

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

March 6, 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 February 21, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:**

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported on rock hauling. He also presented an application for a motor grader operator. He also gave an update on pending bridge projects, but due to having to close the bridge at 2100 & Harper Road he recommended that it be moved to the top of the list. It was approved by consensus to authorize the replacement of the bridge not to exceed \$175,000.00. He also submitted the 2024 bi-annual bridge inspection agreement with CFS Engineers in the amount of \$16,562.00.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the bridge inspection agreement with CFS Engineers as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented two estimates for painting the exterior of the Courthouse. An estimate in the amount of \$12,192.48 was received from American Premier Paint, and the other from Pro Painting & More in the amount of \$14,634.22. He also discussed a request from Brightspeed to have local support for their fiber broadband grant application for portions of Wilson County. He went over several match scenarios that could be offered, but recommended that providing a meeting room for customer training & waiving the permit fees would be the best options, which would be applicable to all fiber broadband grant applications for Wilson County. He also submitted an ARPA Funds application from Neosho County Rural Water District #6 in the amount of \$93,540 for water line upgrades in the eastern part of Wilson County. He also presented Resolution #2024-004 authorizing the closure of the Ambulance Fund due to the EMS Sales Tax revenue. He also submitted the document shredding agreement renewal with Tri-Valley Developmental Services in the amount of \$0.60 per pound. He also presented an updated Corporate Authorization Resolution to Community National Bank & Trust for signature. He also submitted Neighborhood Revitalization Plan applications for Eldon McGinnis, Robert Harding, and James Shoop & Crystal Julian. He also submitted the monthly budget reports, and March employee birthday cards for signature.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the estimate from American Premier Paint for the exterior painting of the Courthouse as presented in the amount of \$12,192.48 with color options pending. Commissioner Lair seconded the motion, and the motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Miller explained that he knows Pro Painting does quality work, but nothing against American Premier Paint.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the local support options for fiber broadband grant applications as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve \$50,000.00 for the Neosho County RWD #6 ARPA Funds application. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2024-004 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the document shredding agreement renewal with TVDS as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution for signature to CNB&T as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

**COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, reported she has had 30 early advanced voters thus far for the Presidential Preference Primary Election. She also discussed her concern over mail out ballots not being received by voters. She reported she mailed out 177 ballots.

**COUNTY APPRAISER'S REPORT:**

Jessica Porter, County Appraiser, reported that Change of Value Notices were sent out March 1<sup>st</sup>. She also discussed that agricultural land values decreased due to the 8 year revolving average, but residential values increased again. She also stated that she is in the process of having informal property valuation hearings.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Approved warrants in the amount of \$576,933.15.
2. Approved payroll in the amount of \$133,331.55.
3. Approved tax roll corrections: 2024-175 to 241.
4. Reports received: Appraiser, GIS, Health, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, and Road & Bridge fees. 911 call log, and employee overtime.
5. Ralph Hite expressed his concern over errors in the County Treasurer's quarterly fund balances report published on February 15<sup>th</sup> in the Wilson County Citizen.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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

**RECORDED BY:**

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Casey Lair, Chairman

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Kayla Busch, County Clerk