



**LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

Ken Duft, Chairman
Doug Peck, Commissioner
Dan Williams, County Controller
Vici Smith, Public Relations Manager

Chris Bartel, Vice Chairman
Molly Priest, County Counselor
Tiffany Pike, Deputy County Clerk

Others attending the meeting:

Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer
Austin Hoagland, Emporia Gazette
Joe Salazar, Resident
Marie Hammond, Lyon County Counselor's Office

Ruth Wheeler, Lyon County District Court
Alicia Rumold, Lyon County Human Resources
Rolland Trahoon, Resident
John Alvarado, Resident

9:00 A.M. I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Consider the Minutes of the 01/29/26 meeting.

Motion: To Approve the Minutes from January 29, 2026 as written.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

B. Consider Warrants Payable for 02/06/26, in the amount of \$295,050.40.

Motion: To Approve the Warrants Payable for February 06, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

C. Consider Appointments.

Motion: To Appoint Greg Bachman to the office of non-lawyer member of the 5th Judicial Nominating Commission with the term expiring March 5, 2030.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

D. Consider the Annual Report of Elmendaro, Americus, and Emporia Townships.

Motion: To Approve the Elmendaro Township Annual Report.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

Motion: To Approve the Americus Township Annual Report.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

Motion: To Approve the Emporia Township Annual Report.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

- E. Letter of Intent for KDHE Healthy Family Program.

Motion: To sign the Letter of Support to participate in the KDHE Healthy Family Program and the Letter of Intent for participation in the new contract.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

V. DISCUSS PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion: To Approve Personnel and Payroll changes.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

VI. PERMITS

None.

VII. RUTH WHEELER - DISTRICT COURT

- A. Update on the installation of recording software.

Ruth Wheeler updated Commissioners on the installation of recording software for District Court.

VIII. WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD - LYON COUNTY ENGINEER

- A. Consider approving the bid from Gateway Steel Pipe and Supply for an estimated 1,120 ft of 16" steel pipe culverts for an estimated amount of \$22,680.00. Funds to be taken from Fund [011-00-8223].

Motion: To approve the bid from Gateway Steel Pipe and Supply for an estimated 1.120 ft of 16" steel pipe culverts for an estimated amount of \$22,680.00. Funds to be taken from account #011-00-8223.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

- B. Consider approving the bid from Frank Black Pipe and Supply for an estimated 375 ft of 18" steel pipe culverts and an estimated 580 ft of 24" steel pipe culverts for an estimated amount of \$31,345.00. Funds to be taken from Fund [011-00-8223].

Motion: To approve the bid from Frank Black Pipe and Supply for an estimated 375 ft of 18" steel pipe culverts and an estimated 580 ft of 24" steel pipe culverts for an estimated amount of \$31,345.00. Funds to be taken from account #011-00-8223.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

IX. MOLLY PRIEST - LYON COUNTY COUNSELOR

- A. Consider a Resolution Authorizing Foreclosure of Tax Liens and Sale of Real Property for Delinquent Taxes.

Motion: To approve resolution 03-26, A Resolution Authorizing Foreclosure of Tax Liens and Sale of Real Property for Collection of Delinquent Taxes.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

- B. Consider bids for title work for the tax foreclosure case.

Motion: To Accept the quote from Moon Title & Escrow, LLC to furnish an Affidavit of Ownership for each tract at the price of \$60.00 per tract.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Chairman Duft

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

X. COMMISSIONER/COUNSELOR/CONTROLLER/CLERK REPORT

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended Lyon County Conservation meeting on Monday
- Has been working on phone calls regarding gravel and roads

Commissioner Bartel:

- Talked with a resident with snow grading concerns
- Attended the Lyon County Conservation meeting on Monday
- Spoke with Leticia Rust with ESU concerning Cybersecurity learning opportunities

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended Lyon County Conservation meeting on Monday

Deputy Clerk Pike:

- The Election Office will be at EHS on Wednesday for Sweetheart Court voting

Counselor Priest:

- Will attend JEDAC on Wednesday

Controller Williams:

- No Report

PIO Smith:

- Last Friday, met with Ryan Janzen and Amie Jones regarding future tax information
- Met with Jarrod Fell, Nichole Schlesener and Bobby Hale regarding Public Information Officer reporting and software
- Attended the 4th webinar in a series of 5 regarding Infectious Disease Preparedness ahead of the FIFA Tournament Games in Kansas City

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - THIRD PARTY CONFIDENTIAL DATA

Motion: To move to Executive Session for exchange of confidential third-party data to return at 10:45 a.m.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

Motion: To extend the session until 11:00 a.m.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - THIRD PARTY CONFIDENTIAL DATA

Motion: To move to Executive Session for exchange of confidential third-party data to return at 11:10 a.m.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Chairman Duft

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

Meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

There being no further business before the Board, an Action Session will take place on February 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Tiffany Pike
Lyon County Deputy Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission