

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

April 12, 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 5, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**GRANBY STREET & OLD NEVADA ROAD INTERSECTION:**

John Busse, resident on Old Nevada Road North of Granby Street, discussed road damage due to heavy trucks turning around at the intersection of Granby Street & Old Nevada Road, which has been previously closed. He requested for the County to fix its portion of the right-of-way. Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, stated he would research the matter and fix the damage in the right-of-way.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented Neighborhood Revitalization Plan applications for Kyle Owens, and Martin Kelly. He also presented quotes for a new doorway constructed between the Appraiser's Office and Commission Room to be used as an emergency exit. The quote from Koehn Construction in the amount of \$13,514.00, and Peterson Construction in the amount of \$5,500 were reviewed & discussed. He also submitted Resolution 2023-005 proclaiming a state of local disaster emergency due to the power outage in Neodesha on February 28, 2023. He also presented the 2022 final fund balances for review. He also discussed that Nick Lewis, Maintenance Supervisor, is researching options for painting the exterior panels outside of the Courthouse a different color other than turquoise.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan applications as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to adopt Resolution 2023-005 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to accept the quote from Peterson Construction for the new doorway between Rooms 101 & 102 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Kary Tatum, Road and Bridge Supervisor, requested the Road & Bridge Department hours begin at 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday for the Spring/Summer months. He also reported ditch repair work at 1700 & Thomas Road. He inquired about selling the old landfill trailer that is not being used on Purple Wave, which was tabled. Kari Odell, Noxious Weed Director, informed that she had passed all the state tests to be a certified noxious weed director. She requested a pay increase due to completion of the certification, which was tabled until more information can be obtained. Resolution 2023-004 was presented declaring that Grecian Foxglove be a noxious weed in Wilson County, as well as the 2023 Noxious Weed Policy. She also submitted quotes for the purchase of a Polaris 1000 Ranger side by side for spraying road ditches, which was tabled.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2023-004 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the 2023 Noxious Weed Policy as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to change the working hours at the Road & Bridge Department from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, effective April 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

Sheriff Jack Lucke, presented a pay increase for David Ellsworth for \$0.25 per hour due to the promotion from Correction Officer to Sargent. He also submitted an inmate housing agreement with the Kansas Department of Corrections for \$40.00 a day per inmate effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. He also presented the LEC generator maintenance agreement in the amount of \$3,652.00 from Clifford Power.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the pay increase for David Ellsworth as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the inmate housing agreement with KDOC as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the LEC generator maintenance agreement with Clifford Power as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **CASA PROCLAMATION:**

Aimee Daniels, CASA 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District, Megan Meiwes & Alondra Exiga, Hope Unlimited, and Alisha Turner, Kansas Children's Service League, presented a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention month in Wilson County. They also requested permission to place 150 windmills in the Courthouse flower garden, the blue windmill is the Federal symbol of child abuse prevention.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt the Proclamation as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Approved warrants in the amount of \$14,368.06.
2. Approved tax roll corrections: 2023: 234 to 241.
3. Reports received: 911 call log.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RECORDED BY:**

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Casey Lair, Chairman

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Kayla Busch, County Clerk