

Wabaunsee County Commission Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS Regular Meeting Minutes July 3, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, July 3, 2023. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney L. Allen and Jim 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, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch reported that dust control will be applied starting this week around the county. Bridge 45 on Boothill Road will have the corrugated decking installed this week, the County will finish up the rip rap, gravel and fences. Bridge 25 near Maple Hill may have the road open later today. Hinch presented the KDOT contract for Bridge 13 on Fairfield Road, Commissioners will review and discuss on Monday, July 10th. Commissioners discussed budget considerations for construction materials in 2024.

Crosswinds Budget Request

Amanda Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer and Sarah Stockwell, Chief Fiscal Officer with Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness joined in person. Crosswinds has hired another therapist for the Wabaunsee-Morris Team and is considering a location in Eskridge. Crosswinds currently employs 186 people. In 2022, 158 Wabaunsee County residents were served by Crosswinds consisting of 988 hours of service. The 2024 Appropriation Request is \$55,500 and increase of \$3,500 from the prior year.

Echo Cliff Park

Denise Swiercinsky joined in person. Swiercinsky provided some history on Echo Cliff Park and shared that there is only one surviving member of the original Echo Cliff Trust. That member has asked Swiercinsky to take over the park management. The Park is experiencing more graffiti and damage to the property in recent years. There are frequently vehicles being driven on the steep embankments, making it dangerous for families to enjoy the park. As Swiercinsky has researched grant opportunities, she is finding that the applications require a municipal applicant. Commissioners were agreeable to serving as a municipal applicant for pass-thru grant applications if needed.

Flint View Sewer District

Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester reported on recent inspections of the Flint View Sewer Ponds. There are repairs that need to be done. Sylvester will continue to source estimates and determine the scope of the project.

Other Business

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2023-29 A Resolution setting speed limits and authorizing the placement of traffic control signs on Maple Hill Road and McFarland Road; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

The speed limit of Maple Hill Road from the city limits to Beaverstream Crossing Rd shall be 40 mph. The speed limit of Maple Hill Road from Beaverstream Crossing Rd to the bridge over the Kansas River shall be 55 mph. The speed limit of McFarland Road from the McFarland City limits west to K-99 Highway shall be 40 mph. The Wabaunsee County Road & Bridge Department shall post and maintain adequate signage in accordance with the speeds identified in this resolution. Effective upon the placement of the proper signage.

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Commissioners revisited the discussion on Fairview Road. Commissioners asked the County Attorney to start the process for vacating the road.

Accountant Randy Gassman joined the meeting in person. Commissioners reviewed the draft budget line by line.

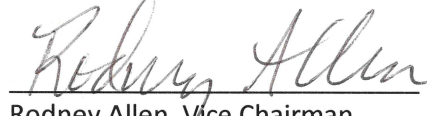
Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the June 26th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved wage change forms and Payroll for June 30th, 2023. Commissioners reviewed and approved abatement 2022-AB33 in the amount of \$74.34. Chairman Hier reviewed and signed Daily Statements for June 23, 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2023.

At 12:27 PM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, July 10th at 9:00 AM; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 10th day of July 2023.


Nancy Hier, Chairman


Rodney Allen, Vice Chairman


James W. MacGregor, Commissioner

Attest:


Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

