



WELCOME TO
LYON COUNTY
KANSAS

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 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
John Alvarado, Resident
Melissa Landis, Empower House Ministries
Roxy Van Gundy, LCECC Director
Sam Seeley, Planning and Zoning Director
Tagan Trahoon, KVOE
Casey Woods, Emporia Main Street
Tayler Wash, City of Emporia
Trey Cocking, City of Emporia

Trey Donovan, Emporia Gazette
Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds
Sarah Stockwell, Crosswinds
Carla Fessler, Emporia Senior Center
Monica Duncan, Emporia Senior Center
Jeff Hodges, Emporia Senior Center
Ron Brammell, Emporia Senior Center
Jean Barnett, IT Director
Lyle Butler, RDA
Brad Kraft, RDA

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

II. APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion: To Approve add signing a letter of support as letter "D" in Other Business.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Motion: To Approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Consider the Minutes of the 05/21/26 meeting.

Motion: To Approve the minutes 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 5/29/26, in the amount of \$271,003.57.

Motion: To Approve the Warrants Payable.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

C. Consider Appointments.

None.

D. Consider signing a Letter of Support

Motion: To Approve signing a Letter of Support to file with the City of Emporia, an application for an FY 2025-26 Federal Railroad Administration Discretionary Grant Application for the Emporia, KS Corridor Improvements Projects.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

V. DISCUSS PERSONNEL CHANGES

Commissioners reviewed Personnel and Payroll changes.

VI. PERMITS

One permit for Bin There Trucking, LLC.

VII. COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended the Memorial Service at Sodens Grove on Monday
- Will attend the banquet at Flint Hills Tech College with Senator Jerry Moran

Commissioner Bartel:

- Attended the Memorial Service at Sodens Grove on Monday
- Call from a resident about solar farms

Commissioner Peck:

- No report

Clerk Jones:

- Will attend the banquet at Flint Hills Tech College with Senator Jerry Moran

Counselor Priest:

- Attended the NRH board meeting yesterday

Controller Williams:

- Presented the sales tax report

PIO Smith:

- Account review with CivicPlus

VIII. MELISSA LANDIS - EMPOWER HOUSE MINISTRIES

- A. Provide an operational and service update and discuss a request for funding through the Special Alcohol Fund.

Melissa Landis provided the Commissioners with an operational and service update and discussed a request for funding through the Special Alcohol Fund.

IX. AMANDA CUNNINGHAM - CROSSWINDS COUNSELING & WELLNESS

- A. Consider 2027's budget request.

Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds Counseling & Wellness, and Sarah Stockwell, Crosswinds Counseling & Wellness, presented Commissioners with the Annual Report and information along with the 2027 budget request for Crosswinds Counseling & Wellness.

X. ROXY VANGUNDY - LCECC

- A. Consider approving sending Deputy Director Sarah Jensen and CTO Carson Powers to the 2026 National NENA Annual Conference in Coloumbus, OH, June 29-July 2, 2026. Cost not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from account [019-00-7410] and [019-00-7420]. This is an approved 911 fund expense, not tax dollars.

Motion: To Approve sending Deputy Director Sarah Jensen and CTO Carson Powers to the 2026 National NENA Annual Conference in Columbus, OH, June 29-July 2, 2026, not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from account 019-00-7410 and 019-00-7420.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Note: This is an approved 911 fund expense, no tax dollars being spent.

Motion: To Approve Roxy VanGundy's, LCECC Director, out-of-state travel to the 2026 National NENA Annual Conference in Columbus, OH, from June 25-July 2, 2026. This will be paid for by NENA, as Roxy will be sworn in as the President of the NENA Executive Board.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Note: Roxy is the first Kansas individual to serve on the Executive Board.

XI. CARLA FESSLER - EMPORIA SENIOR CENTER

- A. Consider 2027's budget request.

Carla Fessler, Jeff Hodges, and Ron Brammell of the Emporia Senior Center, presented Commissioners with updates about the Senior Center along with the 2027 budget request.

XII. JEAN BARNETT - IT

- A. Consider switching Lyon County's main internet service provider from Sparklight to IdeaTek and receive permission to sign a contract with IdeaTek for 5 years.

Motion: To Approve switching Lyon County's main internet service provider from Sparklight to IdeaTek and receive permission to sign a contract once approved by Counselor Priest, with IdeaTek for 5 years.

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

- B. Consider approving paying Civia Inc. \$8,500 for the annual GovAI Enterprise subscription to be paid from account [010-51-7600] IT Contract Services.

Motion: To Approve paying Civia Inc. \$8,500 for the annual GovAI Enterprise subscription to be paid from account 010-51-7600, IT Contract Services.

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

XIII. SAM SEELEY - PLANNING & ZONING

- A. Consider Resolution adopting the recommended changes of Application TA2026-01: addressing Civic/Public, Heavy-Industrial, and Permitted Uses language.

Motion: To Approve amending and adopting the recommended changes to Application TA2026-01: addressing Civic/Public, Heavy-Industrial, and Permitted Uses language. Resolution 09-26, A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Lyon County, Kansas, Adopting a Text Amendment to the Lyon County Zoning Regulations

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

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL DATA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Motion: To move into Executive Session for Confidential Data Exchange for Economic Development with Commissioners, Counselor Priest, Controller Williams, Trey Cocking, Tayler Wash, Casey Woods, Brad Kraft, Lyle Butler, and Vici Smith and to return at 11:15am.

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

Meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEP (2) - EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Motion: To move to Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel for the purpose of two Employee Evaluations with Commissioners only to return at 11:50 am.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

XVI. 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 June 4, 2026 at 9:00 am, in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission