**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

September 8, 2008

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Varner.

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Varner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Varner.

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**MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Fitzmorris to approve the minutes of August 25th and the agenda. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion, and motion carried.

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**REGISTER OF DEEDS:**

Terri Young, Register of Deeds presented her July and August fees reports and she discussed a $20,000.00 split mortgage her office had received from Neosho County.

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**ROAD AND BRIDGE:**

Tom Smith, Road and Bridge Supervisor, presented his weekly report. The following items were discussed: bridge project #103c-4171, FEMA paperwork, truck repair, received approval for grader to work ground at Buffalo City park for Mini Fair, hot mix, 55 road crossings, 1 for Atmos Energy in Neodesha Twp., 1 for Dart Cherokee Basin in Duck Creek Twp., 1 for Embarq in Center Twp., 3 for AT&T, 2 in Neodesha Twp and 1 in Newark Twp., 49 for Public Wholesale Water Supply District #23, 8 in Cedar Twp., 8 in Center Twp., 3 in Neodesha Twp., 5 in Fall River Twp., 3 in Guilford Twp., 8 in Colfax Twp.,12 in  Pleasant Valley Twp. and 2 in Chetopa Twp.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lambert to approve Bridge Project #103c-4171.  Commissioner Fitzmorris seconded the motion, motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lambert to approve 49 road crossings for Public Wholesale Water District #23, 7 being experimental cuts; all have been approved by the Road & Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Varner seconded the motion, motion carried. 2- Ayes 1- Nay.

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**RESOLUTION #869:**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Fitzmorris to approve Resolution #869 for a road viewing at 15**50** & Lane Rd.  Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion, motion carried.

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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Todd Durham, Health Director and Rick Brown Emergency Manager discussed the purchase of a new vehicle for the Emergency Management Dept. and keeping the S-10 for the Environmental Dept. The Commissioners approved the Emergency Manager purchasing a new vehicle not to exceed $19,000.00. Other items discussed: train derailment in Neodesha, new blackberry and KDHE Grant.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lambert to approve the contract between Wilson County Health Department and KDHE Grant for $14,561.00. Commissioner Fitzmorris seconded the motion, motion carried.

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**SHERIFF:**

Dan Bath, Sheriff and Madeleine Hartnett presented their weekly report. The following items were discussed: jail population, air conditioner going out and purchase of new vehicle.

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**TREASURER:**

Annette Cranmer, Treasurer presented her fees report and presented a report on FEMA administrative fees.

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**COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE:**

Dick Osterbuhr and Sandy Cox presented the 2009 rates for health insurance; the rates will be the same as 2008 with an additional Vitality Program included at no cost.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lambert to approve Mr. Osterbuhr to finalizing a contract with Preferred Health Systems with no rate increase, and with the addition of the Vitality Program. Commissioner Varner seconded the motion, motion carried. Ayes-2 Nay-1

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**WILSON COUNTY 2009 BUDGET HEARING:**

At 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Varner opened the public hearing for comment on the FY2009 county budget.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lambert to approve the Wilson County 2009 budget as published. Commissioner Varner seconded the motion, the motion carried. 2- Ayes 1- Nay

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**RESOLUTION #867:**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Fitzmorris to approve Resolution #867 attesting to the possible increase in taxes levied for budget year 2009 necessary to finance the year 2009 county budget.  Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion, the motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #868:**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Fitzmorris to approve Resolution #868 attesting to the possible increase in taxes levied for Wilson County Rural Fire budget year 2009 necessary to finance the year 2009 budget. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion, the motion carried.

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**COORDINATOR:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, discussed with the Commissioners the status of the former Wilson County Hospital.  He also presented a request from Corporate Cost Solutions to audit the Workers Comp insurance rates.  The Commissioners asked that references be obtained prior to making a final decision.  He also inquired about the purchase of a generator for the Courthouse.  The Commissioners asked to put it on the agenda for the October 20th meeting.  He also recommended Nick Lewis, Maintenance Supervisor, be appointed as the county ADA coordinator.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lambert to appoint Nick Lewis as the county ADA coordinator.  Commissioner Fitzmorris seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1.        Reports received were: jail log, process papers, ROD, Treasurer, Health, Attorney and Appraiser’s fees.

2.        Approved tax abatements 2007-254 &255.

3.        Approved payroll in the amount of $74,717.65 and warrants in the amount of $467**,**983.59**.**

4.        Lisa Soderquist discussed damage to vehicle from pot holes on Quinter Rd.

5.        Wayne Gudmonson with KDOT invited the Commissioners to a meeting on September 26th in Pittsburg at Lamplighter Inn for regional transportation planning.

6.        Oak Manor residents discussed roads.

7.        Yvonne Hull, Fredonia Chamber of Commerce discussed KDOT meetings with the Commissioners.

8.        Russ Walker inquired about a rock truck in Elk Co., signage on minimum maintenance roads, and county sales tax.

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**ADJOURNMENT**:

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to reconvene Monday, September 15th @ 3:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS                                                                         ATTEST:**

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