

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 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 Chairman
Molly Priest, County Counselor
Joe Torres, Deputy Clerk

Others attending the meeting:

Roxy Van Gundy, LCECC
Beverly Hilbish, Community Corrections
Tobey Kelly, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Corina Sanchez, CASA Director
Ginny Samples, SOS, Inc.
Danielle Pape Cottman, Resident
Michael J. Langley, Resident
Bill Smallback, Resident
Jerry Campbell, Resident

Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer
Sam Seeley, Planning & Zoning
Amanda Davis, Emporia Gazette
Christy Grant, SOS, Inc.
Lisa Harder, KCSL
Achilles Gudgean, Resident
Ashonte Smallback, Resident
Michelle Smallback, Resident

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable for 3-28-2025 in the amount of \$365,847.52.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Payroll Payable for 3-28-2025 in the amount of \$381,655.85.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Payroll Withholdings Payable for 3-28-2025 in the amount of \$523,303.04.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Appointments: No appointments.

Corina Sanchez, Christy Grant, Ginny Samples & Lisa Harder presented the Commission with a proclamation concerning child abuse and neglect. This proclamation states that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse. Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families. Lyon County proclaims the month of April 2025 as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

Motion: To Approve signing the Proclamation to make the month of April as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month 2025 in Lyon County. Duft/Bartel 3-0

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

Permits: No action taken.

Roxy Van Gundy, LCECC, asked Commissioners to approve paying Hayden Tower \$5,700.00 from account 010-28-7600 to repair the lighting along the County's North–Allen radio tower. This is to replace 2 flash tubes and 3 lamps that have burned out on the top of the tower. This quote also includes labor and the climb to do the repairs. This is not 911 fund because it is not technically in commission of a 911 call, it is maintenance for our equipment.

Motion: To Approve paying Hayden Tower \$5,700.00 from account 010-28-7600 to repair the lighting along the County's North–Allen radio tower. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer, presented Commissioners with approving the low/best bid for grader blades from the March 25, 2025 bid opening. Mr. Woods requested the approval of the low bid from Foley Caterpillar for grader blades.

Motion: To Approve the low bid of Foley Caterpillar for 350 grader blades for \$55,009.50 to be paid from the Road & Bridge Fund 011-00-8432. Bartel/Duft 3-0

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended the Kiwanis pancake breakfast at the Anderson Building on Saturday.
- I attended the Lyon County Council on Aging meeting Monday afternoon.
- I will have a meeting tomorrow with the Emporia City Mayor.
- Next week we will have the city/county meeting here at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Commissioner Bartel:

- I met up with Seth to inspect some roads.
- I received some phone calls from the public about zoning situations.

Commissioner Peck:

- I was at the American Legion to do a welcoming speech for the District 4 meeting on Saturday morning. I talked to them about the Wall That Heels, that is coming to Lyon County. I am trying to get as much participation from them as we can.
- I attended the Kiwanis pancake feed at the Anderson Building on Saturday.
- Next week will be the city/county meeting on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Deputy Torres:

- No Report.

Counselor Priest:

- I attended the Hospital Board Meeting yesterday.
- JEDAC will be next Wednesday as well as the city/county meeting.

Controller Williams:

- JEDAC will be next Wednesday.
- Dan presented the commissioners with information for Sales Tax for the month of March 2025.

Break at 9:40 a.m.

Public Comment: No one present.

Beverly Hilbish, Community Corrections, presented Commissioners with approving the purchase of a 2025 Ford Escape via the state contract in an amount not to exceed \$29,000. The majority of the funds, 80% would come from the adult side. 10% would come from juvenile intake and 10% would come from the county. Amount to be paid between both the adult and juvenile KDOC budget accounts 012-43-7420 and 015-85-7420. Ms. Hilbish stated that they will be selling the Chevy Impala with the higher milage on Purple Wave. That way the 2025 Ford Escape will be replacing one of their older vehicles.

Motion: To Approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Escape with the state contract not to exceed \$29,000.00. 80% to be paid from the adult KDOC budget fund 012-43-7420, 10% to be paid from the juvenile KDOC budget fund 015-85-7420 and the remaining 10% from the county.

Bartel/Duft 3-0

Tobey Kelly, Lyon County Sheriff's Office, presented Commissioners with approving the invoice from Longbine Autoplaza for the purchase of 3, 2025 Chevy Silverado's for a total of \$151,691.04 to be paid from account 017-00-9016.

Motion: To Approve the invoice from Longbine Autoplaza for the purchase of 3, 2025 Chevy Silverados for a total of \$151,691.04 to be paid from account 017-00-9016. Bartel/Duft 3-0

Note: This is a budgeted item.

Break at 10:03 a.m.

Sam Seeley, Planning & Zoning, presented Commissioners with the Application CUP2024-5, A recommendation for approval of an Agriculture Conditional-Use "Event Space" by Danielle Cottman, 1027 Road 70, with Conditions. Mr. Seeley stated that the recommendation was passed by the Lyon County Planning & Appeals Board with a vote of 5-0 with 1 conflict of interest. He proceeded to present the reasons for approval and some concerns brought forth by members of the public. Mr. Seeley also stated that a valid Rezoning Protest Petition has been filed. Upon the submission of a valid protest petition, a zoning amendment rezoning a tract may not be passed except by a unanimous (all three) vote in favor of the amendment by the County

Commissioners. The commission stated that they were concerned how this change would affect property values within the area of the proposed change. Also of concern were the many negative responses received from the public about the proposed change. A few residents present at the meeting stated that they thought something like this would benefit the community. A few ways this change would benefit the community would be by generating revenue and creating an affordable place to plan events such as weddings, graduations and such.

Motion: To Deny the Application CUP2024-5, A recommendation for approval of an Agriculture Conditional-Use "Event Space" by Danielle Cottman, 1027 Road 70, with Conditions. Denial is due to opposition from land owners in the community. Bartel/Peck 3-0

Break at 10:48 a.m.

Motion: To move to Non-Elected Personnel Executive Session for an employee interview with Commissioners, Alicia Rumold, Lyon County HR and candidate to return at 11:30 a.m.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Motion: To move to Non-Elected Personnel Executive Session for an employee interview with Commissioners, Alicia Rumold, Lyon County HR and candidate to return at 12:00 p.m.

Duft/Bartel 2-0

Meeting reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

Motion: To move to Non-Elected Personnel Executive Session for decision making of the hiring of an open position with Commissioners, Molly Priest, County Counselor, Dan Williams, County Controller and Alicia Rumold, Lyon County HR, to return at 12:15 p.m.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Meeting reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

Motion: To Adjourn.

Bartel/Duft 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Action Session will take place on April 3, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Joe Torres
Lyon County Deputy Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission