

*****February 4, 2026 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Fran Keppler, County Clerk; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director;

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reid indicated she is interested to see the results of the CoreCivic special use permit with the city.

Commissioner Stieben mentioned regulations regarding data centers and even suggested putting in place a moratorium.

Commissioner Dove indicated the Board doesn't have the information to do what Commissioner Stieben is asking.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, February 4, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Fran Keppler presented a quote from Election Systems & Software for an upgrade in election equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the quote from Election Systems & Software to upgrade election tabulating and reporting equipment in the amount of \$254,245.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon presented the proposed changes to the Council on Aging Advisory Board by-laws.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the proposed changes to the Council on Aging Advisory Board by-laws.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Harmon requested a reappointment to the Council on Aging Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to reappoint Jennifer Grasela to the Council on Aging Advisory Board for a 3-year term.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Harmon requested approval and the chairperson to sign the Council on Aging's Older Americans Act Title III programs grant for FFY26.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve and authorize the chairperson to sign the Council on Aging's Older Americans Act Title III programs grant for FFY26.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a 5-year lease agreement for wheel loaders.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve a 5-year lease agreement from Kan Equip for two JCB articulating wheel loaders.
Motion passed, 5-0.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2026-5, a request for a special use permit for M&K Estates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the proposed special use permit complies with the Golden Factors and move to adopt Resolution 2026-5 and conditionally approve the special use permit as outlined in Case DEV-25-124 based on the recommendation and conditions of the Planning Commission, the findings as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the facts, testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2026-6, a request for a special use permit for Tri-Hull Crane Rental, LLC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove that the proposed special use permit does not comply with the Golden Factors and move to deny Resolution 2026-6 and deny the special use permit as outlined in Case DEV-25-137.

Ms. Allison indicated staff recommended denial based on the Golden Factors 2, 3, 4 and 7 were not met.

Commissioner Dove withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid that the proposed special use permit complies with the Golden Factors and move to adopt Resolution 2026-6 and conditionally approve the special use permit as outlined in Case DEV-25-137 based on the recommendation and conditions of the Planning Commission, the findings set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the facts, testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing.

Motion dies for lack of second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove denies seconded by Commissioner Culbertson that the proposed special use permit does not comply with the Golden Factors and move to

deny Resolution 2026-6 and deny the special use permit as outlined in Case DEV-25-137 and to incorporate the comments from the Planning Commission.

Motion passed, 4-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint the chairperson Stieben to the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority for a 4-year term.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mark Loughry requested an executive session for 20 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith that this Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorney to discuss confidential matters related to the contract negotiations in the legal interests of the County which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship and permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and that the 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, Vanessa Reid, Willie Dove and Mike Stieben, County Administrator, Mark Loughry and County Counselor, Misty Brown.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:31 a.m.