

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes November 23, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday November 23, 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, Zoning Administrator David Breiner, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Brett Wilson, Appraiser Ryan Michaelis, Health Administrator Ray Finley and County Clerk elect Abby Amick were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Department Head Meeting

Tonya Hensley, Recycling Coordinator provided the annual solid waste report for the commissioners review. Commissioner Fager moved to approve the Annual Solid Waste Report, Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0

Emergency Management Coordinator, Amy Terrapin, reported that masks are available in her office if any departments need more.

Extension Agent Stephanie Melhus reported that their lobby is closed to walk-ins, but they can take appointments. Agent Bernadette Trieb is still handling medicare consultations in person and over the phone.

Thayne Bush Road and Bridge Supervisor reported that the Wells Creek Road drainage project application was not successful.

Covid Update

County Health Administrator Ray Finley reported that all his staff are back in the office. They do have typical vaccinations available again.

Wabaunsee County is at 85 Active Covid Cases, 5 hospitalizations, 2 deaths and 188 recovered cases.

Solar Farm

Zoning Administrator David Breiner introduced Eric Nielson of Milestone Realty and Alex Perry, who presented their idea for a solar farm in eastern Wabaunsee County.

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Tower Rent Income

Commissioners discussed the income being received from the new communications tower north of Maple Hill. The funds will be earmarked for future maintenance of the tower in an account under Emergency Management.

Emergency Operations Center Updates

County Attorney Tim Liesmann provided an update from the EOC Meeting to consider the Governors Mask Mandate. The EOC recommendation is to enact a mask mandate with an end date/review date of January 11th 2021. Commissioners commented that they had received spirited arguments on both sides of the issue.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve Order No. 2020-03 – An order Regarding State Executive Order No. 20-68 requiring most Kansans to wear face masks in public with an end date of January 11th; Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer Daily Statements for November 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 19 were viewed and signed by Chairman Fager.

At 10:47 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until Monday November 30th at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved this _____ day of January 2021.