

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

August 21, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners, Casey Lair & Jerry Scott, Kayla Busch, County Clerk, and Kris Marple, County Coordinator, met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room. Commissioner Miller arrived at 9:25 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Lair called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Scott 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 14, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Lair seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported that bridge replacement work has started on 2100 Road West of Harper Road, and the bridge on Decatur Road has been reopened. He also informed that the ditching mowing is being done in the Neodesha area. He also further discussed the purchase of another Kioti tractor & Ironcraft mower due to the low interest rate offer. He also requested to purchase the 2019 Dodge Ram from the Sheriff's Dept in the amount of \$12,500.00, which was approved by consensus. He also discussed various stop signs, yield signs & road signs being vandalized & stolen in the Eastern part of the County.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the purchase of another Kioti tractor & Ironcraft mower from Fredonia Outdoor Equipment in the amount of \$99,550.00. Commissioner Lair seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HEALTH DEPT. REPORT:

Amy Lell, Health Dept. Administrator, reported providing Covid tests for the Fredonia Child Care Center. She also informed that she is in the process of ordering Covid & Influenza vaccines, and the drive-thru flu shot clinic has been scheduled for October 11th.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented Resolution #2024-013 proposing to close a portion of 1900 Road & Quinter Road. He also submitted Neighborhood Revitalization Plan applications for Eric Preset, and Corina Julian. He also discussed a change of status form for Mary Ann Shirley changing her position from Special Prosecutor to Assistant County Attorney as appointed by County Attorney Brandon Cameron, with a salary of \$50,000.00 per year which was budgeted for in FY2022. He also requested that the County Landfill be closed on Sunday, September 1st & Monday, September 2nd due to the Labor Day holiday, which was approved by consensus. He also presented the Fredonia Regional Hospital EMS Sales Tax Reports for FY2023 & FY2024 YTD.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2024-013 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the NRP applications as presented. Commissioner Lair seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the change of status for Mary Ann Shirley effective September 2nd. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ALLEY CLOSURE HEARING:

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Lair opened the hearing for an alley closure at the unnamed alley in Section 13, Township 29, Range 14, intersecting with Harper Road. Those present were the Commissioners, County Coordinator Kris Marple, and Petitioner Deborah Portillo. Deborah stated that she requested to have the alley closed due to that her & her husband Jose Portillo purchased the property across the alley from their property, and wanted to make it one parcel. There being no opposition present, and no further comments Commissioner Lair closed the hearing at 10:35 a.m. The Commissioners returned the Courthouse.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2024-012 closing the said alley as requested. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approved by consensus to cancel the Commission meeting on August 28th.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of \$243,471.46.
3. Approved payroll in the amount of \$117,606.45.
4. Reports received: Employee Overtime.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. to reconvene on **Wednesday, September 4, 2024** at 9:00 a.m.

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

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk