

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes June 13, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, June 13, 2022. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and 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 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Rock Ridge Gravel Race

Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor introduced Bobby Thompson, the organizer of the Rock Ridge Gravel Race that will take place in Wabaunsee County July 8 & 9, 2022. Thompson shared that the ride anticipates 150 cyclists over 4 routes; 30 mile, 75 mile race, 150 mile for adventurers and an overnight bike-packing route to Echo Cliff and back. The rides will all leave from Alma and will be finished by 2:00 pm on July 9th. There will be support Jeeps in the area to assist cyclists and clean up after the ride.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush reported on the status of Old K-10 Road, stating that the chip seal from last fall did not cure properly. The timing was not ideal, there were not enough hot days after the surface was laid. Now that the weather is hot, the chip seal is starting over in the cure process. The experts recommend adding chips (loose gravel) and working them in with a roller to save the surface. They will be monitoring the road surface as progress is made.

2023 Budget Requests

Amanda Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer at Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness provided an update on recent activities and a budget request of \$52,000; no increase from 2022. Cunningham reported that the State is putting forth initiatives to provide additional support at Nursing Homes, so that is on the horizon.

Health Administrator Ray Finley reported that this is a rebuilding year for the Health Department, going back to being a service provider after the emphasis on the pandemic. Finley will be looking at bringing back programs like Family Planning and MCH in future years. The current focus for the Department is services for seniors and building onto the existing services. Finley presented a budget request of \$166,066; an increase of 4.4% over 2022.

Trudy Hutchinson, Executive Director with Hetlinger Developmental Services, Inc provided an update to Commissioners and submitted a budget request of \$15,000; no increase from 2022.

Accountant Randy Gassman met with Commissioners to gather information for preparing the budget.

Other Business

Undersheriff Wilson provided a lease-purchase agreement with Stockgrowers State Bank for the purchase of replacement vehicles for the Sheriff Department in the amount of \$88,000.

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Commissioner Fager moved to approve the lease-purchase agreement; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Tim Liesmann presented a 3 year contract renewal for coroner services and autopsies with Forensic Medical Management Services, PLC and Dr Alan Martinez. Commissioners will review the contract and discuss at the next meeting.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the minutes of the June 6th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for June 2 - 8, 2022 and Wage Change Forms.

At 11:37 AM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, June 20th at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

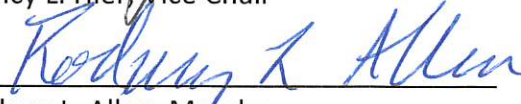
Minutes approved this 20th day of June 2022.



Joel S. Fager, Chairman



Nancy L. Hier, Vice Chair



Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:



Abby L. Amick

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Wabaunsee County Clerk

