

*****March 4, 2026 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dove, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Department Director; Rhonda Berry, Community Corrections Business Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Denise McCullough, Mike McDonald, Danielle Redmon and Nancy Carpenter commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben read the March for Meal proclamation.

Commissioner Dove indicated he met with other commissioners through the Kansas Association of Counties to exchange and discuss information regarding data centers.

Commissioner Stieben read information through his research regarding data centers.

Commissioner Stieben discussed house bills passed in legislation about property taxes.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Connie Harmon requested appointment of a member to the Council on Aging Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Sherry Brown to the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Areawide Advisory Council representing the Leavenworth County Council on Aging.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie Miller presented the application for Aid to Local Grants.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the chairman to sign the application for the Aid to Local Grants for the Health Department.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Rhonda Berry requested approval of the application for the adult comprehensive plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the application for the FY27 Adult Comprehensive Plan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Berry requested approval of the application for the juvenile comprehensive plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the application for the FY27 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Berry presented the quarterly report for adult and juvenile community corrections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to allow the Commission to discuss personnel matters related to specific non-elected employees in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals discussed 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, 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 10:30 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to matters related to specific non-elected personnel.

Commissioner Reid testified in Topeka last week on the 911 communications sale tax in front of the house committee.

Commissioner Smith noted the voters turned down the Lansing USD#469 improvements.

Commissioner Stieben inquired where the money is coming from when departments implement a different amount for pay raises.

Mark Loughry indicated as long as that department stays within their budget, they can juggle between line items.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:39 a.m.