

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

January 8, 2025

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

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 27, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2025:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to nominate & elect Commissioner Lair as Chairman & Commissioner Miller as Vice Chairman for 2025. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENT FOR 2025:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to re-appoint Jessica Porter as County Appraiser, Nick Lewis as Maintenance Supervisor, Bambi 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 Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented Resolution #2025-001 authorizing that County financial statements be prepared according to K.S.A. 75-1120a. He also submitted Resolution #2025-002 renewing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Program. He also discussed Resolution #2025-003 increasing fees at the County Landfill effective February 1st. The last increase in landfill fees was in 2021. He also presented Resolution #2025-005 amending the Courthouse meeting room policy & increasing the rental fee from \$50.00 to \$100.00. He also submitted Executive Order #032 appointing persons to certain boards & committees for 2025. He also submitted the Ambulance Services Agreements with the Fredonia Regional Hospital & City of Neodesha for 2025. He also presented the Indigent Defense Contract for 2025 with John Chenoweth, the same as 2024. He also submitted the Solid Waste Agreements with Fredonia & Neodesha, the same as 2024. He also discussed the amount of reimbursement to an eligible employee for Medicare Part A & B supplemental insurance, which was agreed by consensus to not exceed the amount of the single employee health insurance policy premium for 2025.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2025-001 to #2025-003 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to adopt Resolution #2025-005 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve Executive Order #032 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the Indigent Defense contract for 2025 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed a quote from Circle C Paving to crack seal 25 miles of asphalt roads in the amount of \$99,233.00. He also submitted a \$0.50 per hour pay increase for Michael Benedict due to completion of his introductory period.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to accept the quote from Circle C Paving as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

ZONING CASE #SU-2024-002:

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Lair opened the hearing for the special use permit request from Sunflower Sky Solar Project to establish a solar energy generation facility Southeast of Altoona. The applicants presented an economic impact study draft for the 30-year life span of the solar farm, which differed with what was estimated in previous presentations. Therefore, the hearing was recessed until next week at 10:00 a.m. in order to review the study & obtain further information.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to table Resolution #2025-004 until the next County Commission meeting on January 15th at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Sheriff Jack Lucke thanked the Commissioners for their positive working relationship during his term as Sheriff the past 4-years. Sheriff-Elect Pete Kuhn stated that he is looking forward to continuing the same relationship when he takes office as Sheriff. The Commissioners thanked Sheriff Lucke for his service to Wilson County, and concurred with Sheriff-Elect Kuhn.
2. Approved by consensus ledger books for the Register of Deeds in the amount of \$545.00 from Navrats.
3. Approved warrants in the amount of \$32,217.43.
4. Reports received: GIS, Register of Deeds, Appraiser, Road & Bridge fees reports, and 911 call stats.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk