



WELCOME TO
LYON COUNTY
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LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

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

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

Others attending the meeting:

Amy Welch, Lyon County Noxious Weed Director
Jarrod Fell, Lyon County Emergency Management

Austin Hoagland, Emporia Gazette
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: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Consider the Minutes of the 02/05/26 meeting.

Motion: To Approve the minutes as written.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

B. Consider Warrants Payable for 02/13/26, in the amount of \$84,091.92.

Motion: To Approve the Warrants Payable for February 13, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

C. Consider Payroll Payable for 02/13/26, in the amount of \$384,162.72.

Motion: To Approve the Payroll Payable for February 13, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

D. Consider Payroll Withholdings Payable for 02/13/26, in the amount of \$284,783.84.

Motion: To Approve the Payroll Withholdings Payable for February 13, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

E. Consider Appointments.

None.

V. DISCUSS PERSONNEL CHANGES

Commissioners reviewed Personnel and Payroll changes.

VI. PERMITS

None.

VII. AMIE JONES - LYON COUNTY CLERK

A. Audio Lite Invoice, update the recording system in Lyon County Commission Chambers to be paid from account 010-08-9001, Courthouse General Capital Outlay account.

Motion: To Approve the invoice from Audio Lite to update the recording system in Lyon County Commission Chambers to be paid from account 010-08-9001, Courthouse General Capital Outlay in the amount of \$1,050.00.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

VIII. AMY WELCH - NOXIOUS WEED

- A. Review and consider approving the purchase of a zero turn mower from Sutherlands of Emporia for the Noxious Weed Department. For a total of \$8,449.00 to be paid out of Noxious Weed capital outlay account [017-00-9045].

Commissioners reviewed and discussed all four quotes with Director Welch. After discussion, it was agreed that the quote from Shaefer Equipment to purchase the 2026 Hustler was in the best interest for the County.

Motion: To Approve the purchase of a zero turn mower from Shaefer Equipment, a 2026 Hustler Fastrak SDX 54" for the Noxious Weed Department, for a total of \$8,300.00 to be paid out of Noxious Weed capital outlay account 017-00-9045.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Chairman Duft

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

NAYS: None

IX. JARROD FELL - LYON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- A. Consideration to adopt the Region I Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion: To Approve Resolution 04-26; A Resolution Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region I Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

X. DAN WILLIAMS - LYON COUNTY CONTROLLER

- A. Consider approving the Controller transferring a total of \$1,500,000.00 as budgeted from account [017-00-9900] to account [010-00-5917]. Transferred on a quarterly basis of \$375,000.00

Motion: To Approve allowing Controller Williams to transfer up to a total of \$1,500,000.00 as budgeted from account 017-00-9900 to account 010-00-5917 as needed during the year 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

- B. Consider approving transferring \$578,501.00 from account [050-00-9900] to account [017-00-5901]. Expense that was expended that will be reimbursed by the Bond Fund.

Motion: To Approve transferring \$578,501.00 from account 050-00-9900 to account 017-00-5901. This will reimburse the Sales Tax account from the Bond Fund.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

- C. Consider approving Howden US Specialty, LLC Health & Benefits Client Services Agreement and Business Associate agreement, and approve encumbering \$26,666.66 to Contract Services [010-18-7600].

Motion: To Approve Howden US Specialty, LLC Health & Benefits Client Services Agreement and Business Associate agreement, for 2026, allowing Controller Williams to sign agreements, and approve encumbering \$26,666.66 to Contract Services 010-18-7600.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Chairman Duft

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

NAYS: None

Note: This is replacing Brown and Brown, and invoiced quarterly.

XI. COMMISSIONER/COUNSELOR/CONTROLLER/CLERK REPORT

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended Fair Board on Monday evening
- Attended the Republican Meeting on Tuesday Night
- Took phone calls on trees, roads, and questions about the electrical work on the new 911 building.
- Will attend the City/County Luncheon on Wednesday the 18th.

Commissioner Bartel:

- Had a conversation with Amy at Noxious Weed about mowers
- Took a call about problems backing out of a driveway in Americus
- Took a call about the sewer line in Jail call on Saturday
- Attended a meeting on Monday with an upcoming architect about building new homes.
- Attended the Extension Board Meeting on Monday

Commissioner Peck:

- Received a call questioning advertising signs placed on the right-of-way in ditches.
- Attended JEDAC on Wednesday
- Will attend a meeting with Cathy Pimple on Thursday afternoon
- Will attend the RDA meeting on Friday morning
- Monday is Presidents' Day. The Courthouse will be closed.
- Will attend the City/County Luncheon on Wednesday the 18th.

Clerk Jones:

- On Wednesday we went to Emporia High School to vote.
- Will attend the City/County Luncheon on Wednesday the 18th.

Counselor Priest:

- Will attend the RDA meeting on Friday morning
- Attended JEDAC on Wednesday
- Will attend the City/County Luncheon on Wednesday the 18th.

Controller Williams:

- Attended JEDAC on Wednesday
- Attended the Fair Board meeting on Monday
- Will attend the RDA meeting on Friday morning

PIO Smith:

- Attended a meeting on Tuesday for the local PIO
- Attended a Unbound planning meeting
- Attended the final webinar of series of 5 for FIFA
- Attended a MUPP board webinar Wednesday
- Attended orLo training on Wednesday
- Will attend the City/County Luncheon on Wednesday the 18th.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEP (3) - EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Motion: To move into Legal Executive Session for the purpose of Employee Evaluation with Commissioners to return at 10:30 am.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Meeting reconvened at 10:30 am.

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, a Action Session will take place on February 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission