

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**May 18, 2026**

Kelle Bosley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Stefanie Jones – Commissioner, Jacob Gayer, Emily Porter - County Clerk, Billie Barnett Jr., Ron Ridley, Deb Panzner, and Cindy Landgraf.

Cindy Landgraf, EMS Director, reported that she had received a grant from the Healthcare Foundation, with the grant monies, they were able to purchase 1 IV pump, now both units in Dighton. Cindy is interested in purchasing a generator for the EMS building. Commissioners suggested she get three bids and present them.

Deb Panzner, Register of Deeds, reported that she will be out of the office next week, and the second week of June for ROD Seminar. Denise will retire at the end of the year; ROD and Appraiser office will start advertising around October for this position.

Kelly DesLauriers, Appraiser, reported that she is finishing up oil and personal property hearings, next week she will certify these values to the County Clerk. The Appraiser's Office will start reinspection's soon, this year focusing on the Healy area, and Commercial Properties.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, reported that on June 9<sup>th</sup>, the supplies that are still in the recycling center will be on Purple Wave. Mike reported that he received a phone call from Rick Price wanting rock on Quantum road between 200 and 220. Mike will resand this road, after Ike Road is finished.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Management, reported that the Fire Department deployed Saturday to aid in the Meade Fire, for 16 hours. Billie and Ron met with T-Moblie, Billie explained the services they offer, he is going to try a 15-day trail phase for the Alamota Fire Station, to see how well it works for the price savings. Discussion was held on Volunteer Fire training.

Ron Ridley, Sheriff, reported that his office has been busy with difficult incidents this past week. Auction for the Ford Explorer on Purple Wave closed, and the Explorer brought \$4600.00

Jacob Gayer, County Attorney, reported that Amy had delivered information for the tax sale. There are 90 properties on the sale. Jacob presented a resolution authorizing the commencement and sale of real estate through tax foreclosure proceedings pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2801 ET SEQ.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve Resolution Of The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lane County, Kansas, Authorizing The Commencement And Sale Of Real Estate Through Tax Foreclosure Proceedings Pursuant To K.S.A. 79-2801 Et Seq.; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

Jacob Gayer touched based with Commissioners on the Wind Farm project. Jacob had a phone conference with the Wind Farm attorney last week. The windmills are exempt from the tax roll for 10 years; it is unknown how long the batteries will be exempt for. The wind farm proposed pay for production on the windmills is \$3,000 per megawatt, and the batteries are \$500 per megawatt. There would be 450 individual battery storage cells on in the South Eagle Vicinity.

At 9:37 a.m. Stefanie Jones moved to recess into executive session to discuss consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for ten minutes, Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried. At 9:47 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Kelle Bosley, Stefanie Jones, Emily Porter, and Jacob Gayer.

Emily Porter, County Clerk, reported that Stanley Bulinski started in the Clerk's Office today. Discussion was held on custodial help. Commissioners have decided that right now, everyone can help out with the cleaning of their offices, as it has been done in the past when we were without a custodian. Emily will send an email out to department heads to pass to their department, opening up the custodial position for contract labor, if anyone would like extra hours on the evening/weekends. Emily reported that she contacted Freedom Claims about insurance for 2027. Increase of 12%-18%. Emily is talking with Freedom Claims about different plans, while still keeping the same benefits, while cutting costs.

Jacob Gayer, County Attorney, presented a resolution from the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Courts.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve A Joint Resolution Regarding Distribution Of Fees Collected By The Court Trustee Of The 24th Judicial District; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve May 4, 2026 minutes; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve Adds and Abatements; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:09 a.m. Kelle Bosley moved to recess into executive session to discuss personal matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for ten minutes, Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried. At 10:19 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Kelle Bosley, Stefanie Jones, Emily Porter, Ron Ridley, and Shawna Kerley.

At 10:20 a.m. Crystal Hoffman, Dighton Inn, discussed transient tax, and when that would be implemented. Commissioners would like July 1, 2026 as the implement date. Crystal would like a little more time to get everything going.

Stefanie Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution Of The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lane County, Kansas, Establishing A Transient Guest Tax Pursuant To K.S.A. 12-1697 Et Seq.; Providing For The Levy, Collection, Administration, And Use Of The Tax For Tourism And Convention Promotion Purposes; And Providing For An Effective Date; with an effective date of July 1, 2027. Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried

10:30 a.m. Stefanie Jones moved to take a five-minute recess; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve claims as listed; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Crows Nest facelift at the Fairgrounds.

At 10:47 a.m. Don Rivera, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, reported what they offered, and their budget request for 2027.

10:56 a.m. Pat Sharp and Mona Peck, Lane County Library Board, discussed proposed changes with the 2027 budget.

At 11:24 a.m. Kelle Bosley moved to recess into executive session to discuss personal matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for twenty-five minutes, Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried. At 11:49 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Kelle Bosley, Stefanie Jones, and Emily Porter.

Discussion was held on the sick pool application.

Stefanie Jones made a motion to approve the sick pool application; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

At 11:53 a.m. Kelle Bosley moved to recess into executive session to discuss personal matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for fifteen minutes, Stefanie Jones

seconded. Motion carried. At 12:08 p.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Kelle Bosley, Stefanie Jones, Ron Ridley and Emily Porter.

Discussion was held on timeclock.

There being no further business; Stefanie Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:31 p.m., Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims May 18, 2026

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| GENERAL FUND                |  | \$ 22,705.53 |
| NOXIOUS WEED                |  | \$27,120.67  |
| HEALTH                      |  | \$1,523.99   |
| PUBLIC WORKS                |  | \$14,135.04  |
| AMBULANCE                   |  | \$1,221.23   |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT        |  | \$729.48     |
| SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE       |  | \$9,334.64   |
| SHERIFF                     |  | \$3,743.80   |
| LANE COUNTY 911 FUND        |  | \$2,801.50   |
| REGISTER OF DEEDS TECH FUND |  | \$122.50     |
| SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT     |  | \$1232.20    |
| RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1      |  | \$4,235.97   |
| LYNN SCHRIOCK LEGACY        |  | \$2,039.05   |
| TOTAL                       |  | \$90,945.60  |

ATTEST:

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Kelle Bosley, Chairperson

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Payton Schultz, County Clerk