



WELCOME TO  
**LYON COUNTY**  
KANSAS

**LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026**

Ken Duft, Chairman  
Doug Peck, Commissioner  
Dan Williams, County Controller  
Vici Smith, Public Relations Manager - Absent

Chris Bartel, Vice Chairman  
Molly Priest, County Counselor  
Amie Jones, County Clerk

Others attending the meeting:

Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer  
Josh Stevenson, Shop Supervisor  
John Koelsch, Lyon County Undersheriff  
Sharon Bectel, NC-FH AAA  
Judy Rockley, NC-FH AAA  
Stef Raber, resident  
Ryan Janzen, Lyon County Appraiser  
Karen Hartenbower, Neosho Rapids Senior Center  
Leona Boosinger, Neosho Rapids Senior Center

Trey Donovan, Emporia Gazette  
Kelsey Pfannenstiel, NC-FH AAA  
Allen Nelson, NC-FH AAA  
Taliyah Logsdon, NC-FH AAA  
Steve Brosemer, resident  
Rhonda Gordon, resident  
John Alvarado, resident  
Jean Barnett, Lyon County IT Director  
Dorothy Dunn, Neosho Rapids Senior Center

**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**

Rhonda Gordon, spoke to Commissioners about concerns she has with the data center also about a down tree in the road on Road U between Road 750 and 753.

Jerry Campbell, spoke to Commissioners about the data center, a trip to Pryor Oklahoma's data center, and shared information about it.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Consider the Minutes of the 6/11/26 meeting.

**Motion:** To Approve the minutes as written.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

- B. Consider Warrants Payable for 6/18/26, in the amount of \$165,640.39.

**Motion:** To Approve Warrants Payable for June 18, 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 6/18/26, in the amount of \$375,252.92.

**Motion:** To Approve Payroll Payable for June 18, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

- D. Consider Payroll Withholdings Payable for 6/18/26, in the amount of \$573,086.27.

**Motion:** To Approve Payroll Withholding for June 18, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

- E. Consider Appointments.

Consider approving Steve Brosemer to fill Daphne Mertens spot on the Joint Traffic Safety Committee as the County Resident Representative. This is a 3-year term, and is to expire on 12/31/2028.

**Motion:** To Approve appointing Steve Brosemer for the county's spot on the Joint Traffic Safety Committee for a term expiring on 12/31/2028.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

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**

None.

## **VII. WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD - LYON COUNTY ENGINEER**

- A. Present information and request direction on the upgrading of Road W between Road 40 and Road 50.

Much discussion between Engineer Scritchfield, Commissioners and resident Raber dealing with the road's current conditions, solutions to help with the road and current use of road was had. Commissioners asked Engineer Scritchfield to explore some of the options mentioned and return once he and Mr. Raber agreed on what those options are.

- B. Consider approving the quote from Security Oil Company LLC in the amount of \$107,381.49 for fuel tank replacements and associated equipment to be paid from [017-00-9026] Multi-year Capital Outlay Road & Bridge.

**Motion:** To Approve the quote from Security Oil Company LLC in the amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for fuel tank replacements and associated equipment to be paid from 017-00-9026, Multi-year Capital Outlay Road & Bridge.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Chairman Duft

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

NAYS: None

## **VIII. KELSEY PFANNENSTIEL & ALLEN NELSON - NCFHAAA**

- A. Consider 2027's budget request.

Kelsey Pfannenstiel and Allen Nelson with the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc. presented Commissioners with their 2027 budget request.

## **IX. RYAN JANZEN - LYON COUNTY APPRAISER**

- A. Consider approving Ryan Janzen and Zach Carr for out-of-state travel to attend the IAAO Conference in Calgary, Canada, October 13–16, 2026.

**Motion:** To Approve Ryan Janzen and Zach Carr for out-of-state travel to attend the IAAO Conference in Calgary, Canada, October 13–16, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

- B. Consider approving Ryan Janzen for out of state travel to attend the NCRAAO Conference.

**Motion:** To Approve Ryan Janzen for out-of-state travel to attend the NCRAAO Conference in Dickinson, North Dakota, August 11–13, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

## **X. KAREN HARTENBOWER, LEONA BOOSINGER, DOROTHY DUNN - NEOSHO RAPIDS SENIOR CENTER**

- A. Consider 2027's budget request.

Karen Hartenbower, Leona Boosinger and Dorothy Dunn presented Commissions with Neosho Rapids Senior Center 2027 budget request.

## **XI. JEAN BARNETT - IT**

- A. Consider approving the purchase of a refurbished server from I.T. Creations for \$11,960.00 to be paid from [017-00-9001] Multi-Year Fund.

**Motion:** To Approve the purchase of a refurbished Dell server from I.T. Creations for \$11,960.00 to be paid from 017-00-9001, Multi-Year Fund.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

*Note: Doing this will allow IT to update our software and in the long term save the County around \$30,000.00 a year.*

## **XII. COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS**

### **Commissioner Duft:**

- Attended a Zoom meeting with KDHE on Friday
- Attended the Preparedness fair on Saturday
- Attended the Legion breakfast on Saturday
- Several calls and questions about the data center
- Will attend the 911 meeting this afternoon
- Reminder that the Courthouse will be closed tomorrow
- Will attend the Lyon County Council on Aging meeting on Monday

### **Commissioner Bartel:**

- Calls on Road F also on Road G and 200
- Conversations about the data center
- Calls about mobile home zoning

### **Commissioner Peck:**

- Attended RDA on Friday
- Traveled to Pryor, Oklahoma to the data center
- Attended the Legion breakfast on Saturday

### **Clerk Jones:**

- No report

### **Counselor Priest:**

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

### **Controller Williams:**

- Met with the broker on Thursday
- Attended RDA on Friday
- Working on the budget

### **PIO Smith:**

- Absent

### **XIII. 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 25, 2026, at 9:00 am, in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

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Amie Jones  
Lyon County Master Clerk

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Ken Duft, Chairman  
Lyon County Commission