

September 7th, 2021

The Morris County Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Wayne Kohler was 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 and discussed plans for hiring an additional full-time officer next year.

Commissioner David Fox attended the meeting via telephone from 9:31 a.m. to 9:42 a.m. Discussion was held regarding the plans for the next several weeks of commission meetings.

Commissioner Jim Barber joined the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

John Lee and Travis Schweger provided a report on the Noxious Weed and Waste Management departments. Policies and procedures have been developed for staff members assisting uncooperative customers at the transfer station. Two employees will be attending training for Household Hazardous Waste Testing from September 28th- 30th.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve the minutes from the August 31st, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Jeff Blosser, County Road Director, and Shelly Lutt, County Road Assistant, gave the following weekly road and bridge report:

- Continue to mow on the Dwight, White City, Burdick and Council Grove routes when crews are not chip sealing
- Continue to stockpile creek gravel
- Completed chip sealing the Woodbine Rd. (G Ave.) and the Sale Barn Rd. (R Ave.)
- Performed storm clean up last Friday
- Reset an 8' culvert on M Ave., ¼ mile east of 300 Rd.; the road is still closed as we need to haul in more fill to rebuild the roadway
- Began chip sealing the north Burdick blacktop (2800 Rd.)
- Delavan Community Center- discussion
- Unofficial Hwy 177 detour- discussion
- Creek gravel- discussion

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to authorize Jeff Blosser to accept the low fuel bid for next Thursday September 16th, 2021. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to approve Schwab-Eaton to conduct a hydrology analysis for the low water crossing on 400 Rd. going over Elk Horn Creek. The analysis will cost \$6,622.00 and will be reimbursable through FEMA. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber discussed a bridge at A Ave. and 2200 Rd. and reported that it needs to have trees and debris cleaned out sometime in the future.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented; in the total amount of \$104,999.99. Motion carried. The breakdown by fund is as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 19,866.69
Road & Bridge:	\$ 59,113.08
Reappraisal:	\$ 206.33

Noxious Weed: \$ 4,412.64
Solid Waste: \$ 840.21
Morris County 911: \$ 951.04
Bridge Bonds 2020A: \$ 19,610.00

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve the gross payroll and employer paid liabilities as presented, in the total amount of \$107,533.24. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Kohler) moved to change the commission meeting hours to 9:00 a.m. to Noon for September 14th, September 21st and September 28th meetings. Motion carried.

The commissioners received a letter from the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Property Valuation, reporting that the Morris County Appraiser has met the statistical performance standards required for both the commercial/industrial and residential classes of property for the 2020 Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study. (K.S.A. 79-1489)

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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

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ATTEST:

Wayne Kohler, Member

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

Jim Barber, Member