

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

September 18, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners, Casey Lair, Andrew Miller & Jerry Scott, and Kris Marple, County Coordinator, met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room. Rhonda Willard, County Clerk, was absent.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Lair called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Miller gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Lair led the flag salute.

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**AGENDA & MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of September 2, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:**

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented an employment application for Carrie Odell as an equipment operator. The Commission agreed to hire her by consensus. He also submitted a \$0.50 per hour pay increase request for Jason Miller due to completing his introductory period. He also informed that one of the John Deere tractors caught fire, and inquired about the insurance claim process. He also discussed the John Deere backhoe warranty issues. He also presented information about Perma-Zyme, a soil stabilizer for unpaved roads which is approximately \$6,000 per mile. He also discussed the engine failure of a CAT motor grader, estimated cost to replace between \$35,000-\$40,000 by Foley Equipment. He also informed that he is updating the equipment maintenance procedures, mileage logs, work orders, safety meetings.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the pay increase request for Jason Miller as presented. Commissioner Lair seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Commissioner Miller abstained.

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**COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX SPECIAL QUESTION:**

The Commission further discussed a special question for a countywide once-cent sales tax to be on the November General Election ballot. The original Resolution was amended to authorize a general sales tax for County services with the County Commission allocating it to ambulance services. However, there was another legal opinion obtained suggesting that if it were challenged in Court, it still could be considered a health care sales tax which could expire the existing sales taxes for both hospitals. The Resolution was tabled again to request an Attorney General’s Opinion. Therefore, the special question will not be on the upcoming November General Election ballot.

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**COUNTY COORDINATOR’S REPORT:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented Memorandums of Understanding for the subrecipients of the Coronavirus Relief Funds. He also submitted an agreement renewal with Onsolve for the Code Red emergency alert system. He also presented a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan application for Marlene Rettmann. He also submitted the monthly budget reports, and September employee birthday cards for signature.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandums of Understanding as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

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

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Joe Rudd further discussed the status of the ongoing septic lagoon case at 1024 Cement Plant Rd. The next Court hearing on the case is October 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. Dr. Jennifer McKenney, County Health Officer, gave an update on COVID-19. To date, there were 58 cases, of which 12 were active, and 2 deaths. She also discussed quarantine procedures, and her concerns with mass gatherings.
3. Approved payroll in the amount of \$109,695.03.
4. Approved warrants in the amount of \$321,771.33.
5. Approved tax roll corrections: 2020-206 to 250.
6. Reports received: Treasurer’s fee report, and 911 call log.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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Casey Lair, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Rhonda Willard, County Clerk