

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

September 6, 2023

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 August 30, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed a proposal from Coughlin Construction for 5 miles of asphalt road reclamation followed by a double chip & seal overlay for approximately \$1 million. Following discussion, it was agreed to by consensus to budget \$750,000.00 for reclamation, and \$250,000.00 for chip & seal up to 5 miles of the worst sections of the 135 miles of asphalt roads in Spring 2024. He also presented estimates to have three trucks fitted with plows & salt spreaders in the amount of \$45,000.00, which was tabled until the insurance claim is received for the plow truck that was totaled. He also informed that Road & Bridge employees will be having an electric safety training with 4-Rivers Electric Cooperative on September 26th.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, informed that the County Zoning Board made a favorable recommendation for Special Use Permit #SU-2023-001 to construct a wireless communications tower near Buffalo, which will be presented for approval at the September 20th County Commission meeting. He also discussed the annual review of the County Solid Waste Management Plan for approval.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the annual review of the Wilson County Solid Waste Management Plan for 2023. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, reported that she has been requested by the City of Neodesha to attend their RNR & budget hearings.

FY2024 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS:

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Lair opened the Revenue Neutral Rate & Budget Hearings for the FY2024 proposed budget of \$9,902,574.00, and 70.619 mill levy rate which is an increase of 1.5 mills over the RNR. Public comments were received from Dean Silvey inquiring if the sales tax for EMS is replacing the Ambulance mill levy. He also disagreed with mill levies & property valuations increasing in the same year. Janet Ewing inquired about commercial property valuations. There being no further public comment, Chairman Lair closed the hearings at 10:15 a.m.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt the proposed FY2024 County budget as published, and RNR Resolution #2023-008 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Agreed by consensus to cancel the September 13th County Commission meeting.
2. Dean Silvey inquired about OR Bonds, road rock, and mowing ditches.
3. Approved payroll in the amount of \$117,454.92.
4. Approved warrants in the amount of \$176,548.19.
5. Reports received: GIS, Road & Bridge, Sheriff, and Appraiser fee reports. Employee overtime report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk