

# Wabaunsee County Commission Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS Regular Meeting Minutes January 30, 2023

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The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, January 30, 2023. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier and Jim MacGregor, Rodney L. Allen was absent. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Assistant Supervisor Josh Hinch, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Eric Kirsch, KWORCC Representative Jes Pfannenstiel, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

## **KWORCC**

Jes Pfannenstiel presented the Wabaunsee County Commissioners with an award for having the lowest loss ratio in 2021 as compared to other counties of a similar size. KWORCC is the County's Workman's Compensation Insurance provider.

## **Road & Bridge Update**

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush reported that the bids opened last week were not submitted using a uniform rate, the published bid request was for the square yard price. When figuring each bid by the square yard, Harbour Construction had the lowest bid of \$2.13 per square yard. Bush recommended accepting the bid from Harbour Construction.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the bid submitted by Harbour Construction at \$2.13 per square yard for Project 2023-02; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Bush reported that Bridge 25 has a temporary access bridge being put in for construction equipment to utilize. The current timeline for construction anticipates the bridge being complete in the summer of 2023. The department has two vehicles that are no longer of use, they will be listed on Purple Wave for public auction. Bush is looking at a used pickup through Kansas Surplus, if the price is not negotiable, it may be more cost effective to get a new truck that has a warranty. Commissioner MacGregor asked about the lifespan of a pickup truck in the department, Bush responded that they average 10,000 miles per year, mainly in-county driving, and expect them to last 10 years or more. MacGregor suggested detailing a fleet management plan for all departments with vehicles. Bush responded that he has a plan that he uses for budgeting each year, Sheriff Hoskins also reported that the Sheriff Department follows a fleet management plan, but the timing is off due to the difficulty finding vehicles in the last year.

Commissioner MacGregor reported that a resident has informed him of a plaque posted on the Belvue Bridge. Bush will include a request to save the plaque in the demolition plan.

## **Other Business**

Sheriff Rob Hoskins thanked Commissioner Hier for attending the United States Citizenship ceremony for Officer Aaron Platz. Platz will be going to the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center to further his training. Undersheriff Eric Kirsch reported that graduation for the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program will be this Thursday. Kirsch shared his appreciation for the opportunity to complete the Leadership Program and learn from neighboring counties.

Commissioners discussed scheduling time each month during the Commission meeting to review the Wabaunsee County Comprehensive Plan including tasks, assessment and resource allocation.

Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester reported that he is seeking estimates on lagoon excavation for Sewer District #1. Appraiser Ryan Michaelis reported on attending the legislative day in Topeka.

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Commissioners provided corrections to the drafted minutes.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the January 23rd Commission Meeting with corrections; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 2-0.


Commissioners reviewed and approved annual appropriation checks for 2023. Chairman Hier reviewed and signed Daily Statements for January 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24 & 25, 2023.

At 10:32 AM Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, February 6th at 9:00 AM; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Minutes approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

  
Nancy Hier, Chairman

  
Rodney Allen, Vice Chairman

  
James W. MacGregor, Commissioner

Attest:





Abby L. Amick  
Wabaunsee County Clerk