

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes November 08, 2021

At 9:00 AM on Monday, November 08, 2021 Commissioner Joel Fager opened the Canvass of the November 2, 2021 General Election. Members attending were Commissioner Rodney L. Allen, Commissioner Joel S. Fager, Commissioner Nancy L. Hier, County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann. The Canvass Closed at 9:20 AM.

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, November 08, 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, Nancy L. Hier and Rodney L. Allen. Commissioner Fager called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. County Clerk Abby Amick and County Attorney Tim Liesmann were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Health Department Covid Update

Health Department Administrator Ray Finley reported on the Covid numbers for the County: 17 active cases, 18 deaths and 1 in the hospital. Vaccinations and Booster shots are keeping the Health Department busy.

Fence View Hearing

At 10:00 AM Commissioner Fager opened the Fence View Hearing. In attendance were Kathryn Sudduth, Travis Swanson, Lora Frick, Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush and Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester. County Attorney Tim Liesmann outlined the concerns presented in the petition and provided a review of the fence viewing that occurred on September 29, 2021. Sudduth expressed concern for brush encroaching on the fence and the need for additional corner posts if the neighbors intend to install fencing that runs north from the existing fence. Swanson and Frick asked to be allowed to add insulators to the existing posts for a hot wire and committed to clearing the brush within a year. Both parties agree to allowing the hot wire to be installed on the existing fence, if the brush was cleared 10 feet from the fence on either side, and additional corner posts will be installed if the hot wire runs north from the existing fence. Maintenance of the existing barbwire fence is assumed by Sudduth. Maintenance of the hot wire will be assumed by Frick. Frick requested that the existing barbed wire be finished by attaching the wire to the remaining posts, Sudduth agreed to do so. County Attorney Liesmann will finalize the commitments to be approved and filed with the deeds of each property. The hearing closed at 9:51 AM.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented a Utility Petition from Telcom Construction for Lumen.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the utility petition from Lumen requesting permission to lay a buried service wire at 339 Lakeshore Dr. Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bush presented the bids received for Bridge No 35 on Springcreek Road, the project will include an abutment and bank repair using FEMA funds for 80% of the project. The damage was done during the 209 flooding.

The following bids were received and opened on November 3, 2021 by Cook, Flatt and Strobel Engineers:

Ebert Construction Co., Inc	\$84,684.50
Bettis Asphalt	\$121,704.07
Bridges Inc.	\$129,340.00
Hamm Inc	\$168,326.68

Commissioner Allen moved to accept the bid from Ebert Construction Co., Inc in the amount of \$84,684.50. Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Bush presented a sales agreement for a 2018 Caterpillar Motor Grader, the agreement included a trade in and warranty.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the purchase agreement for the 2018 Caterpillar 12M3 through Foley Equipment in the amount of \$170,518.00. Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bush reported that the Skyline Road project is complete. Bush met with KDOT to do a Field Check Report on the Willard Road iron bridge. The bridge will be replaced with an 80/20 grant from KDOT for Local Projects. It is expected that the project will let in the fall of 2022.

Conditional Use Permit Hearing

10:15 AM Commissioner Fager opened the Conditional Use Permit Hearing. Curtis Capoun joined in attendance. Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester presented CUP No 624, an application for quarry operation, the application passed the Zoning Board unanimously. The quarry sits on the east side of Paxico Road, the haul route is the same as an existing quarry in the area, the bridge that had been a concern previously has now been repaired and approved for weight limits outlined in the permit application. Commissioners asked about outstanding bonds related to the operator listed in the application. Sylvester responded that he is in contact with the quarry owner and working with all parties involved to get the bond current before any operations begin. Sylvester mentioned that there was one letter of concern from Randy and Regina Lilian regarding preservation of the prairie. Capoun commented that the quarry site included in the application is ground that has already been worked and reseeded in its history, it is not native.

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2021-50; a resolution for quarry operation, submitted by CX Construction agent for Vincent Hurla & Roy Hurla for the property located on Strowigs Mill Road, Paxico, KS; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sylvester reported that Jim Johnson has expressed interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Jim Johnson to the Planning Commission representing Commissioner District 2; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 2-1, Commissioner Hier dissenting.

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Other Business

County Attorney Liesmann presented a letter from The Honorable Jeff Elecer, Chief Judge of the 2nd Judicial District recommending that the four counties in the 2nd District enter into an agreement to establish a community correction program separate from Shawnee County. The program is grant funded through the State and would likely be headquartered in Jackson County. Commissioners agreed, Liesmann will work on the interlocal agreement with the other counties involved.

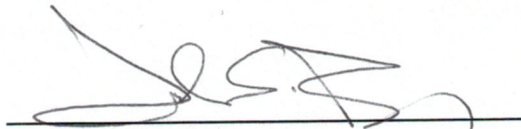
Commissioners signed letters of support for Mount Mitchell and the Wabaunsee County Public Transportation grant applications.

Commissioner Fager moved to approve the minutes of the November 1st Commission Meeting, Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

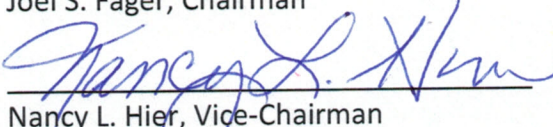
Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses for October 28– November 03, 2021.

At 11:06 AM Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, November 15th at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 15th day of November 2021.



Joel S. Fager, Chairman

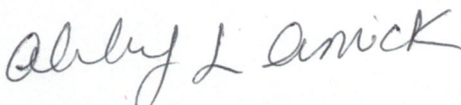


Nancy L. Hier, Vice-Chairman

absent

Rodney L. Allen, Member

Attest:



Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk