

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
May 8, 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
Amie Jones, County Clerk

Others attending the meeting:

Tagan Trahoon, KVOE
Amanda Davis, Gazette
Shane Brunner, MUPP Board Chair

Jarom Smith, Lyon County Observer
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff
Eric Paul, MUPP Board Representative

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 05/01/2025 meeting as corrected. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable for 05/09/2025 in the amount of \$132,251.42.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Payroll Payable for 05/09/25 in the amount of \$378,710.78.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Payroll Withholdings Payable for 05/09/25 in the amount of \$281,144.42.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Appointments:

Motion: To Approve Appointing Linda McGill representing Hartford and Dorothy Dunn representing Neosho Rapids to serve on the Lyon County Council on aging board, with terms expiring 12/31/26.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Appointing John Doan as the Silver Haired Legislator Representative.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To remove the date next to Jarrod Fell's name listed on the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (United Way).

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Shane Brunner, Chair of the Multi-Use Path Planning Board along with Eric Paul, Vice-Chair of the MUPP Board presented Commissioners with signing the County Proclamation for Walk, Run & Bike Days May 29th – June 4th.

Motion: To Approve signing a Proclamation for Walk, Run & Bike Week May 29th – June 4th, 2025. Duft/Peck 3-0

Motion: To Approve signing the ECKAN Community Action 61st Anniversary and 2025 Community Action Month Proclamation. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approving canceling Purchase Order #12010 dated 3/31/23 to Terracon Consultants, Inc. with a balance remaining of \$243.75 for Inspecting and Testing for New Shop and Bridge Buildings.

Note: This project is complete and amount will be returned to the fund it was paid out of.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Personnel & Payroll changes: None.

Permits: None.

Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff, presented the Commission to consider approving the proposal of Driggs Design Group, PA for the Dispatch/Range project on West South Ave. for a total of \$28,750.00 to be paid from account 017-00-9001. Sheriff Cope noted that this proposal is lower than the previous proposal due to the fact the location of the new site on W. South Ave. is not in the flood plain, therefore less dirt will be needed.

Motion: To Approve the scope of services for consultant work for the Dispatch/Range project on West South Ave from Driggs Design Group, PA, for a total of \$28,750.00 to be paid from account 017-00-9001. Peck/Duft 3-0

Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff, presented Commissioners with approving and signing the contract with Reno County to house juvenile detainees in the Reno County juvenile detention facility. Sheriff Cope stated that legal counsel has reviewed this contract and approved it. Community Corrections Director, Erin Rodrigues, suggested to Sheriff Cope that if Lyon County would need to use Reno County it would be best to have this contract on file.

Motion: To Approve and sign the contract with Reno County to house juvenile detainees in the Reno County juvenile detention facility. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Amie Jones, Lyon County Clerk/Elections Officer, presented Commissioners with the annual Service Contract for maintenance, license fees, and firmware from ES&S in the amount of \$56,627.69 to be paid from account 010-21-7600. Clerk Jones explained to Commissioners that this is a yearly budgeted item, and covers the equipment from May 2025 to April 2026.

Motion: To Approve the annual Service Contract for maintenance, license fees, and firmware from ES&S in the amount of \$56,627.69 to be paid from account 010-21-7600.

Note: This is a yearly budgeted item.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Public Comment:

Jarom Smith, Lyon County Observer, had questions on the numbers stated when used for purchases, commenting that the funding account name should be listed when listing the account number.

Break until 10 a.m.

Commissioners proceeded with a discussion about the RDA member and Board Composition. Commissioner Peck provided information along with Counselor Priest on the options of going to a 9-member board or an 11-member board. Commissioners and Counselor Priest discussed the differences between 11-member board, 9-member board and 7-member board. Commissioners agreed to remove the word "President" and replace it with "Representative" for the members of ESU and FHTC. After some discussion, Commissioners came to an agreement.

Motion: To Approve Commissioner Peck and Counselor Priest as voting delegates for Lyon County and provide support to change to a 9-member board of directors for the RDA.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Received phone calls from residents about roads, those issues have been resolved and thanked Road and Bridge for their work.
- Will Attend the Fair board meeting on Monday.

Commissioner Bartel:

- Took a call about a road ditch issue, spoke with R&B it has been handled.
- Attended Cinco de Mayo to hand out cards
- Handled an HR issue in progress
- Spoke with Seth about questions and concerns
- Took calls on RDA and health care issues

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended RDA yesterday morning
- Had lots of calls concerning the RDA yesterday
- Will attend RDA in the morning
- Will attend the American Legion pancake feed on Saturday morning. This event is a fundraiser to update the kitchen appliances at the American Legion.

Clerk Jones:

- Attended KCCEOA last week and received my Certificate of Completion as a Certified Election Officer from the Secretary of State's office.

Counselor Priest:

- Attended RDA yesterday and will attend tomorrow

Controller Williams:

- Attended RDA yesterday
- Spoke to Commissioners about the County Visa cards. He advised the Commission he would be sending out a reminder to the department heads that the credit cards were intended to be used mostly for travel expenses. Other purchases should be paid through the vendor.

Break until 10:25am

Motion: To move to a Non-Elected Personnel Executive Session for employee evaluation with Commissioners to return at 10:40 a.m. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Motion: To Adjourn. Duft/Bartel 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Action Session will take place on May 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission