

## **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 5<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

Linda Eldridge, County Treasurer, provided quarterly financial reports.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve Resolution 2021-13 to make dormant 20-year-old personal property tax warrants as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the close of the 2020 tax roll as presented. Motion carried. \$13,205,208.27 in total taxes were levied for tax year 2020. \$12,989,159.50 (98%) of the taxes have been collected, \$216,048.77 (2%) of the taxes remain uncollected.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, provided a report on the sheriff's office. Storage containers will arrive this week and staff will begin moving items from the basement to the containers. The asbestos abatement will be scheduled to begin any date after October 18<sup>th</sup> with KVK scheduled to install the boiler pump system accordingly. Discussion was held regarding staffing for the sheriff's office, jail and dispatch.

Travis Schweger, Noxious Weed and Waste Management Director provided a report on the noxious weed and waste management departments. Discussion was held regarding the installation of an additional security camera for the transfer station.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the quote from TCT for the camera and installation at the transfer station in the amount of approximately \$3,000.00. Funds will be taken from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve an additional \$3,100.00 for K- Construction to concrete the apron extension. Funds will be taken from the Noxious Weed Fund. Motion carried.

Jay Simecka, County Sheriff, discussed the remaining 2021 budget and 2022 budget for the sheriff's office, dispatch and jail.

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

- Mowing on the Parkerville, east Council Grove, Delavan, Burdick and Dwight routes
- Forming and pouring the headwalls on the ½ train car and 48" CMP at 1465 D Ave.
- Begun to excavate and prepare for the double precast concrete box culverts that will be installed on 2700 Rd., approximately ¼ mile south of G Ave.
- Grading on some of the routes; limited to areas that are significantly pot holed; it is too dry to grade much as the gravel is unravelling
- Retrieved and are placing riprap under the OS-99 Bridge; pumped and placed concrete under the footings of the west abutment and the first pier east of the west-end of the bridge; we were able to place and compact riprap under the east abutment; barricades were removed on October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Received 2019 FEMA payment for eastern 1/3 of western ½ in the amount of \$71,689.50
- Received 2019 FEMA payment for middle 1/3 of western ½ in the amount of \$73,102.09
- Discuss the special conditions "Action Plan" permit for the Neosho River Bridge (RS-60)

Don Schoof, with Rawhide Quarry Supply, discussed changes being implemented at the quarry.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the net payroll as presented in the amount of \$64,709.21. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$58,157.08. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 12,915.43
Road & Bridge:	\$ 12,094.44
Reappraisal:	\$ 58.46
Noxious Weed:	\$ 23.59
Solid Waste:	\$ 440.66
Capital Improvement:	\$ 32,624.50

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the minutes from the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

The County Health Board meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Candra Good, County Health Nurse, and Randy Barten, County Sanitarian, discussed potential public health nuisances in the City of Latimer. Upon investigation two properties located at 103 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 115 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Latimer have been found to be a public health nuisance. The property located at 114 3<sup>rd</sup> Street has also been found to be a public health nuisance. Pictures and documentation of the properties were presented to the commissioners.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the County Counselor to send letters to Michael Calvert and Wolphen Smith to notify them of a public health nuisance hearing to be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the downstairs courthouse meeting room. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to adjourn as the County Health Board and reconvene as the County Commission.

The commission meeting resumed at 2:35 p.m.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve canceling the commissioners meeting scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> due to the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Conference, and to authorize Commissioner Fox to sign the payroll for the October 20<sup>th</sup> pay date. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

--Meeting minutes can also be found on the county website: [www.morriscountyks.org](http://www.morriscountyks.org)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**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**