

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes November 2, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday November 2, 2020. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing Commissioners conduct and record 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 Zoning Administrator David Breiner were in attendance.

Conditional Use Permits

Zoning Administrator David Breiner presented conditional use permits.

Commissioner Suber moved to approve Resolution 2020-25 Pam Tennison-Rindt Dog Breeder Conditional Use Permit on South Boundary Road. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve Resolution 2020-26 Gecea Properties LLC Rental Business Renewal [Renewal of Resolution 2018-27] request from Matt and Sarah Vincent for a rental property at 469 E Flint Hills Dr. Commissioner Suber seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve Resolution 2020-27 Woodward Rental Business Renewal [Renewal of Resolution 2018-28] conditional use permit renewal request from Jim Woodward (contact person onsite is Dave Fredricks) for 421 E Flint Hills Dr. Commissioner Suber seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Solar Panel Farm

Zoning Administrator David Breiner shared that he had been contacted by a developer who is interested in property in Wabaunsee County to develop a commercial solar farm.

Sheriff Department

Sheriff Rob Hoskins commended Deputy Sam Hamilton and City Superintendent, Michael Slobodnik for their efforts in saving a local woman from a home fire.

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Utility Agreement

Road and Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented a Utility Agreement from Evergy/Westar Energy. Commissioner Suber moved to approve the Utility Request from Evergy/Westar Energy, Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Bush reported that the Bridge #11 replacement on Eagle's Nest Road is complete, Commissioner Suber attended the final walkthrough. Bush presented a request for final payment for the KDOT Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program cost-share, it was signed by Chairman Fager.

Wells Creek Road – Dust Control

Bush reported on options that he has been researching for dust control. The total distance of Wells Creek Road is 7.34 miles. The price to do 2 miles would be \$7,675.00. To treat a 3,000 feet stretch would cost \$4,477.00. Prices are for one application; dust control companies advise two applications per year. Some counties have a policy stating the number of cars per day that warrant dust control application by the county.

Pavement would require a minimum of a 4 inch lift, the first two miles would cost \$1.6 - \$2.0 million, and the full distance of the road would be in the \$5-\$6 million range.

KDOT is currently doing a car count, the preliminary numbers indicate 220 – 320 cars per day.

Bush has submitted a Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program application for a KDOT cost-share for a bridge on Wells Creek Road, awards will be announced on November 12th.

Belvue Bridge

Bush reported that the cleaning operations started today. Wabaunsee County Road and Bridge committed personnel, equipment and signage to the project.

County Attorney Tim Liesmann presented an agreement with Pottawatomie County to engage Finney & Turnipseed Transportation & Civil Engineering LLC for the preparation of the preliminary engineering design on the Belvue bridge, at an estimated cost of \$168,547.00. Wabaunsee County's share of the cost of the study will be 12% and Pottawatomie County's share will be 88%. Wabaunsee County's share will be \$20,225.64; Pottawatomie County's share will be \$148,321.36.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the agreement with Pottawatomie County to engage Finney & Turnipseed. Commissioner Suber seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Health Department Update

County Health Administrator Ray Finely reported 98 total cases with 87 recovered and 10 active cases, 1 case is believed to be in the hospital, and 1 death. There is a hot spot in the Eskridge

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area and a concentration in the Harveyville area. Finley encourages the public to use social distancing and wear a mask.

Planning & Zoning Update

Zoning Director David Breiner reported that he is working on an update of all the quarries in the county. Breiner also reported that he talked to R&S Digital about existing maps and is working with the cities to provide their existing zoning maps.

Commissioners completed signing vouchers.

Treasurer Daily Statements for October 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28 and 29 were viewed and signed by Chairman.

At 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday November 9th at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Suber seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved this _____ day of December 2020.

Joel Fager, Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Vice-Chairman

Jim Suber, Member

Attest:

Jennifer A. Savage
Wabaunsee County Clerk