Wabaunsee County Commission Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS Regular Meeting Minutes November 29, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, November 29, 2021. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Joel S. Fager, Rodney L. Allen and Nancy L. Hier. Commissioner Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush, Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor provided the Commissioners with an update regarding the Flint Hills Regional Council and their dues structure. The Council will be voting on an increase in dues and a potential fee structure for services. With the proposed calculation the dues would increase by \$1,180 annually for Wabaunsee County. Commissioners agreed that membership will continue to be reconsidered annually.

MacGregor reported that a group of local citizens are discussing developing a website focused on promoting Wabaunsee County to visitors. Commissioners indicated that they supported the project. MacGregor will develop a plan for the project with the expectation that it will be paid for in the current budget year.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush reported that the preconstruction meeting for Bridge No 35 on Spring Creek Road will be held this week. Bush also reported that a wooden structure had failed on Soldier Creek Road, east of Miller Road, south of Harveyville. The road is closed until further notice. The Road & Bridge Department will be replacing the wooden structure with a large tube.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin provided the Commissioners with an LEPC update. Wabaunsee County Emergency Services are changing to a messaging system called Active 911. Fire District No 7 has been testing the application for 70 days and are happy with it. Each Department will pay for their users to have access to the application. The application includes mapping capabilities and added communication features.

Other Business

County Clerk Abby Amick presented a cost estimate from WTC for a Managed Phone Service, including new equipment. Commissioners agreed to proceed with transitioning to WTC for Managed Phone Service.

Commissioners identified Nancy Hier as the Wabaunsee County Voting Delegate for the Special Meeting of the Kansas Association of Counties on January 5th.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the November 22nd Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Chairman Fager reviewed and signed Daily Statements for the dates of November 19, 22 and 23, 2021. Abatement #2021-AB06 for \$223.12 was approved and signed.

At 10:22 AM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, December 6th at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 6th day of December 2021.

Joel S. Fager, Chairman

Nancy I. Hier. Vice-Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:

Abby L. Amick

Wabaunsee County Clerk