

**Wabaunsee County Commission**  
**Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022**

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The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, November 14, 2022. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney L. Allen and Joel S. Fager. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Chief Deputy Trent Stanley, Health Department Administrator Ray Finley, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person others joined via zoom.

**Health Department Update**

Health Department Administrator Ray Finley provided an update to the Commission. Covid cases have had a recent spike at 10 cases in the county, the average was about 4 at a time, until this week. Prior to 2020, the Health Department averaged 450 vaccinations per year; since October 1st, the Department has given 755 vaccinations (flu, bivalent covid booster, school vaccines). Finley shared his appreciation for his dedicated staff. The Health Department was awarded an \$80,000 COVID ELC Grant (Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC)). Finley is working with Emergency Management to determine the best use of the funds. The State of Kansas is offering Workforce Grants to Health Departments intended to build capacity within the counties by adding staff or providing training. Finley expects the funding to be available mid 2023.

Finley requested that the Opioid Settlement funds be used to supply law enforcement and county agencies with narcotic overdose treatments, like Narcan. The County Attorney confirmed that we do have opioids in the county, and the settlement funds are being managed by the Sheriff Department for the purposes allowed by the settlement.

**Solid Waste Management Plan**

Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley presented the updated Solid Waste Management Plan. The only change from the prior year is that the waste management provider no longer picks up recycling.

Commissioner Fager moved to adopt Resolution 2022-35 Solid Waste Management Plan; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hier asked for an update on inventory in regard to spring private application availability. Hensley reported that the department has adequate inventory and anticipates availability for restocking as needed next year. There should be no shortage of supply for private application. Commissioner Hier asked about roadway and bridge spraying for control of brush. Hensley and Bush discussed the research that they have each done on spraying around water, Hensley offered to use a different tank mix if it would help with the control of noxious weeds and brush around bridges and along county roads.

**Executive Session**

At 9:48am Commissioner Fager moved to enter executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding a disciplinary issue with Sheriff Hoskins, Chief Deputy Stanley, County Attorney and County Clerk present; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:53am Commissioners returned from Executive Session, no action was taken.

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**Bid Opening**

At 10:00 AM Commissioners reviewed bids for the purchase of Historic Preservation Tax Credits received by the County from the 2020-2021 Courthouse Water Incursion Project. Bids were received from 6 companies, ranging from \$0.6010 to \$0.9251.

Commissioner Hier moved to accept the proposal from Fallbrook Tax Credits at \$0.9251 for a total purchase price of \$292,652.60 plus \$300 transfer fee; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Other Business**

Commissioners signed letters of commitment for the Public Transportation Grant.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses from November 3 - 9, 2022 and wage change requests. Chairman Hier reviewed and signed Daily Statements for November 4, 7, 8 and 9, 2022.

At 10:20 AM Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 AM; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.



Minutes approved this 21 day of November 2022.

  
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Nancy L. Hier, Chairman

  
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Rodney L. Allen, Vice Chair

  
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Joel S. Fager, Member

Attest:

  
  
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Abby L. Amick  
Wabaunsee County Clerk