

**Wabaunsee County Commission**  
**Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes October 26, 2020**

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The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday October 26, 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, County Health Administrator Ray Finley, County Appraiser Ryan Michaelis, County Register of Deeds Marcy Merritt and County Clerk elect Abby Amick were in attendance in person.

**Department Head Meeting**

Ray Finley County Health Administrator said the county is up to 84 COVID cases with 80 recoveries, 4 active and no hospitalizations. Last week the department held Flu Clinics at both schools and in cities across the county. They have 50% more flu vaccines available this year as compared to last year.

County Appraiser Ryan Michaelis reported that the dead trees in the courthouse lawn were taken down by the City of Alma, and Road Department personnel will haul them off.

County Attorney Tim Liesmann reported that he was looking to update the disposition statute. He will draft a resolution and seek input from all Departments. Liesmann reported that the Building Committee projects are in full swing, including roof repairs, masonry work and window removal. Boiler renovation is underway.

County Extension Agent Stephanie Melhus said the County Business Directories are ready, 4-H Achievement Night is coming up and the Program Development Committee elections are being held at three different polling locations this year. Agent Bernadette Trieb is meeting with Medicare enrollees all month, mainly over the phone but also taking in person appointments.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush reported that salt trucks are out on the road today.

Commissioner Fager mentioned that the Clerks Office has been busy with elections. Fager also reported that the Economic Development Position would be advertised after the election.

**Executive Session - SPARKS**

Jim MacGregor joined the meeting in person. Commissioner Fager moved to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes regarding contracts and attorney client privilege. Commissioner Allen seconded; motion carried 3-0.

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No action was taken after executive session.

**Wells Creek Road – Brenda Bell, Attorney**

Brenda Bell, Attorney representing homeowners along Wells Creek Road. Bell submitted a letter dated September 3<sup>rd</sup> to the County Commission, asking for a solution to the Wells Creek Road dust problem. County Attorney Tim Liesmann stated that this is a policy issue, the county has maintained the road adequately according to existing policy and there is a dust mitigation policy in place. Concerns were shared by Robert Davies, Pastor Tim Pearson and Linda Highland. Commissioner Suber stated, I'll grant you it's a dusty area and a flood ridden area, we are trying to address these concerns. We've tried to comply with county wide policy. We've spent a lot of time and money on the road, we are trying to do better. Commissioner Fager would like to form a committee to find possible solutions, participants were asked to email Joel Fager to be included on the committee: jfager@wbconty.org. Bell will set up a zoom meeting to gather input from residents. Commissioner Fager responded that the County Attorney will send a quick reply to Brenda's letter.

At 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Suber seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2020.

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Joel Fager, Chairman

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Rodney L. Allen, Vice-Chairman

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Jim Suber, Member

Attest:

Jennifer A. Savage  
Wabaunsee County Clerk