

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 20, 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
Leah Cerretti, Asst. County Attorney
Joe Torres, Deputy Clerk

Others attending the meeting:

Jean Barnett, Lyon County I.T.
Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer
Jarrod Fell, Emergency Management
Luke Senft, Resident

Jamie Williams, Lyon County I.T.
Bryan Fankhauser, Road & Bridge
Tagan Trahoon, KVOE

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 3-13-2025 meeting as amended. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable 3-21-2025 in the amount of \$480,111.26.
Bartel/Duft 3-0

Appointments: No appointments.

Jarrod Fell, Lyon County Emergency Management, stated that there was a wild fire due to increased fire weather conditions on March 14, 2025 in the area of 1600 Block of Road V5. All of our resources were tied up trying to contain the fire. This fire is still under investigation. Commissioner Duft was alerted of the situation and issued a Verbal State of Local Disaster Emergency Proclamation for Lyon County on March 14, 2025 at 18:12 hours. Mr. Fell presented the Commissioners with a written Proclamation and asked the Commissioners to consider signing it. This resolution shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days.

Motion: To Approve signing the Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Lyon County, Kansas. Resolution #06-25 and Proclamation. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Personnel & Payroll changes: Commissioners reviewed the personnel and payroll changes for this week.

Permits: No action taken.

Jamie Williams and Jean Barnett, Lyon County I.T., presented Commissioners with a quote from CDW-G for the purchase of new hardware and software for up to 120 computers for a total of \$22,654.40 to be paid from account 017-00-9001, as well as 50 additional security badges from Kansas Security for a total of \$212.50. This quote is going to be used for multi-factor authentication (MFA) for CJIS compliant computers. This is due to the fact that CJIS has released new compliance rules involving MFA and computer access. Mr. Williams stated that moving forward, there will be an annual renewal fee of approximately \$8,400.00 for the software. The I.T. Department will budget for this cost going forward. The commission stated that the cost of the additional security badges was low enough for the I.T. Department to purchase on their own.

Motion: To Approve from CDW-G for the purchase of new hardware and software for up to 120 computers for a total of \$22,654.40 to be paid from account 017-00-9001. *Note: This is to cover a federal government mandate involving the CJIS compliancy.* Bartel/Duft 3-0

Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer, and Bryan Fankhauser, presented Commissioners with approving the purchase of a used 2021 Massey Ferguson 6713 tractor and a new Land Pride RCM5710 mower from Schaefer Equipment for \$102,000.00 to be paid from the Multi-Year Fund 017-00-9026. They also presented Commissioners with approving the quote from Central Nebraska Wood Preservers for guardrail posts and blocks for \$5,873.96 to be paid from the Road & Bridge Fund 011-00-8239. Mr. Woods also presented to the commission the Comparison of 2024 and 2025 Expenses Through February report.

Motion: To Approve the purchase of a used 2021 Massey Ferguson 6713 tractor and a new Land Pride RCM5710 mower from Schaefer Equipment for \$102,000.00 to be paid from the Multi-Year Fund 017-00-9026. Bartel/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Approve the quote from Central Nebraska Wood Preservers for guardrail posts and blocks for \$5,873.96 to be paid from the Road & Bridge Fund 011-00-8239. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Last Thursday I had a meeting with the United Way Director.
- Friday, I had the Emporia Economic Outlook meeting.
- I took a tour of the friendship center and requested some financials.
- I will be attending the Kiwanis pancake breakfast at the Anderson Building this Saturday.
- Robbie and I inspected tables and chairs over at the Anderson Building and the Bowyer Building last Tuesday.

Commissioner Bartel:

- Last Friday I met with Seth Snyder about the condition of some of the county roads and ditches. We also had a discussion about a street in Neosho Rapids.
- Yesterday I had a discussion with Schaefer about our just approved purchase.

Commissioner Peck:

- I received a couple of phone calls, everyone was satisfied at the conclusion.
- I have been invited to do a welcome speech on Saturday. They are having a district 4 meeting for the legion. I have agreed to stop by and do a brief speech.

Deputy Torres:

- Amie and Tiffany will be attending advanced ELVIS (state wide election program) training next week. I will be taking the commission meeting minutes next week.

Asst. County Attorney Cerretti:

- No Report.

Controller Williams:

- I attended the Economic Advancement Committee Meeting on Friday.
- We will have interviews this afternoon for the engineer position.

Public Comment: Luke Senft, 1867 Road G, Emporia, KS, presented the commission with problems he has been having with an easement on his property. He stated that he has been trying to resolve this problem over the last couple of years with county to no satisfaction and he is very upset. He would appreciate some kind of action to resolve this problem in the near future.

Motion: To Adjourn.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Action Session will take place on March 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Joe Torres
Lyon County Deputy Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission