



MC Commission

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county’s budgeting process.

Discussion was held regarding the lawncare for the courthouse.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve Twin Lakes Lawn Care to mow the new grass area around the Sheriff’s Office addition. The approval is for a single mowing only. Motion carried 2-0, with Commissioner Kohler abstaining.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve advertising for bids for mowing the courthouse grounds for the remainder of the 2025 mowing season. Bidders will be required to supply their own equipment and provide proof of liability insurance. Further information and bid specifications can be obtained by contacting the Morris County Clerk’s Office. Sealed bids will be due and opened on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Shelly Lautt attended the meeting via telephone. Discussion was held regarding 150 portable radios, microphones and chargers on today’s Purple Wave Auction. Brett Samuels, Emergency Manager, is tracking the current bidding of the radio equipment.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to authorize Brett Samuels, Morris County Emergency Manager, to bid up to \$55.00 per radio; a maximum bid amount of \$8,250.00. Motion carried 2-1, with Commissioner Barber dissenting.

Ryan Michaelis, County Appraiser, and Kelsey Sharr, Deputy County Treasurer, visited with the commissioners regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to direct the County Clerk to send a notification letter to the participating parcels that are not in compliance with the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Motion carried.

Ryan Michaelis gave a report on the Appraiser’s Office. Discussion was held regarding staffing changes in the office.

Chelsey Schmidt, County Clerk, left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the minutes from the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Shelly Lautt and Jeff Falter gave the following public works report for the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>- May 16<sup>th</sup>:

**Road & Bridge:**

Rebuild the road on P Ave. from 2600-2800; used Mid States Materials Quarry (Skiddy location) road rock

Rebuild the road on Y Ave. from 2800-2900; used Elmdale and Wilsey locations road rock

Elmdale road rock was placed on Smith Street in Burdick

Shot grade and started forming the deck at the Low Water Crossing on X Ave. between 100-200

Hauled rock from Harshman Quar-

ry in Eskridge to the shop stockpile

Mowed along the blacktop on Old Hwy 4 and Dunlap Rd. from V-CC

Removed a fallen tree from the right of way on FF Ave. between 900-1000

New leased loader was delivered, and the old one was picked up by Murphy Tractor

Took delivery of a used lift group for the MP21 and a mulch head for demo from Murphy Tractor

Met with Murphy Tractor to set up and learn about the JD Link telematics system

**Noxious Weed:**

Caleb and John have not been able to spray for several days due to the weather and wind

Phone calls have been made to landowners notifying them of Noxious Weeds identified on their property

Caleb attended the monthly weed directors meeting; sales reps at the meeting advised that the price of 2-4D has gone up \$6.00 per gallon and it does not appear that prices will be coming back down. There is a possibility that the price of Escort may also increase.

**Recycle Center:**

Another load of cardboard went out

Hess and Son’s swapped out another trailer for metal products today; the price range has been \$500-\$600 per load

**Transfer Station:**

KDHE conducted a surprise inspection on Wednesday; the Transfer Station passed with no issues

**Emergency Management:**

Morris County won the lot of 150 portable radios, microphones and chargers on this morning’s Purple Wave Auction; the bid amount was \$7,600.00 but will include an additional buyers fee.

A quote was presented from Ricky Worrell for the purchase of 8 LED lights and the electrical installation and labor for the White City Shop, in the total amount of \$1,738.08.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the quote from Ricky Worrell for the lights and electrical work for the White City Shop, as presented, in the total amount of \$1,738.08. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber asked that more gravel be placed on G Avenue in the area of 1100 Rd.

Commissioner Barber discussed the railroad crossing on J Avenue; due to safety concerns, some work may need to be done.

Commissioner Kohler asked about the tree trimming near the entrance of Vista Del Lago.

Commissioner Kohler expressed concerns about the condition of the Big John Bridge.

Commissioner Fox discussed the area of 1100 Rd. from A-D; it needs more gravel.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

--Meeting minutes will be published on the county website: www.morriscountysks.org.

Dwight City Council

The Dwight City Council met for a regular meeting at the Library on April 21st, 2025, at 7:00PM. Mayor Pam Goss opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other council members present were Susan Mulryan, Ashley Gearhart, Chelsey Brosious, and Adam Wiebe.

Also Present: Ryan Taylor, Ken Bergeron

Visitors Present: Nancy Evans, Dillon Switzer

Visitor comments: Dillon Switzer presented pictures, along with Ryan Taylor and further discussed the sewer repairs needed at 505 Main St. After discussion between Dillon representing Pub Holding LLC and City Council it was determined the City of Dwight is responsible for repairs at 505 Main St.

Councilwoman Gearhart made a motion to pay sewer repairs at 505 Main St. Dwight KS, as estimated by Larson Construction Company not to exceed \$5,000.00. Councilman Wiebe seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Minutes: Councilwoman Brosious moved to accept the minutes of the March 17th, 2025, regular meeting with noted corrections. Councilwoman Gearhart seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Maintenance Manager Report: Manager Ryan Taylor provided a written report. It was discussed for Ryan to gather prices for new block heater, Old Skool repair LLC recom-

mended to replace block heater with a different brand of heater. Painting fire hydrants was discussed. Prices for medium grade/high-grade paint will be researched for the next meeting.

Water Manager Report: Manager Ryan Taylor provided a written report. Ryan highlighted a few items from the written report. Ryan continues contacting residents of Dwight about early detection of water leaks. Water salesman is currently still not in operation due to awaiting ordered parts to repair.

