

## **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Others present: Billy Kryger, Pastor Berean Baptist Church

Laura Viar, County Attorney, provided a report on the County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Corrine Blosser, Register of Deeds, provided an update on the Register of Deed's office. Discussion was held regarding the groundskeeping and custodial position for the courthouse.

Commissioner's discussed the mask mandate for Morris County and asked that the County Health Officer and County Health Nurse be scheduled to provide an update on the status of COVID-19 cases in Morris County.

Peggy Jenkins discussed the low water crossing on 400 Rd. between H and J Ave.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, provided a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments.

Shelly Lautt, County Road Assistant, gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Mowing on the Wilsey, west Council Grove, Delavan and Dwight routes
- Completed installing the double cell box culvert on 2700 Rd., south of G Ave. and are rocking it today
- Completed installing the ½ train car and 48" CMP on D Ave. at 1465; also completed pouring headwalls and installing the wing walls; will be putting the fence back in place and rocking the roadway
- Grading on most of the routes, following the rain
- Met with Kaw Valley Engineering and finalized the right of way and answered the remaining design questions for the RS-60 (Dunlap River) Bridge Project; they will make the final changes to the plans prior to the final review; they will also make the final right of way changes
- BG Consultant Surveyors will be laying out the right of way stakes for the Kelso Bridge and we will finalize the purchase of the temporary right of way
- Discussing items with Shelly Lautt and Jeff Falter and developing checklists

Commissioner Fox discussed the low water crossing on 400 Rd. between H and J Ave.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director, discussed a recent job application that has been received for the Recycle Center.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$283,836.49. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 28,325.04
Road & Bridge:	\$ 252,780.38
Reappraisal:	\$ 661.90
Noxious Weed:	\$ 226.51

Solid Waste:                 \$       891.62  
Morris County 911:       \$       951.04

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the request from the Morris County Attorney for two deputies to attend law enforcement classes on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$387.00 per officer plus hotel fees. The funds are to be taken from the Diversion Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed ordering the annual Christmas Food/Gift Boxes for all county employees.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the contract with IServe Facilities for the courthouse cleaning, groundskeeping and maintenance as modified by Morris County, in the amount of \$4,807.00 per month and to authorize Chelsey Schmidt to sign the contract pending IServe Facilities agrees to the modifications requested. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 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