Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Justin Clark, Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, and Amanda DeWitt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- Kevin moved to approve the agenda. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.
- Jerry moved to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2026 meeting. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

COUNTY COUNSELOR

- Roberta Wilkes came in to discuss the open County Counselor position.
- Justin moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to conduct an interview with commissioners and Roberta Wilkes until 9:15 a.m. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.
- Justin moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss a potential hire with commissioners until 9:25 a.m. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- Commissioners requested a contract from Roberta Wilkes to fill the open County Counselor position to be presented at the next meeting.

SOLID WASTE

- David Waddell, Solid Waste Supervisor, shared that a trash truck is down for service.
- There was discussion regarding the dumpster that has been having large items placed in it that are not supposed to be left there.
- Commissioners discussed signs and cameras for two community dumpsters that are not being used appropriately.
- There was discussion regarding how the proposed rate increases will affect the 2027 budget.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Jacob Morrison, Sheriff, shared that one vehicle is currently in the shop and should be back by the end of the week.
- A few dispatchers will be attending training in the next few weeks.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- Todd Green, Road & Bridge Assistant Supervisor, shared that they are applying for the federal exchange fund to help cover some expenses.
- Todd discussed the quote received for the mulcher discussed at the previous meeting.
- Kevin moved to allow Road & Bridge to purchase a Wolverine mulcher from Garrett Equipment, LLC, to be paid by hand check out of Road & Bridge capital outlay. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.
- Todd discussed not leasing a tractor and instead adding a side mount to the tractor the county already owns.
- Road & Bridge is continuing to work on replacing culverts.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / EMS

- John Atkin, EM/EMS Director, shared that he is doing some work on the West Tower.
- John will be attending the Emergency Management Conference next week.
- The department will be working on continuing education classes.
- Three employees are currently working toward their paramedic certification.

NOXIOUS WEED

- Jarrod McVey, Noxious Weed Director, brought in his spray reports.
- There was discussion regarding limbs that need to be cleared in the courthouse courtyard.
- Commissioners discussed utilizing drones to spray weeds in areas that are difficult to access.
- Justin moved to recess into executive session for confidential data/trade secrets with commissioners and Jarrod McVey until 10:35 a.m. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK

- Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk, discussed the building rental agreement that is being updated.
- Amanda presented a request to fill a vacancy on the Southeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department Board due to a resignation.
- Amanda shared that Jacob Green, Attorney, submitted a letter of interest for the indigent defense contract.
- Commissioners would like Lisa Page, Court Clerk, to attend a meeting to discuss the indigent defense contract.

TREASURER

- Michelle Zimmerman, Treasurer, presented two Neighborhood Revitalization Plan applications for approval.
    - Kevin moved to approve the two NRP applications submitted by Seth and Jessica Davis and allow the Chair to sign. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.
- Michelle provided an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). All but two projects have been completed.

- Jerry moved to allocate the remaining revenue replacement from ARPA in the amount of $2,958.79 to cover that portion of the mulcher purchase. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

- Michelle presented the June department reports.
  - Justin moved to approve and sign the department reports for June. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- Michelle presented the July department reports.
  - Justin moved to approve and sign the department reports for July. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- Michelle reported an issue regarding the 2025 special assessments for Piqua sewer. The assessments were not entered as they should have been.
- Seven properties were not billed the $420 assessment; however, the property owners have already paid their taxes for the year. The $420 assessments will need to be added to the properties' taxes next year.

RECESS

- Justin moved to recess for 5 minutes. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Jerry discussed the tire nuisance complaint received several weeks ago.
- David Waddell will discuss the situation with KDHE.
- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance to protect confidentiality until 11:25 a.m. with commissioners. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

- Kevin moved to adjourn at 11:28 a.m. Justin 2nd, motion passed.

Justin Clark, Chairman

Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Attest: Amanda A DeWitt
Amanda A DeWitt, County Clerk

Jerry Sedlacek, Member