

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

August 18, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners, Andrew Miller & Jerry Scott, and Kris Marple, County Coordinator, met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room. Commissioner Casey Lair arrived at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Miller 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 August 11, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed the updated bridge work list, and equipment list. He also reported cutting brush on Decatur Road, and patching on asphalt roads.

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

Dr. Jennifer McKenney & Medical Student Kate Dixon, presented a letter from SEK hospitals & healthcare professionals regarding the risks associated with the COVID-19 Delta variant spike. They also reported on the increase in hospitalizations, and the major difficulty finding occupancy available in other hospitals if a patient needs to be transferred.

FY2022 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Phil Jarred, County Auditor, discussed the FY2022 County budget draft, and explained the new revenue neutral rate law. Following discussion, the Commission agreed that a mill levy increase was necessary due to road & bridge conditions even though it is slight above the revenue neutral rate.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to propose a 3 mill levy increase for the FY2022 County budget, and approve it for publication. The public hearing was scheduled for September 15th @ 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Room. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan policy to state that refund payments would be held until property taxes were paid in full, which the Commission agreed to by consensus. He also presented an agreement with the SEK Regional Planning Commission to provide assistance with the America Rescue Plan Act fund reporting & compliance. He also reported on the 2020 Census for Wilson County, which showed a decrease in population of 785 residents for a total of 8,624 population. He also informed about the Stay Strong Live Long Coalition Bike Share Program, which will be housed at the Health Department.

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approved warrants in the amount of \$7,034.40.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Rhonda Willard, County Clerk