

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes October 24, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, October 24, 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, Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person others joined via zoom.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Terrapin updated the Commissioners on the recent fires around the county. At the time of the fires a Local Disaster Declaration was tentatively filed in case there was a need for State Assistance. All eight fire departments were called out over the weekend, with multiple counties and agencies working together to control the fires. No structures were threatened and all the fires were contained.

Terrapin reported that the Ambulance Committee is currently working on improvements to the Ambulance Barn in Alma.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush received the bids from KDOT on Bridge #25 outside of Maple Hill. The KDOT Grant is for \$1 million toward the project, the low bid came in at \$1,807,094. The original estimate on the project at the time of the grant application was \$1.15 million. Bush provided options for how to fund the county's share of the project. Due to the county's share being much higher than originally anticipated, other projects around the county may have to be delayed until funding is available. Bush intends to continue doing as much work in-house as possible to conserve funds and continue maintenance and improvements to the aging infrastructure.

Planning & Zoning Update

Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester provided a summary of the recent Planning Commission Meeting. Sylvester has scheduled the first townhall regarding solar to be held on November 15th at the Alma Community Center at 7pm.

Sylvester asked to review and make recommendations on updates to the Conditional Use Permit application requirements. There are currently items in the requirements that do not follow the typical order of operations. Commissioners agreed that the application requirements need to be reviewed and updated to better suit the planning commission and the public.

Other Business

Commissioners signed a Proclamation engaging in the Step Up Program with Crosswinds Counseling and Mental Health. The program will assist with mental health needs of inmates in the Wabaunsee County Jail.

Commissioners and Department Heads provided updates from the Kansas Association of Counties meetings held Oct 17-19. Commissioner Hier announced that Wabaunsee County was one of only

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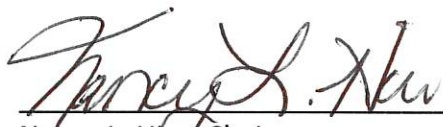
three member counties in the State to experience zero Workmen's Comp Claims this year. KWORCC will be presenting Wabaunsee County with an award at a later date.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022 Commission Meeting; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses from October 13 - 19, 2022 and Payroll. Chairman Hier reviewed and signed Daily Statements for October 13, 14, 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2022.

At 10:48 AM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, October 31st at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

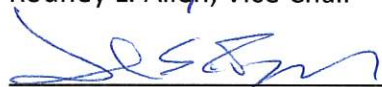
Minutes approved this 31st day of October 2022.



Nancy L. Hier, Chairman



Rodney L. Allen, Vice Chair



Joel S. Fager, Member

Attest:





Abby L. Amick
Wabaunsee County Clerk