

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes August 10, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday August 3, 2020. 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 Jim Suber. Chairman Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Attorney Tim Liesmann, County Clerk Jennifer Savage, Randy Gassman and Jim MacGregor were in attendance.

SPARK Update

Jim MacGregor provided a Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) fact sheet. MacGregor said he has talked to 40 businesses and nonprofits, School Districts that have a physical building in the county as well as city and county governments. Business applications are due to him by close of business August 21, 2020. The Committee was required to apply to the state by August 17, 2020 of a summary of how the funds would be allocated which are:

Schools	\$529,721.05	36.26%
Community	\$487,084.21	33.34%
First Responders	\$277,308.01	18.98%
Government	\$166,801.73	11.42%
Total	\$1,460,915.00	

MacGregor said requests were made for internet for communities and small business, radio equipment, personal protection equipment (ppe), upgrades for social distancing measures for the district court, additional technology for city and county offices, vehicle for health department to conduct home visits, radio tower, reimbursement for PPE, upgrade Emergency Operations Center, storage building to house equipment, use for community meetings, drive-thru clinic etc. and broadband service for the southern part of the county.

MacGregor said a request has been made for broadband in the southern part of the county, there are approximately 600 residences and 400 do not have adequate service, he is working with Mercury Wireless to provide service.

COVID Update

Health Administrator Ray Finley said currently the county is up to 43 cases since beginning of COVID, 5 active and 38 recovery one recent hospitalization that is currently

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at home. The last 3 came from same family, and they expect a few more cases. Finley said he is disappointed that the public is putting a stigma on this as to has had COVID and there should not be a stigma, it is like getting the flu. Commissioner Suber said getting it does not have to be the end.

Other business

Randy Gassman met with the Commissioner to finalize the 2021 Budget for publication. The proposed levy for 2021 is 60.082 and increase of .228 from the 2020 budget.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush has talked to KDOT and they suggested letters of support would improve the county's chance at a grant for the Coldwater Creek Bridge. Bush provided a copy of a letter he will be sending to area residents explaining the project and asking for a letter of support.

Bush provided a list of bridges and asked for recommendations from the Commission of bridges to submit to the Off-System Program. It was agreed to add Br No 108 – Elm Creek Rd and Br No 25 – Willard Rd.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve a petition/request from CenturyLink to lay a line for service to 19 Rocky Ledge Dr, Lake Wabaunsee, Commissioner Fager seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Zoning Administrator David Breiner presented the Higgins Quarry Renewal with one additional condition which is \$3,630 shall be paid to Mission Creek Township March 1, 2021 and March 1, 2022. Commissioner Suber made a motion to adopt Resolution 2029-19, a resolution renewing Higgins Stone for a quarry off Massasoit Rd. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner signed a letter of support for Deanna Pierson on behalf of USD 329 for a grant through the Railroad for suicide awareness.

Treasurer Daily Statement for July 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31 were viewed and signed.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until Monday August 17th at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

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Minutes approved this _____ day of August 2020.

Joel Fager, Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Vice-Chairman

Jim Suber, Member

Attest:

Jennifer A. Savage
Wabaunsee County Clerk