

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

January 4, 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:

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

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2023:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to elect Commissioner Lair as Chairman & Commissioner Miller as Vice Chairman for 2023. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENT FOR 2023:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to re-appoint Jessica Porter as County Appraiser, Nick Lewis as Maintenance Supervisor, Bambie Rimel as 911 Director, Kary Tatum as Road & Bridge Supervisor, Amy Lell as Health Dept. Administrator, Dr. Jennifer McKenney as Local Health Officer, and Kris Marple as County Coordinator. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented Executive Order #030 appointing persons to certain boards & committees for 2023. He also presented Resolution #2023-001 authorizing that County financial statements be prepared according to K.S.A. 75-1120a. He also presented Resolution #2022-002 renewing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Program. He also submitted agreements for landfill solid waste disposal with the Cities of Fredonia & Neodesha for 2023. He also submitted the Indigent Defense Legal Counsel agreement for 2023 with John K. Chenoweth, Attorney-at-Law, in the amount of \$54,000.00. He also discussed the amount for reimbursement of an employee Medicare Part A & B supplemental insurance, which was agreed by consensus to be the same amount as the employee health insurance premium. He also discussed the 2023 landfill contract addendum of \$10,000.00 as budgeted due to inflation.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve EO #030 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to adopt Resolutions #2023-001 & #2023-002 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the 2023 Landfill Solid Waste Agreements as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the 2023 Indigent Defense Legal Counsel agreement as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the 2023 landfill contract addendum as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road and Bridge Supervisor, presented the bi-annual bridge inspection report for review. He also discussed the status on bridge projects for 2023. Commissioner Scott requested white stripes be placed on asphalt roads in the county, which was tabled until an estimate can be obtained.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, further discussed severed mineral errors on minerals no longer owned by the taxpayers of record. She was advised by the Commission to issue Tax Abatements to taxpayers that paid severed mineral tax in the current tax year that shouldn't have.

HUNTING CONCERN AT BUFFALO LAKE:

Keith & Janet Ewing, residents of Scotsman Estates, expressed concern over hunting at Buffalo Lake due to Swans being killed & injured. He requested No Hunting Signs be put up around the lake. The Commission advised them to contact the Kansas Wildlife & Parks who have jurisdiction over the lake.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approved warrants in the amount of \$188,382.57.
2. Reports received: Register of Deeds, Appraiser, GIS, Road & Bridge, Health Dept, Treasurer, Sheriff fees, and 911 Dispatch log.
3. The Commission agreed by consensus that there would be no meeting held on January 11th and February 1st.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. to reconvene on **Wednesday, January 18, 2022** at 9:00 a.m.

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

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk