

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes July 12, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, July 12, 2021. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing Commissioners conduct and record the meeting over ZOOM. Members attending were Joel S. Fager, Rodney L. Allen and Nancy L. Hier. Commissioner Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Brett Wilson, Barb Phillips, Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley, County Clerk Abby Amick and several members of the public were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Health Department and Covid Update

Health Department Administrator Ray Finley joined in person. Finley reported on the Covid numbers for the County: 11 active case, 14 deaths and 1 in the hospital. Commissioners asked about the positive cases, Finley reported that most are unvaccinated.

Noxious Weed

Director Tonya Hensley presented chemical bids from Van Diest Supply Company for \$23,676.00 and Crop Production Services (CPS) of \$19,170.00.

Commissioner Allen moved to accept the bid from CPS of \$19,170.00; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Hensley reported that her department has been contracted to spray Plumb township this year, they may have some extra over-time to wrap up spray season.

Sheriff

Undersheriff Wilson and Administrative Assistant Barb Phillips reported that the Sheriff Department is changing the way that they handle the prisoner commissary. They will need to open a separate checking account to handle those funds, and avoid comingling with any County funds.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the opening of a separate checking account for the commissary and inmate expenditures; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier asked Sheriff Hoskins for clarification on law enforcement at Lake Wabaunsee. Sheriff Hoskins responded that the Sheriff Department is responsible, and they were onsite for the July 4th weekend. Sheriff Hoskins reported that accidents were responded to and citations were given. Discussion was held regarding the options available to the Lake Wabaunsee Improvement District to require the registration of golf carts. Undersheriff Wilson offered to coordinate the big electric message boards to be placed at the lake on holiday weekends reminding visitors that you must be a licensed driver to operate a golf cart.

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Executive Session

9:44 AM Commissioner Fager moved to enter Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and wage policies; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

9:54 AM Commissioners returned from Executive Session, no action was taken.

Planning & Zoning

Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester reported that the Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, July 15th at 7:30 pm; they will be reviewing 1 variance application and 6 quarry renewal applications. The Zoning office approved 5 building permits in June.

Conditional Use Permit Hearing

10:00 AM Commissioner Fager called the Conditional Use Permit Hearing to order. Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester presented CUP No. 610; a permit for operation of a small gas engine repair shop on Carlson Road for consideration, stating the Planning Commission vote was 10 in favor, none opposed. Commissioner Fager called for public comment, none was provided.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve Resolution 2021-30; a resolution for a small business requested by Greg Coyle, property at 2551 SW Carlson Road, Topeka Kansas for operation of a small gas engine repair shop; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sylvester presented CUP No. 608; a permit for operation of a quarry filed by Scott Dinger located on Wabaunsee Road for consideration, stating the Planning Commission vote was 3 in favor, 7 opposed; the permit was denied. Commissioners discussed the location of the proposed quarry and viewed a map. Commissioner Fager called for public comment, Scott Dinger provided testimony as to his current quarry operations, plans for this location, and offered to limit trucks and provide dust control. Testimony requesting the Commission uphold the permit denial was provided by neighboring landowners and residents Ernie Massoth, Luke Massoth, Wanda McClain, Kathy Massoth, Elizabeth McQuade and Jane Barnes.

Commissioner Fager moved to adopt Resolution 2021-32 a resolution to uphold the Planning Commission denial of CUP No. 608; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

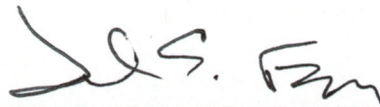
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Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the June 28th Commission Meeting, Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

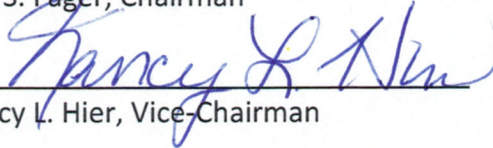
Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for June; and payroll for the Pay Period May 31 – June 27 totaling \$206,956.45. Treasurer Daily Statements for June 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29 and 30 were viewed and signed by Chairman Fager.

At 10:54 AM Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, July 19th at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 19th day of July 2021.



Joel S. Fager, Chairman

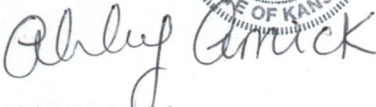


Nancy L. Hier, Vice-Chairman

absent

Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:



Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

