

**Wabaunsee County Commission**  
**Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes February 24, 2020**

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The Board of Wabaunsee County Commissioners in session Monday February 24, 2020. Members present were Rodney L. Allen, Joel S. Fager and Jim Suber. Chairman Fager called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Zoning Administrator David Breiner, Undersheriff Brett Wilson, Appraiser Ryan Michaelis, County Attorney Tim Liesmann, Register of Deeds Marcy Merritt, Clerk of the District Court Angie Anderson, Custodian Jenny Henderson, County Extension Agent Stephanie Melhus, Emergency Manager Amy Terrapin, County Clerk Jennifer Savage, Health Administrator Ray Finley & Noxious Weed Tonya Hensley were in attendance.

**Department Head Meeting**

Bush said have completed the move to 403 Iowa and the secretary is officially over there and they are no longer located in the courthouse.

Breiner said the Planning/Zoning office is now officially located at 403 Iowa.

Wilson said the Sheriff Office Administrative staff is officially located on the first floor of the Courthouse in the offices previously occupied by the County Extension. Wilson also said the plumbing project is nearing completion and they have currently had to farm out 5 inmates to adjoining counties who are not charging for the housing.

Finley said he is working on grants for the Health Department and looking at bids for the remodeling of the new area for the department.

Melhus said they are enjoying the new building, 4-H day is coming up and Trieb is still doing Medicare appointments. Commissioner Fager asked about the Community Vitality position and said applications will close Friday at noon.

Merritt asked about last year when doing budgets it was brought up to have each department meet with the Commissioners, and she would like to see that happen this year. Department heads will be set up dates to attend the meeting and present their budgets.

Michaelis said CVN (Change of Value Notices) are at the printers and will be mailed 2-28-20, property owners have 30 days to appeal. Michaelis estimated Real Estate assessed value has increased 2.4 million with residential property up 3% as a whole, native grass 15% increase, ag farm ground down for 2020 and new construction is 5.9 million appraised.

Liesmann said he is trying to get request for qualifications out this week for the big project on the building, (masonry, roof, HVAC on 4<sup>th</sup> floor). He said this will end up before the commissioners and they will score them and make a final decision of which company to contract with. The companies will provide us their timeline and it is possible it may take through 2020 to be completed.

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Commissioner Allen said that he is running one more term and County Treasurer Linda Coon resigned effective April 1, 2020.

Hensley questioned the cost for email addresses and said was told it cost the county \$60 per employee per year, she said if people are not using them why are we paying. It was verified later in the meeting that the cost per employee is \$27 per employee per year.

**Other Business**

Treasurer Daily Statements for February 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 18 were viewed and signed by the Chairman.

Payroll was approved for January 13, 2020 to Feb 9, 2020.

Abatements #2019-17 for \$9.49, #2019-18 for \$24.66 and 2018 Refund for \$9.30 were approved.

**Noxious Weed**

Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley presented a bid for a Winkel 7' x 8.5' Flatbed to be installed on the 2020 Ford F-350 Truck from Wertzberger Ranch Equipment LLC for \$3675.00 and a bid from Fairbank Equipment for all the spray equipment for \$20,496.94 installed on the 2020 Ford F-350 truck. Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve both bids. Commissioner Fager seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Hensley also had state reports signed by the Commissioners and will be gone next week for the annual conference in Lawrence.

**Emergency Management**

Emergency Manager Amy Terrapin introduced Symphony in the Flint Hills Executive Director Leslie VonHolten and Bill Hartnic site manager. Terrapin said they will be holding the first meeting today with area agencies preparing for the Symphony which will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> south of Eskridge. VonHolten said this is the 15<sup>th</sup> year for the symphony and the third year for it to be held in Wabaunsee County.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Monday March 2nd, 2020. Commissioner Suber seconded, motion passed 2-0.

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Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2020.

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Joel Fager, Chairman

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Rodney L. Allen, Vice-Chairman

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Jim Suber, Member

Attest:

Jennifer A. Savage  
Wabaunsee County Clerk