

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

March 30, 2022

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.

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 March 23, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented right-of-way permits for directional signs for the Fall River Township Cemeteries of Weakley, West Rainbow, Butner, and Jackson. He also discussed a repair estimate from Foley Tractor for a CAT motor grader in the amount of \$20,000.00, which was approved by consensus to proceed with the repairs.

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

WILSON COUNTY RESIST CHAPTER:

Erica Johnson, Resist Program Sponsor, with students Rylee Appelhans, Campbell Odell, Zoey Sims & Layla Tindle, along with Heather Odell & Tricia Couch, gave an overview of the Wilson County Resist Program to raise awareness of the harmful consequences of tobacco use. They are the only chapter in Kansas with a program in each school district. They also presented PowerPoint slides with state statistics that 1 in 4 high school students reported using e-cigarettes. They also informed about the Take Down Tobacco Day at the State Capitol that made Goat history. In closing the students asked for support to help promote the program within the County. The Commission thanked them for their presentation & to keep up the good work on their awareness program.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented a draft policy for the ARPA fund application. He also discussed a \$7.00 per hour pay increase request for Amber Davis due to completing her bachelor of science in nursing, and starting her masters which puts her wage closer to other registered public health nurses in SEK. He also discussed the 2020 Census population numbers for each County Commission District, which showed a decrease in population in each district. However, to make each district the same percentage of population it was recommended to move Newark Township from the Commission District #3 to Commission District #2, which would make each district represent approx. 2800 each.

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

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the ARPA funding policy & application as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the County Commission Redistricting recommendation due to the 2020 Census of moving Newark Township from the 3rd District to the 2nd District. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Jes Pfannenstiel with the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) presented a Workers Compensation Insurance policy quote in the amount of \$59,725.00.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of \$96,219.67.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ATTEST:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Rhonda Willard, County Clerk