

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes June 8, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday June 8, 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, and County Clerk Jennifer Savage were in attendance.

Noxious Weed

Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley presented the following chemical bids:

Harveyville Seed

Product	Size	Quantity	Price per unit	Total
2,4 D Amine 4#	2x2.5	720 gallons	\$ 11.00	\$ 7,920.00
Tordon 22K	2x2.5	360 gallons	65.00	23,400.00
Tomahawk 4 (Glyphosate Plus)	2x2.5	360 gallons	11.00	3,960.00
TOTAL				\$ 35,280.00

Nutrient Chemical

Product	Size	Quantity	Price per unit	Total
2.4 D Amine 4#	2x2.5	720 gallons	\$ 9.02	\$ 6,494.40
Tordon 22K	2x2.5	360 gallons	36.19	13,388.40
Generic Glyphosate with Surfactant	2x2.5	360 gallons	10.95	3,942.00
TOTAL				\$ 23,824.80

Van Diest

Product	Size	Quantity	Price per unit	Total
2,4 D Amine 4#	2x2.5	720 gallons	\$ 8.97	\$ 6,458.40
Tordon 22K	2x2.5	360 gallons	37.24	13,406.40
Buccaneer Plus (Glyphosate)	2x2.5	360 gallons	10.19	3,668.40
TOTAL				\$ 23,533.20

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Commissioner Allen made a motion to accept the low bid from Van Diest in the amount of \$23,533.20. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Hensley said she has some interest in the 2005 Spray Truck and asked whether she should advertise and take sealed bids. Commissioner Fager would like to table this until the June 15th meeting. Discussion was held concerning the vehicle going to the Road & Bridge Department however, someone would need to have a commercial operator license to spray from the truck around bridges and culverts.

COVID-19 Update

County Health Administrator Ray Finley reported there are no active cases in the county currently. At this point all 31 are in recovery and the state in general is moving in the right direction seeing less new cases per day.

Economic Development

Commissioner Fager wished to discuss Economic Development with the Commission. Fager said it has been discussed and recommend that a demerger take place, removing Economic Development from the Extension. If that were to occur changes would need to be made to 2021 Budget requests by the County Extension and a new 2021 Economic Development budget would need to be established. Fager asked the other Commissioners to consider this for a decision on June 15th. County Attorney Liesmann said they will need to be discussion/decision on remaining funds saying that for 2020 \$68,000 was combined with Extension to fund the Economic Development/Community Vitality. Does the county want to distribute all those funds to Extension or retain to fund Economic Development for the remainder of 2020.

County Attorney Tim Liesmann handed out information for the Commissioners to score two companies interested in the Water Incursion Project for the Courthouse. The Commissioners had asked for Request for Proposals for the design build project with the bid scope consisting of 4th Floor Masonry Restoration, Roof Replacement, HVAC System for 4th Floor and Repair of existing Water Incursion Damage on the 4th Floor. P1 Group, Inc. And the Law Company Inc. both submitted RFP's and the Commission must score them prior to opening the bids. Commissioners will review and submit their scores at the June 15th meeting.

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Sheriff Rob Hoskins requested an Executive Session. Commissioner Fager made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to possibly hire three new employees, for a period of 15 minutes. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0. Present for the session that began at 9:55 a.m. and ended at 10:15 a.m. were the Commissioners, County Attorney Tim Liesmann, County Clerk Jennifer Savage, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Brett Wilson, Deputy Sam Hamilton, and Administrative Secretary Barbara Phillips. No action taken following the executive session.

Undersheriff Brett Wilson handed out an amended 2021 Budget Proposal of \$1,214,113 the previously submitted budget was \$1,205,350. Wilson said he is wanting to increase wages for employees, increase the capital outlay, needs to hire more employees, and add two additional vehicles. They have applied for a COPS grant to partially fund a school resource office in both school districts, the grant will fund 75% of the cost with the County responsible for the remaining 25%.

Commissioners approved the May 3, 2020 to May 30, 2020 payroll.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Allen made a motion to adjourn until 9 a.m. Monday June 15th. Commissioner Fager seconded; motion passed 3-0.
Minutes approved this _____ day of June 2020.

Joel Fager, Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Vice-Chairman

Jim Suber, Member

Attest:

Jennifer A. Savage
Wabaunsee County Clerk