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In Wabaunsee County, Everybody Wins!

This year Wabaunsee High School’s National Honor Society (NHS) had its first annual canned food drive for the area shelter. They decided to challenge Mission Valley’s NHS to a 9-12 grade competition. Both collected cans for a week in early November. Wabaunsee even provided a trophy with a turkey on top that is titled “Battle of the Cans Champions”!

Mission Valley has been holding an Annual Fall Canned Food Drive for over a decade. This year Mission Valley collected 2,036 cans in its Pre-K to 12th grade building.

In competing with Wabaunsee, the 9th-12th grade at Mission Valley collected 1,018 of those cans. This beat their own record last year of 723 in the high school.

“It really motivated everyone more this year with the competition with Wabaunsee and the intense need for help with Federal employees without pay and SNAP recipients in limbo,” commented Mrs. Sally Spoon, one of Mission Valley’s advisors.

Mission Valley divides their donations into three for the food banks in Dover, Eskridge, and Harveyville. Therefore, this year, each received over 675 items.

Wabaunsee High School collected 584 items. “Not too bad for our first annual drive,” said Mr. Jarrod Taylor, Wabaunsee High School advisor.

“No matter what, both schools made a huge effort to help those in the county and surrounding area, so everybody wins,” said Mrs. Sherri Jacobson, Mission Valley’s other advisor.



Wabaunsee County
Commission Meeting

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, Kansas
Regular Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, November 10, 2025. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending in person were Jim W. MacGregor, Nancy Hier and Boyd Ivan Davis. Commissioner MacGregor called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Zoning Administrator Josh Falk, Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Assistant Supervisor Jared Falk, Richard Orton, Donald Rush, Sheriff Administrator Terry Martin, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

General Election Canvass
At 9:00 AM on Monday, November 10, 2025 Commissioner Jim MacGregor opened the Canvass of the November 4, 2025 General Election.

The County Election Officer presented 17 Provisional Ballots; 12 were found to be eligible to be counted, 5 were found to be ineligible to be counted. The County Board of Canvassers opened the eligible ballots and tallied the results.

The County Board of Canvassers received a summary of the Election from County Clerk & Election Officer Abby Amick. 814 Voters cast ballots on Election Day in their polling places, 108 Ballots were requested by mail, to date 81 had been received by the Election Office, 81 Voters cast their ballot in person in advance in the County Clerk’s Office.

The Canvass Closed at 9:30 AM.
Road & Bridge Update
Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch provided updates on road projects. The Belvue Bridge is now open to traffic.

Noxious Weed
Hinch revisited the Chemical bids presented at the last meeting. Commissioners agreed to the Van Diest bid for Chemical purchases.

Department Update: County Attorney
County Attorney Tim Liesmann reported that his budget is on track for the year. The new hire has been in the office for 6 weeks and is working out well. The County is on track for 100 criminal cases for the year, which is typical. There have been fewer traffic cases than in previous years. Tax Sale preparations start in November, the first set of letters to property owners who are delinquent will go out this month notifying them that a lawsuit will be filed in January. There are 10 properties currently on the delinquency list.

Public Transportation
Public Transportation Coordinator Kristin Coon joined the meeting in person. Coon shared that the Public Transportation grant application for 2026-2027 funding is due soon. Coon provided a letter of support and Title VI compliance letters for the Commissioners to review and sign. The grant application will include a request for funding to replace a transit with a lift. Grant funds provide 80% of the operating cost of Public Transportation.

Other Business
Commissioner MacGregor reminded everyone that on Monday, December 15th at 10:30am the Commissioners will host a Legislative Visit with Federal and State legislators at the Lutheran Hall, the public is welcome to attend and provide questions and comments.

Commissioners reviewed and signed expenses from October 23-November 5, 2025. Chairman MacGregor reviewed and signed Tax Year 2025 added taxes in the amount of \$691.86 and signed daily statements for October 30, 31, November 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2025.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the November 3rd Commission Meeting; Commissioner Hier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:15 AM Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Monday, November 17th at 9:00 AM for a Regular Meeting; Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes approved this 17th day of November 2025.
James W. MacGregor, Chairman
Nancy Hier, Vice Chairman
Boyd Ivan Davis, Member

Attest:
Abby L. Amick, Wabaunsee County Clerk

OUR DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 2:00 P.M.
PAPER WILL GO TO PRESS MONDAY NIGHT.

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