

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes May 04, 2020

The Board of Wabaunsee County Commission in regular session Monday May 04, 2020. Members present were Joel Fager, Jim Suber and Rodney Allen. Chairman Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Attorney Tim Liesmann, Health Department Director Ray Finley, Emergency Management Director Amy Terrapin and Deputy County Clerk Kristy Haden were present in person. Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, County Appraiser Ryan Michaelis, Register of Deeds Marcy Merritt, Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley, County Treasurer Karen Callaway, County Clerk Jennifer Savage, Deputy County Clerk Juanita Hedges and Custodian Jenny Henderson were in attendance via Zoom.

COVID-19 Update

Emergency Management Director Amy Terrapin presented Commissioners with a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Decontamination Service Agreement to clean N95 masks. On April 10, 2020 the Defense Logistics Agency under authority of 10 U.S.C. 2304©(2), FAR Part 6.302-2, issued a contract to Battelle Memorial Institute to operate the CCDS, in accordance with conditions of the EUA, to decontaminate compatible N95 respirator at site locations throughout the United States as directed by the U.S. Government. Under this program, qualifying customers can submit qualifying PPE to be decontaminated at a Battelle approved facility without cost to the customer. Terrapin said this will be at not cost to the County and they will be able to clean 80,000 masks per day and the masks can be cleaned up to 20 times. She said they will provide paper bags for the used masks to be placed in and there will be pickup spots determined for the masks. She stated this will be a huge help to the shortage of N95 masks available to front line workers. Commissioner Fager moved to approve the agreement, Commissioner Allen seconded, passed 3-0.

Health Department Director Ray Finley stated that Wabaunsee County now has 2 clusters due to a unauthorized party last weekend. He stated there are currently 5 new cases from the party. The County is currently at 28 cases, 2 recovered and no hospitalizations. He feels overall that the State is flattening the curve and we are looking good at the County level.

Re-Opening

Commissioner Fager would like to know if the we should have employees come back to work or keep them on administrative leave for a longer period of time. Fager also discussed the option of opening the Courthouse the following week or waiting longer. Commissioner Allen shared his concerns on how to keep everyone socially distanced and prevent groups from gathering in common areas. Finley said he and Terrapin spoke, and they would be able to supply each employee with 2 N95 masks. County Attorney Tim Liesmann updated the Commissioners on how the Courts will be opening and how they are working with local offices on their dockets. Terrapin shared that she encourages to continue working from home if possible. Commissioner Suber asked if they can require all public to wear a mask when they enter the Courthouse. Allen stated that Menards requires it, so why can't we?

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Fager moved that that the Courthouse tentatively open to public Monday May 18th, and employees return to regular fulltime duty Monday May 11th. Commissioner Allen seconded. Passed 3-0.

Skyline Road

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented Commissioners with Agreement No. 122-20 between Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and Wabaunsee County for Project No. 99 C-5054-01 ER-C505(401) Emergency Relief-Roadway Repair to realign roadway and construct slope protection on RS-1682 (Skyline Road), approximately 0.4 miles east of K-99. Bush said that the County would only be responsible for 20% of the total project cost, including preliminary Engineering, Right of Way, Utility adjustments, Construction and Construction Engineering, reminder would be funded by KDOT. Commissioner Allen moved to approve, Commissioner Fager seconded, passed 3-0.

9:48 a.m. Meeting was paused for tornado sirens due to straight line winds.

10:05 a.m. Meeting resumed.

Budget Request

2021 County Clerk budget request \$146,300, which is just under 2.5% overall increase, to include a 3% wage increase for all employees.

Program for Elderly 2021 Budget request presented with an over increase of 2%, and Alta Vista and Maple Hill having the largest increases. Commissioner Suber said he does not want any increases for any of the centers.

2021 Courthouse Maintenance Budget Request with No change. Haden stated that there is money budgeted in Capital Outlay line item to make the payment for the Courthouse Project Bond Payment. Liesmann added that he has received a couple RFQ's today for the bond to be reviewed on June 8th.

Other

Approved Minutes for April 20, 2020.

At 11:08 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. and continue with Zoom till all social distancing restriction are lifted Monday May 11th. Commissioner Allen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

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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