

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday July 13, 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.

Signal Enterprise reporter Kaytlyn Meseke, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Jennifer Savage were in attendance.

Flint Hills Regional Council

Flint Hills Regional Council Executive Director Christy Rodriguez and Janna Williams Assistant Director provided a power point presentation on what the Flint Hills Regional Council which is services of mutual benefit through cooperation & partnership. The service area currently has 26 members which consist of Geary County, Morris County, Pottawatomie County, Riley County, Wabaunsee County and 21 Cities within those counties. Benefits of membership are a set on the board, regional coordination, funding opportunities, strategic implementation, and inclusion in an economic development district to name a few. A membership fee is required. Rodriguez offered assistance while Wabaunsee County is currently without an Economic Development director.

Emergency Management

Emergency Manager Amy Terrapin requested the Commissioners to extend the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Resolution. This is a public health emergency resolution which will remain in effect until terminated by the Board of County Commissioners or until the county no longer need assistance. Commissioner Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-15, a COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Resolution until terminated by the Commissioners. Commissioner Suber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Fager said there is a SPARK Committee meeting today to begin work on how the CARES Act money should be distributed among the designated municipalities. Pottberg, Gassman & Hoffman Chtd will work with the Committee as well as Jim MacGregor who will serve as the Direct Aid person.

Noxious Weed

Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley presented the following chemical bids:

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Berne Devlin

Product	Size	Unit	Total Units	Unit Price	Total Price
Escort XP	8 X 16	OZ	7680	\$2.04	\$15,667.20
Platoon	2 x 2.5	GAL	1080	\$9.09	\$9,817.20
TOTAL					\$25,484.40

Van Diest

Product	Size	Unit	Total Units	Unit Price	Total Price
Escort XP	8 x 16	OZ	7680	\$2.04	\$15,667.20
2,4-D Amine	2 x 2.5	GAL	1080	\$9.04	\$9,763.20
TOTAL					\$25,430.40

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the low bid from Van Diest in the amount of \$25,430.40. Commissioner Suber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Hensley asked what they wanted her to do with the old spray truck? She read a request from Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush stating where he wanted stuff sprayed which included township road culverts and bridges. Hensley is questioning the township roads and if the county is responsible, she said she has townships that hire here department to spray their roads. Questions on who is responsible for what came up and Commissioner Fager said he need to research this issue. Hensley said she has a township interested in purchasing her old truck and sprayer, can she put it up for bids. Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Fager both think it would be a good idea to rent the truck and sprayer out, Hensley will work on insurance and what to charge for renting.

Other Business

The minutes of June 15, June 22, June 29, and July 6th were approved.

County Health Administrator Ray Finley gave Wabaunsee County COVID-19 update of 37 cases; 34 recovered and 3 actives. Finley said some have tested positive with no symptoms.

Commissioner Fager said he attended the Republican Forum and Wells Creek Road was a topic, one idea was a suggestion of traffic control and have specific truck speed limits. Commissioner Fager asked this be specifically looked at.

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Water Incursion Project

County Attorney Tim Liesmann discussed bonding financial for the water incursion building project. Liesmann reviewed P1 Group is the contractor and the project includes the roof, masonry repair of entire building, water damage spots repaired and replace the HVAC on the entire 4th floor. Liesmann said P1 has also submitted alternative projects including fix all windows, add insulation to the roof, and full HVAC renovation to floors 1 through 3. The building committee like these alternative projects and it would be a major part of the 20-year plan if these were completed. Liesmann has been working with Bonding Attorney Phil Wolfe to get bond financing lined out, Wolfe has recommended per K.S. A. 19-1573 to modify by home rule to include general obligations bonds. Liesmann provided a Charter Resolution for the commissioners to review and consider. Commissioner Fager made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-16, authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Wabaunsee County, Kansas to exempt Wabaunsee County from certain provisions of K.S.A. 19-1573 and to provide substitute and additional provisions. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Allen made a motion to adjourn until 9 a.m. Monday July 20th. Commissioner Fager seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved this _____ day of July 2020.

Joel Fager, Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Vice-Chairman

Jim Suber, Member

Attest:

Jennifer A. Savage
Wabaunsee County Clerk