

Wabaunsee County Commission Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS Regular Meeting Minutes March 15, 2021 ---

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, March 15, 2021. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing Commissioners conduct and record the meeting over ZOOM. Members attending were Rodney L. Allen, Joel S. Fager 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 Hier moved to approve the minutes of the March 8th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department and Covid Update

Health Administrator Ray Finley joined in person. Finley reported on the Covid numbers for the County: 2 active cases, 14 deaths and 0 in the hospital. Finley reported that Wabaunsee County is expected to finish phase 2 vaccinations by the end of the month and preparing to open phase 3. Finley filed for a grant to add 2 parttime staff through 2022. There is no match required and it is a non-competitive grant. The Health Department would like to find a way to incorporate electronic health reporting eventually. Finley shared that there will be free covid testing available at the Fair Grounds in Alma from 9am – 1pm and the Lake Wabaunsee Fire Station from 2pm – 6pm on March 16, 23, 30 and April 6. Results will take about 2 days. The test is completely free, no insurance or payment required.

Mask Order

County Attorney Tim Liesmann provided an update from the EOC meeting held Friday, March 12th. Due to a large percentage of the county population either having had the virus or having had the vaccine, and the low numbers of positive cases, the EOC recommendation is to remove the mask requirement in county facilities and remove the outdoor gathering limit. Liesmann stated that law enforcement can still enforce trespass laws if a business is requiring a mask and someone refuses to wear one.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt Order 2021-03 Ordering that masks are strongly recommended, but not required, in situations contemplated by Executive Order 20-68. Mask wearing in County facilities will be at the discretion of the department heads. The first and third floors of the Courthouse may require masks at times depending on court proceedings and vaccination clinics. Businesses, churches, schools, private landowners, and other entities shall have the authority to impose Covid-19 restrictions, including mask requirements, and may request help enforcing trespass orders for those who refuse to comply. Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lake Wabaunsee Committee

Commissioners discussed the appointments to the Planning & Zoning Committee concerning Lake Wabaunsee. Commissioner Fager moved to appoint Cindy Manz, Jerry Haahr, Tim Wines, Jim Johnson, Keith Smith and non-voting chair Noel Sylvester. Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners agreed that the Planning Commission will determine the goals, objectives and timeline.

Commissioner Fager announced the appointment of Randall Debler to the Planning & Zoning Commission representing Commissioner District #1.

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County Clerk Update

County Clerk Abby Amick provided an overview of upcoming trainings, election deadlines, transportation grant opportunities, and an anticipated budget timeline.

Road and Bridge Bid Opening

Road and Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush joined in person. Bush presented a bid from Circle C Paving for 6.5 miles of single chip seal on Keene-Eskridge Road for \$138,600 and 5 miles of Old K-10 double chip seal for \$273,000. This was the only bid received. Bush requested time to review the bid, call references, and report back to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve Resolution 2021-15 a Resolution Concerning Installation of a Stop Sign in Alma Township at the intersection of Clapboard Ravine Road and Park Valley Road, Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion Carried 3-0.

Bush reported that the Kansas Association of Counties has projections regarding the American Rescue Plan and the amount that each county will receive. Bush asked that infrastructure be considered when those funds become available.

Commissioner Fager stated that CPR Classes are being scheduled for County Employees. Commissioners agreed to pay for the certification for employees who complete the class.

Treasurer Daily Statements for March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 were viewed and signed by Chairman Fager. A wage change form and payroll for February 8th through March 7th were reviewed and signed.

At 10:36 am Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, March 22nd at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this _____ day of March 2021.

Joel S. Fager, Chairman

Nancy L. Hier, Vice-Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:

Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk