

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
August 21, 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- Absent
Vici Smith, Public Relations Manager

Chris Bartel, Vice Chairman
Molly Priest, County Counselor
Tiffany Pike, Deputy Clerk

Others attending the meeting:

Austin Hoagland, Gazette
Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer
Alicia Rumold, Lyon Co. Human Resources
Jean Barnett, Lyon County IT

Shane Brunner, LCAT
Tobey Kelly, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Roxy Van Gundy, LCECC
Jamie Williams, Lyon County IT

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 08/15/2025 meeting as written. Duft/Bartel 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable for 08/22/2025 in the amount of \$256,496.18.
Peck/Bartel 3-0

Appointments:

Motion: To accept the application from Jeff Longbine for a position on the Newman Regional Health Board of Directors. This appointment will replace position currently held by Luke Arndt. Term expires on 12/31/2027. Peck/Bartel 3-0

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

Permits: None.

Shane Brunner, LCAT presented Commissioners with approving the Lyon County Area Transportation Title VI Complaint Procedure and Limited English Proficiency Plan.

Motion: To Approve the Lyon County Area Transportation Title VI Complaint Procedure and Limited English Proficiency Plan for LCAT. Bartel/Peck 3-0

Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer, presented Commissioners with a request by the Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail for the Lyon County Road & Bridge Department to install two signs to flank the existing marker for "Old Allen". Cost would be negligible. Engineer Scritchfield also presented Commissioners with the request for a new entrance application that removes the requirements to have all entrances on hard surfaced roads approved by the County Commission.

Motion: To Approve the request by the Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail for the Lyon County Road & Bridge Department to install two signs to flank the existing marker for "Old Allen".
Duft/Peck 3-0

Motion: To Approve the request for a new entrance application that removes the requirements to have all entrances on hard surfaced roads approved by the County Commission.
Bartel/Duft 3-0

Public Comment:
No one present.

Reports:

Commissioner Duft:

- Spent time at The Wall That Heals last week and weekend. Commissioner Duft commended everyone involved in bringing the wall here and all of the volunteers for doing a fabulous job.
- Will attend a meeting on the Shooting Range this afternoon
- Meeting with Kelsey with Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging on Friday
- Meeting with City of Emporia and Emporia State University on Tuesday

Commissioner Bartel:

- Attended The Wall That Heals on Saturday and helped with cleanup on Sunday.
- Received a phone call on Tuesday from a resident thankful for the culvert repair on Road 20.
- Will be Absent at next Thursday's meeting.
- Has received calls from Coffey County about the food byproduct injections going into the ground. This has now reached Lyon County.
- Road 20 and K intersection water crossing concerns given to Road & Bridge.

Commissioner Peck:

- Has received a lot of feedback from people thanking the County for all of the support provided to The Wall That Heals. Commissioner Peck expressed his gratitude to everyone that helped.
- Will attend Drug Court Graduation next week
- Has had a couple meeting with City Commission candidates
- Was on KVOE this week talking about the unemployment rate

Deputy Pike:

- I will be taking minutes at next week's meeting

Counselor Priest:

- Attended Newman Regional Health Board meeting on Wednesday.

Controller Williams:

- Absent

PIO Smith:

- Attended the Wall That Heals last week and weekend. PIO Smith is working on finalizing an event video and getting pictures that were taken to The Wall That Heals and Legion.

Tobey Kelly, Lyon County Sheriff's Office, requested approval from Commissioners for the upfitting of one 2025 Chevy Tahoe for the Lyon County Sheriff's Office from Traffic Control Services, Inc., for a total of \$7,022.30. \$2,134.80 to be paid from Multi-Year LE Vehicle Equipment Capitol fund 017-00-9031 and \$4,887.50 to be paid from Law Enforcement Misc. Contractual fund 010-17-7602.

Motion: To Approve the upfitting of one 2025 Chevy Tahoe for the Lyon County Sheriff's Office from Traffic Control Services, Inc., for a total of \$7,022.30, of which \$2,134.80 to be paid from Multi-Year LE Vehicle Equipment Capital fund 017-00-9031 and \$4,887.50 to be paid from Law Enforcement Misc. Contractual fund 010-17-7602 to equal the \$7,022.30 total.

Peck/Bartel 3-0

Alicia Rumold, Lyon County Human Resources, presented Commissioners with the following updated policies prior to entry into the employee handbook: Accommodations, Ongoing Training, Smoke-Free Workplace, Sick Leave Pool, Person to Person leave donations.

Motion: To Approve the updated policies prior to entry into the employee handbook: Accommodations, Ongoing Training, Smoke-Free Workplace, Sick Leave Pool, Person to Person leave donations.

Duft/Bartel 3-0

Roxy Van Gundy, LCECC, requested Commissioners approval for the purchase of a 4-month pilot with Hyper to automate 10 non-emergency call types. This is approximately around 18,000 calls. Cost for the pilot is \$16,200.00 to be paid from Dispatch Contractual Services fund 010-28-7600. Director Van Gundy expressed to Commissioners that if the 4-month pilot is successful, LCECC would like to report back to Commission to pursue a longer agreement.

Motion: To Approve the purchase of a 4-month pilot with Hyper to automate 10 non-emergency call types, costing \$16,200.00 for the pilot, to be paid from Dispatch Contractual Services fund 010-28-7600.

Note: Hyper is waiving a \$20,000.00 implementation fee.

Bartel/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Adjourn.

Duft/Peck 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Action Session will take place on August 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Tiffany Pike
Lyon County Deputy Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission