

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

August 9, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners, Casey Lair, Andrew Miller & Jerry Scott, Kayla Busch, County Clerk, and Kris Marple, County Coordinator, met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Lair called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Miller gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Scott led the flag salute.

AGENDA & MINUTES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of July 26, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented four Neighborhood Revitalization Plan applications for First Step Builders, LLC. He also reported that \$107,999.42 was received from the County sales tax for EMS in July. He also presented the monthly budget reports, and employee birthday cards for signature.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the NRP applications as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COURTHOUSE ICE MACHINE:

Nick Lewis, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that the current ice machine purchased approximately 28 years ago is inoperable and unable to find the parts to fix it. He submitted a quote from Studebaker Refrigeration in the amount of \$4,500.00 and a getting a quote from Vic's Heating & Air. The Commission agreed by consensus to accept the best quote.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road and Bridge Supervisor, presented a right of way permit for Randy Seeley at 2100 & Wichita Road. He also submitted a proposal from Cook Flatt & Strobel Engineers for the inspection of the Ness Bridge replacement project. He also discussed the status of the Local Road Safety Program, which was approved by consensus to proceed. He also requested approval to employ Bill Porter as a motor grader operator, which was approved by consensus. He also informed that the portions of gravel roads with dust control would not be graded until January.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the right of way permit as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve CFS Engineers for the inspection of the Ness Bridge Project as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, presented the annual Lanier copier maintenance agreement from Digital Connections in the amount of \$600.00. She also reported that she has received several inquiries about running for USD #484 school board as write-in candidate for the positions that no one filed for.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the copier maintenance agreement as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CANVASS OF VOTES:

Kayla Busch, County Election Officer, presented two provisional ballots from the August 1st City of Neodesha Primary Election, which were disqualified by the Board of Canvassers and were not counted, therefore did not change the outcome of the election results.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

Sheriff Jack Lucke, reported that both air conditioner units have been fixed at the Law Enforcement Center. He also reported that he is waiting on a check from EMC insurance to repair the Chevrolet Tahoe patrol vehicle.

WILSON MEDICAL CENTER UPDATE:

Tom Hood, CEO & Lori Smith, CFO of Wilson Medical Center formally introduced Tom as the new Chief Executive Officer of WMC. He has 30 year's of experience in health care, and stated that he is really excited about being in Wilson County and the potential of the organization. They discussed their financial goals to reduce expenses, and emphasized strengthening communication with their employees & community. They also announced Dr. Miranda McKeller is joining the WMC physician's clinic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:45 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Miller to recess to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel pertaining to employee performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 with the Commissioners, Kayla Busch, and Kris Marple present. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m. with no action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approved warrants in the amount of \$388,748.71.
2. Approved payroll in the amount of \$120,051.75.
3. Reports received: Road & Bridge, Attorney, GIS, Clerk, Election, Sheriff, Treasurer, Health Dept, and Register of Deeds fee reports. Over & Short Fund, 911 call log, and Employee Overtime.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk