

*****November 19, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Fran Keppler, County Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Blackburn and Dennis Higgins commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith inquired about a date for the legislative breakfast.

Fran Keppler updated the Board on election recounts and reporting to the State.

Mark Loughry indicated the Board typically moves the meeting day the week of Thanksgiving to a Monday or Tuesday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to move the meeting day to Tuesday, November 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented a letter of support for Riverside Resources application of a grant for transportation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to send a letter of support for the KDOT 5310 grant program for Riverside Resources.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben inquired of legal counsel what the process would be to implement tax on Airbnb in the county.

Misty Brown indicated the County under state statute could adopt a resolution for transient guest tax.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, November 19, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a proposal for the design of bridge T-31 on Fairmount Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the proposal by MRJ Engineering for bid documents, permitting and design of bridge T-31 on Fairmount Road in the amount of \$17,620.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board discussed different ways to encourage better voter participation.

It was consensus of the Board to direct staff draft a letter and each Commissioner will contact whom they feel needs to attend a work session to discuss the matter.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

The Board heard a presentation from KDOT for the K-5 highway modernization project.

Commissioner Dove commented on the Fareway Store ribbon cutting in Basehor indicating the turnout was outstanding.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Final Approved