

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes August 14, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, August 14, 2023. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney L. Allen and Jim MacGregor. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Eric Kirsch, Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin, Economic Development Director Stephanie Imthurn, Richard Orton, Custodian Jenny Henderson, Deputy County Clerk Kristin Coon and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch presented a Utility Permit Application from Evergy for a 34kV distribution line rebuild from Keene to Eskridge along Township Road and State Highways. The rebuild will happen over multiple phases. Commissioners approved the permit.

Commissioners discussed bridge priorities in detail and will continue to evaluate bridge projects and routes with consideration for a future bond project.

Budget Hearings

At 9:30 AM Commissioner Hier called the Budget Hearing to order. There was no public comment given.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the 2024 Budget for Sewer District #1 of \$59,464; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed the proposed budget for Fire District #2 of \$25,270 in Ad Valorem Tax; the Budget was tabled until the August 21st Commission Meeting.

Evergy

Michael Stubbs joined the meeting in person. Commissioner MacGregor reviewed his experience at the Evergy public comment session held in Alma. Stubbs shared his perspective relating to Mount Mitchell and the view-scape from the park. At the public comment session questions were raised asking Evergy to route the new lines along an existing route, the response was that Evergy would prefer the new lines take their own route to avoid damage to both lines at the same time in the event of a tornado. Evergy indicated that they would release their preferred route in November.

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Other Business

Commissioners discussed the repairs to the elevator in the courthouse with Custodian Jenny Henderson.

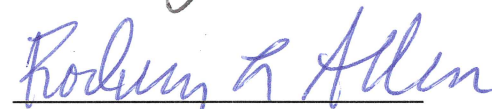
Commissioner Allen moved to approve the minutes of the August 7th Commission Meeting; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


Chairman Hier reviewed and signed the Daily Statements for July 28 & 31, 2023.

At 10:50 AM Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, August 21st at 9:00 AM; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 21st day of August 2023.


Nancy Hier, Chairman


Rodney Allen, Vice Chairman


James W. MacGregor, Commissioner

Attest:


Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

