

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
July 24, 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:

Austin Hoagland, Gazette
Erin Rodriguez, Community Corrections
Ruth Wheeler, District Court
Shane Shivley, ESU

Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer
Beverly Hilbish, Community Corrections
Tagan Trahoon, KVOE

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: To Approve the Agenda as written.

Bartel/Peck 3-0

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 07/18/2025 meeting as amended.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable for 07/25/2025 in the amount of \$89,982.50.

Duft/Peck 3-0

Appointments:

None.

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

Permits: None.

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Will attend the Friends of 4-H picnic tonight
- Will attend the Fence viewing Aug 6th
- Reminder that the meeting on August 14th has been moved to August 15th
- Will attend on Aug 12th escort of The Wall That Heals
- September 29th the new CEO with Stormont Vail would like to meet with Commissioners

Commissioner Bartel:

- Received phone calls on roads, and thanked Road and Bridge for all the work they have been doing on the roads
- Interview tomorrow

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended the Community Corrections meeting on Tuesday
- Received several phone calls, emails, and texts about the RDA on Monday
- Attended a meeting on Wednesday with the Interim Chairman for the Chamber
- Will attend RDA meeting this evening
- Will attend RDA meeting tomorrow
- Will attend RDA meeting Monday

Clerk Jones:

- No Report

Counselor Priest:

- Will attend RDA Thursday, Friday and Monday
- Will attend on Wednesday Newman Regional Health board meeting

Controller Williams:

- Reminder of the Range Meeting at 1pm
- Will attend a meeting with Brown and Brown at 1:30pm today

PIO Smith:

- Working on updates and new items for the website
- Interview tomorrow

Erin Rodriguez, Community Corrections Director, and Beverly Hilbish, Community Corrections, presented Commissioners with approving FY 25 Year End Report KDOC-Juvenile Services Grant and approving FY 25 Year End Report KDOC-Adult Services. They gave an overview of the drug court program along with all the other grant programs offered. They also asked Commissioners to approve a line-item adjustment from Intensive Home Base Therapy to Radical Life.

Motion: To Approve the line-item adjustment for \$5417.83 the KDOC-Juvenile Services from Intensive Home Base Therapy to Radical Life. Duft/Peck 3-0

Motion: To Approve FY 25 Year End Report KDOC-Adult Services. Peck/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve the FY 25 Year End Report KDOC-Juvenile Services Grant. Peck/Bartel 3-0

Public Comment:
No one present.

Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer, had discussion with Commissioners about the procedure for addressing petitions to upgrade roads. Commissioner Bartel stated that a road next to his land is labeled minimum maintenance road, and the dangers that could come about when the dirt road conditions are not well and mud is brought to the other maintained roads and/or the ruts that are left in the dirt road. This situation, along with a few others minimum maintenance roads, brought up the topic of finding a formal procedure to upgrade minimum maintenance roads in Lyon County if requested. Engineer Scritchfield will come up with policy and procedures and in time will become available on the website once complete.

Mr. Scritchfield also presented Commissioners with the letter with concerns regarding the creek crossing on Road K7 North of Olpe City Lake. Engineer Scritchfield has prepared comparisons of various approaches to address the concerns in the letter and is asking for direction from the Commissioners. Commissioners had lots of discussion on this topic and agreed to have Engineer Scritchfield come back with this topic. Commissioner Bartel stated that he was willing to have conversations with residents in that area about the topic.

Engineer Scritchfield also discussed with Commissioners the drainage study on Road G, North of Road 160 (Merrick Tower Rd). Mr. Scritchfield informed Commissioners that he has already instructed workers to remove the sides of the current bridge and add signs for "one-way" area to help improve passing over the bridge with large equipment.

Dan Williams, Lyon County Controller, presented Commissioners with the notice that will be publish for the Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget hearing.

Motion: To Approve publishing the Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing for the 2026 Budget.

Note: The hearings will be held on September 11, 2025 at 10:00 am.

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 July 31, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission