



WELCOME TO
LYON COUNTY
KANSAS

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

Ken Duft, Chairman
Dan Williams, County Controller
Vici Smith, Public Relations Manager

Chris Bartel, Vice Chairman
Molly Priest, County Counselor
Joe Torres, Deputy Clerk

Others attending the meeting:

Renee Hively, CareArc
Keena Privat, CareArc
Dennis Applegarth, CareArc
Lana Anstey, CareArc
Amanda Dreasher, CareArc
Jessica Rogers, resident
Jim Stewart, resident

Alicia Rumold, Lyon County HR
Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer
Austin Hoagland, Emporia Gazette
John Alvarado, resident
Jim Lowder, resident
Roberta Seaman, resident

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

II. APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion: To Approve the agenda.

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Alvarado asked the commission for clarification on if property taxes would be part of the funding for the proposed new recreation center. The commission stated that we have no part of the funding for the proposed new recreation center.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Consider the Minutes of the 04/23/26 meeting.

Motion: To Approve the minutes from April 23, 2026 as amended.

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

B. Consider Warrants Payable for 05/01/26, in the amount of \$466,177.37.

Motion: To Approve the Warrants Payable for May 1, 2026.

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

C. Consider Appointments.

None.

D. Consider the ECKAN Community Action Month Proclamation.

Motion: To Approve signing the Proclamation for ECKAN Community Action Month, which proclaims May 2026 as Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of ECKAN and all Community Action Agencies.

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

E. Consider signing letter of support for Emporia Main Street grant application.

Motion: To Approve signing a letter of support for Emporia Main Street grant application to the Main Street America Hartford Small Business Accelerator Grant Program in partnership with The Hartford.

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

V. DISCUSS PERSONNEL CHANGES

Commissioners reviewed Personnel and Payroll changes.

VI. PERMITS

None.

VII. RENEE HIVELY, KEENA PRIVAT, DENNIS APPEGARTH, LANA ANSTEY - CAREARC

A. Present Quartely Report.

Renee Hively, Keena Privat, Dennis Applegarth, and Lana Anstry all with CareArc gave their respective quarterly reports.

VIII. RENEE HIVELY & SERESA HOWE - CAREARC

A. Discuss the Public Health Contract.

Renee Hively and Seresa Howe, CareArc discussed the Public Health Contract with Commissioners. They are requesting in 2026 an amendment of \$25,000 and to adjust the 2027 contract by \$100,000 for sustainability into the next contract years. The commission stated that they will take this request into consideration.

IX. ALICIA RUMOLD - HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Consider approving the new Employee Handbook.

Motion: To Approve the new Employee Handbook once page 48 is amended as discussed.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel

NAYS: None

X. WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD - LYON COUNTY ENGINEER

A. Consider the request to Reject all Bids for Scrub Seal Aggregate.

Motion: To Approve to reject all bids for Scrub Seal Aggregate bid request. Going forward, Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer, shall have the authority to reject all bids on future projects without having to go before the Lyon County Commissioners.

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

B. Present information on the Road F through Bushong Speed Evaluation.

Engineer Scritchfield presented Commissioners with information on Road F through the City of Bushong Speed Evaluation. The Highway Department was asked to review the speed limit on Road F (Americus Road) through the City of Bushong to see if the geometry would meet a higher speed limit. After reviewing the speed limit, County Engineer Scritchfield thought it was best to leave the speed limit as posted. He stated that he asked the Sheriff's Department if they could make a presence in the area. This request could possibly influence drivers to adhere to the posted speed limit. The Lyon County Commission decided to leave the speed limit unchanged at this time.

XI. COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended a joint meeting with the NRH board on Wednesday.
- Attended the Lyon County Commission Department of Aging meeting last Monday.
- Will attend a 911 meeting next week.
- Received some phone calls this week about various issues.

Commissioner Bartel:

- After last week's meeting, met with Wayne about some issues.
- Examined a feed pin last Friday at 100 and E.
- Received a message to check out Road M and will need to talk to the Noxious Weed Dept. about some erratic weed spraying.

Commissioner Peck:

- Absent

Deputy Torres:

- No report.

Counselor Priest:

- Attended a joint meeting with the NRH board on Wednesday.
- Had a couple of meetings for the Economic Alliance.

Controller Williams:

- Attended a joint meeting with the NRH board on Wednesday.
- Sales Tax Report for April 2026.
- Next week the sheriff's academy is going to set up a mock accident in our south parking lot.
- Will send out notifications to all concerned about setting up appointments for appropriation requests.

PIO Smith:

- Will be taking Friday off.
- Will be downtown on Saturday taking pictures of the Cinco de Mayo celebration and the Le Grind bike race.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEP (1) - EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Motion: To move into Executive Session for Employee Evaluation with Commissioners, and County Counselor Molly Priest to return at 11:30 a.m.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel

NAYS: None

Meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Approve to adjourn.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

AYES: Chairman Duft, Vice-Chair Bartel

NAYS: None

There being no further business before the Board, an Action Session will take place on May 7, 2026, at 9:00 am, in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Joe Torres
Lyon County Deputy Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission

