

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes January 31, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, January 31, 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. Health Department Administrator Ray Finley, Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Brett Wilson, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Health Department

Health Department Administrator Ray Finley reported 95 active Covid cases, 1 hospitalization and 21 deaths in Wabaunsee County. Finley reported that the Health Department is adjusting the dates of vaccination clinics due to the weather forecast, the public is encouraged to contact the Health Department for additional details.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented a Request and Petition for utility work on Bridge No 25, on Willard Road east of Maple Hill. Commissioners were not able to sign the petition due to the right-of-way not being finalized yet.

Commissioners discussed the naming of the roadway that the County will be receiving from KDOT. Information was provided by Michael Stubbs regarding the process followed in 1997. Stubbs reported that Commissioners at the time indicated that roads were not to be named after any living person or family name. Commissioners asked that the Planning & Zoning Commission hear from the residents along the road at their next meeting and report back.

Bush reported that KDOT recently announced they will be doing their cost-share program again, the application period is coming up soon. Bush will work with the engineers to determine the best potential projects to make application with. Bush also reported that the bi-partisan infrastructure program will be putting information out this week about the funding opportunities available. Bush provided a map of all the Bridges in Wabaunsee County rated Poor. There are 178 Bridges that span over twenty feet on the deck; 26 of those are rated Poor and/or Structurally Deficient, Functionally Obsolete.

Empower House Ministries

Melissa Landis, Director of Empower House Ministries and Gayle Taylor-Ford, President of the Board, joined the meeting to provide an update to the Commissioners on their progress. They operate a non-profit focused on providing housing and support for female addicts in recovery. They requested a portion of the alcohol tax collected by Wabaunsee County to support their mission. Commissioners asked for time to consider it.

Other Business

County Clerk Abby Amick presented a draft resolution and agreement for a new credit card vendor, the proposed vendor offers a variety of management and clerical features that do not exist with the current vendor.

The County Treasurer's Quarterly Statement for December 31, 2021 was presented for review. Department Inventories were reviewed and signed by Commissioners. Commissioners received notice from the Kansas Historical Society that the Sump Barn is being considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register.

Commissioners discussed the status of the AMR Contract and the conversations with Fire District #2.

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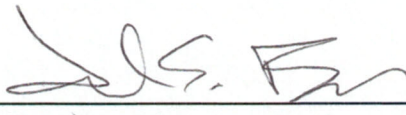
Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the January 24th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved wage change forms and expenses for January 20 – 26th, 2022.

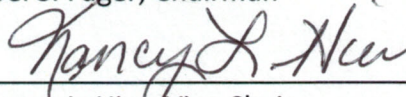
Chairman Fager reviewed and signed Daily Statements from January 20 and 21, 2022.

At 10:23 AM Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until Monday, February 7th at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

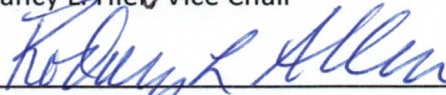
Minutes approved this 7th day of February 2022.



Joel S. Fager, Chairman

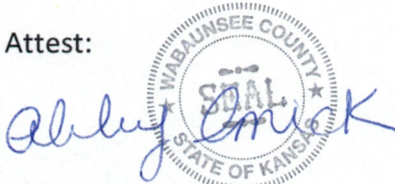


Nancy L. Hier, Vice Chair



Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:



Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk