

\*\*\*\*\*March 11, 2026\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Dove is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Fran Keppler, County Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nancy Carpenter commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Fran Keppler shared information from the Secretary of State indicating the primary election could be huge due to two constitutional amendments.

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

*Motion passed, 4-0.*

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

*Motion passed, 4-0.*

Ms. Keppler indicated the Board is canvassing the USD#469 school bond election recommending to accept seven ballots.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the seven provisional ballots.*

*Motion passed, 4-0.*

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

*Motion passed, 4-0.*

The Board considered a list of proclamations for the year.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the proclamations for the coming year as presented.*

*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 attorney and discuss confidential matters related to the legal interests 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 9:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Board.*

***Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Mike Smith, Jeff Culbertson, Vanessa Reid, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry, County Counselor Misty Brown and Commissioner Dove on the phone.***

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

The Board has returned to regular session at 9:30 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 Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and reconvene as the Board of County Canvassers.***

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

Ms. Keppler ran the provisionals and announced it did not change the outcome of the election. She reported that both questions still failed.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the finding by the County Clerk.***

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

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

***Motion passed, 4-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid that on the 25<sup>th</sup> we will meet in the evening at 7:00 p.m. rather than our regular time at 9:00 a.m. for the considerations that are on the agenda for that day.***

***Motion failed, 2-2, Commissioners Culbertson and Smith voting nay.***

Commissioner Reid commented on the decision of the Leavenworth City Commission regarding CoreCivic.

Commissioners Smith, Reid and Dove attended the Basehor Mayor's State of the City Address on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Stieben discussed legislation that are being considered in Topeka regarding property taxes.

Commissioner Reid traveled the county gravel roads and indicated there wasn't any gravel on the roads. She will meet with the Public Works director.

Ted Grinter commented.

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

*Motion passed, 4-0.*

The Board adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Final Approved