

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes October 23, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, October 23, 2023. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier and Jim MacGregor. Rodney L. Allen was absent. Commissioner Hier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Undersheriff Eric Kirsch, Richard Orton, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person, others joined via zoom.

During Public Comment Richard Orton asked for an update on the recent news of the Sheriff Department requesting assistance from the KBI for an internal investigation. Commissioner Hier responded that the Commissioners will not comment on an ongoing investigation, all requests must go through the KBI.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch reported that Bridge #270 over Hendricks Creek on Wabaunsee Road has final estimates which include purchasing right-of-way, dirt work to move the streambed and streambank stabilization. They are planning on this being a 2024 Budget expense.

Hinch has received 3 quotes for tank removal on the old underground fuel tanks. The expense is currently budgeted in 2023. Commissioner MacGregor will be getting more information on the Flint Hills Regional Planning Council Brownfields Program for funding assistance on the project. Hinch will also be talking to KDHE about their funding programs for tank removal and cleanup.

Hinch presented a quote to upgrade the wheel loader and trade in the old one. Commissioners agreed.

Executive Session

At 9:19 AM Commissioner Hier moved to enter executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss salaries and job performance of non-elected personnel with Josh Hinch, Tim Liesmann, Abby Amick, Commissioner Hier and Commissioner MacGregor in the Commission Meeting Room; Commissioner Macgregor seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

At 9:29 AM Commissioners returned from Executive Session in the Commission Meeting Room.

At 9:30 AM Commissioner Hier moved to extend executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss salaries and job performance of non-elected personnel with Josh Hinch, Tim Liesmann, Abby Amick, Commissioner Hier and Commissioner MacGregor in the Commission Meeting Room; Commissioner Macgregor seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

At 9:40 AM Commissioners returned from Executive Session in the Commission Meeting Room.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director Stephanie Imthurn joined in person. Commissioners reviewed the draft Land Bank Policies.

Other Business

Commissioners reviewed the draft vehicle use policy, Liesmann will prepare a Resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

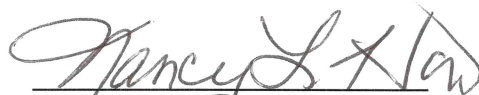
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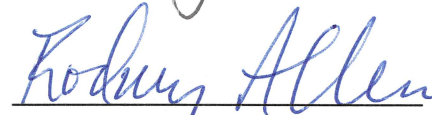
Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the October 16th Commission Meeting; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

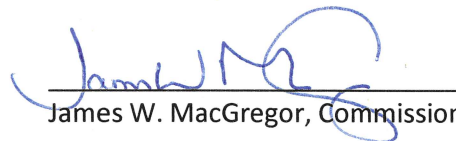
Chairman Hier reviewed and signed the Daily Statements for October 13, 16, 17 and 18, 2023. Commissioners reviewed and signed payroll for October 20th, 2023.

At 10:21 AM Commissioner MacGregor moved to adjourn until Monday, October 30th at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Minutes approved this 30th day of October 2023.


Nancy Hier, Chairman


Rodney Allen, Vice Chairman


James W. MacGregor, Commissioner

Attest:



Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk

