

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes April 13, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday April 13, 2020. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing and stay at home order Commissioners conducted the meeting over ZOOM. Members attending were Rodney L. Allen, Joel S. Fager and Jim Suber. Chairman Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Health Administrator Ray Finley, County Attorney Tim Liesmann, Appraiser Ryan Michaelis and County Clerk Jennifer Savage were in attendance along with persons on Zoom.

COVID-19

Health Department Administrator Ray Finley said flattening the curve is working, averaging 65 new positives daily in Kansas. Finley said they have qualified for two grants for COVID-19 related expenses and plan to purchase a laptop to take to the pods when vaccinations start and also finish the move to the new office to allow for an isolation room. Prairie Fire Winery is making hand sanitizer and he also would like to get more shields and N95 masks. Each department will begin screen their employees and the health department will continue to screen visitors. Emergency Manager Amy Terrapin said she has received the delivery of PPE from KDEM.

Appraiser Ryan Michaelis feels we need to go back to being fully staffed, we can still limit or stop public from coming in. Michaelis said we need to at least have some one in each office until 4:30 p.m. each day.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush requested a mover be declared surplus property and sold on purple wave auction. Bush said they replaced it last year with a new model. Commissioners agreed.

County Extension

County Extension Agent Stephanie Melhus said they have an extension council meeting tonight and they would discuss the business directory and are in hopes of completing one in 2020.

Other Business

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Lake Bums Bait Shop/Lake Wabaunsee to sell at retail cereal malt beverages in the original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises located at 657 Flint Hills Dr, Alma. Commissioner Fager seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners approved Payroll for March 9, 2020 to April 4, 2020.

Sheriff 2021 Budget Request

Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Brett Wilson and Administrative Secretary Barb Phillips presented the 2021 budget request. Undersheriff Wilson said they would like to spend money that has been reimbursed from the Dirty Kanza, Symphony in the Flint Hills and canine donations and would like to budget for that in the future. Hoskins said they have applied for a grant for school resource officer

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that will pay 75% of officer wages with the Sheriff responsible for the remaining 25% which will be paid by the school districts. Wilson said they are requesting \$1,205,350 for 2021 which includes 3% wage increases to retain personnel. The 2020 budget was \$1,178,750.

Additional 2021 budget requests received were Technology \$115,600 and Commission for \$70,300.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Monday April 20, 2020. Commissioner Suber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved this _____ day of April 2020.

Joel Fager, Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Vice-Chairman

Jim Suber, Member

Attest:

Jennifer A. Savage
Wabaunsee County Clerk