Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes April 12, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, April 12, 2021. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing Commissioners conduct and record the meeting over ZOOM. Members attending were Joel S. Fager, Rodney L. Allen and Nancy L. Hier. Chairman Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Commissioner Fager announced that it is First Responders Appreciation Week, Fager shared the County's appreciation for our local First Responders, Fire, Sheriff, EMS, Dispatch and all Emergency Personnel. Commissioner Hier asked about making additional CPR classes available for other municipalities, including cities and fire districts. Commissioner Fager explained that the book portion of the certification can be done online for a fee through the American Heart Association at the individual entity's expense, and the skills test portion can be done by Commissioner Fager for any local entity.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the April 5th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

2021 Budget Requests
Commissioners received and reviewed budget requests for Courthouse Maintenance of $165,500 which is a 1% increase from 2021; Janitor of $99,000 which is a 1% increase from 2021; Capital Improvement of $205,000 no change from 2021.

Health Department and Covid Update
Health Administrator Ray Finley joined in person. Finley reported on the Covid numbers for the County: 0 active cases, 14 deaths and 0 in the hospital. Wabaunsee County has held at zero active cases since Tuesday, April 6th. The State shows that more than 30% of Wabaunsee County is vaccinated. There is no longer a wait for vaccinations, anyone can call and make an appointment. Electronic Signs are out around the county reminding people that vaccinations are available.

County Appraiser Budget Request
County Appraiser Ryan Michaelis joined in person. Michaelis provided copies of the Appraiser Budget Request. The 2022 budget request is $146,830, which is just over a 1% increase overall, to include a 3% wage increase for employees. Michaelis updated the Commissioners that the mapping software that he currently uses has changed ownership, but there is no indication of a fee change. Commissioners asked Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester to meet with Michaelis to discuss the options for adding a Zoning Layer to the mapping software. Michaelis also provided updated job descriptions for the staff in his office.

Road and Bridge Dust Control Update
Road and Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush sent an update on the dust control options. Commissioners will consider the information and discuss with Bush next week.
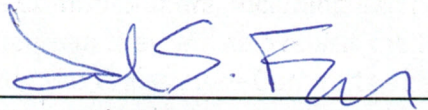
Zoning Update

Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester joined via zoom. Sylvester provided the April 15th Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting packets to each of the Commissioners, including each of the Conditional Use Permit Applications that will be heard at that meeting; they will also revisit the Hockenbarger CUP application and discuss Impact Fees for quarries. The Lake Wabaunsee Committee has met three times and will continue to meet. They are working on a survey that will inquire about the requirements that the lake community would like to see for vacation rentals at Lake Wabaunsee.
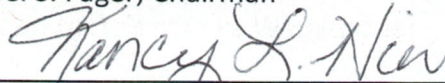
Commissioners reviewed and signed wage change forms and Payroll for the pay-period March 8th through April 4th 2021.

At 9:55 am Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, April 19th at 9:00 a.m.; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
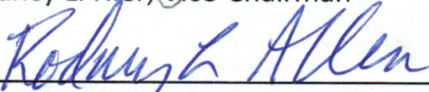
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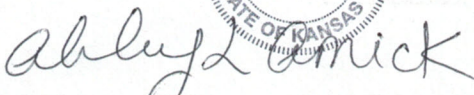

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Joel S. Fager, Chairman

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Nancy L. Hier, Vice-Chairman

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Rodney L. Allen, Member

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Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

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