

**Wabaunsee County Commission
Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS
Regular Meeting Minutes September 26, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, September 26, 2022.

Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending were Nancy L. Hier, Rodney L. Allen and Joel S. Fager. Commissioner Fager 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, Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor, Sheriff Rob Hoskins, Extension Agents Shannon Spencer and Bernadette Trieb, 4-H Members Leah Schrader, Adalynn Miller, Anton Schrader, Kinden Miller and future 4-Her Savannah Schrader, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person others joined via zoom.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director Jim MacGregor presented a letter of support for a grant application being submitted as a joint effort including projects from Alta Vista, Eskridge, Paxico, the Alma Area Foundation, the Alma Public Library, and a local childcare center. The application requires no financial commitment from the County. Commissioners signed the letter. Commissioner Hier and MacGregor reported on their attendance to the Kansas Leadership Center Leadership Lab last week.

Extension Update

Members of Happy Valley 4-H Club presented the Commissioners with a National 4-H Week Proclamation. Commissioners adopted the proclamation designating October 2 – 8, 2022 as National 4-H Week. Commissioners asked each 4-Her to share their favorite project. 4-H Clubs across the county will have displays in local communities for 4-H week promoting 4-H projects.

Agents Trieb and Spencer provided their monthly activity reports, reviewing the detail with the Commissioners. Trieb continues to get Medicare, Health Insurance and Social Security calls year round. Medicare Enrollment is October 15th – December 7th, do not delay getting an appointment. Spencer reported on a variety of ag education programs coming up in and around the county. Extension hosted the first Wabaunsee County Fair Carcass Contest dinner and program this year. The event was very well received with requests to continue in future years.

Road & Bridge

At 9:27 AM Commissioner Fager moved to enter executive session regarding attorney client privilege on contract negotiations for 10 minutes; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:37 AM Commissioners returned from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush reported that work is finishing up on Homestead Road and the bridge crew is moving to Sassafras Road to replace an old wooden bridge with a tube this week. KDOT has committed to making the requested improvements to the Old K-99 Road as requested. Lynn Deever will be working with the 911 address assignments to update addresses along that road.

Cattle on Old K-10

Commissioners discussed reports of cattle being on Old K-10 Road numerous times this year. County Attorney Liesmann explained that this is a situation where the cattle are continually out on the

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roadway, with more than 15 incidents called into the Sheriff Department since July 2022. Liesmann has sent letters to the property owner requesting that the fence be repaired. Fence Standards are not being met. Commissioners indicated that they would support moving forward with civil action.

Public Comment

Paxico Residents Carolyn Mathews and Robert Baldwin addressed the Commission with concerns over the right-of-way running along their property.

Robert Comer, Manhattan resident and forensic investigator on railroad accidents, presented recommendations to the Commissioners regarding crossings in Wabaunsee County.

Other Business

Deputy County Clerk, Alissa Barber presented considerations for updates to the Employee Policy Handbook.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the September 19th Commission Meeting; Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenses from September 15 – 21, 2022. Chairman Fager reviewed and signed Daily Statements for September 16, 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2022.


Commissioner Allen moved to reorganize the Commission Board with Nancy Hier as Chair, Rodney Allen as Vice-Chair and Joel Fager as Member; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:50 AM Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn until Monday, October 3rd at 9:00 AM; Commissioner Fager seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 3rd day of October 2022.



Nancy L. Hier, Chairman



Rodney L. Allen, Vice Chair



Joel S. Fager, Member

Attest:





Abby L. Amick

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