

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes November 9, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday November 9, 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, Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush and County Clerk elect Abby Amick were in attendance in person.

Utility Agreement

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented an agreement from Zoom Fiber, LLC to lay an underground conduit, Fiber and associated handholes for installing Fiber service to Mission Valley High School.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the utility agreement with Zoom Fiber, LLC. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Economic Development Update

Commissioner Fager asked if there was any additional discussion on the Economic Development position description and advertisement. The advertisement will be run in the newspaper this week with an application deadline of November 30th.

Covid Update

Commissioner Fager reported on behalf of the Health Department. Wabaunsee County is at 124 Total COVID Cases, with 53 active cases, 1 hospitalization and 70 cases recovered.

Emergency Operations Center

Undersheriff Brett Wilson and Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin reported on the recent meeting of the EOC. The County Health Officer issued an order reducing the size of gatherings to under 45, going into effect Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 a.m. Permit applications are available through the Sheriff Department website for events larger than 45.

Mask Mandate

Commissioners discussed the option for a mask mandate, they heard concerns on both sides of the issue. The final decision was based on the fact that 50% of the Health Department and other staff are currently in quarantine, and they would like to keep the courthouse open for business. They agreed that the mask requirement could be re-evaluated each week.

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Commissioner Joel Fager moved to require masks in all county facilities for the public and for staff when interacting with the public. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer Daily Statements for October 30 were viewed and signed by Chairman.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until Monday November 16th at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Allen 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