



WELCOME TO
LYON COUNTY
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LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 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:

Amy Welch, Noxious Weed
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff
Zach Shafer, Lyon County Jail Captain
John Koelsch, Lyon County Undersheriff
Ashley McGee, County Attorney's Office
Maria Vega-Aguilera, MSGT Lyon County Jail

Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer
Austin Hoagland, Emporia Gazette
Steve Wilson, resident
Leah Torrens, Asst. County Attorney
Jeff Rodriguez, Lyon County Jail Lieutenant
Jordan, INA Solutions

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: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Consider the Minutes of the 3/12/26 meeting.

Motion: To Approve the minutes from March 12, 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 3/20/26, in the amount of \$375,108.15.

Motion: To Approve the Warrants Payable.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

C. Consider Appointments.

None.

D. Sign a Letter of Support for grant funds for Emporia State University.

Motion: To Approve signing a letter of support for grant funds for Emporia State University.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Chairman Duft

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

NAYS: None

Note: This grant is being requested through Senator Moran's office.

V. DISCUSS PERSONNEL CHANGES

Commissioners reviewed Personnel and Payroll changes.

VI. PERMITS

None.

VII. AMY WELCH - NOXIOUS WEED

A. Review and consider approving the 2026 weed spray chemical bids from Nutrien Solutions for \$258,621.88 (all bid minus glyphosate) and Van Diest Supply Company for \$15,359.40 (Glyphosate only) for a total of \$300,981.28 to be paid from account [026-00-8330].

Motion: To Approve the 2026 weed spray chemical bids from Nutrien Solutions for \$285,621.88 (all bids minus glyphosate) and Van Diest Supply Company for \$15,359.40 (Glyphosate only) for a total of \$300,981.28 to be paid from account 026-00-8330, Noxious Weed Chemical Fund.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Chairman Duft

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

NAYS: None

Note: Approximately 75% of the spray chemicals will be sold to local residents.

VIII. WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD - LYON COUNTY ENGINEER

- A. Consider approving the quote from Railroad Yard for steel plate and a 10'x48.7' tank car in the estimated amount of \$33,383.00 to be cut down to make culverts. Funds to be taken from the Special Bridge Fund Item [033-00-8350] - STRUCTURAL STEEL.

Motion: To Approve the quote from Railroad Yard for a 9'6" x 52.9' tank car and 5/16 120 x 282 steel plate, to be cut down to make culverts, in the estimated amount of \$33,383.00 to be cut down to make culverts, to be paid for by the Special Bridge Fund 033-00-8350 - STRUCTURAL STEEL.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

- B. Consider approving the quote from Gateway Pipe Inc. for a 6'x50' tank car in the estimated amount of \$13,750.00 to be cut down to make culverts. Funds to be taken from the Special Bridge Fund Item [033-00-8350] — STRUCTURAL STEEL.

Motion: To Approve the quote from Gateway Pipe Inc. for a 6'x50' tank car in the estimated amount of \$13,750.00 to be cut down to make culverts, to be paid for from the Special Bridge Fund 033-00-8350 — STRUCTURAL STEEL.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

- C. Consider approving the Highway Departments request to have 4 cylinders for one of our excavators resealed by Northeast Kansas Hydraulics for an estimated total of \$5,160.78. Funds to be taken from Fund [011-00-7649] Machine and Equipment Repairs.

Motion: To Approve the Highway Departments request to have 4 cylinders for our large excavator (D-172) resealed by Northeast Kansas Hydraulics for an estimated total of \$5,160.78 to be paid for by Fund 011-00-7649 Machine and Equipment Repairs.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Chairman Duft

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

NAYS: None

IX. JEFF COPE & ZACH SHAFER - SHERIFFS OFFICE

- A. Consider approving an update to the detention center locking control system which is currently operating on a Windows 7 platform for a total of \$220,503.58 to be paid from account [017-00-9018].

Motion: To Approve an update to the detention center locking control system which is currently operating on a Windows 7 platform for a total of \$220,503.58 to be paid from account 017-00-9018. INA Alert Technology Products and Service

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

X. MOLLY PRIEST - LYON COUNTY COUNSELOR

A. Review of Animal-at-Large Issues and Resolution 29-21: Dog Control.

Leah Torrens and Ashley McGee, both with the Lyon County Attorney's Office and Counselor Priest, all provided information and guidance for the Commissioners as they discussed this resolution and the issues and concerns with animals-at-large. Discussion was had about the amount of fines, how to tell where the dogs/animals belong, and having a better definition of things in the resolution. Along with penalties for repeat offenders. Counselor Priest along with Ashley McGee will work on this resolution and bring it back to the Commission when ready.

XI. COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended the Heartland Hounds check presentation
- Attended the Attorney General's check presentation for ACE at 3pm yesterday
- Will attend the Council on Aging on Monday
- Will attend the 4-rivers meeting on Monday
- Phone calls from residents

Commissioner Bartel:

- Road conversations
- Question about property tax

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended RDA on Friday
- Attended the Attorney General's check presentation for ACE at 3pm yesterday
- May attend the 4-rivers meeting on Monday
- Attended the Legion breakfast last Saturday
- Attended RDA on Friday

Clerk Jones:

- No Report

Counselor Priest:

- Attended the Heartland Hounds check presentation
- Attended the Attorney General's check presentation for ACE at 3pm yesterday

- Attended RDA on Friday
- Attended the FHEA meeting on Wednesday
- Will attend the hospital board meeting on Wednesday

Controller Williams:

- Attended RDA on Friday
- Attended JEDAC on Wednesday
- Attended the FHEA meeting on Wednesday

PIO Smith:

- Attended the Heartland Hounds check presentation
- Attended the Attorney General's check presentation for ACE at 3pm
- Will attend CPC today
- KAPIO annual conference planning
- Working on website stuff

XII. 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 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission