

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
July 6, 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 Campbell – Commissioner, Payton Schultz - County Clerk, Billie Barnett Jr., Hailey Knoll, Deb Panzner, Cindy Landgraf, Mike Martindale and Mac Barnett Jr.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, presented pictures of the septic tank out at the fairground bathrooms. It needs to be replaced, but there isn't time before fair to do so.

At 9:02 a.m., Amy Burgess joined the meeting.

Mike thinks that it would be best to get it covered up by building a platform over it. Hopefully that along with traffic cones around it will keep people from walking over it. After the fair is finished up, we will need someone licensed to fix it. Mike will get a bid from Rick Roemer for it. Mike has rock being hauled this week and plans to get mowing finished up at the airport and fairgrounds before the fair next week. Stefanie Jones questioned Mike on hiring him out to fix personal roads, she was approached by an individual asking about that. Mike said he cannot do that because it takes away business from private contractors.

At 9:10 a.m., Curt Hanna joined the meeting.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed Director, reported that he has been helping Mike. Mike asked about the recycling center and if there are any updates on how to sell it. The commissioners will discuss this at the next meeting.

Amy Burgess, Treasurer, presented tax warrants to go back on the books. She also presented the Hospital Sales Tax in the amount of (\$22,523.53.) Amy advised that the commissioners keep an eye on the Courthouse budget. It is depleting quicker than normal due to the Courthouse taking on the fairs utilities. Amy thinks it will be fine, but to keep an eye on it and to make sure things are getting paid out of the correct accounts. There are currently 28 properties on for the tax sale. It was discussed that your family and friends cannot buy your property back for you.

Logan Campbell made a motion to approve the tax warrants; Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Deb Panzner, Register of Deeds, reported that they just want a regular door not a double. Kelly needs the wall space, so it makes more sense for them.

At 9:41 a.m., Mark Callender joined the meeting.

Deb plans to get the add out in the paper to advertise for Denises position in September, and have someone hired by October. Discussion was held over potential to get rid of that position, however it will create too many issues.

Cindy Landgraf, EMS Director, reported that they are getting through their EMT classes and will be starting ride alongs soon. The students will do ride alongs in both Finney and Lane County. 3 students are county employees, and Cindy asked if they would get paid for their time on ride alongs. Other students who aren't employees of the county don't get paid for it; therefore, the commissioners don't think county employees should either. Discussion was held on ambulance drivers. The driver can technically be anyone employed through the county as long as there are 2 certified providers in the back. As per Commissioners request Cindy looked into the Quinter Ambulance Service policy on charging individuals after three service call requests without patient transport in a calendar year. Because it costs the county every time the ambulance leaves the station the Commissioners would like Cindy to find out what Quinter charges

for these types of calls and draft a policy for Lane County EMS to implement and present it at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on community events that EMS attends and/or is requested for stand-by. Parades and school send-offs are viewed as community support and were approved by Commissioners to attend at no charge. All county sponsored events including the Lane County Fair and KPRA Rodeo were also approved for no charge. Other events that request EMS stand-by including all football games, Lane Scott Night and any other county events will be subject to charges. Commissioners requested Cindy to find out what the stand-by rate is for the Quinter Ambulance Service and report back next meeting

Mark Callender updated the commissioners on what is happening with the airport. The county has been billed the first half of engineering costs and also received a grant back from KDOT at 90%. Garver will contact Mike about work that needs to be done to the airport, but it should be getting the cracks filled, sealed, painted and a topcoat. Garver will have their recommendation on what needs done by the end of July or early August. All the work should be finished by the end of the year.

At 10:28 a.m., Curt Hanna and Mark Callender left the meeting.

Hailey Knoll reported that Ron will be out of the office until the 10th. The Sheriff's Office is ready for the fair and appreciates the community following laws over the 4th of July weekend.

At 10:29 a.m., Stefanie Jones moved to take a five-minute recess; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:33 Katie Riffle joined the meeting. Katie wanted to mainly just check in before the fair and let the commissioners know that everything is going smoothly. The fair board will hold their meeting at 5:30 this Friday evening and make sure everyone is on the same page. The parade will be held Friday evening. If weather doesn't allow us to have it that night, it will be held on Saturday morning. Katie is still looking for some snow fence to block area off. Mike will also be working to get some water to the mud volleyball area. The fair is also looking good on their budget this year and will get a list of all expenses to the commissioners.

At 10:50 a.m., Katie Riffle left the meeting.

At 10:50 a.m., Max Prose and Barry Johnston joined the meeting.

Max would like to build a dam out around his house and would like to know how to go about it. Logan directed him to the FSA office and he can start there. The commissioners can't do anything with it at the moment. Max also would like to know how soon Mike will be able to fix the road to his house. Cement trucks are coming out this week. Barry mentioned that they had shown up Monday morning to start framework. Logan will call Mike and have him get a hold of Max and see what they can do.

At 11:02 a.m., Max Prose and Barry Johnston left the meeting.

Deb Panzner joined the meeting at 11:03 a.m. and expressed to the commissioners that she would not want to get rid of the floater between the deeds and appraisers office. Even part time wouldn't work and she would like to continue the position as is. Deb will look into the handbook to see if employees have to live in the county in order to work for the county.

At 11:18 a.m., Deb left the meeting.

Commissioners discussed Kerb's Law Office Engagement Agreement. They all agree that they are interested in being in contract with them. It is also beneficial because Scott Co. has signed with them, and they want to remain in good communication with them on the wind farm.

At 11:41 a.m. Logan called Kristen with Lewis Hooper and Dick, via phone. Logan let Kristen know that the airport had a higher projected amount than they thought, she assured the commissioners it shouldn't

be an issue. Logan also asked about how to go about payments to Kerb's since we will get billed for their services monthly and have to pay upfront. We will get reimbursement; we just do not know when. Kristen believes it can come out of capital improvement and be ok. She will email Payton once she finds out for sure. At 11:50 the phone call with Kristen ended.

Logan Campbell made a motion to accept Kerb's Law Office, LLC. Engagement Agreement; Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on electrical at the trap range at the fairgrounds. Lane-Scott bid it to upgrade wiring, a new breaker box and some new lights. It isn't an urgent matter, so the commissioners will revisit it in the future.

At 12:07 p.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 ten minutes; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. At 1:07 p.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Kelle Bosley, Logan Campbell, Stefanie Jones and Payton Schultz.

Stefanie Jones moved to accept Donte Hudson's mowing bid at \$40.00 for the Courthouse and Emergency Management lawns; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the renewal Walk – in Hunting Contract on the CRP south of town. It is a 3-year contract. It has to be walk in and walk out. Logan called Billie Barnett Jr. via phone at 12:23 p.m. to make sure he was on the same page about renewing the contract. Billie was fine with it. Logan ended the call with Billie at 12:30 p.m.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the Walk – in Hunting Contract; Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the one time janitorial services; Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held over different insurance options for the county's insurance plan. Payton will talk to Julie and see when she can come back out before renewal.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve the CMB License for the Rodeo from July 17th – 18th; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. Kelle Bosley abstained.

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

Stefanie Jones moved to approve June 15, 2026 minutes; Kelle Bosley seconded. Motion carried.

Stefanie Jones moved to approve June 24, 2026 minutes; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to approve July 1, 2026 minutes with said changes; Stefanie Jones seconded. Motion carried.

At 12:47 p.m. Logan Campbell made a phone call to Kirkham & Micheal via phone to discuss the washed-out bridges in the county. He will get with Mike and schedule a day to come out and look at the conditions of the roads. They ended the call at 12:57 p.m.

At 12:59 p.m. Logan Campbell made a phone call to Mike Martindale via phone to discuss the washed out roads and that Kirkham & Micheal will be getting ahold of him to get time set up to assess road conditions. Logan also passed on Max Prose's phone number to Mike. Mike will get ahold of Max and see what they can do. They ended the call at 1:03 p.m.

There being no further business; Stefanie Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m., Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims July 6, 2026

GENERAL FUND		\$ 36,664.70
NOXIOUS WEED		\$17,594.00
HEALTH		\$1,401.16
PUBLIC WORKS		\$3,702.24
AMBULANCE		\$1,361.49
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$2,132.73
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		\$1,309.76
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$3,560.57
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		\$22,764.62
SHERIFF		\$7,437.76
SHERIFF EQUIPMENT RESERVE		\$2,815.34
LANE COUNTY 911 FUND		\$2,560.42
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT		\$2,590.00
RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1		\$879.74
LYNN SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$1465.52
TOTAL		\$108,240.05

ATTEST:

Kelle Bosley, Chairperson

Payton Schultz, County Clerk