

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, January 8, 2024. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney L. Allen and Jim W. MacGregor. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Eric Kirsch, Health Department Administrator Ray Finley, Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Economic Development Director Stephanie Imthurn, Boyd Davis, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch reported that he is working with Cook, Flatt and Stroble to determine the potential for High Risk Rural Road Grant applications for shoulders on Keene-Eskridge Road and/or Paxico Road. Hinch also outlined the major projects planned for 2024 including: Bridge 270 on Wabaunsee Road, Mission Valley Road HRRR Project, Bridge 13 on Fairfield Road, Chip Seal approximately 20 miles, and the Belvue Bridge match for a total of \$1,350,000 in 2024 Projects.

Economic Development Update

Economic Development Director Stephanie Imthurn provided an update on the Heritage Homes Open House and Ribbon Cutting. Imthurn reported that seven entities in Wabaunsee County applied for the Kansas Water Office Grant. Imthurn has met with Housing Grant Specialists to develop a housing program in the County. Imthurn announce a career exploration event to be held February 21st as an opportunity for local businesses to interact with High School Juniors and Seniors, showcasing the career opportunities that exist in Wabaunsee County.

Local Board of Health

Commissioner Hier convened the meeting of the Local Board of Health with County Health Administrator Ray Finley present. Finley presented the annual contracts for Health Services with no changes from the prior year.

Commissioner Allen moved to re-appoint Dr. Dianna Katt as the County Health Officer and Medical Director, and re-appoint Audra Bayless as Pharmacist-in-charge; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier closed the annual meeting of the Local Board of Health.

Sewer District #1

Commissioner Hier convened the annual meeting of Sewer District No. 1 Operating Board of Directors. County Sanitarian Noel Sylvester reported on the events of the prior year. Commissioners will revisit the annual assessment in June 2024. Commissioner Hier closed the annual Sewer District No. 1 Operating Board meeting.

Reorganization

Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Commissioner Hier as Board Chairman; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Commissioner MacGregor as Board Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Stockgrowers State Bank as the depository bank for active accounts for 2024; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Commissioner MacGregor moved to designate the Wabaunsee County Signal Enterprise as the Official County Paper for 2024; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Dr Alan Martinez County Coroner for 2024; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to appoint Amy Terrapin Emergency Management Coordinator and Noel Sylvester as Zoning Administrator, Flood Plain Manager and Sanitarian for 2024; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to approve a \$50 per diem for IRS qualifying events and the mileage reimbursement at the IRS published rate; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to designate the following 2024 holidays; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15, 2024
President's Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2024
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4, 2024
Labor Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28, 2024
Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29, 2024
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Discretionary Day	Day of Employee Choice

Commissioners agreed to schedule an In-service Day on Monday, October 14, 2024; offices will be closed to the public that day while employees receive additional training.

The Courthouse will be closed Tuesday, December 31, 2024 for internal audit and year end procedures, and closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for the New Year Day Holiday.

Other Business

Commissioner MacGregor moved to adopt Resolution 2024-01 a resolution waiving the requirements of Accounting Procedures as specified in K.S.A. 75-1120a(c)(1); Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt Resolution 2024-02 a resolution concerning the transfer of funds in the amount of \$20,000 from Fire District #6 General Fund to the Special Equipment Fund; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Commissioner MacGregor moved to adopt Resolution 2024-03 a resolution establishing Wabaunsee County as a Broadband Ready Community, Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed and decided to continue membership with the Flint Hills Regional Council.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to approve the minutes of the December 18th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

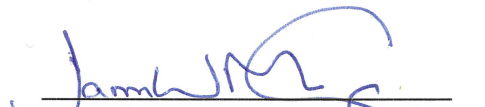
Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for December 14, 2023 – January 3, 2024. Commissioners reviewed and signed Tax Abatement #2023-AB39 – AB50 in the amount of \$7,036.04.

The Courthouse will be closed Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

At 10:24 AM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, January 22nd at 9:00 AM; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 22nd day of January 2024.


Nancy Hier, Chairman


James W. MacGregor, Vice Chairman


Rodney Allen, Commissioner

Attest:




Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

