

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
May 15, 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:

Jarom Smith, Lyon County Observer
Larry Finley, Resident
Amanda Davis, Gazette
Garrett Nordstrom, GAS

Jerry Campbell, Resident
Casey Woods, Emporia Main Street
Tagan Trahoon, KVOE
Jeff Lynch, City of Emporia

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: To Approve the Agenda as amended.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 05/08/2025 meeting as amended.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve amending the minutes from May 1, 2025 to read "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 017-00-7646".

Note: The change was to the account number.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable for 05/16/2025 in the amount of \$371,374.30.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Appointments:

Motion: To Approve Molly Priest, and Dan Williams as ex officio members for Lyon County on the RDA board effective June 1, 2025.

Duft/Peck 3-0

Vici Smith, member of the MUPP board, informed Commissioners that Mark Schondelmaier submitted his resignation to the MUPP Board on 5/13/25. The board accepted his resignation, effective 5/14/25. The Commission will now need to fill the county position on that board.

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

Permits: One moving permit for Bin There Trucking.

Casey Woods, Emporia Main Street, presented Commissioners with a yearly update from Main Street. Mr. Woods, explained to Commissioners how they can help Lyon County small businesses with getting grants, and what other means may be available for those businesses.

Dan Williams, Lyon County Controller, presented Commissioners with the Brown & Brown Broker Services Agreement in the amount of \$40,000.00 to be paid in quarterly increments from County General Contractual Services fund 010-18-7600.

Motion: To Approve the Brown & Brown Broker Services Agreement in the amount of \$40,000.00 to be paid in quarterly increments from County General Contractual Services account 010-18-7600. Bartel/Duft 3-0

Public Comment:

Jerry Campbell, resident, spokes to Commissioners about the Planning and Zoning of Stormont Vail site meeting coming up. Mr. Campbell, spoke to the accusations towards him and Newman Regional to clarify some of the misinformation being spread.

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Worked with Fair board on building permit
- Attended the American Heart presentation yesterday
- Will attend next Monday Lyon County council on aging
- June 4th starts budget meetings
- Sheriff's Dept doing torch run on June 5th for special Olympics
- Attended the Fair board meeting on Monday.

Commissioner Bartel:

- Had a phone meeting on Monday with HR
- Attended the Extension meeting on Monday
- Informed Commission that Rhett Newby resigned as 4-H agent
- Attended a e-scribe meeting this morning

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended RDA on last Friday.
- Attended the American Legion pancake feed on Saturday morning serving.
- Attended JEDAC meeting yesterday.
- Took calls from public

Clerk Jones:

- No Report.

Counselor Priest:

- Attended RDA on last Friday.
- Attended JEDAC meeting yesterday.

Controller Williams:

- Attended the Fair board meeting on Monday.
- Attended JEDAC meeting yesterday.

Break until 10:10 am

Garrett Nordstrom, Government Assistance Services, and Jeff Lynch, City of Emporia, presented Commissioners with discussion on the Emergency Solutions Grant for the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation on behalf of the Southwick Center. The county will not have any responsibility for this grant money, but act more as a “pass through” for it.

Commissioners gave direction to draw up the paper work for the Emergency Solutions Grant and move forward for the Southwick Center.

Motion: To move to a Non-Elected Personnel Executive Session for employee evaluation with Commissioners, and Amy Welch, Noxious Weed, to return at 10:45 a.m.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Meeting reconvened at 10:45 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 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission