

**Wabaunsee County Commission**  
**Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes May 10, 2021**

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The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, May 10, 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. Chairman Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed holding a budget work session for the 2022 Budget Year.

**Crosswinds Budget Request**

Crosswinds CEO Amanda Cunningham, CFO Sherri Knight and Clinical Director Megan Adcock joined in person. Cunningham provided a review of Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness services, reporting that in 2020, they served 135 Wabaunsee County residents using 2 staff members. Wabaunsee County makes up 4% of their total clientele. Crosswinds has jobs available in Wabaunsee County, they are hiring a part-time receptionist and case managers, as well as Summer Group staff. Visit [www.crosswindssks.org](http://www.crosswindssks.org) for more information. Crosswinds submitted a 2022 budget request of \$52,000; that is an increase of \$1,000 from 2021.

**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 is awaiting guidance on lowering the age for vaccinations, once that happens additional clinics will be scheduled. Wabaunsee County is currently showing 43% vaccinated (first shot).

**Road & Bridge Update**

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush joined in person. Bush provided an invitation to each Commissioner for a Safety Workshop hosted by KDOT where a Local Road Safety Plan will be discussed. The Plan is a prerequisite for grant funding and will evaluate crash data analysis and safety measures that can be implemented.

Bush presented an Agreement Regarding Rehabilitation of Wabaunsee County Bridge #160, in accordance with the approved Flint Hills Stone Conditional Use Permits.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the Agreement for Rehabilitation of Bridge #160 with Flint Hills Stone; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion Carried 3-0.

**Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library Budget Request**

Director, Judith Cremer and Board Vice-Chair Sandie Jensen joined in person, Board Chair Pam Bales joined via zoom. Cremer provided an overview of the Library system and activities from 2020, she shared the challenges associated with Covid and serving the public. Cremer provided packets including an annual report and budget request as well as the summer calendar and details about the summer



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reading program and summer food program. Wabaunsee County's estimated portion of the 2022 Budget Appropriation is \$121,339.17; an increase of \$5,526.04 from 2021.

**Sheriff Budget Request**

Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Brett Wilson and Administrative Assistant Barb Phillips joined in person. The Sheriff Department presented their 2022 Budget Request, outlining increases in Insurance, Communications and Wages. The Sheriff Department submitted a 2022 Budget Request of \$1,337,226.00; a 9% increase from 2021.

10:50 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to enter executive session for reason of Attorney Client Privilege regarding the Hockenbargers' attorney request for 10 minutes; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion Carried 3-0.

11:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened open session. County Attorney Tim Liesmann asked for Commissioners' concurrence that they are giving him authority to listen and explore solutions regarding the request. Commissioners agreed.

Treasurer Daily Statements for April 29 and 30 were reviewed and signed by Chairman Fager. Wage change forms and Payroll for the pay period April 5<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> were reviewed and signed by the Commissioners.


11:06 a.m. Commissioners Hier and Fager departed the courthouse for a tour of the Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds and Appropriation Request from the Wabaunsee County Fair Association.

Fair Association members provided a tour of the renovations and new construction. President Mary Reed Spencer presented the 2022 Appropriation Request of \$30,000, an increase of \$5,000 from 2021, citing the increase is to help defray the expenses for utilities and insurance on the north building and new livestock arena.

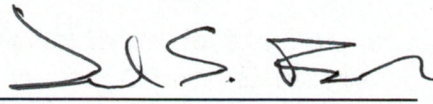
At 12:15 a.m. Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Minutes approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

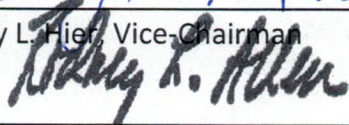
Attest:

  
Abby L. Amick  
Wabaunsee County Clerk



  
Joel S. Fager, Chairman

  
Nancy L. Hier, Vice-Chairman

  
Rodney L. Allen, Member