

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes July 18, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, July 18, 2022. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier and Joel S. Fager. Commissioner Rodney L. Allen was absent. Commissioner Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. April Swartz, Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Undersheriff Brett Wilson, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

2021 Audit

April Swartz, Auditor with Varney & Associates CPAs LLC presented the 2021 Audit of County Finances. Swartz reported that there were no findings or judgements proposed in the audit, it was a very clean audit again this year. Swartz reviewed the Financial Reports with the Commissioners and answered questions.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented a contract between KDOT and the County regarding the High Risk Rural Roads Project (HRRR). Commissioners signed the contract.

Bush reported that he is still waiting on KDOT to make a determination on transferring the roadway of Old K-99 Road to the County. One of the concerns is managing for snow removal as that road is not near another route that the County manages snow removal for.

Commissioner Fager reported a sign down on Keene-Eskridge Road, Bush responded that a lot of signs get knocked down in the summer months, they will get it replaced as soon as possible. Commissioner Hier reported a call about a bridge, Bush will follow up.

Planning & Zoning

Planning & Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester provided an update on negotiations over credit card processing software. The updated agreement is for 1 year with a \$1,000 fee. Commissioners agreed.

Noxious Weed

Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley presented bids for chemical purchase:

	Van Diest Supply	Nutrien
Tordon 180 gal	\$43.49/gal	\$42.50/gal
Ranger Pro 360 gal	\$35.80/gal	\$42.00/gal
Escort XP 7,680 ozs	\$1.93/oz	\$1.96/oz
Plateau 20 gal	\$99.89/gal	\$99.95/gal

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the purchase of chemical from Van Diest with a total of \$31,092.40; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

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Other Business

County Clerk Abby Amick presented a packet of information comparing the State Employee Health Plan pricing to prices available by contracting directly with BlueCross and BlueShield of Kansas. Commissioners will take time to review the options and schedule a meeting with a benefits broker for further consideration.

Undersheriff Brett Wilson reported that a third Sheriff vehicle has been ordered and will be ready for pick up soon. The fourth vehicle will be a Detective's Truck scheduled for delivery in September.

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

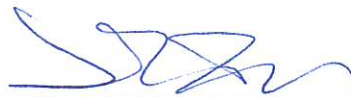
Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for July 7 - 13, 2022. Chairman Fager reviewed and signed Daily Statements from July 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2022. Commissioners signed abatement 2021-AB22 in the amount of \$934.82.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the July 11th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

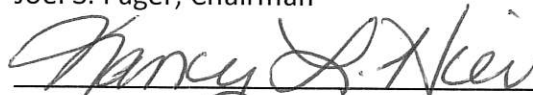
At 11:30 AM Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until Monday, July 25th at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Following adjournment Commissioners Hier and Fager toured the Wabaunsee Count Historical Society.

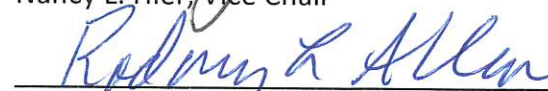
Minutes approved this 25th day of July 2022.



Joel S. Fager, Chairman



Nancy L. Hier, Vice Chair


Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:



Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

