

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes July 20, 2020

The Board of Wabaunsee County Commissioners meeting in session Monday July 20, 2020. Members present 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, Signal Enterprise Reporter Kaytlyn Meseke, Zoning Administrator David Breiner, Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, and Rob Sage.

Sage Quarry

Rob Sage said he owns a pasture along Keene-Eskridge Road that he would like to quarry stone, he has applied for a Conditional Use Permit through the Planning Commission but is has not been approved until they can find a haul route. Sage said he would like approval to travel 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of Keene-Eskridge Road south to K4 Hwy. County Attorney Tim Liesmann said the Conditional Use Permit is contingent on the haul route and that will be up to the commission because of the weight restrictions currently in place by county resolution on Keene-Eskridge Road. then will go back to the planning commission.

Sage said they plan to haul out approximately 2 loads per day. Commissioner Allen said 85,500 lbs. is the max weight of the trucks and the resolution limits the weight to 30,000 lbs. Commissioner Fager asked Sage what his suggestion would be, and he said he is asking to be granted use of Keene-Eskridge Road. Fager said his opinion was the resolution was put in place to protect the road.

Commissioner Allen said if they open one part of the road, they will get sued for not opening the entire road. Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush said he cannot say it would destroy Keene-Eskridge Road, but it would not do it any good.

Commissioner Fager said if they can come up with a better restriction like restricting the weight coming out, but at this point he does not want to see damage to the roads. Commissioner Allen said we have talked about enforcement but do not have any scales. Sage said trash trucks, propane trucks etc. use the road and he wants that commonly known, they would be above the weight restriction

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Wells Creek Road

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush reported the County did not get the grant for the Coldwater Creek project on Wells Creek Road. Bush said recently that area of the county had 3 ½ inches rain, we need to try and do something to eliminate the flooding, he thinks working with an engineering firm and continue to work with funding opportunities and start with using county funds.

Bush said the road needs slightly elevated and lower the ditches, it would require easements because the ditched need to be wider. Commissioner Allen said we need to start somewhere, like the ditches.

Steven Holz Wells Creek Road resident said he has experience in drainage, he said turkey creek used to flood all the time, when the main ditch was cleaned out it worked well, and he suggested that the county get an easement with the landowners between Wells Creek road and the river, Bush agreed, Commissioner Allen said the ditch estimate was \$547,000. Bush said his point is the drainage tube is considerable smaller than it should be. Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Fager both said to move forward with the ditches and work on some easements.

Zeller Conditional Use Permit

Lucas Zeller said he was here about his Conditional Use Permit being denied by the Planning Commission. Zeller explained he would do gun shop sales and custom work, in the Flint View Improvement District Subdivision. County Attorney Tim Liesmann said where the conditional use permit was requested is residential and residents did not want commercial business in that community, Liesmann said the planning commission voted to deny the request. Zeller said there have been home businesses there before. Lucas said some home business have been in business at that time,

County Attorney Liesmann said the County Commission can override the Planning Commission. Zeller said if he gets denied he must wait a year to re-apply. No additional action was taken.

Other Business

County Health Administrator gave Wabaunsee County COVID-19 update of 39 cases, 38 recovery and 1 active case.

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Sheriff Rob Hoskins introduce Angelica King one of the School Resource Officers that was recently hired.

Commissioner Fager discussed the overweight traffic on Keene-Eskridge Road and asked Sheriff Hoskins if they would patrol the road for that issue. Sheriff Hoskins said if the Commission give him \$40,000 to hire an additional officer to patrol. Commissioner Fager questioned why they are on I-70 patrolling but not on Keene-Eskridge Road which is a county road. Sheriff Hoskins continued to say he needed additional funds for additional officers.

2021 Budget Preparations

Randy Gassman met with the Commissioners and said at this point they are looking at cutting \$160,000 of total requests to remain under the tax lid.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Allen made a motion to adjourn until 9 a.m. Monday July 27th. Commissioner Fager seconded, motion passed 3-0.

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