

May 25th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Kohler, Jim Barber and David Fox were present. Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, was present.

Aron Dody, on behalf of the Washunga Day Committee, attended the meeting via telephone and inquired about Morris County Public Transportation providing SAFE rides on Friday and Saturday evening of Washunga Days.

TinaRae Scott and Scott Glaves with SOS presented a report of the 2020 services that were provided in Morris County through crisis services, CASA, child visitation center and child advocacy center. An appropriation request was made in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the 2022 budget. This is the same amount that was requested for last year's budget. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

The commissioners received a letter from Lisa Hatt, Executive Director for CASA of the 8th Judicial District, requesting to be considered for an appropriation for the 2022 budget. No specific dollar amount was requested. The request will be considered during the county's budgeting process.

Randy Barten, retired sanitarian from Dickinson County, discussed the job duties and expectations for the vacant position of Morris County Sanitarian.

Gary Floyd provided an update on the Rails to Trails and discussed a one-mile section of 3100 Rd. and R Ave.

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, discussed the mask and social distancing recommendations for the Treasurer's office.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to rescind mask requirements for all Morris County offices. Motion carried.

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

- Hauled creek gravel to various locations on both Council Grove routes
- Hauled MSM Skiddy rock to Burdick streets
- Hauled MSM Skiddy rock to K Ave. on the Parkerville route
- Hauled Rawhide Quarry rock on K and H Ave. east of Hwy 177
- Sign repairs done in Latimer and Delavan areas
- Grading on most of the gravel routes
- Forming and pouring the deck on the 400 Rd. (Jenkins) low water crossing. Installed the new corner posts and repaired the fence last week.
- Conducting flood repair work on all routes- including grading, replacing rock surfacing and retrieving rock along the roadways from the ditches and fields
- Performed maintenance on pickups and dump trucks
- Continuing to work on 2019 FEMA paperwork
- Hosted the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) public meeting in the courthouse last Friday

One quote was received for 4,000 gallons of #2 diesel fuel and 4,000 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Reg Unleaded</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
MKC	2.3911/gal	2.2584/gal	\$18,598.00

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to accept the fuel bid from MKC as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler discussed the area of 500 Rd. and V Ave.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 3100 Rd. and R Ave.

Commissioner Fox discussed the area of K Ave. east of Hwy 177.

The commissioners received a letter from Nick Jones, Council Grove City Administrator, requesting that the following one mile of roads be chip-n-sealed for 2021: North Chautauqua from Main to Simcock, North Belfry from Main to Conn, Conn from Belfry to Chautauqua, Huffaker from Mission to Washington, North Rockhill from Conn to Huffaker and Simcock from Chautauqua to Rockhill.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the one mile of chip-n-seal for the City of Council Grove as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the May 18th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

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