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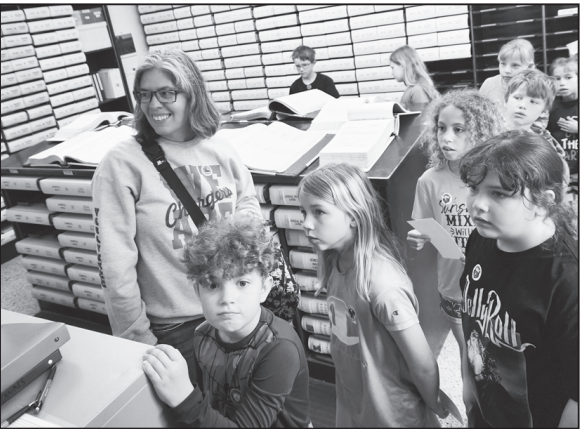
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Wabaunsee County Department Tour

The Wabaunsee County Extension Office organized a County Department Tour for Mrs. Mumpower’s and Mrs. Howard’s classes on the morning of April 24 at the County Courthouse. The departments that presented included: County Attorney, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Health Department, Register of Deeds, Sheriff’s Office, and Wabaunsee County Extension. Highlights include: pig lungs that taught the students about healthy decisions, large equipment that they got to get in and learn how to work, how to abide by the law and learned what not to do when you are being pursued by law enforcement, and what it means to be a voting citizen . . . they voted on ice cream flavors and Vanilla was the winner.



Wabaunsee County  
Commission Meeting

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, Kansas  
Regular Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, April 21, 2025. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending in person were Jim W. MacGregor, Nancy Hier and Boyd Davis. Commissioner MacGregor called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Assistant Supervisor Jared Falk, Sheriff Eric Kirsch, Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester, Richard Orton, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch shared a letter from KDOT regarding the Wabaunsee County share of the Federal Fund Exchange program for 2025. Hinch will be making Dust Control Applications available, anyone wanting to participate in the Dust Control Program needs to contact Road & Bridge. Hinch discussed the Keene-Eskridge Road project, the next phase is to patch the pavement as soon as possible, timing will be dictated by the weather. Crews are hauling gravel and grading this week due to the recent moisture. Mission Valley Road has new signs installed; Commissioner Davis asked what the double diamond signifies; Hinch replied that the signage is to state specifications because they were paid for with a state grant, and the double diamond indicates a culvert.

Zoning Update

Zoning Administrator Noel Sylvester provided photos of the Flint View lagoons via email. Sylvester has a contractor investigating whether the lagoons need to be de-sludged and what to do with the material once it is removed.

Sylvester reported on the Planning Commission meeting that was held April 17th. The hearing for those items that passed the planning commission will be May 5th with the County Commission; including a modification to a haul route, a change of zoning classification, the adoption of the final map displaying all parcels and the corresponding zoning designation in Wabaunsee County, and designation of a section of Wildcat Hollow Road as minimum maintenance. The Planning Commission denied Variance #559 filed by Betsy Lopez to build a home with more than 2 houses per 40 acres at 00000 Skyline Road.

Crosswinds Update

Amanda Cunningham, CEO and Sara Stockwell, CFO of Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness joined in person. Stockwell provided the 2024 Annual Report booklet and reviewed the details of the 2024 Financials. Crosswinds saw a 14% increase in total clients served and a 17% increase in total services provided across the region. Wabaunsee County had 201 residents served in 2024 and 2,115 services provided. Crosswinds now has an out-patient space in Alma for therapy sessions, a space in McFarland for social services, group sessions and summer student programming, and they have a building in Eskridge.

Crosswinds offers an internship program that allows for students to receive on the job experience. 46 services were provided by interns in 2024 at no charge, those services are valued at \$5,580. Many of these clients are uninsured or incarcerated. Crosswinds has acquired Corner House Inc, a substance abuse treatment facility located in Lyon County. Corner House Inc serves the same territory as Crosswinds. Crosswinds vehicles drove more than 600,000 miles in 2024. The vehicles are well marked for visibility, but clients can request an unmarked car if needed. Sheriff Kirsch shared his appreciation for the assistance received from Crosswinds on a recent trafficking victim case.

Cunningham provided the Appropriation request for 2026 of \$53,500 and Liquor Tax funding of \$5,000. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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