

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
August 7, 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:

Austin Hoagland, Gazette
Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer
Kim Parks, Resident
Deb Childears, Resident
Jim Childears, Resident
Hank Parks, Resident
Ryan Benton, Resident

Robbie Weiss, Lyon County Facilities Director
Bradley St.Bonnett, Resident
Rita Anderson, Resident
David Childears, Resident
Lilly Parks, Resident
Courtney Matlon, Resident

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 07/31/2025 meeting as amended. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable for 08/08/2025 in the amount of \$275,332.43.
Peck/Bartel 3-0

Appointments:

Commissioners reviewed an application to the Multi-Use-Path Planning Board from Dan Roemer. This would replace Sam Seeley's seat. The County has 2 seats available.

Motion: To Accept the Application from Dan Roemer to an open County seat on the MUPP Board. Appointment takes effect immediately and ends on 12/31/2028. Peck/Duft 3-0

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

Permits: None.

Robbie Weiss, Lyon County Facilities Director, presented Commissioners with approving a quote from Stanfield Roofing for re-coating the roof of the Extension Building in the amount of \$25,661.40 to be paid from the Multi-Year Facilities Capital Fund 017-00-9021.

Motion: To Approve the quote from Stanfield Roofing for re-coating of the roof of the Extension Building in the amount of \$25,661.40 to be paid from the Multi-Year Facilities Capital Fund 017-00-9021. Bartel/Duft 3-0

Robbie Weiss also presented the Commissioners with a quote from American Equipment Co. for a snow plow in the amount of \$7,566.00 to be paid from the Multi-Year Facilities Capital Fund 017-00-9021. This plow will be placed on an old Sheriff vehicle and used for larger areas like parking lots and the alley that the UTV and 4-wheeler are too small for.

Motion: To Approve the quote from American Equipment Co. for a snow plow in the amount of \$7,566.00 to be paid from the Multi-Year Facilities Capital Fund 017-00-9021. Duft/Peck 3-0

Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer, requested approval from the Commissioners for Wayne Scritchfield, Jim Brull, Seth Snyder and Matt Baysinger to attend the MINK Conference in St. Joseph, MO. On September 24-25, 2025. The estimated cost is \$1,500.00 for registration fees and related travel expenses to be paid from the Road & Bridge Fund 011-00-7420.

Motion: To Approve Wayne Scritchfield, Jim Brull, Seth Snyder and Matt Baysinger to attend the MINK Conference in St. Joseph, MO. On September 24-25, 2025 for an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 for registration and related travel expenses to be paid from the Road & Bridge Fund 011-00-7420. Duft/Peck 3-0

Wayne Scritchfield also requested approval of the payment of a bill from Cummins Sales and Service for repairs to a generator for the sign shop and the round top shed, which failed in August 2024 and was repaired in September 2024 for a total of \$10,131.23 to be paid out from the Special Road, Bridge, Machinery Fund 032-00-7600. This bill has just been received.

Motion: To Approve the payment to Cummins Sales and Service for generator repairs completed September 2024 at the sign shop and the round top shed in the amount of \$10,131.23 to be paid out from the Special Road, Bridge, Machinery Fund 032-00-7600. Bartel/Peck 3-0

Wayne Scritchfield discussed with Commissioners the quote from BioSurvey Group for a mussel survey for Rocky Ford Bridge for \$17,568.15 and \$7,137.43 per day of "Additional Relocation" for an estimated total of \$24,705.58 to be paid from the Road & Bridge Special Bridge Fund 033-00-7601.

Motion: To Approve the quote from BioSurvey Group for a mussel survey at the Rocky Ford Bridge location and relocation of any mussels found for an estimated cost of \$24,705.58 to be paid from the Road & Bridge Special Bridge Fund 033-00-7601. Duft/Peck 3-0

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended Fence Viewing on Wednesday
- Will attend a meeting concerning the Shooting Range today
- Will attend the escort for the Wall That Heals on Tuesday
- Will attend the Wall That Heals dedication on Thursday
- Will attend the Wall That Heals volunteer training on Wednesday

Commissioner Bartel:

- Attended Fence Viewing on Wednesday
- Gave Gary Jones an update on Thursday concerning options on the lake road by Olpe
- Friday met with Les Farr to go over the ideas concerning an easement access road
- Saturday met with Ronald Wilson concerning washed out roads on Road 40 & Y.
- Sunday had an employee call with a HR issue
- Monday culvert issue and bridge plugged up on Road 20
- Tuesday looked at ditch cleaning on Road 40
- Wednesday took a call about Road 20 being washed out

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended Fence Viewing on Wednesday
- Attended Denim & Diamonds Event on Friday for Newman Regional Health
- Will attend the RDA meeting Friday
- Will attend the Wall That Heals dedication on Thursday

Deputy Clerk Pike:

- The Clerk's Office will be closed August 12, 2025 from Noon until 1:30 to hand out flags during the Wall That Heals escort into Emporia.

Counselor Priest:

- Attended Fence Viewing on Wednesday
- Will attend the RDA meeting on Friday
- Will attend the JEDAC meeting on Wednesday
- Will assist with setup for the Wall That Heals on Wednesday
- Will attend the Wall That Heals dedication on Thursday

Controller Williams:

- Will attend a meeting concerning the Shooting Range today
- Will attend the RDA meeting on Friday

PIO Smith:

- Attended the first Visit Emporia Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday

Public Comment:

Bradley St. Bonnet, Resident, voiced concerns about the line and wait time for vehicle inspections. Mr. St. Bonnet was advised that vehicle inspections are done by the Kansas Highway Patrol and that he would need to contact them. Mr. St. Bonnet also had concerns about a friend being suspended from riding L-Cat. He was advised that there is a process and he needs to contact L-Cat with his concerns.

Break until 10:00 a.m.

Motion: To Approve the Fence Viewing Minutes from 08/06/2025.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Commissioners held discussion on the fence viewing held on Road 220 on August 6, 2025. Counselor Priest provided Commissioners with a draft of an order stating that the current fence does exceed County fence requirements of Lyon County Resolution 62-96. The order implements the traditional right-hand rule. The order also states that each landowner shall be obligated to contribute equal funds to the fence construction up to the standard of a legally sufficient fence, and be maintained and kept in at least as good of condition and state of repair as is required by Kansas law and Lyon County Resolution.

Commissioner Bartel stated that the order matched what he understood the law to be.

Copies of the Fence Viewing Minutes will be sent out to the landowners with the Order and a map.

Ryan Benton, landowner, voiced concerns about the determination.

Motion: To Accept the Order of Assigning Petition Fence Responsibility.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To move to a Non-Elected Personnel Executive Session for employee evaluation with Commissioners, Counselor Priest and Amy Welch, Director of Noxious Weed, to return at 10:35 a.m.

Duft/ Bartel 3-0

Meeting reconvened at 10:35 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 August 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Tiffany Pike
Deputy County Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission