

\*\*\*\*\*November 12, 2025 \*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Fran Keppler, County Clerk; Stacey Driscoll, County Treasurer; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Joe Herring commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Smith read a letter of recognition from a citizen for an employee of the Treasurer's office.

Stacy Driscoll, County Treasurer, updated the Board on how the office is functioning.

Commissioners Smith and Dove will be attending the Kansas Association of Counties conference in December.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Willie Dove as a voting delegate for the KAC convention and Mike Smith as the alternate.***

***Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Dove abstained.***

Mark Loughry reminded everyone of the food drive this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Council on Aging parking lot.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, November 12, 2025 as presented.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the Board adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of County Canvassers.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Fran Keppler reported on the city/school general election indicating a 16.3% turnout.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the provisional ballot recommendations by the County Clerk.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adjourn as the Board of County Canvassers and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Bill Noll requested approval of a contract with KDOT to treat noxious weeds.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the KDOT contract to treat noxious weeds along state route roads.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and reconvene as the Board of County Canvassers.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Ms. Keppler reported the provisionals did not change the outcome of any races.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to certify the 2025 City/School General Election.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn as the Board of County Canvassers and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

John Jacobson presented Resolution 2025-37, adopting building codes in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adopt Resolution 2025-37 approving the adoption of the 2012 International Residential Code for one-and two-family dwellings and the 2012 International Building Code as modified for all unincorporated areas of the County.***

***Motion passed, 3-2, Commissioners Reid and Culbertson voting nay.***

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2025-38, approving the vacation of a portion of the plat of the town of Reno.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to find that the vacation request as outlined in Case DEV-25-107 complies with K.S.A. 58-2613 and K.S.A. 68-102 and does not cause the public to suffer loss or inconveniences and that no private rights will be injured or endangered by the vacation. I move to adopt Resolution 2025-38 and approve the vacation request subject to the property rights of public utilities, rights of way and easements for public services facilities currently in existence and use.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to the legal interest of the County which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and that Board resume open meeting at 10:25 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Mike Smith, Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry, County Counselor Misty Brown, and Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board as returned to regular session at 10:25 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to adjourn.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board adjourned at 10:25 a.m.