

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

August 24, 2022

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.

MINUTES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of August 10, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, discussed severed minerals. She also presented the annual maintenance agreement renewal with Digital Connections in the amount of \$1,320.00 for the copier in her office.

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

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented the FY2022 Audit Engagement Letter with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, CPA in the amount of \$17,600.00. He also gave an update on the Federal Infrastructure Grant that the County applied for in April, but wasn't awarded. He also presented a request from the SEK Regional Planning Commission to participate in the SEK Infrastructure Hub for the amount of \$2,000.00. He also discussed a concern from Tri-Valley Developmental Services about a property tax exemption that was approved for them by the State Board of Tax Appeals, however due to an internal error with the tax administration software the tax was shown as delinquent and published in the official county newspaper. It was noted that the

property tax should have been abated in 2021, and the County Commission expressed their sincere apology for the oversight of their tax exemption and incomplete abatement.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the audit engagement letter with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the County to participate in the SEK Infrastructure Hub as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that they are still waiting on tubes for various culvert projects. He also reported on various equipment repairs, and that the plow truck has been returned. He also presented right-of-way applications for Bob Knapp with RWD #12. He also informed that he finally received a response from AT&T that the telephone line at 275 & Udall Road is a dead line, so they will proceed with the bridge culvert replacement. He also discussed the speed bumps on Micro-Lite Street, which will be removed from the County's portion by the City of Buffalo.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the right-of way applications as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, the motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Amy Lell, Health Department Administrator, reported 49 active COVID cases as of today. She also informed that KDHE has supplied them with 100 free at-home COVID tests for distribution to anyone that is in need of one. She also reported the State MCH Grant was increased in the amount of \$2,500 to be used for promotional items, which was approved by consensus.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

Sheriff Jack Lucke, discussed Correction Officer job openings still needing filled. Due to the shortage there is a decrease in housing out of county inmates. He also discussed getting new quotes for 2023 patrol vehicles due to the vehicles ordered in February were cancelled by the dealership.

HEALTH INSURANCE CONCERNS:

Annette Thomas & Jessica Batzer, Appraiser's Office Employees, expressed concerns on the current claim determinations by Aetna. They gave examples of their personal experiences with claims being denied that haven't in past years. They asked that the Commission look into other plan options for 2023 or 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Reports received: Employee overtime and Attorney fees.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of \$210,203.76
3. Approved payroll in the amount of \$109,615.62.
4. Tax roll corrections: 2022-401 to 420.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk