



WELCOME TO
LYON COUNTY
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LYON COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION SESSION
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 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
John Koelsch, Lyon County Undersheriff
Trey Donovan, Emporia Gazette
John Alvarado, resident
Marsha Wood, resident

Keena Privat, CareArc
Dennis Applegarth, CareArc
Amanda Dreasher, CareArc
Sarah Bryan, resident
Jarom Smith, resident

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

II. APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

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

John Alvarado, resident, commended the Commissioners on their work with the data center, solar farms and the budget. Mr. Alvarado asked if it was possible to put the question on data centers and solar farms to a vote of the county. He also encouraged them to keep looking forward.

Marsha Wood, resident, spoke to the Commissioners as the Silver Haired Legislator asked if the Commission would be interested in making a donation to the group to help with expenses. Sarah Bryan, resident, asked Commissioners if there was a possibility of an Advisory Election. Explaining that the election would only show the thoughts of the people and that the Commissioners would still have the final say on the solar farm or data center.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Consider the Minutes of the 7/23/26 meeting.

Motion: To Approve the minutes as written.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

- B. Consider Warrants Payable for 7/31/26, in the amount of \$293,677.70.

Motion: To Approve the Warrants Payable for July 31, 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 7/31/26, in the amount of \$403,515.34.

Motion: To Approve the Payroll Payable for July 31, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

- D. Consider Payroll Withholdings Payable for 7/31/26, in the amount of \$267,708.92.

Motion: To Approve Payroll Withholdings Payable for July 31, 2026.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

- E. Consider Appointments.

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 Quarterly Report.

Amanda Dresher, Keena Privat and Dennis Applegarth gave the quarterly report and updates per departments.

VIII. WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD - LYON COUNTY ENGINEER & JOHN KOELSCH - LYON COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF

A. Discussion regarding No Thru Commercial Traffic Resolutions.

Engineer Scritchfield, Undersheriff Koelsch and Commissioners had discussion concerning the No Thru Commercial Traffic Resolution, the possibility of increasing the fines and the situations that they have been made aware of. Counselor Priest will look into putting together a resolution to increase the fines and put the stipulations in place. This would be for commercial trucks, not local trucks. Once the resolution is put together, Counselor Priest along with the Sheriff's office will proof the resolution prior to presenting it to the Commissioners, making sure all issues are addressed and laws are followed.

IX. WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD - LYON COUNTY ENGINEER

A. Consider approving the quote from The Railroad Yard for steel plate and a 10'x48.7' tank car in the estimated amount of \$33,383.00 to be cut down to make culverts. To be paid from the Special Bridge Fund [033-00-8350] Structural Steel.

Motion: To Approve the quote from Gateway Pipe for the 9'6" ft diameter used tank shell with x.540 wall thickness x 54'6' ft long delivered to the yard in the amount of \$18,275.00, to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund 033-00-8350 Structural Steel.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Commissioner Peck

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

Note: This is a change from the original agenda item, that item was used in the past and was a reference point for this quote. This is a large saving for the County switching to this.

- B. Consider approving the purchase of 10 grader tires from Kansas Land Tire and Service of Emporia for the estimated amount of \$12,532.60. To be paid from fund [011-00-8431] Tire Purchase.

Motion: To Approve the purchase of 10 grader tires from Kansas Land Tire and Service of Emporia for the estimated amount of \$12,532.60, to be paid from fund 011-00-8431, Tire Purchase.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Chairman Duft

SECOND: Vice-Chair Bartel

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

NAYS: None

X. DAN WILLIAMS - LYON COUNTY CONTROLLER

- A. Consider approving the invoice from Midland Fence Inc. for the furnish and install of a 16' cantilever gate in an existing fence for a total of \$5,785.76 to be paid from fund Bond and Interest Capital Outlay.

Motion: To Approve the invoice from Midland Fence Inc. invoice #1782 for the furnish and install of a 16' cantilever gate in an existing fence for a total of \$5,785.76 to be paid from fund 050-00-9001, Capital Outlay.

RESULT: Approved

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bartel

SECOND: Commissioner Peck

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

NAYS: None

XI. COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended the budget study session yesterday
- Calls about roads
- Attended a Zoom meeting with KDHE
- Attended the Council on Aging meeting on Monday
- Will attend the 911 meeting today
- Will attend the friends of 4-h dinner tonight
- The August 13th Commission Meeting will be moved to Friday, August 14th

Commissioner Bartel:

- Attended the budget study session yesterday
- Worked with Road and Bridge on Road 20 along with Road 30 and P
- Attended a zoom meeting yesterday on internet exchange points

Commissioner Peck:

- Attended the budget study session yesterday
- Will attend the friends of 4-h dinner tonight
- Will attend RDA next Thursday

Clerk Jones:

- Still early voting in office
- Election day is Tuesday
- Still working on petitions

Counselor Priest:

- Attended the hospital board meeting
- Will attend RDA next Thursday

Controller Williams:

- Presented sales tax numbers
- Attended the budget study session yesterday
- Will attend RDA next Thursday
- Will attend the 911 meeting today

PIO Smith:

- Absent

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 August 6, 2026, at 9:00 am, in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jones
Lyon County Master Clerk

Ken Duft, Chairman
Lyon County Commission