

Wabaunsee County Commission Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS Regular Meeting Minutes June 19, 2023 ---

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, June 19, 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, Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch and County Clerk Abby were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch provided estimates on replacing the 2 bridge structures on Fairview Road, south of Harveyville. Hinch reported that the construction on Bridge 25 has been delayed due to a mismarked AT&T line. Dust Control will be applied on county roads starting on July 7th.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to execute the contract between Wabaunsee County and Robert and Kayla Dieball for the sale of property along Old K-10 Road for the sum of \$6,525; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners signed the contract and Quit Claim Deed.

American Rescue Plan

Commissioner MacGregor reported on the recent American Rescue Plan (ARP) Committee Meeting. The Committee heard requests from several entities for the remaining allocation of \$119,000.

The Committee recommended: Wabaunsee County Extension Council \$5,000 for school curriculum and supplies; Fire Districts #3 \$28,208.71 to assist with the addition of a Rescue Vehicle to their fleet, Fire Districts #4 and #8 \$28,208.71 each for assistance with building improvements; and Wabaunsee County Economic Development \$30,000 for Housing Projects. Rural Water District #2 had requested additional funds for a loop project that came in at a price higher than the initial estimate, however the committee felt they had committed substantial funding to the project already and did not increase the allocation.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to approve the ARP allocations as outlined by the Committee; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director, Stephanie Imthurn provided an update from the Housing Committee. Imthurn met with the committee recently and developed a Housing Survey that is being disseminated throughout the county. The survey will help the committee to identify where the greatest need for housing is and what type of housing would meet that need. The survey is available online at www.wbcounty.org; click on the Housing Icon. The Housing Committee will continue to meet and discuss options for housing incentives.

Budget Requests

Wabaunsee County Historical Society Director Marci Spaw, and Board Members Jennifer Gehrt and John Hund joined the meeting in person. They provided an update on current Museum activities, including their success in submitting grant applications and receiving funding for building and exhibit improvements. The 2024 Budget request is \$40,000 an increase over the 2023 Budget of \$20,000.

Melissa Landis, Director of Empower House Ministries shared an update on the addiction recovery services provided through their facility. They have capacity for eight residents, with an average length of stay of eighty-four days. They have had one resident from Wabaunsee County stay at the facility. Landis requested support from the Liquor Tax that the county collects.

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Other Business

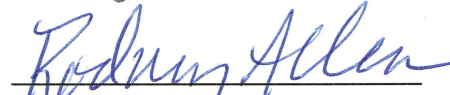
Commissioner MacGregor moved to approve the minutes of the June 12th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Hier reviewed and signed Daily Statements for June 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2023.

At 10:38 AM Commissioner MacGregor moved to adjourn until Monday, June 26th at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 26th day of June 2023.


Nancy Hier, Chairman


Rodney Allen, Vice Chairman


James W. MacGregor, Commissioner

Attest:



Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

