



WELCOME TO
LYON COUNTY
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LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 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:

Matt Zumbrunn, resident
Rolland Trahoon, resident
Dr. Caron Daugherty, FHTC
John Alvarado, resident
Odessa Green, resident
Kevin Case, Attorney
Lauren McCluskey, Attorney

Trey Donovan, Emporia Gazette
Brian Williamson, resident
Stef Raber, resident
Trey Cocking, City Manager
Taylor Wash, Dept. City Manager
Tammy Ogle, City Commissioner

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

Matt Zumbrunn, with Fire #5, asked Commissioners about the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) plan between the County and the Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge. While working on FEMA's grant applications for the fire department, questions were asked to the fire department about whether they receive any part of the funds from this PILOT program. Mr. Zumbrunn asked Commissioners if the county could look into the PILOT agreement to see if the fire district could be receiving part of the payment. He also spoke to the knowing the PILOT agreement between the County and the Refuge was possibly signed and agreed upon prior to the formation of Fire District #5.

Brian Williamson, resident, asked Commissioners if the County could come up with some sort of minimum standard for a single-dwelling home. Such being power and water even if they are not going to be used. He spoke about the fact that easements become an issue when needing to get water or power to new buildings, not just for use at the building site but for emergency use situations also. He is suggesting that the County comes up with some type of regulation for landowners and for the possibility of future sales of property that may want or need water or power at a later time. He suggested that a follow-up list be made after the building/new home is built to be completed knowing that future needs could be met.

John Alvarado, resident, spoke to the fact that when someone purchases property that if additional needs are wanted, then that should fall on the buyer, not the County. People need to know and understand what they are purchasing and make sure they are prepared to pay the cost to upgrade how they want it. Those wants should not fall on the County or the City.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Consider the Minutes of the 06/18/26 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 06/26/26, in the amount of \$555,151.29.

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable for June 26, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

- C. Consider Appointments.

None.

V. DISCUSS PERSONNEL CHANGES

Commissioners reviewed Personnel and Payroll changes.

VI. PERMITS

None.

VII. DR. CARON DAUGHERTY - FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- A. Consider approving the 2026 Flint Hills Technical College allocation for a total of \$73,906.68 to be paid from account [017-00-9001]. This is a budget item.

Dr. Daugherty provided some updates about the grants they have been applying for and the status of those grants. Those grants are for ADA standards and upgrades. Commissioners asked Dr. Daugherty to follow up with their grant writer on some of the grants suggested to FHTC. Dr. Daugherty explained the invoice sent for the allocation amount that was approved last year. Commissioners asked if she could come back after following up with the grant writer to provide that update before they approve this allocation.

VIII. TOBEY KELLY - LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- A. Consider approving the invoice from Traffic Control Services, Inc. for the upfit of one Chevy Silverado 1500 Unit #8242 for a total of \$14,970.40. \$9,195.40 to be paid from Multi-Year Fund 17 LE Furniture and Equipment [017-00-9031] and \$5,775.00 to be paid from Miscellaneous Contractual Services [010-17-7602].

Motion: To Approve the invoice from Traffic Control Services, Inc. invoice #11454, for the upfit of one Chevy Silverado 1500 (LY14) Unit #8242 for a total of \$14,970.40; \$9,195.40 to be paid from Multi-Year Fund 17 LE Furniture and Equipment 017-00-9031 and \$5,775.00 to be paid from Miscellaneous Contractual Services 010-17-7602.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

IX. WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD - LYON COUNTY ENGINEER

- A. Present information on the request to upgrade Road W between Road 40 and Road 50 as well as upgrading Road 40 between Roads W and X.

Engineer Scritchfield and resident Stef Raber came back to the Commission with an agreed-upon outcome for the minimum maintenance road which was discussed last week. The spot in question will be addressed as it would be fixed on any minimum maintenance road brought to attention. The end result was everyone has come to an agreement on what and how the minimum maintenance road will be maintained and what little work will be done currently to help fix the one spot in question.

Engineer Scritchfield gave the following updates:

- Reminding people that if signs are placed in the right-of-way, there is a potential that the sign could be mowed over
- Asphalt work was finished on Americus Road north of Bushong
- The bridge crew is working on the bridge decking on 310, and it should be finished soon.
- Getting closer to closing Rocky Ford Bridge, estimating 3 weeks of work left to finish the new bridge.
- Working on welding a guard rail at each end to help keep people off the old bridge, signs have been placed to help keep people off the old bridge.
- Olpe Lake Road concrete work is still scheduled and will take place soon when the bridge crew is available.
- 240 and L "Gravel Pile" will have asphalt soon along with some work done on it.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL (1) - ATTORNEY - CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Motion: To move into Legal session for Attorney Client Privilege with Commissioners, Counselor Priest, Kevin Case and Lauren McCluskey to return at 10:30 am.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Meeting reconvened at 10:30 am.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - THIRD PARTY CONFIDENTIAL DATA EXCHANGE

Motion: To move to Executive Session for Third Party Confidential Data Exchange with Commissioners, Counselor Priest, Controller Williams Trey Cocking, Taylor Wash, and Tammy Ogle to return at 10:50 am.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Motion: To extend until 11:00 am.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 am.

XII. COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended the 911 meeting
- Attended the Lyon County Council on Aging meeting on Monday
- Attended part of the data center meeting on Tuesday
- Several calls on roads, tree limbs and data center
- Parade on July 3 on Friday followed by hamburgers and hot dogs at the fairground
- The first budget review will be on July 7th at 8 am

Commissioner Bartel:

- Thursday/Friday calls on Road W
- Calls on Road D & E
- Calls on Road H between 10-20

Commissioner Peck:

- No Report

Clerk Jones:

- No Report

Counselor Priest:

- Attended the NRH board meeting on Wednesday

Controller Williams:

- 911 meeting
- Presented Sale Tax report

PIO Smith:

- No Report

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 July 2, 2026, at 9:00 am, in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission