

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
June 1, 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, Logan Campell – Commissioner, Jacob Gayer, Payton Schultz - County Clerk, Billie Barnett Jr., Ron Ridley, Deb Panzner, Cindy Landgraf, Mike Martindale and Arlene Doll.

Jacob Gayer, County Attorney, reported that the tax sale is in progress and will have to wait 41 days until after the first publication to start the sale. Taxpayers will have up to the day of the sale to redeem their properties. Jacob and Ron have discussed hiring an auctioneer for when the sale takes place.

Deb Panzner, Register of Deeds, reported that she will be in the office the second week of June and is no longer attending the ROD Seminar. Denise will retire at the end of the year; ROD and Appraiser office will start advertising around October for this position.

Cindy Landgraf, EMS Director, had nothing to report at this time.

Amy Burgess, Treasurer, presented investment reports and Hospital Sales Tax in the amount of (\$21,081.69.) Amy will be working on the tax distribution this week and will have it completed before the end of the week. She will be moving money in the amount of \$13,719.91 to the General Fund from the Motor Vehicle Operating Fund. Amy has also looked into changing the layout of Tax Statements from another company for a better layout and to save money. She presented one of these forms to other county employees, all of which were happy with the new look. She has also decided that the Treasurer's Office will no longer be supplying return envelopes with Tax Statements, since most don't come back in those envelopes. Amy will be out of the office next week June 9-12 to attend the KCTA Conference in Manhattan. While at the conference, she plans to look into a way to set up an online payment system for taxes.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, reported that they will be replenishing their meat supply for the Food Bank with 100lbs of ground beef from Moeder Meats at \$5.50 per pound. She also attended the Immunization Conference last week.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, reported that Mac Barnett Jr. has almost completely finished spraying ditches. Mike is down a couple employees for the week, so he has moved a couple of guys to different sections of the county to help. He will also make sure he gets an add in the paper with the correct wages for hiring a new employee. He is currently one employee short of a full crew. Mike will contact Glen Sprattler about cleaning out the porta potties at the fairgrounds. After which, he will make sure they are properly disposed of.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Management, reported he is applying for a cost share grant through the Conservation District for the Lynn Schriock Fund for a tank replacement.

Ron Ridley, Sheriff, reported that the new pickup has arrived at the dealership and he plans to pick it up this week. It will be a couple of months before they get it on the road.

Discussion was held on how the county can sell the recycling center. Jacob will look into how we can sell it and get back to the commissioners on it. Jacob will also send a list of properties listed on the tax sale to the commissioners.

Kelle Bosley stated that while at Home Depot for county related business, she was able to get an account set up for Lane County with tax exemption. She was also able to get a bid from Home Depot for spray foam.

Discussion was held on Saddle Club.

At 9:46 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 9:56 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending were Kelle Bosley, Stefanie Jones and Logan Campbell.

Stefanie Jones moved to recess for a 5 minute break at 9:57 a.m., Kelle Bosley seconded. motion carried.

At 10:01 a.m. Glenn Kerbs, with Kerbs Law Office, discussed the role they would play in helping the county while dealing with the Wind Farm project. They discussed that they would represent the county interest and negotiate contracts, but the commissioners will make all the decisions. Different agreements such as PILOT, school gift, road maintenance, decommission and county commissioner negotiation agreements were all discussed.

Discussion was held on trying to get on Scott County's agenda for their next meeting to discuss the Wind Farm project. Commissioners would like to be on the same page with Scott County. Stefanie Jones will contact them, and see when they can attend.

Kelle Bosley gave an update on the progress being made with the crows nest. Discussion was held on the crows nest. CHS also donated pipe, the catwalk and stairs to the county.

At 10:40 a.m. Stefanie Jones 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, Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried. At 10:57 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending were Kelle Bosley, Stefanie Jones, Logan Campbell and Amy Burgess.

At 10:59 a.m. Logan Campbell moved to recess into executive session to discuss employer-employee negotiations, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for twenty minutes, Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried. At 11:27 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending were Kelle Bosley, Stefanie Jones and Logan Campbell.

At 11:28 a.m. Lisa M. Southern with Compass presented Compass's funding request in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 2026. She also discussed the different opportunities they offer through Compass. Louise Ehmke was also present in the discussion and is one of the two members who represent Lane County for Compass.

At 11:40 a.m. Charlie Rupp and Judge Bruce Gatterman presented their budget request for 2027. It will be reviewed during the budget workshop being held on the 24th of June.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve May 18, 2026 minutes; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

Stefanie Jones moved to take Emily Porter off of the signature cards at FNB and FSB, and to add on Stanley Bulinski. Everyone else who is on it will remain the same. Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve Clerk's Salary in the amount of \$40,000.00 with a stipend amount of \$4000.00 for the Transportation Bus, and \$2000.00 for Elections. Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on PTO usage.

KWORC came to do an inspection of the county. Everything looked good with the exception of one thing in the basement of the Courthouse. Payton will see what can be done to make that correction.

Discussion was held on administrative duties for the library. Commissioners decided it would be ok for the library to have a time clock like the rest of the courthouse, but they don't want to start handling their payroll from the Clerk's office. Payton will find out if we can get a time clock for the library to use, and set up their own account.

Payton presented LCCF Reports to the commissioners for review.

Logan Campbell moved to approve claims as listed; Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried.

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

Logan Campbell moved to approve Lane-Scott bid to do electrical work at the fairgrounds; Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve spray foam for the crows nest from L&R in the amount of \$379.99; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried. Logan Campbell abstained.

Commissioners reviewed custodial application. At this time no decision has been made. We will continue to advertise for the position.

Discussion was held on contract cleaners. Stefanie Jones had heard of two different companies who would be good to reach out to. Payton will contact both companies to get quotes and present them at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on outside billing for EMS.

Logan Campbell attended the all-county meeting in Ness City a few weeks ago.

Discussion was held on the Wind Farm project.

There being no further business; Logan Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m., Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims June 1, 2026

GENERAL FUND		\$ 92,471.83
NOXIOUS WEED		\$1,677.86
HEALTH		\$2,916.09
PUBLIC WORKS		\$2,785.97
AMBULANCE		\$1,921.48
AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT RESERVE		\$1,437.38
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$49.42
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		\$543.21
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$8,960.29
SHERIFF		\$3,572.40
SHERIFF EQUIPMENT RESERVE		\$52,419.14
LANE COUNTY 911 FUND		\$527.86
RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1		\$3,185.60
LYNN SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$724.50
TOTAL		\$173,193.03

ATTEST:

Kelle Bosley, Chairperson

Payton Schultz, County Clerk