City Clerk Report: Clerk Ken Bergeron provided a written report and financials, Ken reported that getting bills out using Metron with Jayhawk is becoming easier as time progress. Ken reported that not all current Landlords have a signed convert to owner agreement. The council decided to review the Ordinance mentioned and revise in May Regular meeting. Ken reported that 4 accounts were sent late notices. 3 made payments, the 4th has been charged reconnection fee.

Review and Approval of Bills: Councilwoman Gearhart moved to approve the bills for a total of \$2,017.52. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

New Business: Councilwoman Mulryan made a motion to donate (See Dwight City, Page 3)

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Phase One of the project is planned for completion ahead of the Santa Fe Trail Symposium, which is a ten-day celebration in September that is expected to bring 300 guests to town.

Roerman emphasized the importance of projects like Rendezvous Point in enhancing Kansas tourism. “This is a perfect fit for our Attraction Development Grant, which focuses on bricks-and-mortar projects that either create new attractions or improve existing ones. We love the vision and can’t wait to see it come to life.”

Several dignitaries and community leaders were present for the check presentation, including State Senator Mike Argabright, 68th District Representative Nate Butler, Santa Fe Trail Association President Chris Day, and Education Chair Janet Armstead. Members of the Morris County Historical Society, volunteers, city officials, and local residents also attended.

Roerman noted that Council Grove remains a frequent stop for Kansas Tourism staff and praised the community’s unique historical assets. “There’s fantastic history here you can’t get anywhere else, and we want people to experience it. This is a natural partnership.”

Unbound Gravel

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Such a large race can be dangerous for both riders and law enforcement. A pursuit near the start of Unbound Gravel activity early Saturday led to injuries for a Lyon County deputy and two arrests. Sheriff Jeff Cope said a pickup ignored traffic control north of Emporia and fled deputies across rural roads. After deputies tried to block the vehicle along K-99, Deputy Doug Stump’s cruiser was struck and rolled into a ditch. He was treated and released from Newman Regional Health. The truck was later located in Emporia, where officers arrested Kaitlynn Mundell, 32, and Preston Ashburn, 42, both of Emporia. Charges include aggravated battery on law enforcement, possession of a controlled substance, obstruction, and traffic violations. Formal charges are pending.

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updated estimate of project costs. An additional update will be presented on the Kate Depot Project, also with updated cost estimates.

Under new business, the council will hold a discussion regarding the Council Grove City Lake. City Attorney Pat Riordan is scheduled to provide information and guide the discussion on this matter.

The council will also review and consider a recommendation for an appointment of Celeste Plitz, of Council Grove, to the Council Grove Public Library Trustee Board.

The meeting will conclude with any comments from members of the governing body, followed by adjournment.

**14 million bees escape overturned semi**

Washington State was abuzz Friday after approximately 14 million honeybees escaped an overturned semi-truck. The truck, carrying 70,000 pounds of hives and bees—was driving near the Canadian border when it rolled into a ditch after a tight turn; the driver was uninjured. Over two dozen local beekeepers swarmed to help recover the pollinating honey bees.

SENIOR MENUS

Council Grove Fellowship Meals

Fellowship Meals menus for the remainder of the week have been announced by the Council Grove Senior Citizens Center.

To schedule a delivery, you should call 620-767-6319, before 9 a.m.

Tea, coffee, milk and a bread product will be served with each meal. The menu is subject to change.

Tuesday – Meatloaf, baked potato, glazed carrots, bread, peaches.

Wednesday – Taco salad with corn chips, corn salad, pineapple tidbits, cookie.

Thursday – Baked pork chop, sweet potato, peas, roll, blushing applesauce.

Friday – Chicken salad sandwich, potato salad, marinated vegetable salad, lime sprinkled pears.

Chase County Senior Center Meals

Fellowship Meals menus for the remainder of the week have been announced by the Chase County Senior Citizens Center.

Tea, coffee, milk and a bread product will be served with each meal. The menu is subject to change.

Please call 620-273-8511 by 9:30 a.m., the day you wish to reserve a meal. Delivery is possible within our delivery area.

Tuesday – Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian blend veggies, broccoli, garlic bread, 5 cup salad.

Wednesday – Pork roast, sweet potato casserole, corn, hot roll, apricots.

Thursday – Polish sausage with kraut on bun or baked fish, roasted potatoes, Jell-O with fruit, cookie.

Friday – Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, hot roll, peach parfait.

Alta Vista, White City Senior Citizens Menus

Fellowship Meals menus for the remainder of the week have been announced by the Alta Vista Senior Citizens Center and White City Senior Citizens Center.

Alta Vista patrons should call 785-499-5350, by 9:30 a.m., to reserve a meal for that day. White City patrons should call 785-349-2813.

Tea, coffee, milk and a bread product will be served with each meal. The menu is subject to change.

Tuesday – Herbed pork roast, baked sweet potato, Marquise blend veggies, bread, fruit crisp.

Wednesday – Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, broccoli, mandarin oranges.

Thursday – Chicken enchilada casserole, Mexican corn, tossed salad, fresh fruit, cookie.

Friday – Swiss steak, creamed cabbage, glazed carrots, wheat roll, pears, poke cake.

Hits deer on Lake Rd.

Robert Herbig Jr., 81, Council Grove, was westbound on Lake Road on May 21, when he struck a deer that entered the road from the south ditch.

**CLASSIFIEDS - Call 620-767-5123 before 9 AM to be on time!**

CONGRESSMAN  
**Derek Schmidt**  
SECOND DISTRICT OF KANSAS

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