## Wabaunsee County Commission Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS Regular Meeting Minutes August 16, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, August 16, 2021. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing Commissioners conduct and record the meeting over ZOOM. Members attending were Joel S. Fager, Nancy L. Hier and Rodney L. Allen. Commissioner Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. County Attorney Tim Liesmann, County Clerk Abby Amick, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Sheriff Hoskins, Luca Henderson and Harvey Felzke were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

### **Health Department and Covid Update**

Health Department Administrator Ray Finley joined in person. Finley reported on the Covid numbers for the County: 20 active case, 15 deaths and 1 in the hospital. As of August 16<sup>th</sup>, Wabaunsee County has had 792 positive cases since March 2020. The Booster shot is now available, there is no Doctor Order required, the CDC is relying on self-verification for those who qualify for a booster. The Health Department is seeing an increase in vaccinations.

### **Zoning Update**

Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester reported that the Planning Commission will meet later this week. Sylvester presented a proposal to change the office hours of Zoning to be Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm and Friday 7:30 am to 2:00 pm. Commissioners agreed.

### **Budget Hearing**

10:00 AM Commissioner Fager opened the Budget Hearing for Sewer District #1, Fire District #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve Budgets for Sewer District #1, Fire District #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 as published; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion Carried 3-0.

### **Public Comment**

Commissioner Fager asked for public comment. Luca Henderson, Kansas Highway Patrol Officer and Wabaunsee County resident shared concerns for the volume of calls the Sheriff Department receives compared to the budget that they have to work with.

#### Other Business

Commissioners discussed the two bids presented for the County Insurance Policy.

Commissioner Hier moved to accept the bid from KCAMP for 2022 Insurance coverage with a premium of \$77,295 annualized; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion Carried 3-0.

Accountant Randy Gassman joined in person to discuss the 2022 budget.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the minutes of the August 9th Commission Meeting, Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for August  $5-11 \mathrm{th}$ .

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At 11:36 AM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, August 23rd at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel S. Fager, Chairman

Nancy L. Hier Vice-Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Member

Abby L. Amick

Wabaunsee County Clerk