



WELCOME TO
LYON COUNTY
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LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 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:

Rolland Trahoon, resident
Seth Snyder, Road & Bridge
Holly French, Newman Regional Health
Tyson Allen, Newman Regional Health
Trey Cocking, City of Emporia
Garrett Nordstrom, GAS

Austin Hoagland, Emporia Gazette
Tobey Kelly, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
John Alvarado, resident
Chuck Samples, KVOE
Tammy Ogle, Emporia City Commission
Tayler Wash, City of Emporia

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 04/09/26meeting.

Motion: To Approve the minutes as amended.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

B. Consider Warrants Payable for 04/17/26, in the amount of \$1,118,568.88.

Motion: To Approve the Warrants Payable.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

C. Consider Appointments.

Motion: To Approve appointing Jason Young to the Fremont Township board, to fill Leslie Anderson's spot as township treasurer effective April 13, 2026 to expire December 31, 2028.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

V. DISCUSS PERSONNEL CHANGES

Commissioners reviewed Personnel and Payroll changes.

VI. PERMITS

One moving permit for Boss Heavy Haul LLC, to move a transformer from KS-99 NB, US-50 WB, Graphic Arts Rd NB, 30th Ave WB, Rd G SB, Us-50 WB.

VII. TOBEY KELLY - LYON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

- A. Consider approving the invoice from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for a Motorola Camera System and Installation Kits for a Sheriff's Office vehicle for a total of \$7,763.00 to be paid from account [017-00-9013] Multi Year Fund 17 LE Furniture and Equipment.

Motion: To Approve the invoice from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for a Motorola Camera System and Installation Kits for a Sheriff's Office vehicle for a total of \$7,763.00 to be paid from account 017-00-9013, Multi Year Fund 17 LE Furniture and Equipment.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

VIII. SETH SNYDER - LYON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- A. Consider approving the bid from Welborn Sales for Corrugated Metal Pipe Culverts for an estimated amount of \$42,649.20. Fund to be taken from the Road and Bridge Fund [011-00-8223].

Motion: To Approve the bid from Welborn Sales for Corrugated Metal Pipe Culverts for an estimated amount of \$42,649.20, to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund 011-00-8223.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Snyder gave updates about the following items: Olpe Lake Road, they are waiting for the curler to settle before they cap it with a concrete cap. The bridge crew started working on Road 310 bridge. Crews will continue to work until they have to go cap the culverts on Olpe Lake Road. Tentatively starting in May, they will start putting asphalt down on the Americus Road from Bushong to US 56.

IX. MOLLY PRIEST - LYON COUNTY COUNSELOR

- A. Consider resolution regarding disposition of Cora Miller Hall.

Holly French and Tyson Allen, Newman Regional Health, along with Counselor Priest, spoke to the Commissioners about the cost of what it would take to keep the building and get it into a state where it would be usable and able to operate. That figure came in at around \$800,000.00. They spoke to the cost to maintain over the last 6-year averages around \$113,000.00 per year. Commissioners agreed with Mrs. French and Mr. Allen, that this is the best idea for the cost and future of Newman Regional Hospital. Counselor Priest read aloud the resolution, resolution 08-26. It was also brought up that being this building is in the City, and being a government entity, the County can request to the City that the fees are waived for the construction, demolition and landfill fees portion of it.

Motion: To Approve resolution 08-26, A Resolution Regarding Disposition of County Property — Cora Miller Hall.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Break until 10:00 am

X. COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended the reception at Admire Fire Station for the 6 individuals that helped with the wreck in NLC prior to Emergency Personnel arriving on Saturday evening
- Attended the Fair Board Meeting on Monday night
- Phone calls from residents
- Will attend a zoom meeting with KDHE tomorrow
- Will attend the Large Scale Water service disruption meeting on Friday

Commissioner Bartel:

- Met with residents on Friday about the minium maintenance road and the ditches along it
- Concerns about road 50 & S
- Took a call from a resident about wood being thrown into fence

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended RDA on Friday
- Attend the breakfast for EHS theater at the Legion on Saturday
- Attended the open house for the new nursing center at ESU on Sunday
- Call from a resident about the bike race this past weekend concerning lack of information about course and times

Clerk Jones:

- No Report

Counselor Priest:

- Attended RDA on Friday
- Attended FHEA meetings for structure and next steps

Controller Williams:

- Attended the Fair Board Meeting on Monday
- Attended RDA on Friday
- Attended FHEA meeting
- Will attend the Large Scale Water service disruption meeting on Friday

PIO Smith:

- Attended the Extension Board Meeting on Monday
- Attended Preparedness Fair meeting on Tuesday
- Will attend CPC meeting today
- Will attend a KAPIO board meeting
- Will attend a KAPIO Conference planning meeting
- Will attend the Large Scale Water service disruption meeting on Friday
- Will attend a training on Tues./Wed. for Public Information on all hazardous incidents

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL DATA OF A THIRD PARTY

Motion: To move into Executive Session for confidential data for economic development with Commissioners, Counselor Priest, Controller Williams, Trey Cocking, Tammy Ogle, Tayler Wash and Garrett Nordstrom to return at 11:00 am.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Motion: To Approve extending until 11:20am

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

Meeting reconvened at 11:20 am.

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 April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission