

Wabaunsee County Commission  
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS  
Regular Meeting Minutes June 1, 2020

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The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday June 1, 2020. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing 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. County Attorney Tim Liesmann, Health Administrator Ray Finley, Emergency Manager Amy Terrapin and County Clerk Jennifer Savage were in attendance.

**Disaster Declaration, COVID Update**

Emergency Manager Amy Terrapin asked the Commissioners to extend the Disaster Declaration. Terrapin said Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM) allows counties to do 60 days now. Terrapin recommends they extent as it allows for continued support for health care officials. Commissioner Fager made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09, a resolution for COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Resolution, allowing for the resolution that expired May 15, 2020 be extended for an additional 60 days. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0. Motion passed 3-0.

County Health Administrator Ray Finley said the EOC has met and chose to go with Phase III and allow all businesses to open and move mass gathering to 45. This became effective May 27 and is for 14 days, until June 10, 2020.

Ray gave number updates, said EOC met and chose to go with phase III and allows all business to open and moves mass gatherings to 45, effective 5/27 for 14 days, this is until June 10, 2020. Emergency Manager Amy Terrapin said Wabaunsee County is less restrictive than counties around us. Finley said Kansas numbers are showing improvements, less new cases per day, less hospitalizations, and death rate has been level things are moving in the right direction.

**County Treasurer 2021 Budget Request**

Karen Callaway requested \$107,560 for her 2021 budget. \$115,760 was approved for 2020.

**Railroad Right of Way/City of Paxico**

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Paxico resident and business owner Carolyn Matthews said she is asking the county to look at the Union Pacific Railroad Right of Way that has not been maintained for two years. Matthews said it is overgrown and in need of attention. Matthews said she has found a name and number to call concerning the property owner and asked the Paxico City Mayor who gave her permission to address the issue but does not want to cause problems. Commissioner Suber said so you want the railroad to clean it up in the City of Paxico, she said yes, she felt the city could have contacted the railroad. Matthews said she wants someone official to contact they railroad. Commissioner Suber said he would contact the railroad on her behalf.

**Road & Bridge**

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented a Contract for Preliminary Engineer Design Services by Consultant for Project No. 99 C-5054-01 (Skyline Road Project). This project will be through Kansas Department of Transportation with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, PA as the consulting engineer firm. Total compensation of the public engineers' services may not exceed \$65,132.77. Commissioner approved and signed the contract.

Bush also provided a lease-purchase agreement for a skid loader with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation. Commissioner Fager made a motion to approve the lease-purchase agreement for a New Caterpillar Compact Track Loader Model 299D3XPS2C for \$56,595.27 with annual lease payment of \$7,250.00. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Bush also prepared information for the sales tax literature of what has been done in the past and paid for by sales tax funds. The Commissioner are preparing education information prior to the November General Election at which time a question will on the ballot for the renewal of the sales tax.

**Other Business**

The minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Treasurer Daily Statements for May 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 were viewed and signed.

The May vouchers were approved for payment.

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County Attorney Tim Liesmann said if we are going to proceed to do masonry work on the courthouse that we need some assurance the work is getting done correctly by contracting with a third party to protect our interests. Liesmann said he has visited with Josh Davis, Structural Engineer with Stand Structural Engineering Inc. who is familiar with the prior masonry work and restoration on the building and we can control how many hours and the cost of his services. Commissioner Fager made a motion to approve the agreement for services with Stand Structural Engineering Josh Davis Structural Engineer for services as a third party to protect the interest of the county at \$135 per hour. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Suber made a motion to adjourn until 9 a.m. Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 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