

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes July 11, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, July 11, 2022. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier and Rodney L. Allen. Commissioner Joel S. Fager 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, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Brett Wilson, member of the public Buck Peddicord, Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin, Health Department Administrator Ray Finley, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Executive Session

Commissioner Hier moved to enter executive session for 5 minutes under Attorney Client Privilege to discuss the ambulance contract; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

At 9:08 AM Commissioners returned from Executive Session, no action was taken.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented a publication that will go in the newspaper regarding the High Risk Rural Roads Project (HRRR) through the State. Bush reported that he will be attending the Kansas Infrastructure Summit in Wichita, expecting to learn more about the Federal Infrastructure dollars coming to Kansas and how to apply for them.

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2022-21 a Resolution to add signage at and near the intersection of Newbury Road and 1st Street in the City of Paxico; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve Order 2022-01 to vacate part of Hewes Drive, in the Hewes subdivision outside of Maple Hill; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Planning & Zoning

Planning & Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester provided an update on the progress at Sewer District #1; it has received two treatments for Duck Weed. Sylvester also asked for feedback about adding the option to process credit cards to the online zoning application system, Commissioners asked that Sylvester negotiate a lower annual fee or look at different options.

Budget Requests

Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin presented the Ambulance District #2 Budget Request for 2023; the request is for 5 mills, a decrease from the 2022 budget. Fire District Budget requests were presented: Fire 2 at 1.898 mills a decrease from the 2022 rate; Fire 3 at 8.398 mills equal to the 2022 rate; Fire 4 at 5.690 mills an increase of .371 mills from 2022; Fire 5 at 4.955 mills a decrease from the 2022 rate; Fire 6 at 5.391 mills equal to the 2022 rate; Fire 7 at 3.650 mills equal to the 2022 rate; Fire 8 at 5.000 mills equal to the 2022 rate.

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Conditional Use Permit Hearing

At 10:00 AM Commissioner Hier called the Conditional Use Permit Hearing to order. Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester presented CUP #33 filed by Defense Midwest LLC. The Planning Commission approved the application unanimously with a set of 10 conditions added.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt Resolution 2022-22 a Resolution for the operation of a private range facility filed by Defense Midwest LLC as agent for Peddicord Land and Cattle Co. Inc at 00000 Mission Valley Road Eskridge, Kansas; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Other Business

Accountant Randy Gassmann met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2023 Budget process. Commissioners provided edits to the prior draft.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for June 23 - July 6, 2022. ViceChairman Hier reviewed and signed Daily Statements from June 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2022.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the minutes of the June 27th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

At 11:22 AM Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, July 18th at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Minutes approved this 18th day of July 2022.



Joel S. Fager, Chairman



Nancy L. Hier, Vice Chair



Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:




Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk