

**Wabaunsee County Commission**  
**Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes August 29, 2022**

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The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, August 29, 2022. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney L. Allen and Joel S. Fager. Commissioner Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Assistant Supervisor Josh Hinch, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin, Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor, members of the public Steven Eshleman, Gary Leitz and Jennifer Savage, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person others joined via zoom.

**Road & Bridge**

Road & Bridge Assistant Supervisor Josh Hinch presented a job posting for the Commissioners consideration. The position is for a full-time driver/operator. Hinch is now certified to offer CDL training, so the new hire can gain that license while on the job. The job posting is available on the county website, social media and in the newspaper.

**Community Wildfire Defense Program**

Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin presented the opportunity for Wabaunsee County to apply for grant assistance in writing plans and procedures to mitigate wildfire risk around our communities. The Kansas Forest Service is offering funding assistance through a 10% match grant program. Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor updated the Commissioners on the status of the American Rescue Plan funds. The ARP Committee recommends funding the match with the remaining unallocated funds. Commissioners agreed.

MacGregor shared that three candidates from Wabaunsee County were selected for the current Flint Hills Regional Leadership Class; Alissa Barber, Morgan Holloman and Eric Kirsch.

**Other Business**

9:39 AM Commissioner Hier moved to enter Executive Session for 10 minutes regarding Attorney Client Privilege, with a topic of the AMR Supplement Request, including the County Clerk, County Attorney and Ambulance Board in the session; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion Carried 3-0.

9:49 AM Commissioners returned from Executive Session. No Action was taken.

County Attorney Tim Liesmann updated the Commissioners on the concrete project presented by the building committee earlier in the year. The project had been let for bids twice with Kolde Construction being the only bid received.

Commissioner Fager moved to accept the bid from Kolde Construction for \$119,524 to repair concrete and replace steps around the courthouse; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed the Health Insurance Plan options, asked questions of the BUKATY staff via zoom, and reviewed comments provided by employees and retirees.

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Commissioner Fager moved to terminate the contract with the State Employee Health Plan and partner with BUKATY Companies as the health insurance broker effective January 1, 2023; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion Carried 3-0.

Commissioners agreed that existing retirees will be allowed to remain on the health insurance plan.

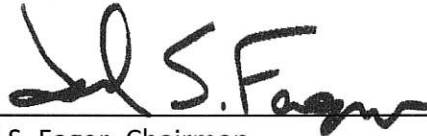
Gary Leitz reported a brush problem impeding the line-of-sight by the old schoolhouse and well in the Chalk area. Road and Bridge will look into it and follow up.

Commissioners reviewed and approved wage change forms and expenses for Aug 18 - 24, 2022.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:55 AM Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

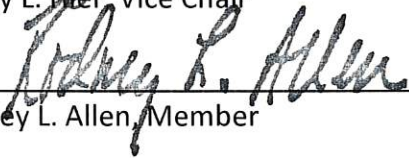
Minutes approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.



Joel S. Fager, Chairman



Nancy L. Hier, Vice Chair



Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:



Abby L. Amick  
Wabaunsee County Clerk