

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes July 17, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, July 17, 2023. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney L. Allen and Jim MacGregor. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Eric Kirsch, Sheriff Administrator Terry Martin, Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Register of Deeds Marcy Merritt, Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann and member of the public Carolyn Mathews were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch provided a quote for the Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections by Cook Flatt & Strobel (CFS) Engineers, they bid it at the same rate as the prior year.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the contract with CFS for the Biennial Bridge Inspection; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Hinch provided an equipment maintenance schedule and reviewed it with the Commissioners.

Commissioner MacGregor shared the concerns that he has received regarding the speed limit changes on McFarland Road and Maple Hill Road. Sheriff Hoskins reiterated that the initial conversation about speed limits on these two roads was initiated by residents along these roadways expressing concerns for traffic traveling too fast, making access to their driveways unsafe.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to adopt Resolution 2023-30 A Resolution setting the speed limit on McFarland Road from the McFarland City Limits to K-99 Highway shall be 50 mph; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed speed limits on unpaved roads across the county. Commissioners would like to do additional research but will consider adopting a resolution similar to Pottawatomie County reducing the speed limit to 40 mph. Hinch will contact Pottawatomie County to see if they have statistics that they can provide.

Noxious Weed

Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley presented chemical bids with the recommendation to select Van Diest Supply based on their quick delivery time. Van Diest Supply \$44,530.20; Nutrien \$44,257.20.

Commissioner Allen moved to accept the chemical bid from Van Diest Supply for \$44,530.20 for 2,4-D, Escort XP and Glyphosate; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Other Business

Mary Reed Spencer with the Wabaunsee County Fair Board joined the meeting in person to present the Commissioners with the winning cookie jar from the Wabaunsee County Fair. 4-Her Hannah Ringel made the winning entry, decorated like a spaceship. Commissioners were invited to attend the Dedication Ceremony of the Fair Buildings on July 22nd.

County Appraiser Ryan Michaelis joined in person to introduce the new Personal Property Clerk in the Appraiser's Office, Maggie Hinch. Commissioners received a Department Head update. Commissioners reviewed and signed the contract with US Engineering Services for annual maintenance of the boiler.

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Commissioner Allen moved to approve the appointment of Deputy Crystian Torres, SRO for the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office to the Youth Services 2nd Judicial District Board; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


Accountant Randy Gassman joined the meeting in person. Commissioners reviewed the draft budget and discussed options for bonding the Belvue Bridge with other bridge projects in the county.

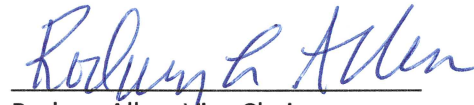
Commissioner MacGregor moved to approve the minutes of the July 10th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

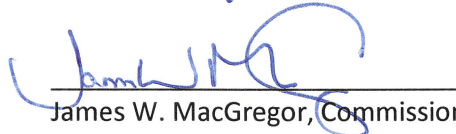
Chairman Hier reviewed and signed the Daily Statements for July 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2023.

At 12:13 PM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, July 24th at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


Minutes approved this 24th day of July 2023.


Nancy Hier, Chairman


Rodney Allen, Vice Chairman


James W. MacGregor, Commissioner

Attest:


Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

