

## **March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jim Barber, 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

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the invoice from Best Buy in the amount of \$1,498.98 for the purchase of equipment to assist in zoom hearings and remote access for court proceedings. The funds are to be taken from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Application from Agri Trails Coop, as presented. The estimated cost of improvements is \$1,366,000.00 and estimated project date of completion is October 2021. Motion carried.

Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer and Lloyd Davies, County IT, presented a proposal and discussed a demo that was recently presented by Computer Information Concepts (CIC).

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the contract with CIC in the amount of \$181,586.00. The 10% down payment of \$18,158.00 will be paid from the Clerk and Treasurer's Technology Funds. The remaining balance will be paid by March of 2022 with 0% interest from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

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

- Hauled creek gravel to spots in the Dunlap and Kahola areas
- Grading on most of the gravel roads this week
- Assisted and flagged for the geotechnical drillers at the OS-60 Bridge
- Forming on the west wall of the 4 Mile Low Water Crossing
- All staff is back this week
- Hauling the rest of the creek gravel from the Miller Site and screening
- Performed some tree cutting on the Burdick routes
- Ditching along Old Hwy 4 from 575 Rd. to 500 Rd.
- Employee discussion
- Discussion on local detour for Hwy 177 reconstruction project
- Discussion about water lines at the County Shops

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the 2021 Federal Fund Exchange Contract with Kansas Department of Transportation and to authorize Jeff Blosser to sign related documents on behalf of the County. The contract would reimburse the County \$54,968.40 for chip seal work done in 2021. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes, with Bill Kassebaum, Jeff Blosser, and Chelsey Schmidt present. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 1:53 P.M.

The commission returned to open session at 2:03 P.M.

No action taken.

Commissioner Barber discussed minimum maintenance roads in the area of 2700 Rd. and V Ave.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 2200 Rd. north of B Ave.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved approve Resolution 2021-05 amending the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Amendments to the plan were approved at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 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