



WELCOME TO
LYON COUNTY
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LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

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, Sheriff's Office
Roxy VanGunday, LCECC Director
Nikki Thompson, LCECC
Sarah Jensen, LCECC
Selena Ayer, LCECC
Tagan Trahoon, KVOE
John Koelsch, Lyon County Undersheriff
Jarrod Fell, Emergency Management Director
John Alvarado, resident
Odessa Green, resident
Ed Owens, Police Chief

Victoria Partridge, Street Cats Club
Melissa Lowrey, Street Cats Club
Austin Hoagland, Emporia Gazette
Gary Heine, resident
Allen Wilson, resident Reading Fire
Mark Shoemaker, resident of Reading Fire
Jarom Smith, resident
Brandon Beck, Fire Chief
Jesse Taylor, Deputy Chief
Ben Morre, Architect
Justin Mallon, Evergreen Design

9:00 A.M. I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion: To Approve the agenda as written.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Heine, resident, spoke to the Commissioners about Animals Running at Large. Mr. Heine requested that Commissioners review the current Animals Running at Large regulations and ask them to make adjustments.

Jarom Smith, resident, asked Commissioners why the mugshot page was taken down. Commissioner Duft explained that due to the merging of all county websites into one website, the new website will not host photos like that, while making everything ADA compliant on the

new site. Commissioner Duft explained that people can access Vine link to see information. PIO Smith, explained that this is all a process that is underway, and it is not "live" yet. Mr. Smith then asked when the County was going to start live-streaming the meetings. Counselor Priest informed him that there were no plans to do that. When directed to Commissioner Bartel, he responded that the County first needs to be compliant with the ADA requirements. Commissioner Bartel also stated the cost of being able to live-stream was over \$100,000.00 when discussed a year ago.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Consider the Minutes of the 03/05/26 meeting.

Motion: To Approve the minutes from March 5, 2026, as written.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

- B. Consider Warrants Payable for 03/13/26, in the amount of \$1,557,254.54.

Motion: To Approve the Warrants Payable for March 13, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

- C. Consider Payroll Payable for 03/13/26, in the amount of \$380,359.45.

Motion: To Approve Payroll Payable for March 13, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

- D. Consider Payroll Withholdings Payable for 03/13/26, in the amount of \$283,375.06.

Motion: To Approve Payroll Withholding for March 13, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

- E. Consider Appointments.

None.

- F. Approve canceling Purchase Order #12071 dated 10/31/25 to Brown & Brown Insurance Services, Inc. with a balance remaining of \$18,888.89 for Broker Services Agreement 6/1/25–6/1/26. This contract has been canceled.

Motion: To Approve canceling Purchase Order #12071 dated 10/31/25 to Brown & Brown Insurance Services, Inc. with a balance remaining of \$18,888.89 for Broker Services Agreement 6/1/25–6/1/26.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

Note: This contract has been canceled.

V. DISCUSS PERSONNEL CHANGES

Commissioners reviewed Personnel and Payroll changes.

VI. PERMITS

None.

VII. VICTORIA PARTRIDGE - STREET CATS CLUB

- A. Presentation on the Street Cats Club.

Victoria Partridge with Street Cats Club, presented Commissioners with an overview of what Street Cats Club is and how they are involved in the Communities. After providing information about the club, Ms. Partridge asked the County to consider a financial investment partnership. Commissioners informed her that they would recommend she contact Controller Williams and come back to speak with them around the budget time with the request.

VIII. TOBEY KELLY - LYON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

- A. Consider approving the purchase of three 2026 Chevorelet Silverados from Longbine Autoplaza for a total of \$148,568.64 to be paid from Multi-Year Law Enforcement Vehicles [017-00-9016].

Motion: To Approve the purchase of three 2026 Chevrolet Silverado's from Longbine Auto Plaza for a total of \$148,568.64 to be paid from Multi-Year Law Enforcement Vehicles 017-00-9016.

RESULT: Approved
MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel
SECOND: Commissioner Peck
AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck
NAYS: None

IX. ROXY VANGUNDY - LCECC DIRECTOR

- A. Consider approving travel for Nicole Thompson to attend the IAED Navigator Conference 2026 in Las Vegas, Nevada, from April 21–24. Total for travel and expenses not to exceed \$2,000.00, to be paid from accounts [019-00-7410 & 019-00-7420].

Motion: To Approve travel for Nicole Thompson to attend the IAED Navigator Conference 2026 in Las Vegas, Nevada, from April 21–24. Total for travel and expenses not to exceed \$2,000.00, to be paid from accounts 019-00-7410 & 019-00-7420, along with Roxy VanGundy's out of state travel to the IAED Conference.

RESULT: Approved
MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel
SECOND: Commissioner Peck
AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck
NAYS: None

Note: Paid for by 911 funds, not County tax dollars.

- B. Consider approving to enter into a 3-year contract with Hyper to continue non-emergency call automation for \$32,256.00 a year, over three years to be paid from account [010-28-7600]. Cost per call is discounted 30% by entering into the multi-year contract.

Motion: To Approve to enter into a 3-year contract with Hyper to continue nonemergency call automation for \$32,256.00 a year, over three years to be paid from account 010-28-7600.

RESULT: Approved
MOTION: Commissioner Peck
SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel
AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck
NAYS: None

Note: This is discounted by a 30% discount on entering into the multi-year contract.

- C. Consider approving the low bid from Evergreen of \$2,875,015.00 and the bid from Kansas Security for \$250,790.89 to be paid from account [050-00-9001] for the training/communications center and security around the building.

Motion: To Approve the low bid from Evergreen of \$2,875,015.00 and the bid from Kansas Security for \$250,790.89 to be paid from account 050-00-9001 for the Lyon County Emergency Operations Center and security around the building.

RESULT: Approved
MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel
SECOND: Chairman Duft
AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck
NAYS: None

Note: The bond payment will be paid back through sales tax dollars, NOT property tax dollars.

X. COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended the Lions Club breakfast on Saturday
- Attended the meeting with the History Center for updates on Howe House
- Will attend the Heartland Hounds check presentation
- Will attend next Wednesday's Attorney General's check presentation for ACE at 3pm

Commissioner Bartel:

- Friday delivered cookies for employee appreciation day
- Monday took calls about roads
- Attended the Extension Board Meeting on Monday
- Attended the Republican Party Meeting on Tuesday

Commissioner Peck:

- Friday delivered cookies for employee appreciation day
- Attended the Lions Club breakfast on Saturday
- Attended JEDAC on Wednesday
- Will attend RDA tomorrow
- Will attend next Wednesday's Attorney General's check presentation for ACE at 3pm

Clerk Jones:

- No report

Counselor Priest:

- Attended the FHEA meeting
- Will attend the Heartland Hounds check presentation
- Will attend next Wednesday's Attorney General's check presentation for ACE at 3pm
- Will attend RDA tomorrow

Controller Williams:

- Attended the FHEA meeting
- Will attend RDA tomorrow
- Auditor is done
- Attended JEDAC on Wednesday

PIO Smith:

- Delivered cookies for employee appreciation day on Friday
- Attended FEMA training last week

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Approve to adjourn.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel, Commissioner Peck

NAYS: None

There being no further business before the Board, an Action Session will take place on March 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission