

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, June 7, 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. Chairman Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. County Attorney Tim Liesmann and Deputy County Clerk Alissa Barber were in attendance in person, several members of the public were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the minutes of the May 24th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Tim Liesmann reported on communication that the Commissioners received from Shawnee County Corrections regarding a grant match for ISP services in the amount of \$45,000. Commissioners asked Liesmann to follow up with the Office of the Attorney General for an opinion on whether the current in-kind match is sufficient to meet the requirements of the grant.

Health Department and Covid Update

Health Administrator Ray Finley joined in person. Finley reported on the Covid numbers for the County: 2 active cases, 14 deaths and 0 in the hospital. Finley provided an update on State trends and vaccinations.

Noxious Weed Update

Noxious Weed Director, Tonya Hensley joined in person.

9:22 a.m. Commissioner Hier moved to enter Executive Session for 5 minutes to discuss the non-elected personnel position of the Assistant Weed Director with Tonya Hensley present. Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion Carried 2-0.

9:27 a.m. Commissioners returned from executive session. No action was taken.

Hensley presented bids for Chemicals from Nutrien Ag Solutions totaling \$30,082.20 and Van Diest Supply Company totaling \$25,920.60.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the Chemical Bid from Van Diest Supply Company for \$25,920.60; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion Carried 3-0.

American Medical Response

AMR Representatives Jon Antrim and Charles Huber joined in person. Antrim presented the 2022 Budget Request of \$385,723.80; a 5% increase from 2021. The increase in cost is due to the loss of volume. Antrim reported that Ambulance volume decreased 10% from 2019 to 2020 and is behind by 6% so far in 2021. Commissioners discussed potential for coverage in the southern region of the county.

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Zoning Update

Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester joined in person. Commissioners reviewed the updated permit fee schedule. Commissioner Hier clarified that these do not include impact fees.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve Resolution 2021-24 Planning and Zoning Fee Revisions: Replacing Resolution 2018-21, Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Conditional Use Permit Hearing

10:00 am Commissioner Fager called the Conditional Use Permit Hearing to order. Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester presented Permit No. CUP 602; a permit for operation of a quarry near the intersection of Pavilion Road and Tallgrass Road for consideration, stating the Planning Commission vote was 8 in favor, 1 opposed; with the inclusion of a 350-foot setback from the quarry.

Commissioner Fager called for public comment. Comments in support of upholding the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation were shared by: Christie Crenshaw, Tim Keane, Roy Crenshaw and Kyle Reohler. Michael Stubbs yielded his time to Tim Keane.

Comments in support of the conditional use permit were shared by Scott Quinn, Kris Kobach, Duane McCoy and Dalton McCoy. Duane McCoy read a Petition aloud. Alice Kimble provided testimony of her decades of enjoyment and neighborly relationships in the area and her disappointment in the current disagreements.

Road and Bridge Director Thayne Bush joined via zoom. Bush reviewed the report he provided regarding the haul route. Commissioners discussed the details of the application at length.

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2021-25; a resolution for quarry operation requested by Duane McCoy, property at 32502 Pavillion Road, Alma, Kansas for establishing a limestone surface mining operation; seconded by Commissioner Allen. Motion carried 3-0.

Alex and Amanda Gnadts shared comments regarding the CUP Addendums that were presented to the Commissioners at the May 24th, 2021 meeting. Gnadts asked for clarification on how the fees are imposed, who determines the fee on each quarry and how these will affect future permit applications. Sylvester responded that the Addendum is to be considered each time a permit application or renewal is considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Discussion was had regarding crushed rock and using local gravel while working together with property owners, county, townships and quarry operators.

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Vouchers for May were reviewed and approved. Abatement #2020-AB37 for \$318.88 was approved and signed by the Commissioners. Treasurer Daily Statements for May 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26 and 27 were viewed and signed by Chairman Fager.

At 11:58 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until Monday, June 14th at 9:00 a.m.; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 14th day of June 2021.



Attest:

Abby L. Amick

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Wabaunsee County Clerk

absent

Joel S. Fager, Chairman

Nancy L. Hier

Nancy L. Hier, Vice-Chairman

Rodney L. Allen

Rodney L. Allen, Member