

November 9th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 9th, 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.

Laura Viar, County Attorney, gave a report on the Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to adjourn the commission meeting and convene as the County Board of Health. Motion carried.

The commission meeting was adjourned and moved to the downstairs meeting room at 10:00 a.m. to conduct a public health nuisance hearing.

The commission meeting resumed at 10:29 a.m. in the commissioner's meeting room.

The minutes from the public health nuisance hearing will be made available on the county website.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, gave report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Discussion was held regarding the current recycle truck routes and business pick-ups. Discussion was held regarding revising courthouse procedures for recycling within the county offices.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to adjourn the commission meeting and convene as the County Board of Canvassers. Motion carried.

The County Board of Canvassers adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The minutes from the County Board of Canvassers meeting will be made available on the county website.

Shelly Lautt and Jeff Falter gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Continue to mow on the White City, Latimer and west Council Grove routes
- Performed shoulder ditch work on AB Ave from 300-400 Rd.
- Removed the Cottonwood tree on H Ave. between 2900-3000 Rd. that was impeding the roadway
- Hauled creek gravel and MSM rock to 2900 Rd. from M to P Ave.
- Trained new employees on operating the blades
- Hired one new employee to start November 15th
- Met with Chad McCullough of Schwab-Eaton to discuss ongoing and future projects
- Health Department snow removal discussion

Larry Schoof and Stan Martin with Rawhide Rock Quarry inquired about future needs for the county.

Tim Elstun with Bolton Inc. discussed mis-communications regarding the pricing for the 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 truck that the commissioners approved for purchase during last week's meeting. The truck was originally priced at \$42,495.00 which was the price that the commission approved the week prior. Due to a Chrysler computer system error the truck was mis-priced and should have been listed at a price of \$49,455.00. Discussion was held regarding other comparable vehicle options and re-evaluation of the department's vehicle needs.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to rescind the motion to purchase the 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 truck for \$42,495.00 from Bolton's Inc. and to instead approve the purchase of the 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 truck from Bolton's Inc. in the amount of \$35,699.00. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the application for Rural Water District #1 to bore under the Dunlap Rd. Motion carried.

An amendment has been made to the contract with BG Consultants for the inspection of the Kelso Bridge project. The construction days for the project are longer than what was originally allotted. The inspection days have been increased from 75 days to 130 days and would potentially cost an additional \$33,836.00 more than what was originally contracted.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to authorize Chairman Fox to sign the amendment to the inspection contract with BG Consultants for the Kelso Bridge project as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved that the commission go into executive session to discuss a non-elected personnel matter for 15 minutes with Lloyd Davies, County IT- Great Plains Computers and Networking, Shelly Lutt, Jeff Falter, Bill Kassebaum and Chelsey Schmidt present. Motion carried.

The commission entered executive session at 2:34 p.m.

The commission returned to open session at 2:49 p.m.

No action taken.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the purchase of the 2022 Dodge Ram 3500 4x4 diesel truck with the flat bed from Bolton's Inc. in the amount of \$62,849.00. Funds are to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Floyd and Loretta Albright requesting consideration be given to vacate Maple St. in Delavan.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to begin the process of vacating Maple St. in Delavan. Letters will be sent to the adjacent land owners and a hearing will be scheduled for December 7th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$150,330.29. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

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| General Fund: | \$ 35,010.81 |
| Road & Bridge: | \$ 105,632.38 |
| Reappraisal: | \$ 346.12 |
| Health Dept Flowthr: | \$ 5,926.00 |
| Noxious Weed: | \$ 586.96 |
| Solid Waste: | \$ 1,351.98 |
| Morris County 911: | \$ 951.04 |
| Drug Forfeiture: | \$ 525.00 |

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the November 2nd, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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

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Jim Barber, Member