

\*\*\*\*\*March 18, 2026\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session and in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor;

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Karleskint, Janell Kinse Ed Irvine, Ted Grinter, Cecillia Pruitt, Maryam Hjersted and Rebecca Davis commented.

Commissioner Stieben opened the work session on data centers.

Paul Hughes with the Kansas Department of Commerce presented.

Chuck Caisley with Evergy presented.

Justin Grady with the Kansas Corporation Commission presented.

Aaron Bilyeu with Cloverleaf presented.

Zack Pistora with the Sierra Club presented.

Ben Morgan, John Hulsey, Ann Hulsey, Kevin Grower, Nancy Carpenter and Janice Bernhardt commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, as presented.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Misty Brown requested approval of Board Order 2026-3, authorizing the County Counselor to secure opioid related funds.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve Board Order 2026-3, authorizing the County Counselor to take action to secure the County's share of opioid-related funds to support opioid abasement in the County.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to potential claims and litigation which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) and that Board resume open meeting at 2:45 p.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 and County Counselor Misty Brown.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

The Board has returned to regular session at 2:45 p.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to matters related non-elected personnel.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn.  
Motion passed, 5-0.*

The Board adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Final Approved