

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

April 19, 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 April 12, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, submitted an ARPA funds application from the Wilson County Historical Society for a new HVAC system at the museum in the amount of \$50,000.00. He also presented an annual service agreement renewal for the Courthouse HVAC system from Schneider Electric in the amount of \$4,500.00. He also discussed a letter from Scott Schultz with Morning Star Care Homes concerning water drainage issues on 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Fredonia. The letter was also sent to the City of Fredonia.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the ARPA fund application from the Wilson County Historical Society as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried 2-1.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the annual service agreement renewal with Schneider Electric as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Kary Tatum, Road and Bridge Supervisor, discussed a pay increase for Kari Odell as Noxious Weed Director due to her competition and passing the required certification classes. It was noted that she also is the only Lead Supervisor for the Road & Bridge Department. Following discussion, it was recommended to increase \$1.00 per hour for the additional duties as Lead Supervisor and \$3.00 per hour for Noxious Weed Director. He also gave an update on the side by side for spraying Noxious Weeds stating that after speaking with a game warden he believes Kubota will be the better option for their needs. He also informed that Vance Brothers would be looking at the asphalt roads to submit a quote, and he'll also contact Heckert Construction and Jeff Hull's Paving for quotes. He also reported on culvert & ditch work on Yale Road between 1700 and 1800 roads.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the \$4.00 per hour pay increase for Kari Odell effective 4-17-23. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2023-006:**

Resolution #2023-006 was presented to declare Teasel as a Noxious Weed in Wilson County effective May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2023-006 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Amy Lell, Health Department Administrator, reported there is one active COVID-19 case. She also informed that the last day of the State of Emergency declaration for the pandemic ends in Kansas May 15<sup>th</sup>, therefore the final update will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>. She reported that the flooring at the Health Department was approximately 40% complete. She also discussed a possible rabid dog in Altoona which has since died, but is sending the blood for testing.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Approved warrants in the amount of \$231,820.02.
2. Approved payroll in the amount of \$116,834.49.
3. Approved by consensus no meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
4. Reports received: Employee Overtime.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

**RECORDED BY:**

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Casey Lair, Chairman

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Kayla Busch, County Clerk