

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes January 10, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, January 10, 2022. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and 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 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Health Department Administrator Ray Finley, Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Terry VanWey, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Public Comment

Terry VanWey shared concerns about enforcement at the intersection of Harveyville Road and K-31. VanWey asked for an update on the bridge on Soldier Creek Road. Bush responded that a large tube has been ordered to replace the bridge and will be installed as soon as possible. VanWey also asked about testing sites in Wabaunsee County. Finley responded that staffing is the biggest limitation to offering testing through the Health Department, the staff is already busy with vaccinations and their regular duties. Finley will request another mobile testing unit to come to Wabaunsee County, but the last time they came, they did not have much participation.

Health Department

Health Department Administrator Ray Finley reported 119 active Covid cases, 3 hospitalizations and 19 deaths in Wabaunsee County. Finley reported that booster vaccinations are slowing down, but initial vaccinations are picking back up. Staff are putting in overtime, working on quarterly reports and regular tasks in addition to Covid related tasks. Finley reported that the hospital situation is dire, covid isn't the whole cause, influenza is a significant case load right now.

Finley updated the Commission with the new guidelines presented by KDHE: 5&5 Plan. The new guidelines recommend a positive case be in total isolation for 5 days, after no fever for 24 hours they can go back to work/normal duties with a well-fitting mask on for 5 days. Finley stated that the most contagious time is 48 hours prior to showing symptoms and 3 days after showing symptoms. The recommendations do not require quarantine if you've been vaccinated or boosted in the last 6 months, and they recognize 3 months of natural immunity after testing positive.

Local Board of Health

Commissioner Fager convened the meeting of the Local Board of Health with County Health Administrator Ray Finley present. Finley presented the annual contract for Health Services.

Commissioner Allen moved to re-appoint Dr. Dianna Katt as the County Health Officer and Medical Director at a rate of \$75 per month, Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners signed the contract.

Finley presented a temporary contract for Pharmacy Services to fulfill the position until a new Pharmacist completes the necessary requirements to serve Wabaunsee County.

Commissioner Fager moved to re-appoint Royce TenEyck as Pharmacist-in-charge until February 28th 2022, Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners signed the contract.

Commissioner Fager closed the annual meeting of the Local Board of Health.

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Sewer District #1

Commissioner Fager convened the annual meeting of Sewer District No. 1 Operating Board of Directors.

Commissioner Allen moved to continue the annual special sewer assessment of \$240 per year per 24 houses for upkeep and maintenance on the lagoon system, Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier reported that residents of the development had concerns about the sewer pond maintenance. Noel Sylvester, County Sanitarian offered to investigate the concerns.

Commissioner Fager closed the annual Sewer District No. 1 Operating Board meeting.

Reorganization

Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Commissioner Fager as Board Chairman; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Commissioner Hier as Board Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Fager moved to appoint Stockgrowers State Bank as the depository bank for active accounts for 2022; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier moved to designate the Wabaunsee County Signal Enterprise as the Official County Paper for 2022; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Fager moved to appoint Dr Alan Martinez County Coroner for 2022; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier moved to appoint Amy Terrapin Emergency Management Coordinator for 2022; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Fager moved to appoint Noel Sylvester as Zoning Administrator, Flood Plain Manager and Sanitarian for 2022; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed the policies related to use of the County Credit Card and expressed interest in finding ways to make it easier for those who use a card for travel. Commissioner Allen moved to approve a \$50 per diem for IRS qualifying events; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate of \$0.585 per mile; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Fager moved to extend the covid leave policy for 2022; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Commissioner Fager moved to designate the following 2022 holidays; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

New Year's Day	Friday, December 31, 2021
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 17, 2022
President's Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2022
Independence Day	Monday July 4, 2022
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2022
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2022
Thanksgiving	Friday, November 25, 2022
Christmas Eve	Friday, December 23, 2022
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2022
Discretionary Day	Day of Employee Choice

Commissioner Fager moved to keep the courthouse open to the public until noon on Friday, December 30th, closed for the remainder of the day to finish year end procedures and closed Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year's Day Holiday; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed whether Holiday Pay applied to the actual Holiday or the observed day. Commissioners agreed that Holiday Pay applies to the Actual Holiday.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented a contract with Schwab-Eaton for engineering on Bridge 45 on Boothill Road over a tributary of Snokomo Creek.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the contract for professional surveying and engineering services with Schwab-Eaton for Bridge No 45; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin requested a transfer of \$10,000 from the 2021 budget to the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of a replacement truck in 2022.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt Resolution 2022-01 Transferring \$10,000 from Emergency Management to the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of a vehicle; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Terrapin reported that Davis Electric had recommended the addition of a surge protector at the Tower on McFarland Road as well as some electrical clean up items totaling \$835.00. Commissioners agreed. Terrapin reported that TBS Electronics does an annual repeater check throughout the county, tuning, updating and making any repairs as they find them. The cost is estimated to be \$1,920. Commissioners agreed.

Terrapin updated the Commissioners on two structure fires in Alta Vista last week. The structures were total losses, there were multiple mutual aid responders, including the Sheriff Department and area Fire Departments.

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Terrapin reported that the damage from the wind event on December 15th is expected to surpass the minimum of \$28,000 in damage to public facilities. The Mission Valley School roof is the biggest loss in the county, they might be eligible for assistance with the cost of cleaning up the debris and emergency response measures at the time of the damage.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor presented the final distribution of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Awards. There were applicants that turned down the award or didn't complete the requirements of the application, leaving a balance to be redistributed to the qualified applicants. Commissioners approved the distribution as presented.

MacGregor presented a resolution regarding Rural Opportunity Zones allowing residents to take advantage of the income tax break and open opportunities to employers to use the student loan reimbursement program.

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2022-02 Authorizing Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2022 as an unfunded resolution; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MacGregor provided a Summary and Assessment of the current Comprehensive Plan, outlining the goals, timelines and strategies identified in the plan. Commissioners and Department Heads discussed the opportunity to plan for the future, address the areas the Comprehensive Plan missed and improve communication across the county. Commissioners asked that department heads review the comprehensive plan and provide feedback for the areas that they are involved with. Commissioners agreed to have the Comprehensive Plan as a standing discussion topic on the agenda monthly.

Other Business

Commissioner Fager wished Evelyn Zeckser a Happy 102nd Birthday on behalf of Wabaunsee County.

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2022-03 A Resolution Waiving the requirement of Accounting Procedures as specified in K.S.A. 75-1120a(c)(1). Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve Resolution 2022-04 A Resolution Authorizing Tax Sale. Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt Resolution 2022-05 A Resolution concerning transfer of funds for Fire District Number 6 to the Special Equipment Fund in the amount of \$15,000. Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the minutes of the December 27th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for December 23, 2021 – January 5, 2022. Commissioners reviewed and signed Tax Abatement #2021-AB14 for \$230.95; 2021-AB15 for \$28.72 and Added Tax 2021-02 in the amount of \$837.18.


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At 11:45 AM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, January 24th at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


Minutes approved this 24th day of January 2022.



Joel S. Fager, Chairman



Nancy L. Hier, Vice Chair



Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:



Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk