

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

November 18, 2020

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

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

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Miller gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Lair led the flag salute.

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**AGENDA & MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of November 4, 2020 and November 13, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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**NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE POLICY OPTION:**

Dick Ostebuhr, Insurance Broker, presented an optional whole life policy for employees with an employer match of \$5.00 per pay period for review.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the optional policy & employer match as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 9:05 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Miller to recess to Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel pertaining to employee performance, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 with Kris Marple present. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 9:15 a.m. with no action taken.

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**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:**

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented two right-of-way permits for Earl Porter for ditching on 300 Road & Harper Road. He also gave an update on bridge repairs. He also discussed a quote for a new 911 road sign machine in the amount of \$4,595.00, which was approved by consensus. Commissioner Lair discussed a request for ditching at 850 Road & Yale Road, and 850 & Wichita Road.

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

Jim Turner presented pictures of water standing on his property adjacent to Short Street in Lafontaine, and requested new culverts & ditching for drainage.

Bob Smith complained about brush on Barber Road. He also expressed concerns with his property tax statement.

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**HEALTH DEPT. REPORT:**

Dr. Jennifer McKenney, County Health Officer and Destany Wheeler, Health Dept. Administrator, further discussed the proposed Mask Order. Dr. McKenney also read a statement concerning why opening the County Health Officer position shouldn't be done at this time. Dennis Shelby, Brian Smith, Pastor Art Black, Diane Hight, Leann Githens, Jessica Evans, Russ Walker all spoke in favor of wearing masks to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Also, several letters and emails were received in support of a County Mask Order. The Commissioners scheduled a public hearing on the matter for Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. It was originally scheduled to be held in the Courthouse basement meeting room, but later was changed to the Fredonia High School gymnasium in order to properly social distance. Destany requested to hire one or two part-time employees to assist with contact tracing. The Commission agreed by consensus.

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**COUNTY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented a letter of support for Four County Mental Health Centers grant application to KDOT for signature. He also submitted a CRF Food Assistance Grant application for the Fredonia Food Bank, and Mercy House. He also discussed a letter of request for an Attorney General's Opinion regarding K.S.A. 12-187, which was approved by signature. He also submitted the monthly budget reports.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the CRF Food Assistance Grant applications for the Fredonia Food Bank, and Mercy House as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Joe Rudd inquired about the status of the Koch lagoon case. Commissioner Scott scheduled a meeting with KDHE for November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Room.
2. Approved payroll in the amount of \$117,975.06.
3. Approved warrants in the amount of \$426,882.17.
4. Reports received: Clerk, Appraiser, Health Dept, and Treasurer fee reports. 911 call log.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Casey Lair, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Rhonda Willard, County Clerk