

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes December 18, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, December 18, 2023. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney Allen and Jim MacGregor. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Richard Orton, Nellie Crenshaw, Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Commissioner Hier asked for Public Comment. Richard Orton asked why the Commissioners don't reschedule their meeting when Mondays are holidays? Commissioners responded that they have in the past when something urgent was on the agenda.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch provided a Utility Petition and Request for underground boring for a water line under Vera Road, Commissioners approved. Hinch will be selling surplus items through Purple Wave online auction, he offered to list items from other departments as well. Hinch attended the Belvue Bridge site meeting, subsequent inspections will be taking place to avoid any surprises in the construction phase. The Road & Bridge crew dealt with challenges at the tube replacement on Homestead Road, they hit a spring that took extra time to stabilize the area. There has been a recent rash of road signs going missing in the Paxico area and northeastern area of the County.

Noxious Weed Update

Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley presented an estimate to replace the desktop computer in Noxious Weed, the computer is at the end of its useful life and capacity. Commissioners agreed.

Other Business

Commissioners reviewed the draft Holiday schedule for 2024 and discussed the recent department head meeting.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt Resolution 2023-52 A Resolution Transferring \$25,000 from the General Fund to Equipment Reserve Fund for acquisition of equipment as allowed by statute; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to adopt Resolution 2023-53 A Resolution Transferring \$3,000 from the Public Transportation Fund to the Public Transportation Capital Outlay Fund to meet the obligations of grants for the purchase of vehicles; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for The Plaza of the Flint Hills for 2024; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to approve the minutes of the December 11th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Hier reviewed and signed the Daily Statements for December 8, 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2023. Commissioners reviewed and signed Expenses from November 30 through December 13, 2023; wage change forms and Tax Abatements AB31-AB38 for Tax Year 2023 totaling \$754.44; Added Taxes 2023-16 & 2023-17 totaling \$1,397.82.

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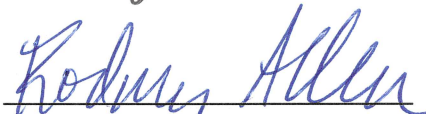
At 10:00 AM Commissioner Hier declared a recess until the 10:30 AM Legislative Roundtable.

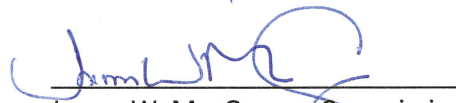
At 10:30 AM Commissioners Hier, MacGregor and Allen convened in the Commission Meeting Room. Those who joined in person included Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Richard Orton, Nellie Crenshaw, Register of Deeds Marcy Merritt, Ken Smith, Appraiser Ryan Michaelis, Clerk Abby Amick, Attorney Tim Liesmann, Representative Kenny Titus, Senator Jeff Longbine, John Mugler with Senator Roger Marshall's Office, Grace Green with Representative Jake LaTurner's Office, and Senator Brenda Dietrich. Commissioners, staff and members of the public discussed issues related to the Kansas and Federal Legislature.

At 11:45 AM Commissioner MacGregor moved to adjourn until Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 8th day of January 2024.


Nancy Hier, Chairman


Rodney Allen, Vice Chairman


James W. MacGregor, Commissioner

Attest:


Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

