

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

August 12, 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.

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.

AGENDA & MINUTES:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of August 5, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, further discussed in-kind work towards the NRCS EWP Project. He also inquired about the quotes tabled last meeting from CAT and John Deere for the Compact Loader.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the quote from Foley Tractor for a 2020 CAT 299D3 in the amount of \$41,376.00 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SPECIAL QUESTION FOR EMS SALES TAX:

Johnathan Durrett, CEO of Fredonia Regional Hospital, inquired whether the Commission is in favor of a special question on the November ballot for a one-cent countywide sales tax to fund the Fredonia & Neodesha EMS. Following discussion, Commissioners Miller & Scott stated their support for it, and Commissioner Lair made the following statement for the record. *"I have spoken with many constituents from my district concerning a potential EMS sales tax; ranging from city officials, business owners, industry leaders, and hospital leadership. None of the conversations I had were in support of an EMS sales tax at this time. The City of Neodesha is working on their own one-cent sales tax to support infrastructure projects in the community, including upgrading streets and accommodating the current growth trend; it will be on the ballot in November as well. Neodesha is unique in its EMS is supported by a strong city budget in combination with a fulltime fire department; their needs simply differ from those in Fredonia currently. In addition, the county has already increased its assistance to support EMS by \$100,000 and intends to continue exploring additional support in the future."*

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to proceed with a special question on the November ballot for a one-cent countywide sales tax for EMS. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Lair voted against the motion.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING PROPOSALS:

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Lair opened discussion on the \$1,774,957.00 of Coronavirus Relief Funding proposals as submitted by the Education, Business, and Human & Family Services Strike Teams. Following discussion, the proposals were amended as follows: School District Impact Needs - \$317,290.00, Small Business Grants - \$296,760.00, Response Equipment for Medical Care Providers - \$336,017.00, Sterilization Equipment for Hospitals/EMS/Nursing Homes - \$96,710.00, Food Bank Assistance - \$38,180.00, Reimbursements - \$525,000.00, and Future Expenditures - \$165,000.00.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the CRF proposals as amended. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The reimbursement requests and direct spending plan will be submitted to the Governor's Office of Recovery by August 17, 2020 for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Board of Canvassers reviewed 33 provisional ballots, and accepted 23 ballots to be counted. No results of the election outcomes were changed by the canvass of votes.
2. Approved payroll in the amount of \$182,793.70.
3. Approved warrants in the amount of \$453,533.24.
4. Reports received: Treasurer fees report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Casey Lair, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rhonda Willard, County Clerk