Wabaunsee County Commission Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS Regular Meeting Minutes November 06, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, November 6, 2023. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney Allen and Jim MacGregor. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Assistant Jared Falk, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Eric Kirsh, Richard Orton, Curtis Capoun, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch provided a Utility Petition and Request by Rural Water District #8.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the Utility Request for Rural Water District #8 to add a 6 inch water line along Mission Valley Road; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Hinch presented final cost numbers on Bridge #13 on Fairfield Road, the figures came in underbudget due to a change in design. Hinch asked to continue the bridge plan discussion looking out 20 years into the future.

Land Bank Board of Directors

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the Wabaunsee County Land Bank Policies as presented, with Commissioner Allen serving as Chair, Commissioner Hier as Vice-Chair and Commissioner MacGregor as Treasurer; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed Neighborhood Revitalization for residential remodels and additions, they will continue discussions next week.

Conditional Use Permit Hearing

At 9:30 AM Commissioner Hier called the Conditional Use Permit Hearing to order. Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester presented CUP #291 filed by Curtis Capoun agent for Aaron Laird for establishing a rock quarry. Commissioners asked about the timeline for quarry operations, Capoun responded that it all depends on sales, but he anticipates 5 to 10 years of operations on this location.

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2023-46 a Resolution for a conditional use permit filed by filed by Curtis Capoun agent for Aaron Laird for establishing a rock quarry at 33002 W Tallgrass Rd, Alma; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed out of county quarry traffic coming into Wabaunsee County. Sylvester will follow up with Riley County and the operators of concern to see if anything can be done to address the concerns.

Other Business

County Attorney Liesmann provided Contractor Agreements for two Indigent Defense Attorneys to be used as appointed council when necessary, in Wabaunsee County District Court, Commissioners reviewed and signed the agreements. Commissioners signed the Title VI Acknowledgement for Public Transportation.

Commissioner MacGregor moved to approve the minutes of the October 31st Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Chairman Hier reviewed and signed the Daily Statements for October 27, 30, 31 and November 1 & 2, 2023.

At 9:56 AM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, November 13th at 8:30 AM for the General Election Canvass; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 13th day of November 2023.

Nancy Hier, Chairman

Rodney Allen, Vice Chairman

James W. MacGregor, Commissioner

Attest:

Abby L. Amick

Wabaunsee County Clerk