

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 1, 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
Tiffany Pike, Deputy County Clerk

Others attending the meeting:

Tagan Trahoon, KVOE
Jarom Smith, Lyon County Observer
Jamie Williams, Lyon County I.T.
Cameron Parks, Lyon County I.T.
Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer
Shane Brunner, LCAT Director
Alicia Rumold, HR

Amanda Davis, Emporia Gazette
Jean Barnett, Lyon County I.T. Director
Chuck Boyce, Lyon County I.T.
Matt Baysinger, Lyon County Road & Bridge
Roxy Van Gundy, LCECC Director
Misty Norton, Mobility Manager

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 4/24/2025 meeting as corrected. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable for 05/02/2025 in the amount of \$356,780.01.
Bartel/Duft 3-0

Appointments:

Motion: To Appoint Sylvia Miller for another 3-year term to the Lyon County Area Agency on Aging Board to end on 12/31/2027. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Appoint Vici Smith for a 3-year term to the MUPP Board ending 12/31/2027.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

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

Permits: None.

Jean Barnett, Lyon County I.T. Director and Jamie Williams, Lyon County I.T., presented to Commissioners to consider approving the renewal of the Courthouse SonicWall NSA3700 firewall license for 3 years from CDW Government LLC for a total of \$6,622.07. This is to be paid from account 017-00-9001. This was a budgeted item.

Motion: To Approve the renewal of the Courthouse SonicWall NSA3700 firewall license for 3 years for a total of \$6,622.07 to be paid from account 017-00-9001.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Jean Barnett, Lyon County I.T. Director and Jamie Williams, Lyon County I.T., presented to Commissioners about needing to amend the approved request to purchase MFA hardware and software for up to 120 computers from CDW Government LLC for a total of \$22,654.40. Original approval was on 03/20/2025. Due to a distribution problem the price has changed to \$22,854.40. This is to be paid from account 017-00-9001. This is mandated and directed by the Federal Government as part of CJIS policies developed by the FBI.

Motion: To Approve the amended contract for purchase of MFA hardware and software for a total cost of \$22,854.40 which replaces the original approval on 03/20/2025 in the amount of \$22,654.40 to be paid from account 017-00-9001.

Bartel/Duft 3-0

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended a meeting with the city on Wednesday.
- Attended the Newman Regional Health Joint Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday.
- Will be attending the Cinco de Mayo festival and the 4H Spring Show this weekend.

Commissioner Bartel:

- Attended a tour at ESU last Thursday.
- Met with a constituent about a road ditch on Friday.
- Met with a constituent about a road ditch on Saturday.
- Had a conversation with a constituent about the Appraiser on Monday.
- Talked to a Commissioner from another County and shared ideas back and forth Tuesday.
- Spent time at Road & Bridge on Wednesday.
- Attended the Newman Regional Health Joint Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday.
- Attended a roundtable on small business concerns on Wednesday.

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended a tour at ESU last Thursday.
- Attended the Flint Hills Technical College Dinner and Auction on Friday.
- Attended the Newman Regional Health Joint Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday.

Deputy Clerk Pike:

- No Report

Counselor Priest:

- Attended a tour at ESU last Thursday.
- Attended a meeting with the city, school district and recreation commission on Wednesday.
- Attended the Newman Regional Health Joint Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday.
- Will attend the Lyon County Stepping Up meeting at CrossWinds on Tuesday.

Controller Williams:

- Attended a tour of ESU last Thursday.
- Attended the Newman Regional Health Joint Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday.
- Attended a meeting with the city, school district and recreation commission on Wednesday.
- Reported the sales tax for the month of April.

Public Relations Manager Vici Smith:

- Attended the ESU Master Class informational meeting on a 20-year plan last Thursday and reported a meeting summary.
- Informed Commissioners that Ed Rathke has reached out to her to invite them to the Memorial celebration on May 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial

Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer and Matt Baysinger, Lyon County Road & Bridge, presented Commissioners with a request to approve the purchase of approximately 160 ft of used 48" steel pipe from Gateway Pipe, Inc. MO from Fenton, MO for approximately \$20,576.00 to be paid from the Road & Bridge Fund account 011-00-8223. The price equates to \$128.60 per foot. The used pipe being purchased is 1/3 of the price as it would be to buy new.

Motion: To Approve the purchase used steel pipe from Gateway Pipe, Inc MO in the amount of approximately \$20,576.00 from the Road & Bridge Fund account 011-00-8223.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer, presented Commissioners with a request to approve the purchase of one 9'4"x48.4' tank car and ten 5/16" 10'x20' plates from Railroad Yard Inc. for a total cost of \$33,163.20 to be paid from the Road & Bridge Fund account 011-00-8223.

Motion: To Approve the purchase of one 9'4"x48.4' tank car and ten 5/16" 10'x20' plates from Railroad Yard Inc. for a total cost of \$33,163.20 from the Road & Bridge Fund account 011-00-8223.

Bartel/Duft 3-0

Motion: To move to a Non-Elected Personnel Executive Session to discuss a retirement with Commissioners, Molly Priest, County Counselor, Alicia Rumold, HR and Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer to return at 9:55 a.m. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Meeting reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

Public Comment: No one present.

Roxy Van Gundy, LCECC Director, presented Commissioners with a request to approve out of state travel for Deputy Director Sarah Jensen and COII Alex Smith to attend the 2025 NENA Conference and Expo in Long Beach, CA. This conference is June 22-25, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$4,800.00, to be paid from accounts 019-00-7410 & 019-00-7420. The conference will give both members 24-30 hours of continued education. Director VanGundy will also be attending on behalf of NENA. This is utilizing 911 funds, not tax dollars.

Motion: To approve the out of state travel June 22-25, 2025 for Sarah Jensen and Alex Smith to attend the 2025 NENA Conference and Expo in Long Beach, CA not to exceed \$4,800.00 to be paid from accounts 019-00-7410 & 019-00-7420. Bartel/Peck 3-0

Note: This is utilizing 911 funds, not tax dollars.

Shane Brunner, LCAT Director and Misty Norton, Mobility Manager approached Commissioners for direction regarding the elimination of Lyon County Area Transportation's operation of the deviated-fixed route system and to operate as an on-demand-only service starting July 1, 2025. Reasons for the proposed changes that were discussed included low ridership, not having shelter at the stops, Lyon County being the only County of its size to operate a fixed route and the cost savings. By eliminating the deviated-fixed route it will have no impact on the on-demand services that LCAT provides.

Motion: To Eliminate the LCAT deviated-fixed route system and provide on-demand services only beginning July 1, 2025. Bartel/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Adjourn. Duft/Bartel 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Action Session will take place on May 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Tiffany Pike
Deputy Lyon County Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission