

# Wabaunsee County Commission

## Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

### Regular Meeting Minutes April 25, 2022

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The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, April 25, 2022. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Joel S. Fager, Rodney L. Allen and Nancy L. Hier. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Fager joined and began presiding over the meeting at 9:05 AM. Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

#### **Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin provided an update on the tower location on Old K-18 Road. The location has a 99 year lease agreement that was signed in 1980. Currently, there are no county services using the tower. Commissioners asked that Terrapin look into options for decommissioning the tower.

#### **Road & Bridge**

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush discussed plans to update equipment, identifying a belly dump trailer, snowplow and tractor as items that he is actively looking for a quality used replacement for. Bush will use the Equipment Fund for any purchases that he is able to make. Bush reported that progress is going well on Hessdale Road. Commissioner Hier reported that a concern had been brought to her attention regarding the striping on Maple Hill Road north of town through the curve. Bush will look into it.

#### **Zoning Update**

Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester reported that he will be attending the Kansas Association of Planning & Zoning conference this week. Sylvester has hired a K-State Student Intern to assist with Zoning Map development this summer. Intern Raegan Linenberger will start May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sylvester will be meeting with KDHE at Sewer District #1 at the Flintview Subdivision for a sewer inspection. Sylvester reported on the Planning Commission meeting. All members of the Planning Commission were in attendance and were sworn in with an Oath of Office. Sylvester reviewed the actions taken at the meeting.

#### **2023 Budget Requests**

Appraiser Ryan Michaelis presented a budget request of \$156,870; a 6.8% increase from 2022. Treasurer Karen Callaway presented a budget request of \$108,211; no increase from 2022. Budget requests were submitted for Janitor for \$99,000; Courthouse Maintenance of \$160,000; and Capitol Improvement for a ½ mill; all with no increase from 2022.

#### **Wabaunsee County Historical Society and Museum**

Board Members John Hund, Jennifer Gehrt, Dan Wagner, Michael Stubbs, and Director Marci Spaw joined the meeting. Hund provided a history of the formation of the Museum and Historical Society in 1967. The board has had a recent paradigm shift with the hiring of an Executive Director. They are aggressively seeking grants to fund their infrastructure and programming goals. Dan Wagner provided an update on the programming, outreach and tours that he facilitates across the county.



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The Board emphasized that their priority is to represent the full county, for example, they currently have a grant application submitted for walking tours in each community. The Board submitted an appropriation request of \$40,000 for 2023.

**Other Business**

Melissa Landis and Gayle Taylor-Ford joined the meeting to update the commissioners on their progress with Empower House Ministries. They requested the Commissioners consider allocating a portion of the Special Alcohol Tax to support their operations.

Sheriff Hoskins discussed his concern for wages in Wabaunsee County compared to neighboring jurisdictions and introduced the idea of implementing hiring and retention bonuses.

Commissioners signed a permit for Emergency Lighting submitted by Brandon Montgomery, volunteer with Fire District #8. Commissioners discussed and approved yard work at the E-Building.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage Permit for Bizzy B's Bait Shop at Lake Wabaunsee submitted by Julie Bisnett; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier moved to appoint Jim MacGregor as the Wabaunsee County representative on the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program Board of Directors; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the April 18<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for April 14-20, 2022. Chairman Fager reviewed and signed Daily Statements from April 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21, 2022.

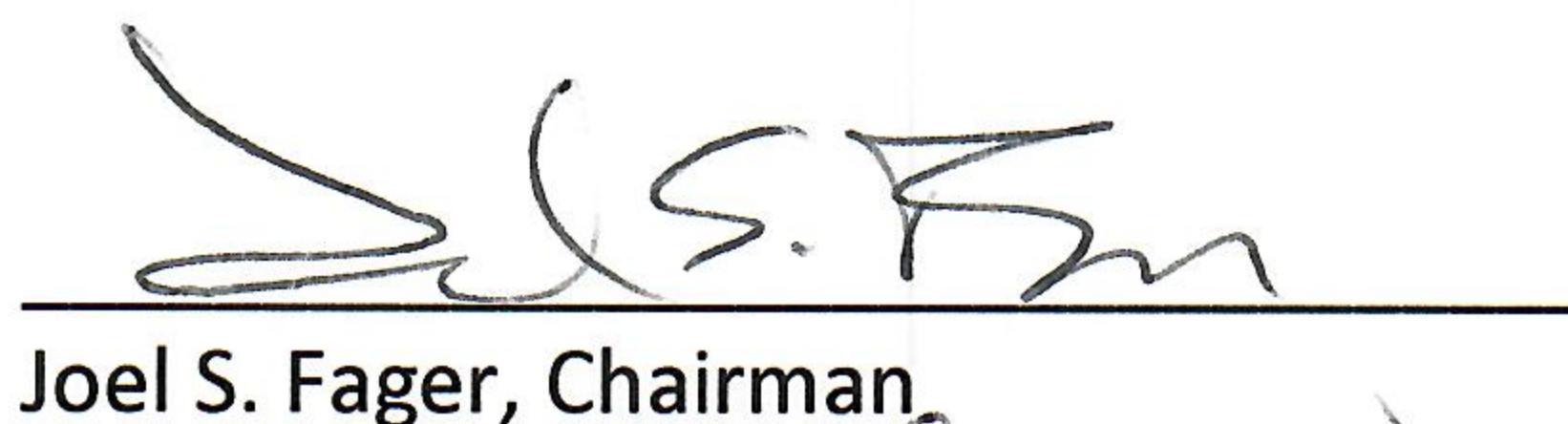

At 11:02 AM Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2022.

Attest:



Abby L. Amick  
Wabaunsee County Clerk

  
Joel S. Fager, Chairman  
Nancy L. Hier, Vice Chair  
Rodney L. Allen, Member