

Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes June 21, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, June 21, 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. 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: 1 active case, 14 deaths and 0 in the hospital. Finley stated that Moderna has been the brand available to the Health Department, but they may be getting Pfizer so that they can offer the vaccine to those age 12 and above. Commissioners complimented the Health Department on their work through the pandemic, Finley replied that the experience of his staff was key. Pandemic related activity is taking about 30% of the Administrator's time, the department will be focusing on getting other programs back on track this summer.

Fire #8 Wabaunsee 5 mills

Personal Property Tax Warrants

Treasurer Karen Callaway and Appraiser Ryan Michaelis joined in person. Callaway shared that during the software transition, the office is finding opportunities to clean up records. Callaway presented a list of 263 personal property tax warrants that are 20 years old or older. Kansas Statute 79-2101 states that the Commission can make these warrants dormant.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the petition for Verizon Communications Inc to lay Fiber Optic
Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2021-28 A Resolution to make dormant 20 year old personal property tax warrants; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment of County Appraiser
County Attorney Tim Liesmann presented a Memorandum of Understanding between Morris County and Wabaunsee County regarding a shared Appraiser.

Ebert Construction Co Inc \$94,555.90

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the MOU with Morris County regarding the shared Appraiser; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Engineers Estimate \$100,050.00

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2021-29 A Resolution Regarding Appointment of the County Appraiser, Ryan Michaelis, for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Contract with KDOT with a commitment of funds for 20% of the project cost on Skyline Road just east of K-92. The Federal Share of the project is expected to be \$606,947; Wabaunsee County's share is \$137,000.

Security Cameras

Sheriff Hoskins and Undersheriff Wilson joined in person. Commissioners discussed the expense of maintaining and replacing equipment associated with the Security Cameras inside and outside of the Courthouse. Matching funds; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bush reported that he had held a township meeting and a local road safety meeting recently.

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Budget Preparation

Accountant Randy Gassman joined in person. Gassman stated that he does not have a preliminary mill levy to present. He will have the first draft of the budget ready for the June 28th Budget Work Session. Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the June 14th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire District Budget Requests

Fire Districts submitted 2022 Budget Requests prior to the meeting:

Fire #2 Alta Vista	2.032 mills
Fire #3 Harveyville	8.406 mills
Fire #4 Maple Hill	5.319 mills
Fire #5 Eskridge	5.232 mills
Fire #6 Alma	5.391 mills
Fire #7 Paxico	3.650 mills
Fire #8 Wabaunsee	5 mills

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush joined in person. Bush presented an Application for Utility Easement to relocate Fiber lines.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the petition for Verizon Communications Inc to lay Fiber Optic Cable on Buffalo Mound Road and Old Stone Church Road; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10am Commissioners held the Bid Opening for Bridge #160 north of Paxico. Kenny Blair with Cook, Flatt and Strobel, Engineers P.A. opened and announced the bids as follows:

L&M Contractors Inc	\$84,549.80
Ebert Construction Co Inc	\$94,555.90
Reece Construction Co Inc	\$96,050.00
PCi Roads LLC	\$77,158.60
Engineers Estimate	\$100,056.00

Bush will review the bids and bring a recommendation to a future meeting. Bush presented an Authority to Award Contract Agreement with KDOT with a commitment of funds for 20% of the project cost on Skyline Road just east of K-99. The Federal Share of the project is expected to be \$606,947; Wabaunsee County's share is \$137,000.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the agreement with KDOT committing Wabaunsee County to \$137,000 in matching funds; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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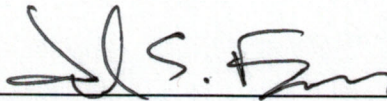
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Planning & Zoning

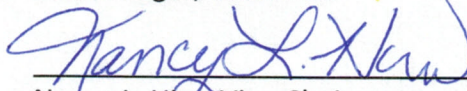
Planning & Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester joined in person. Sylvester provided an update from the June 16th Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. Sylvester provided a handout with proposed Standard Conditions for Short Term Rentals at Lake Wabaunsee. Jerry Haahr joined via zoom, commenting that Sylvester has done a great job moderating the discussions, and the committee has concerns that these conditions are not being formally adopted as changes to the Zoning Regulations. Liesmann stated that KSA 12-757 outlines the Zoning Amendment Process. Sylvester indicated that the Planning Commission would discuss adoption of the Standards further.

At 10:59 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, June 28th at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

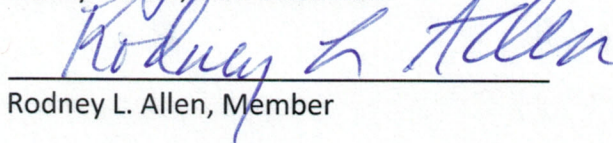
Minutes approved this 28th day of June 2021.



Joel S. Fager, Chairman

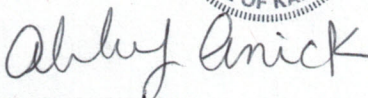


Nancy L. Hier, Vice-Chairman



Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:



Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk