

June 22nd, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 22nd, 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:

Trudy Hutchinson, Executive Director for Hetlinger Developmental Services, Inc., provided a report on services provided in Morris County in 2020. An appropriation request was made for 2022 in the amount of \$7,500.00. This is the same amount that was requested for their 2021 budget. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Wabaunsee County and Morris County for a shared county appraiser beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025. Motion carried.

Jake Owen, representative with Blue Cross Blue Shield, presented the county's proposed renewal for the upcoming plan year. The renewal proposal and optional plans will be discussed at the department head meeting next week.

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

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the June 15th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented, in the total amount of \$245,566.70. Motion carried.

Shelly Lautt, County Road Assistant, and Jeff Falter, County Road Foreman, gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Continue to work on May storm damage
- Hauled crushed rock from 4 Mile and crushed rock from Lincolnville to the roads in the Diamond Springs area
- Continue to burn trees and debris at the Rock Creek OS-99 Bridge
- Completed reclaiming gravel with the rubber tire excavator on the Latimer and Parkerville routes and are working on the White City route
- Completed the temporary installation of a train car tube on the Parkerville Rd. at 1700 Rd. and have opened the roadway to traffic.
- Working on the final design for the replacement of the box culvert and working on FHWA "E.R." funding for the repair costs. An email was received reporting that the State of Kansas should qualify for the "E.R." funds.
- Hauling rock that was stockpiled at C Ave. and 1800 Rd. to locations on both Dwight routes
- Continue to complete the 2019 FEMA flooding paperwork
- The mini-excavator, skid loader, and motor grader were taken to the "Touch-A-Truck" event for Washunga Days and were a big hit
- Replaced the entrance culvert to the new MSM scales on 2800 Rd. south of C Ave.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the revised Cost Share Agreement with KDOT for the Kelso Bridge Replacement Project. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve Schwab-Eaton to submit the OS-32 Bridge application for the 2023 Off System Bridge Project. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve BG Consultants to complete the construction engineering inspection for the RS-210 Kelso Bridge replacement project in the amount of \$57,994.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the purchase of a double 6x6 box culvert from WCP to replace the double tubes at 2700 Rd. south of G Ave. in the amount of \$28,714.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of Z Ave. between 2900 Rd. and 3000 Rd.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve submitting a letter of support and a local match letter for the Morris County Public Transportation Application to the KDOT AIC Call for Projects. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

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

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Wayne Kohler, Member

**Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk**

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