

**Wabaunsee County Commission**  
**Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes May 17, 2021**

---

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, May 17, 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 and Nancy L. Hier. Rodney L. Allen was absent. 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 Hier moved to approve the minutes of the May 10<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

County Clerk Abby Amick presented the 2022 Technology Fund Budget Request of \$125,500; an 8.5% increase from 2021. The increase is partially due to the laptops purchased in 2020 from SPARKS Funds.

**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 shared the upcoming clinic dates throughout the county. The Health Department is seeing an increase in home care services, family planning services and intends to further develop the county website to be a real-time source of information and services. The biggest change in the Health Department budget from 2020 was the connection with Vax-Care, that partnership allows the Health Department to bill insurance for immunizations and provide a wider variety of immunizations. VaxCare was able to increase the options for immunizations available through the Health Department by 30%. This means that school vaccinations are now available at the Health Department. Finley presented the Health Department 2022 Budget Request of \$254,818.00; an increase of 2.5% from 2021.

**District Court**

Court Clerk Emma Leuthold joined in person. Leuthold presented the 2022 District Court Budget Request of \$89,563; a 1% increase from 2021 due to increase communications costs for hosting virtual court.

**Sheriff Deputy**

Sheriff Rob Hoskins joined in person to introduce Wabaunsee County's newest Deputy Steven Bundy. Bundy is a retired KBI Agent and former Sheriff of Rice County.

**K-State Research and Extension**

Agent Stephanie Melhus joined in person, Agent Bernadette Trieb and Office Professional Stephanie Maike joined via zoom. Agent Melhus shared updates from the Extension Council, including that the office will have new hours beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> they will be open 8:30 – 1:00 and 1:30 – 5:00. Agent Melhus presented the 2022 Extension Budget Request of \$151,200; no increase from 2021.



Wabaunsee County Commission  
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS  
Regular Meeting Minutes May 17, 2021

---

**Road & Bridge Update**

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush joined in person. Bush presented an Agreement with KDOT for the replacement of Bridge #25 an old Iron Bridge on Willard Road. The agreement states that KDOT will pay 80% of the replacement cost of the bridge. Commissioners reviewed and signed the contract.

Bush presented the Road and Bridge Budget Request of \$2,611,584.00; an increase of 9% from 2021. The increase accounts for an additional employee as well as a planned transfer to the Highway Improvement Fund to be used as matching funds for cost-share opportunities. Commissioner Hier asked what the additional employee would be doing, Bush responded that they would help with the inventory of bridges and culverts and assisting with applying for and managing grants and cost-share opportunities. Commissioner Hier shared her appreciation for the efforts being put into applying for cost-share opportunities over the years.

Bush reported that all county maintained roads are open after the heavy rains. Bush thanked the City of Harveyville for providing assistance in removing a tree from the roadway.

**Economic Development**

Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor joined in person. MacGregor presented a resolution to apply for the 2021 Kansas Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Authorizing the Chairman to sign and submit such application.

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2021-23 A Resolution Certifying Legal Authority to apply for the 2021 CDBG-CV3 Program, seconded by Commissioner Fager. Motion carried 2-0.

Treasurer Daily Statements for May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 were reviewed and signed by Chairman Fager.

At 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Minutes approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.



Attest:

*Abby L. Amick*  
Abby L. Amick  
Wabaunsee County Clerk

*Joel S. Fager*  
Joel S. Fager, Chairman

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

*Rodney L. Allen*  
Rodney L. Allen, Member