

## March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler and David Fox were present. Bill Kassebaum, County Counselor, and Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, were present.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Corrine Blosser provided a report on the Register of Deed's Office.

Heiderose Chapman, resident from White City, discussed a recent fire on her property, and concerns with the Sheriff's Department and 911 Dispatching.

Morris County's General Public Transportation grant application was approved by the Kansas Department of Transportation for State Fiscal Year 2022 as follows:

- Capital Funding- 1 Ramp Accessible Minivan
- Federal Funding for Operating Expenses- \$60,370.00
- Federal Funding for Administrative Expenses- \$10,946.40
- State Funding for Operating Expenses- \$24,148.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the Public Transportation Grant Funding from KDOT for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented. Motion carried.

John Lee gave a report on Noxious Weed and Waste Management Departments.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the bid for scrap metal from Wes Recycling in the amount of \$126.00 per ton. Motion carried.

The following three quotes were received for various chemicals:

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Van Diest</u>	<u>Nutrien</u>	<u>Helena</u>
Glyphosate	180 gal	12.59/gal	12.90/gal	13.29/gal
Escort XP (8 oz)	640 oz	2.07/oz	2.04/oz	2.86/oz
Escort XP (16 oz)	512 oz	2.07/oz	2.04/oz	2.86/oz
2,4-D 4# Amine	360 gal	8.77/gal	8.89/gal	12.21/gal
Grasslan	192 gal	38.37/gal	38.99/gal	39.00/gal
PastureGard	180 gal	81.84/gal	82.89/gal	89.42/gal
Pathway	30 gal	31.29/gal	31.50/gal	43.61/gal

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to accept all quotes from Van Diest as follows:

180 gal of Glyphosate at \$12.59/gal, for a total of \$2,266.20.

640 oz of Escort XP (8 oz bottle) at \$2.07/oz, for a total of \$1,324.80.

512 oz of Escort XP (16 oz bottle) at \$2.07/oz, for a total of \$1,059.84.

360 gal of 2,4-D Amine at \$8.77/gal, for a total of \$3,157.20.

192 gal of Grasslan at \$38.37/gal, for a total of \$7,367.04.

180 gal of PastureGard at \$82.84/gal, for a total of \$14,911.20.

30 gal of Pathway at \$31.29/gal, for a total of \$938.70.

Motion carried.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, presented a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application from Dee Gieswein. The application was reviewed and discussed. Item was tabled.

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

- Hauling Lincolnville rock to AA Ave. from 2500 Rd. to 2600 Rd.
- Hauled stockpiled Lincolnville rock to various spots on Dwight routes: B Ave., 1600 Rd., 1175 Rd. and 1800 Rd. from Hwy 4 to C Ave.
- Installed a new entrance pipe on 2800 Rd. at the new MSM scale house location
- Worked on sign repairs around the entire county
- Continued to demo the hydra-dig cutting brush and ditching
- Performed maintenance on several machines and trucks
- Started preparing mowers for mowing season
- Graded on the gravel routes and tried to address some of the potholes on every route, including the potholes that we had received calls about
- Installed entrance culverts on the Burdick, Latimer and Delavan routes
- Submitted the creek gravel application for the Dean Miller site
- Fire (West of Kelso) Discussion

Entrance and culvert guidelines were reviewed and discussed. The policy and forms will be published on the county website.

Commissioner Kohler discussed the tree trimming on the Lake Rd.

Commissioner Fox discussed 1200 Rd. north of Hwy 56.

A public hearing was held to discuss vacating one mile of 1900 Rd. located between F Ave. and Highway 4.

Those in attendance were: Ernie and Karen Augustein, Loyola Seth, and Laryl and Derexa Seth

After clarification of the portion of road proposed to be vacated, Ernie and Karen Augustein left the meeting.

After discussion with Loyola Seth and Laryl and Derexa Seth it was determined that the hearing would be continued at a later date to allow time for adjacent land owners to communicate with one another.

The hearing was concluded at 2:00 p.m. and scheduled to continue on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Loyola Seth and Laryl and Derexa Seth expressed concerns about an erosion issue south of Parkerville.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application from Dee Gieswein was again discussed and reviewed.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application from Dee Gieswein and to establish a deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for any projects to be approved that have begun construction prior to submitting the application. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 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**