Janet Edwards, Carolyn Wirtz, and Shelley Miller discussed recent changes that were made to the employee leave policy. Item was tabled.

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

Gary Floyd visited with the commissioners about the Rails to Trails.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the 2020 audit engagement letter from Cindy Jensen, CPA, in the amount of \$13,100.00 for the Kansas regulatory audit and the Single audit. Motion carried.

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

Due to the Republican being unable to publish the notice of hearing, Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to amend the public hearing date for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan from January 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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

- Poured footings and stem walls for the ½ train car culvert on J Ave. west of 1050 Rd.
- Screening creek gravel at the 4 Mile site
- Dragging on all of the gravel routes
- Planning to move the gas line for about 150 feet on the west slope of the RS-36 Bridge Project
- Submitted cross-sections and designs for the Big John Creek and Rock Creek low water crossings to the Kansas Department of Water Resources
- Mini-excavator discussion

Jeff Blosser, John Lee and Corrine Blosser discussed the recent changes made to the employee leave policy.

Two quotes were received for 4,500 gallons of #2 blended diesel fuel and 3,500 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Diesel</u></b>	<b><u>Reg Unleaded</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
MKC	2.07/gal	1.7809/gal	\$15,548.15
MFA Oil	2.0134/gal	1.7742/gal	\$15,270.00

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the bid from MFA Oil as presented. Motion carried.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, provided report on the Appraiser's Office and discussed the employee leave policy changes.

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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