

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

March 20, 2024

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 & MINUTES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of March 13, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented a right-of-way permit application on 1600 Road, East of Quinter Road. He also reported that a motor grader was in the shop for repairs. He also discussed crack sealing 1700 Road from K-39 to Barber Road. He also requested to hire Mike Benedict as a motor grader operator, which was approved by consensus.

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

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, per K.S.A. 79-1613 submitted a request on behalf of Thelma Muninger to abate the property taxes of the residence at 264 Scotsman North Road due to being destroyed by a fire. He also reported that Sheriff Lucke agreed to transfer the 2018 Chevy truck to the Road & Bridge Department for the amount of \$12,000.00, which was approved by consensus. He also reviewed paint color samples for the Courthouse exterior, and discussed his schedule next week with the Commission.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the request to abate property taxes for the residence at 264 Scotsman North Road per K.S.A. 79-1613. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, reported that 507 voters voted in the Presidential Preference Primary, which was a 10% turnout. She also informed that there are 9 provisional ballots for review at the canvass of votes next week.

HEALTH DEPT. REPORT:

Amy Lell, Health Dept. Administrator, presented the 2024-25 Aid to Local Grants & All Hands on Deck Grant with KDHE. She also reported that a grant application for a lead testing machine is pending.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:45 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Miller per K.S.A. 75-4319 to recess to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel pertaining to employee FMLA with the Commissioners, Amy Lell, Kayla Busch, and Kris Marple present. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m. with no action taken.

WILSON MEDICAL CENTER REPORT:

Tom Hood, WMC CEO & Lori Smith, WMC CFO, presented the finance & operations summary report for WMC. They also discussed using a new auditing firm, and upgrading their website for ADA compliance. They also reported on meeting with prospective medical students interested in rural hospitals.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approved warrants in the amount of \$434,465.84.
2. Approved payroll in the amount of \$120,982.02.
3. Brogan Jones, Neodesha City Administrator, requested a 3-way stop at the intersection of 4th Street & Bethel Road. The Commission agreed by consensus to have a Resolution drafted. He also discussed Granby Street improvements.
4. Bob Smith requested to remind the truck drivers to abide by the speed limit & stop at stop signs.
5. Reports received: Employee Overtime.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk