Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 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

- Jerry moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.
- Jerry moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2026 meeting. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Executive Session

- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance to protect confidentiality with commissioners until 9:05 a.m. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Position Interest

- Orville Crouch came in to discuss his application for the Noxious Weed Department, stating that he feels there is a need for the position.
- Commissioners informed him that there is not currently a position available.

Appraiser

- Jessica Porter, Appraiser, shared that an employee will be retiring in December.
- She requested permission to advertise for a full-time position now so the new employee can be trained prior to the employee's departure. Commissioners approved advertising for the position.

Clerk

- Amanda DeWitt, Clerk, presented a request for a 4-H club to decorate a hay bale at the fairgrounds for HayFest. Commissioners said that would be fine..
- Amanda presented a request to appoint Andrea Hilyard as the Woodson County appointee to the Southeast Kansas Library System.

Executive Session

- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for confidential data/trade secrets until 9:20 a.m. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Appointments and Personnel

- Justin moved to appoint Andrea Hilyard to the Southeast Kansas Library System. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.
- Kevin moved to approve the wage sheet for Kristine Stohs for full-time employment in the Clerk's Office. Jerry seconded. Motion passed.
- Amanda presented a request from Jeb Griebat expressing interest in the indigent defense contract that is being vacated by Tim Clover.
- There was discussion regarding waiving building rental fees for specific entities.

Executive Session

- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance to protect employee confidentiality until 9:40 a.m. with commissioners, clerk, treasurer, and David Waddell. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.
- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance to protect employee confidentiality until 9:45 a.m. with commissioners, clerk, treasurer, and David Waddell. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Solid Waste

- David Waddell, Solid Waste Supervisor, shared that another employee has resigned.
- A part-time employee was moved into the open position, and David has an applicant to fill the open part-time position.
- There was an incident involving a broken line that was leaking transmission fluid from the backhoe.
- David has contacted John Deere to inspect the machine as a precaution.

Road & Bridge

- Gary Ward, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided an update on replacing culverts.
- Gary shared that the leased tractor cost will increase by approximately $1,900 next year.
- He requested a quote to purchase the tractor currently being leased.
- The lease allows for 300 hours of use per year.
- Gary is looking at different options for mowers for next year.
- Justin requested quotes on leasing a different brand of tractor.
- Gary later shared that the purchase price of the tractor after the lease would be $140,000.

Sheriff

- Jacob Morrison, Sheriff, shared that the vehicles are running well.
- The department has started continuing education training for the year.
- Kevin shared information regarding an ATV safety class and suggested that the Sheriff's Department could offer a similar class to the community.

EM/EMS

- John Atkin, EM/EMS Director, shared one ambulance is undergoing annual maintenance.
- John reported that stretcher batteries are needed at an approximate cost of $1,500 each. He is planning to purchase three batteries.

Treasurer

- Michelle Zimmerman, Treasurer, provided the budget adjustment report for Road & Bridge, Ambulance, and Rural Fire.
- The report reflects reductions in the budgets to allow for additional cash at the beginning of 2027 in those departments.
- Michelle presented a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan application for Rocky Petit Jr.
- Jerry moved to accept the NRP application for Rocky Petit Jr. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.
- Jerry moved to allow the Chair to sign the NRP for Rocky Petit Jr. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

EagleMedCare Membership

- There was discussion regarding the EagleMed membership plan that has been presented at previous meetings and the best way to offer the service to county employees.
- Commissioners would like employees to pay for the service up front.

Recess

- Jerry moved for a five-minute break. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Noxious Weed

- Jarrod McVey, Noxious Weed Director, provided his spray reports.

Executive Session

- Kevin moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect confidentiality until 11:05 a.m. with commissioners and Jarrod McVey. Justin seconded. Motion passed.
- Justin moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect confidentiality until 11:20 a.m. with commissioners, Gary Ward, Todd Green, and Jarrod McVey. Jerry seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business

- There was discussion regarding the complaint submitted at the previous meeting concerning tires on Mink Road.
- Commissioners would like the information relayed to KDHE.
- There was discussion regarding Roberta Wilkes' interest in the County Counselor position.
- Commissioners would like the County Counselor position advertised.
- Gary shared that the purchase price of the leased tractor after the lease would be $140,000.

Executive Session

- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for confidential data with commissioners until 11:50 a.m. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Solid Waste

- David Waddell requested permission for Solid Waste to use the KCAMP Risk Avoidance Grant to purchase a grill guard for a department vehicle.
- Kevin moved to allow Solid Waste to apply for the KCAMP Risk Avoidance Grant for a grill guard. Justin seconded. Motion passed.

Vouchers

- Justin moved to sign vouchers in the amount of $235,662.94. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Adjournment

- Jerry moved to adjourn at 12:14 p.m. Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Justin Clark, Chairman

Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Attest:
Amanda A DeWitt, County Clerk

Jerry Sedlacek, Member