

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes July 26, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, July 26, 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, Nancy L. Hier and Rodney L. Allen. Commissioner Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick 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: 23 active case, 14 deaths and 3 in the hospital. Finley reported that the Delta strain is the main culprit. They are seeing an increase in the number of people scheduling vaccination appointments. Vaccinations are available with Moderna on Tuesdays and Pfizer on Wednesdays. The Health Department is open until 6:00pm both evenings and will make arrangements for another time if regular hours do not work for everyone.

Hetlinger Developmental Services Budget Request

Trudy Hutchinson, Executive Director of Hetlinger Developmental Services joined in person. Hutchinson provided an update on the services provided by Hetlinger, stating that they serve 21 individuals in Wabaunsee County with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Hutchinson presented the 2022 Budget Request of \$15,000; no change from 2021.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor joined in person. MacGregor updated the Commissioners on the American Connection Corp Fellowship, a candidate has been selected and will start in August. The American Rescue Plan steering committee has been meeting with various entities across the county to gather ideas for the best use of the funds available. They plan to hold a public information and comment session in August and submit recommendations to the Commissioners in September.

MacGregor shared that Wabaunsee County has been awarded \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to be used to assist small businesses who have retained or created jobs for low-moderate income workers since the start of the coronavirus public health emergency. The program allows for up to 10% of the award to be set aside for grant administration, it does not allow for an offset of an existing county employee's salary. MacGregor would like to put the administration of this grant out for bids, this is not something that he would typically ask for, but this is a unique scenario given the paperwork involved and the competition for his time. Commissioners were in agreement.

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Kaw Township

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Kaw Township notifying them of the resignation of David Schlieff as Trustee and the request to fill the Trustee position by appointing Bruce Poppelreiter, vacating the Treasurer position.

Commissioner Hier moved to accept the resignation of David Schlieff as Trustee and Bruce Poppelreiter as Treasurer, and appoint Bruce Poppelreiter as Trustee. Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Commissioner Fager asked for an update from the LEPC. Undersheriff Brett Wilson and Sheriff Rob Hoskins joined in person, Amy Terrapin joined via zoom. Undersheriff Wilson reported that the LEPC held their first meeting since March 2020, attendance included fire departments, law enforcement and ambulance. They discussed Radio Communication challenges during an emergency situation. They are also discussing opportunities for public education about burn bans and the appropriate management of prescribed burns to prevent re-kindling days later. Terrapin reported on trainings required for all fire fighters. She will be scheduling an in-person course for the local command staff. K-State has also reached out about hosting a training for wildland fire fighting this winter, prior to the burn season.

Property and Casualty Insurance Bids

At 10:00 AM Commissioner Fager asked for the presentation of Insurance Bids each vendor presented their bid packet and reviewed the details with the Commissioners. Trudy Anschutz presented on behalf of EMC. Harvey Felzke and David Luke presented on behalf of KCAMP. Bids presented were Copeland Insurance EMC for \$85,434.00 and KCAMP for \$77,295.00. Commissioners will review the bids and discuss at a later meeting.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush joined in person. Bush reported that the Old K-10 pavement project is anticipated to begin in mid to late August due to a contractor delay. The Skyline Road project will start in early August, the dates and preconstruction meeting will be set soon.

Budget Preparation

Accountant Randy Gassmann joined in person. Gassmann reviewed the draft budget with the Commissioners.

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Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the July 19th Commission Meeting, Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for July 16 – July 22.

Commissioner Fager moved to adopt Resolution 2021-33 a Resolution Transferring Money to the County Equipment Reserve Fund in the amount of \$50,000. Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 12:20 PM Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, August 2nd at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 2nd day of ^{August}~~July~~ 2021.

absent

Joel S. Fager, Chairman

Nancy L. Hier
Nancy L. Hier, Vice-Chairman

Rodney L. Allen
Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:



Abby L. Amick
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Wabaunsee County Clerk