

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

September 18, 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 September 11, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:**

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented a right-of-way permit for James Hedges for a waterline. He also reported that the boom mower is in the shop, asphalt patching Buxton Road, then Bethel Road, and the 2100 & Harper bridge repairs are at a stopping point until next year. Repairs to Reno Road was also discussed, and the contractor that damaged the road will be contacted.

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

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, reported that the 2023 County Audit has been completed. He also presented letters of support to KDOT for a temporary trail crossing sign at US-400 & Inman Road, and to Resound for their broadband grant application. He also submitted \$0.25 per hour pay increase requests for Correction Officers Christine Boud, Lacie Culbertson, Sierra Eaton, and Breanna Lane due to promotions, and a \$1.00 per hour pay increase for part-time 911 Dispatcher Raymond Webb due to shifts changing from 12-hours to 10-hours. He also discussed a KDHE Grant Amendment due to new COVID-19 IAP supplemental funds in the amount of \$40,878.00.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the letters of support as presented for signatures. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioners Miller to approve the KDHE Grant Amendment as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, reported that ballots have been ordered for the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election.

**ZONING CASE #SU-2024-001:**

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Lair opened discussion for Zoning Case #SU-2024-001 to establish a solar energy generation facility/solar field Southeast of Altoona by Sunflower Sky Solar Project. The County Zoning Board hearing took place on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, which an unfavorable recommendation was given to the Governing Body. Since then, a letter of request dated September 6, 2024 was received from the applicant to withdraw their application.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to accept the Sunflower Sky Solar Project's request to withdraw their application & table Zoning Case #SU-2024-001. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Approved payroll in the amount of \$121,779.64, and warrants in the amount of \$119,311.81.
2. Reports received: Employee Overtime.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RECORDED BY:**

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Casey Lair, Chairman

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Kayla Busch, County Clerk