

July 13th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 13th, 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 go into executive session to discuss a non-elected personnel matter for 10 minutes, with Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk present. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 9:14 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 9:24 a.m.

No action taken.

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

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, provided quarterly financial reports.

Shawn Myers and Taylor Reed, with Meridian Roofing Solutions, introduced themselves to the commissioners.

Henry Cole asked questions regarding the plans for the Gail Lee Bridge on Y Ave. east of 200 Rd.

John Lee, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, provided a report on Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments.

Shelly Lautt, County Road Assistant, gave the following weekly road and bridge report: (Jeff Blosser, County Road Engineer, attended via telephone)

- Continue to work on mowing
- Continuing to stockpile and screen creek gravel
- Continue to work on 2019 FEMA flooding paperwork
- Should know by next week if the State of Kansas will qualify for the Emergency Relief Funding
- Flood plane mapping discussion

Future road detour plans for the area of K Ave. and 800 Rd. were discussed.

Commissioner Fox and Commissioner Barber mentioned several areas in the county that have gravel in the ditches that can be retrieved.

Commissioner Fox discussed a bridge on 2400 Rd. south of G Ave.

Ryan McDonald, owner of the Dealership Building in downtown Council Grove, expressed interest in applying for the neighborhood revitalization program. Interior demolition and immediate repairs needed to maintain the structure of the building have been done. Plans are now in place to begin the new construction. The estimated project completion date is by the end of 2021. Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, was present for the discussion.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the neighborhood revitalization application from Purple Sage Properties, LLC for the Dealership Building, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the July 7th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the gross payroll and employer paid liabilities as presented, in the total amount of \$109,055.12.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$309,684.99. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 35,762.30
Road & Bridge:	\$261,100.42
Reappraisal:	\$ 937.68
Noxious Weed:	\$ 8,228.68
Solid Waste:	\$ 1,314.03
Morris County 911:	\$ 1,061.88
Bridge Bonds 2021A:	\$ 1,280.00

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve Resolution 2021-09 authorizing the Fourth Amended Bylaws and Interlocal Agreement for membership in KCAMP, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the invoice from Ray's Apple Market in the amount of \$83.95 for a meal that was donated to the Council Grove Bravettes during their window washing fundraiser. In the past a monetary donation has been provided. Funds are to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

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

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