

*****February 11, 2026 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Reid is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Fran Keppler, County Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Heather Reisig, Rebecca Davis, Kevin Grow, Brian Morley, Ted Grinter and Kim Colvert commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Fran Keppler reported the election for USD 469 special bond starts today.

The Board briefly discussed data centers and a future work session.

Commissioner Culbertson recapped the discussions with Fort Leavenworth and EMS services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 11, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Tammy Saldivar requested the Board to adopt the Leavenworth County 2026 Solid Waste Committee member roster.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adopt and forward the Leavenworth County 2026 Solid Waste Committee member roster to KDHE.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Ms. Saldivar presented a 3-year lease agreement for three backhoes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept a 3-year lease agreement from VLP Equipment Share for three Case 580SN backhoes with an annual lease payment in the amount of \$76,405.70.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Amy Allison presented Board Order 2026-1, a right-of-way vacation for Stonegate Court.

Commissioner Stieben opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of the request.

Commissioner Stieben closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to find that all proper notice for this vacation has been given, that the right-of-way in question has no use and has not been used as a public road and no future use of this road is foreseen, and that the vacation shall not interfere with, impair, infringe or obstruct the property right of public utilities and easements for public services. Therefore, I move to adopt Board Order 2026-1, approving the proposed right-of-way vacation.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Ms. Allison presented Case DEV-25-146, a preliminary and final plat for Quail Ridge Estates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-25-146 is compliant with the County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and move that the proposed final plat be conditionally approved and accepted by this Board subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report and as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to contract negotiations and 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 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Mike Smith, Jeff Culbertson, Willie Dove, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry and County Counselor Misty Brown.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. No Action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to the legal interests of the County.

Commissioner Culbertson testified in Topeka on the earnings tax bill.

The Board briefly discussed house bills in legislation.

Commissioner Dove participated in a community engagement presentation from the individuals bringing in the battery plant indicating they will not be using the state incentives because it would not be in the public's interest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adjourn.
Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:52 a.m.