

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes May 11, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday April 27, 2020. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing and stay at home order 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 and County Clerk Jennifer Savage were in attendance.

COVID-19 and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Update

County Health Administrator Ray Finley said currently Wabaunsee County has 27 cases of COVID-19, 11 are recovery and 16 actives. Finley said we are heading in the right direction and numbers are going down. Commissioner Suber asked about recovery numbers statewide and about testing options. Finley said more testing has been made available.

EOC Chairman Brett Wilson said the EOC met and prepared a recommendation for reopening the courthouse. Wilson provided a draft for the Commission which included Courthouse hours for the public to be 9 am to 4 pm with one designated entrance, Visitors must wear a mask while in Courthouse, department heads to determine number of visitors in their office at one time, to name a few. Discussion concerning must wear face masks vs making them available and not requiring visitors to wear were held. Suggestions were made to limit loitering, etc. Commissioner Fager made a motion to approve the Re-opening plan for the Courthouse with changes that Visitors will be recommended to wear a mask while in the Courthouse. The county will supply a mask if visitors would like to wear one, and visitors to observe social distancing and to not loiter in the hallways or offices and leave promptly upon completion of business. Commissioner Suber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Crosswinds 2021 Appropriation request

CEO Amanda Cunningham, Megan Adcock and CFO Sheri Knight attended by Zoom. Cunningham said they are requesting \$51,000 for 2021. She said they are also working on a reopening plan and are looking for a receptionist in Alma.

County Conservation District 2021 Appropriation request

Commissioners received the 2021 Appropriation request for Wabaunsee County Conservation District of \$38,000 which is the same as 2020 approved.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush provided a Request and Petition from Evergy to rebuild overhead 34KV line vertical construction E of Cable City Road and Bluestem Road. The request has been approved by Garfield Township Board and Bush is recommending the commission approval. Commissioner Fager made a motion to approve the request and petition from Evergy. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Bush also asked for commission approval for the Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation (KDOT) and Wabaunsee County for Project No. 106 C-4790-04: HSIP-C479(004) Local Road Safety Plan. This agreement allows entering into agreements for obtaining consultant services on roads owned by

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local public authorities to cause the preparation of a local road safety plan that will serve as guidance for County efforts to improve safety. Wabaunsee County share is \$5280.98. Bush said the County Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement. Commissioner Allen made a motion to approved and sign the agreement for Project No. 106 C- 4790-04: HSIP – C479(004) between KDOT and Wabaunsee County. Commissioner Fager seconded, motion passed 3-0.

County Health 2021 Budget Request

County Health Administrator Ray Finley presented the 2021 budget request for his department of \$248,503. The 2020 approved budget was \$238,019. Finley said the increase is in additional overtime, increase in advertising and get aggressive with services offered, get rid of a \$800 hot spot they do not use and replace with two cell phones to serve as the hot spots in addition to remodeling of the expanded office space. Finley said he has been applying for and has received some COVID-19 grants and would also like the Commission to consider setting up separate County Health Capital Outlay Fund. Finley had a bid for \$1100 to put plumbing and additional sinks in the expanded office. Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve \$1100 for plumbing expansion. Commissioner Fager seconded, motion passed.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Monday May 18th, 2020. Commissioner Suber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved this _____ day of May 2020.

Joel Fager, Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Vice-Chairman

Jim Suber, Member

Attest:

Jennifer A. Savage
Wabaunsee County Clerk