

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes May 22, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, May 22, 2023. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney L. Allen and Jim MacGregor. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Eric Kirsch, Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Travis Schulte with Ag Partners Coop, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch provided an update on the Willard Bridge, stated that the next phase of the Old K-10 project will begin June 6th and shared that Bridge 45 on Boothill Road was torn out with L&M starting reconstruction on Friday, May 26th. Commissioner Hier asked about the status of the fencing project along the south property line at the County Road & Bridge shop. Hinch is gathering estimates and pricing the materials to do the project in-house. Miller Road, Keene-Eskridge Road and Carlson Road are scheduled to be chip-sealed this summer. Hinch is investigating safety grant opportunities for Keene-Eskridge Road. Travis Schulte with Ag Partners Coop presented proposals for fuel management systems and pricing options.

E-Community Announcement

Economic Development Director Stephanie Imthurn introduced Karen Moege who has opened a new business in the county. Flint Hills Pints is located at 111 Missouri Ave, Alma with access from the alley. The business is the recipient of an E-Community low interest loan. The E-Community program began in Wabaunsee County in 2013 and has had 13 businesses benefit from low interest loans totaling \$395,770. Flint Hills Pints also received a Patterson Grant to assist with start-up costs. Flint Hills Pints homemade icecream can be found at area farmers markets this summer, or watch their facebook page for local hours.

Imthurn announced that the Alma Manor has sold with the intent to be a senior living and child care center called "The Heritage Home".

Hetlinger Developmental Services

Jill Burton, Hetlinger Executive Director updated the Commission on the services provided by the agency. Hetlinger is the regional single point of entry to state programs for developmental disabilities. They do base line assessments for state funding and remain in continuous contact with the families regarding the status of their assistance. There are currently 24 individuals being served in Wabaunsee County. Hetlinger is requesting the same budget appropriation as the prior year of \$15,000.

Wabaunsee County Conservation District

Roxann Maike and Jerry Hund joined the meeting. They provided an update of the activities of the Conservation District over the last year and presented a budget request of \$44,000 an increase of 2% over the prior year.

Budget Requests

Commissioners met with Department Heads to review the submitted budget requests. 2024 requests include: Zoning \$96,648 an increase of 4.85% over the prior year; Economic Development \$61,280 no change from the prior year; Extension Council \$169,000 an increase of 3.7% over the prior year; Road & Bridge \$3,334,348 an increase of 15% over the prior year; Register of Deeds \$115,809 an increase of 4.87% over the prior year.

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Other Business

Commissioner Hier moved to accept the bid from Franks Plumbing for LED lights; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to approve the minutes of the May 15th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved wage change forms. Chairman Hier reviewed and signed Daily Statements for May 12, 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2023.

Executive Session


11:27 AM Commissioner Hier moved to enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss duties and performance of non-elected personnel; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

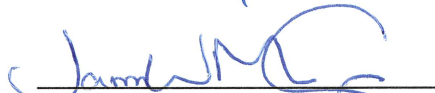
11:36 AM Commissioners returned from executive session.

At 11:37 AM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, June 5th at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 5th day of June 2023.


Nancy Hier, Chairman


Rodney Allen, Vice Chairman


James W. MacGregor, Commissioner

Attest:


Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

