

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
June 12, 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:

Tobey Kelly, Lyon County Sheriff
Maria Solis, Lyon County Observer
Carla Fessler, Emporia Senior Center
Jeff Hodges, Emporia Senior Center
Monica Duncan, resident
Bradley St. Bonnett, resident
Chip Woods, Lyon County R&B
Roxy Van Gundy, LCECC
Jarrod Fell, Emergency Communications
Nikki Plankinton, NLC Library Dist. #1
Monte Miller, Counsel
Garrett Nordstorm, Govt. Asst. Services
Tony Leek, Community Corrections

Amanda Davis, Emporia Gazette
John Ingold, Resident
Jan Loux, Emporia Senior Center
Ron Brammel, Emporia Senior Center
Tagan Trahoon, KVOE
Mark Remmert, Resident
Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County R&B
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff
Pauline Stacchini, Emporia Public Library
Anita Westcott, Americus Library
Jim Brull, Lyon County R&B
Brad Douglas, Community Corrections
Jerry Campbell, resident

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: To Approve the Agenda as written.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 06/05/2025 meeting as amended.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable for 06/06/2025 in the amount of \$368,232.29.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Appointments: None.

Tobey Kelly, Lyon County Sheriff's Department, presented Commissioners with approving the purchase of one 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe from Longbine Auto Plaza for a total of \$54,051.77 to be paid from the Law Enforcement Vehicles Fund 17 Multi-Year 017-00-9016. The current Tahoe will replace a travel van and then van will be sold on purple wave.

Motion: To Approve the purchase of one 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe from Longbine Auto Plaza for a total of \$54,051.77 to be paid from the Law Enforcement Vehicles Fund 17 Multi-Year 017-00-9016. Peck/Bartel 3-0

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

Permits: None.

Carla Fessler, Jan Loux and Jeff Hodges, Emporia Senior Center, presented Commissioners with the 2026 budget request. The group explained to the Commissioners some of the programs and activities the Senior Center is hosting.

Chip Woods and Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Road and Bridge, presented Commissioners with approving the amount of \$178,133.94 to be paid to Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for the Construction Engineering Services for the Americus Road HRRR Project from the Special Road, Bridge, Machinery Fund 032-00-7600. The Agreement for Federal–Aid Construction Engineering between the State of Kansas and Kirkham Michael approved on 8/15/24 did not state the amount.

Motion: To approve \$178,133.94 to be paid to Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for the Construction Engineering Services for the Americus Road HRRR Project from the Special Road, Bridge, Machinery Fund 032-00-7600.

Note: The Agreement for Federal–Aid Construction Engineering between the State of Kansas and Kirkham Michael approved on 8/15/24 did not state the amount. The State of Kansas will refund 90% of the cost back to Lyon County.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended the Fair board Monday
- Attended a meeting with Cathy Pimple on Tuesday
- Study session on Wednesday for fence viewing
- Sat in on Farm Bureau Board Meeting last night

Commissioner Bartel:

- Viewed some of the flooded roads in his district
- Attended the Extension board meeting on Monday
- Study session on Wednesday for fence viewing

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended the Community Corrections board meeting on Tuesday
- Study session on Wednesday for Fence Viewing
- Will attend the RDA meeting on Friday

Clerk Jones:

- No Report

Counselor Priest:

- Attended JEDAC yesterday
- Will attend the RDA meeting on Friday
- Study session on Wednesday for Fence Viewing

Controller Williams:

- Attended JEDAC yesterday
- Will attend the RDA meeting on Friday
- Congrats to Jeannie McKenna on her new position, we will miss her.

Public Comment:

Bradley St. Bonnett made an inquiry if the county had a conflict-of-interest section in our policy handbook to guide commissioners when appointing individuals to positions for Lyon County. Counselor Priest responded yes.

Molly Priest, Lyon County Counselor, presented a resolution to the Commissioners. Resolution 07-25, A Resolution to appoint County Appraiser for a term of four years starting July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

Motion: To Approve 07-25, A Resolution to appoint County Appraiser for four years, July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029. Duft/Peck 3-0

Break until 10:00 a.m.

Pauline Stacchini, Emporia Public Library, Nikki Plankinton, NLC Library District #1 and Anita Westcott, Americus Township Library, presented Commissioners with the 2026 budget request for each library.

Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff, presented Commissioners with the 2026 budget request. Sheriff Cope and Roxy VanGundy, LCECC presented Commissioners to review and give authorization to sign the proposal with Ben Moore Studio for Architectural Design Services related to the Lyon County Communications, Range training facility for \$178,000.00 to be paid from Multi-Year Fund 017-00-9001.

Motion: To Approve and Sign the proposal with Ben Moore Studio for Architectural Design Services related to the Lyon County Communications, Range training facility for \$178,000.00 to be paid from Multi-Year Fund 017-00-9001. Bartel/Duft 3-0

Dr. Caron L. Daugherty, Flint Hills Technical College, presented Commissioners with the 2026 budget request for FHTC.

Motion: To bring back to the table Application Q2025-01 A request for Agriculture Conditional-Use "Rock Quarry" by Ben Retter, US Stone, Leaseholder
Duft/ Bartel3-0

Sam Seeley, Lyon County Planning and Zoning, along with Wayne Scritchfield and Jim Brull, Lyon County Road and Bridge, presented Commissioners with the tabled Application Q2025-01 A request for Agriculture Conditional-Use "Rock Quarry" by Ben Retter, US Stone, Leaseholder. Mr. Seeley, went over how the new contract will read with Commissioners. Mark Remmert, resident, spoke to Commissioners about the concerns he had again about the roads suggested for use and the safety on them. John Ingold, resident, spoke to the weight limit on the bridges and the concern that it brings. Monte Miller, counsel, spoke to the concern that US stone has not shown up to provide response to questions and concerns that are being brought up to the Commissioners.

Motion: To re-table the motion for the Application Q2025-01, A request for Agriculture Conditional-Use "Rock Quarry" by Ben Retter, US Stone, Leaseholder.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Molly Priest, Lyon County Counselor, presented multiple resolutions to the Commissioners. First, Counselor Priest and Commissioners discussed of the Joint Task Force for the Mill Levy Reduction; no action was taken on this matter at this time. Garrett Nordstrom, Governmental Assistance Services, presented the Commissioners with the paperwork for two resolutions and one contract. The Resolutions are as follows; Resolution 08-25, A Resolution Certifying the Legal Authority to apply to the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Authorizing the Commissioner to Sign and Submit on behalf of the Imaginariun, Resolution 09-25, A Resolution assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce funds will be Continually provided for the Operation and Maintenance of the Imaginariun System to be Financed with Community Development Block Grant Funds. Counselor Priest also asked Commissioners to consider and accept the Inter-Local Agreement between Lyon County Kansas and the Imaginariun and to approve signing the Contract for Administration Services between Lyon County, Kansas CDBG Imaginariun Project and Western Consultants. Noted that this money is grant funds and no county tax dollars will be used.

Motion: To Approve Resolution 08-25, A Resolution Certifying the Legal Authority to apply to the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Authorizing the Commissioner to Sign and Submit on behalf of the Imaginariun.
Duft/Peck 3-0

Motion: To Approve Resolution 09-25, A Resolution assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce funds will be Continually provided for the Operation and Maintenance of the Imaginariun System to be Financed with Cmmunity Development Block Grant Funds.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve the Inter-Local Agreement between Lyon County Kansas and the Imaginariun.
Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Signing the contract for Administration Service for Lyon County, Kansas CDBG Imaginarium Project and Western Consultants. Duft/Peck 3-0

Brad Douglas, and Tony Leek, both with Community Corrections, presented Commissioners with information they learned while attending the Drug Court Conference.

Vici Smith, Lyon County Public Relations and Amie Jones, Lyon County Clerk, presented Commissioners with approving the request to add an Agenda and Minutes Management Software to the website to assist staff in the preparation of the agendas and minutes, as well as meet ADA compliance standards for a total cost of \$12,945.00 to be paid from Cares Act Grant Miscellaneous Expense 044-00-7280 for the first 18 months. Then in year three, the renewal amount would be \$7,386.75.

After discussion with Counselor Priest, Commissioners, Vici and Amie, the decision to wait to approve the request was made. Vici asked to return with additional information prior to approval.

Motion: To Adjourn. Bartel/ Duft 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, a Study Session will take place on June 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. with the next Action Session on June 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission