

May 4th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 4th, 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:

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, provided a report on the Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation with Jay Simecka, Chelsey Schmidt and Bill Kassebaum present, and James Gambrell with KCAMP present via telephone, for 20 minutes. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 9:10 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to extend the executive session for the same purpose, with Jay Simecka, Chelsey Schmidt and Bill Kassebaum present, for 10 minutes. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 9:31 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 9:41 a.m.

No action taken.

Steve Samuelson, Kansas National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator, visited with the commissioners via telephone and discussed participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Lisa Davies, Morris County Sanitarian, provided a report. She informed the commissioners that she will be resigning from the position effective May 15th, 2021.

John Lee, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Manager, gave a weekly report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments.

Commissioner Kohler reported that he was approached by a concerned citizen regarding an issue at the 4H Building. Commissioner Kohler requested that the Fair Board be contacted.

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to go into executive session to discuss a non-elected personnel matter with Chelsey Schmidt and Bill Kassebaum present, for 15 minutes. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 11:37 a.m.

The commission returned to open session at 11:52 a.m.

No action taken.

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

- Hauled Harshman rock on H Ave. west of Hwy 177
- Hauled Lincolnville rock on BB Ave. from 2450 east for approximately 1 mile
- Hauled MSM (Skiddy) rock on BB Ave. from 2350 to the Diamond Springs intersection
- Hauled MSM (Skiddy) rock on Q Ave. from 2400 west to the feedlot entrance

- Hauled MSM (Skiddy) rock on Q Ave. from Hwy 149 west for approximately ¾ mile
- Hauled the new Rawhide Quarry rock on J Ave. from 1200 Rd to Hwy 177
- Hauled the Dwight stockpiled rock to various locations on D Ave.
- Hauled creek gravel to various spots around the Dunlap area
- Worked on stop sign repairs in the Dwight area
- Grading on gravel and dirt routes as the weather has allowed
- Installing culverts at entrances around the west half of the county
- Completed the 4 Mile Low Water Crossing
- Latimer shop discussion

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the April 27th, 2021 meeting.
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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

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David L. Fox, Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Kohler, Member

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

Jim Barber, Member