

Wabaunsee County Commission  
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS  
Regular Meeting Minutes March 30, 2020

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The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday March 30, 2020. Commissioners moved the meeting to the courtroom to comply with the CDC guidelines to maintain 6 ft social distancing. 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. The March 16<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Health Administrator Ray Finley, Emergency Manager Amy Terrapin, Register of Deeds Marcy Merritt, Custodian Jenny Henderson, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Brett Wilson, Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley, Deputy County Treasurer Karen Callaway, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Jennifer Savage were in attendance.

**COVID-19**

Emergency Manager Amy Terrapin said the President has passed FEMA Disaster 4504-DR which will allow for reimbursements. Terrapin said she has provided to each department ICS214 forms that need completed for each operational period if they are working on any assignment for COVID-19.

Commissioner Fager wanted to make sure everyone understood that employees will be receiving Admin pay.

Bush said he wanted direction for his employees. Currently they are working on gravel roads and he has a few employees in the risk group that are at home with the understanding they are on call if needed. Commissioners said he did not have a problem with that.

Finley said the Stay at home order issued by Governor Kelly for the state won't affect Wabaunsee County because that is what we have been doing. Finley said Wabaunsee County does not have a positive case at this time, as of today there are 319 positive and 4600 negatives in the state.

Michaelis said he wanted to clarify if employees are working until 4:30, he has his employees stay but has noticed that other departments leave at various times during the day. Merritt said she closes at noon but has notified all the title companies and they are aware of the hours and she can also retrieve her phone messages from home.

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Discussion was held and it was determined that as long as messages could be retrieved, and email checked employees could go home when their work is done.

Commissioner Suber asked Finley if we are close to a vaccine for COVID-19. Finley said two vaccines have gone to FDA for testing.

Wilson said the EOC is opened up, is active and they are meeting, he is the EOC manager and they are monitoring the resources in the county. Wilson said if someone has difficulty getting anything let the Sheriff Department know and they will get help to/for them.

### **Miller Road**

Terry Vanwey who lives on Miller Road asked the Commissioners to put speed limit signs on Miller Road and said he would like to see the speed limit reduced to 50 mph. Vanwey said since it has been redone people are speeding, he said folks walk and ride bike on that road and traffic needs to slow down. Discussion was held concerning enforcement of the speed limit and at this time it was determined to ask that something be said to the Sheriff to get someone patrolling down there. Commissioners clarified that it was Miller Road from K31 south to the Lyon County line that Vanwey is concerned with.

### **Future meetings**

Liesmann said they should consider alternative means for future meetings. It was decided that they would use ZOOM for the meetings it is offered for free thru June. Commissioner Allen said unless someone is on the agenda, they really don't need to attend the meeting to limit the face to face and not exceed the 10-person limit per gathering.

### **Mowing Bids**

At 10:00 am Commissioner Fager opened the following mowing bids, each bid is per mowing & trimming:

	Courthouse	Road & Bridge	Extension	Total
Jason Schurle	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$150.00
Dustin Sievers	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$135.00

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Commissioner Allen made a motion to accept the low bid for mowing from Dustin Sievers for \$135.00 per mowing and trimming. Commissioner Suber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

**Treasurer Salary**

Karen Callaway asked the Commission to set her salary as the County Treasurer before payroll is due next week. Commissioner Fager said he had compared wages to counties with similar population and valuation and was looking at numbers beginning at \$47,000 to upwards of \$52,000 annually. After discussion Commissioner Allen made a motion to set the County Treasurer Wage at \$48,000 annually. Commissioner Fager seconded, motion passed 3-0. Commissioners note that the special auto fund is not part of the county salary.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Monday April 6, 2020. Commissioner Suber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 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