

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

December 20, 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 December 13, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented Resolution #2023-013 authorizing the cooperation agreement for the Kansas Local Housing Residential Housing Finance Law with Shawnee & Sedgwick Counties. He also submitted the 2024 Solid Waste Agreements with Fredonia & Neodesha, and the 2024 Indigent Defense Contract with John Chenoweth. He also requested approval for the 2024 county employee cost of living adjustment as budgeted of 5% for eligible employees. He also gave a progress report from KDHE of the old county landfill inspection. He also discussed county inmate healthcare options for 2024.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2023-013 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the 2024 City Solid Waste Agreements as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the 2024 Indigent Defense Contract as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the 5% COLA for eligible county employees effective within the first pay period of January 2024. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented a right-of-way permit for Garold Jantz. He also reported that the 2009 Komatsu back-hoe is in Wichita for warranty work. He also discussed the upcoming asphalt management plan & ditching plan for 2024. He also noted that all rock trucks & motor graders are running.

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

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, gave a tour of the different Courthouse departments & they discussed their role & responsibilities for the Fredonia Middle School students.

HEALTH DEPT. REPORT:

Amy Lell, Health Dept. Administrator, reported that the department passed the KDHE WIC management review & vaccines for children site visit.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Lou D'Esposito announced that he is running as a Republican candidate for County Sheriff in August 2024.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of \$54,734.14.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to reconvene on **Friday, December 29, 2023** at 9:00 a.m.

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

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk