**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

August 25, 2008

The Board of County Commissioners, three members, and County Coordinator were present, and met in regular session at 3:00 p.m.  The County Clerk was absent.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Varner.

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Lambert.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Varner.

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**MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lambert to approve the minutes of August 18th and the agenda. Commissioner Fitzmorris seconded the motion, and motion carried.

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**APPRAISER:**

Cindy Mitchell, Deputy Appraiser, discussed valuation & tax revenue generated on asphalt roads vs. gravel roads.  She also consented to the final draft of the FY2009 budget proposal, and discussed Orion soil conversion.

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**ROAD AND BRIDGE:**

Tom Smith, Road and Bridge Supervisor, presented one road crossing permit from Bluestem Pipeline in Pleasant Valley Township, which was approved by consensus.  He also discussed options for repairing Mill St. adjacent to the Hare property in Neodesha.  A map was received from Dart Cherokee Basin for a proposed road on a county right-of-way easement adjacent to the Remsberg property in Talleyrand Township, which was approved by consensus.

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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Todd Durham, Health/Floodplain Administrator, reported on a meeting with the City of Neodesha regarding the drainage plan for the new Neodesha Industrial Park development.  He informed the Commissioners that no development would be allowed in the floodplain zone A.  He also informed the Commissioners that he would be attending the KDHE public meeting in Neodesha on Thursday, August 28th.  He also presented the new IRS mileage reimbursement rate of $0.585, and asked consideration for an increase of the county mileage reimbursement rate.  He also consented to the final draft of the FY2009 budget proposal.

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER OF CLOSING CDBG GRANT #04-PF-246:**

At 4:30 p.m. the public hearing on the matter of closing CDBG grant #04-PF-246 was opened for comment.  No comments were received from the public.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Lambert made a motion to approve the chairman’s signature for the CDBG grant closure documentation.  Commissioner Fitzmorris seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The hearing was closed at 4:35 p.m.

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**SHERIFF:**

Dan Bath, Sheriff, presented the jail log.  He also submitted a quote from Quality Motors for a new vehicle in the amount of $16,888.95 with trade-in of two used vehicles.  The Commissioners expressed their concerns with the Sheriff’s expenditures and the budget overage projection for the remaining of the year.  The request for a new vehicle was tabled indefinitely, unless it is reconsidered by the Commission at the next meeting.  The Commissioners also presented the Sheriff the final draft of the FY2009 budget proposal.

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**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:**

Rick Brown, Emergency Manager, gave an overview of the FEMA applicant briefing & kick-off meeting for disaster #1776.  He also presented an abbreviated draft of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.  He also reported on a Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow study that will be conducted in the Southeast Kansas region, and at no cost to Wilson County.  He also consented to the final draft of the FY2009 budget proposal.  He discussed with the Commissioners the need for a newer emergency preparedness vehicle.  The Commissioners agreed for him to request quotes, and present them at the next meeting.  He also reported that the LEPC nominated Duane Banzet, Neodesha Fire Chief/EMS Director, for Alternate Emergency Manager.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Fitzmorris made a motion to appoint Duane Banzet as Alternate Emergency Manager.  Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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**COORDINATOR:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, requested to waive landfill fees for city-wide fall clean-ups.  The request was approved by consensus.  He also presented the State of Kansas designation of applicant’s authorized representative form for disaster #1776.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Lambert made a motion to approve Kris Marple, County Coordinator, as the authorized representative and Rick Brown, Emergency Manager, as the alternate.  Commissioner Fitzmorris seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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**FY2009 COUNTY BUDGET PUBLICATION:**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Lambert made a motion to approve the final draft of the FY2009 county budget for publication, and scheduling the public hearing for Monday, September 8th @ 6:00 p.m.  Commissioner Varner seconded the motion, and the motion carried 2-1.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1.        Reports received were: Jail log.

2.        Approved by consensus for the Fredonia Chamber of Commerce to use the Courthouse & grounds on September 6th for another community movie night.

3.        Robert Eaton inquired about mowing county road right-of-way.

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**ADJOURNMENT**:

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. to reconvene Monday, September 8th @ 3:00 p.m.  **Note:** There will be no meeting on Monday, September 1st due to the Labor Day holiday.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS                                                                         ATTEST:**

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**ROY VARNER-**Chairman                                                                   **COUNTY CLERK**