

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2025

The Board of Lyon County Commissioners met in Action Session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers with the following people in attendance:

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

Chris Bartel, Vice Chair
Molly Priest, County Counselor
Amie Jones, County Clerk

Others attending the meeting:

Erin Rodriguez, Community Corrections
Ryan Janzen, Lyon County Appraiser
Misty Williams-Norton, LCAT
Robbie Weiss, Lyon County Facilities

Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer
Tracey Barton, KS Natural Resource Coalition
Sam Seeley, Planning & Zoning
Amanda Davis, Emporia Gazette

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: To Approve the Agenda as written. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 2-20-2025 meeting as written. Bartel/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable 2-28-2025 in the amount of \$427,998.37.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve the Payroll Payable for 2-28-2025 in the amount of \$387,040.99.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve the Payroll Withholdings for 2-28-2025 in the amount of \$526,446.97.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Appointments: No action taken.

Motion: To Approve signing the letter of support for Lyon County Commission to participate in the KDHE Healthy Families Outreach, Prevention, and Early Intervention Program.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve signing the letter of support for North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Sunflower Seniors Got Talent and their Sunflower fair.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Personnel changes: Commissioners reviewed the personnel changes for this week.

Permits: No action taken.

Erin Rodriguez, Community Corrections, presented Commissioners with approving travel for 4 staff members to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professional Conference in Kissimmee, Florida, from May 28-31, 2025, for a total of \$5,358.64 to be paid from fund 010-11-7420. Casey Family Program funds would cover registration and meals, total costs up to \$5,180.00.

Motion: To Approve travel for 4 staff members to cover hotel and flight for attendance to the National Association of Drug Court Professional Conference in Kissimmee, Florida, from May 28-31, 2025, for a total of \$5,358.64 to be paid from fund 010-11-7420.

Note: Casey Family Program funds would cover registration and meals, total costs up to \$5,180.00.

Bartel/Duft 3-0

Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer, presented Commissioners with all of the quotes for Road Oil for our 2025 sealing and patching projects so that we can get it from whoever can deliver it the quickest.

Motion: To Approve all 3 quotes, depending on availability, using the least expensive option first, for Road Oil for the 2025 sealing and patching projects.

Bartel/Duft 3-0

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended the Emporia Economic outlook for the RDA on Tuesday
- Will attend Emporia Chamber Meeting tomorrow
- Reminder of the Lions Club Breakfast on Saturday
- Next Thursday at the Senior Center they will host, "Just the Facts" put on by Nesting Inc.

Commissioner Bartel:

- Attended a meeting on Friday with Cathy Pimple
- Received zoning and road calls, commended Seth Snyder on his quick work with road issues and easiness to work with to solve them
- Received questions on allocations
- Had conversations about the Hospital with residents

Commissioner Peck:

- Met with resident on applying for RDA leadership role
- Met with resident on an organization that could possibly replace RDA if ever needed
- Will attend JEDAC next Wednesday
- Will not be here on March 6th

Clerk Jones:

- No Report

Counselor Priest:

- Attended the Economic Advancement meeting Tuesday
- Attended Newman Regional Hospital board meeting yesterday
- Will attend JEDAC next week
- Will attend a Stepping up Meeting at Crosswinds on Tuesday

Controller Williams:

- Attended the Economic Advancement meeting Tuesday
- Auditor here this week and part of next week
- Sales tax for February was up

Public Comment: No one present.

Ryan Janzen, Lyon County Appraiser, presented Commissioners with information regarding the 2025 Valuation Notices mailed February 26, 2025.

Tracey Barton, Kansas Natural Resource Coalition, gave Commissioners a presentation on the Coalition. KNRC is a coalition of counties, led by commissioners, who monitor the federal government's outreach in the areas of human environment, natural resources and land use. She explained the cost for the Commission would be \$5,000.00 per year and with that came KNRC being a voice against government overreach, collaborates with expert analysts, they have quarterly meetings, they provide education for Commissioners, however they do not have attorneys present for legal advice. She advised that when classes are available that they also come with a cost to the counties to attend.

Break until 10:30 a.m.

Misty Williams-Norton, Director of Mobility Management for East Central Kansas, presented Commissioners with approving her attendance at the Association of Mobility Managers Conference in Edmond, Oklahoma on April 5 - 8, 2025. Spending will not exceed \$1,500.00 from account 010-62-7420. All expenses are fully reimbursable from KDOT.

Commissioners gave Misty Williams-Norton direction to allow her to attend the Association of Mobility Managers Conference in Edmond, Oklahoma on April 5 - 8, 2025. Spending will not exceed \$1,500.00 from account 010-62-7420, also noting that these expenses are fully reimbursable from KDOT.

Sam Seeley, Lyon County Planning & Zoning, presented Commissioners with approving the Renewal of the GeoPermits Portal hosting with Schneider Geospatial for Planning/Zoning/Floodplain web-based permitting. Not to exceed \$6,348.00 to be paid from account 010-15-7600.

Motion: To Approve the yearly renewal of the GeoPermits Portal hosting with Schneider Geospatial for Planning/Zoning/Floodplain web-based permitting, not to exceed \$6,348.00 to be paid from account 010-15-7600.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Robbie Weiss, Lyon County Facilities, presented Commissioners with approving change order #1 for Lyon County Jail plumbing fixture replacement for Mitchell-Markowitz Construction for a total of \$19,602.00 to be paid from account 017-00-9021.

Motion: To Approve change order #1 for Lyon County Jail plumbing fixture replacement for Mitchell-Markowitz Construction for a total of \$19,602.00 to be paid from account 017-00-9021.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Commissioners discussed complaints about parking at courthouse and reminding employees not to park on Commercial Street in front of the Courthouse and annex. Reminder email to employees will be sent out.

Motion: To Adjourn.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Action Session will take place on March 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission