

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

September 27, 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 September 20, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported on road work on Yale Road North of K-39 Hwy. He also reported that he converted an old tank into a water sprayer for roads. He gave a price update from Bettis Asphalt in Erie to asphalt Harper Bridge in the amount of \$10,551.00 instead of approximately \$20,000.00 for concrete. Commissioner Scott also reported that Joe Rudd requested a 20 mph sign be placed on Cement Plant Road due to speeding.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, discussed the Special Use Application from Mid-States Materials to establish a rock quarry at K-39 Hwy & Thomas Road, which was recommended favorable at the Zoning Hearing. The matter will be on the Commission agenda for final consideration on October 18th. He also presented Resolution #2023-010 approving the cell tower permit near Buffalo.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2023-010 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, informed that she now has to have one representative from the Democrat & Republican parties to witness her if she's alone with the election equipment per new legislation that was effective in July. She also reported that the 2021 general election ballots were disposed of successfully. She also reported that she has been in contact with the Wilson County School Districts to do an election presentation with Mark Baker, Republican Party County Chair and Gail Harshaw, Democratic Party County Chair in hopes to keep the youth informed and get them registered before the November 7th City & School General Election.

COBALT BOATS UPDATE:

Darin Ashenfelter & Jason Turner, gave an update on the changes happening at the Cobalt Boats Plant in Neodesha. They emphasized that they are not leaving and are still investing in the Neodesha operations, and providing as much as they can to the community. They also reported that they will be transferring their small boats production to the East Tennessee Facility so the larger boat productions can be expanded within a two year period. Commissioner Lair also informed on the pending Granby Street enhancements which are being discussed with the Kansas Department of Commerce for potential grant funding.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approved warrants in the amount of \$28,124.58.
2. Reports received: Health Dept & Treasurer fee reports, and Over & Short Fund report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk