

*****July 23, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Stieben is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; TerriLois Mashburn, Register of Deeds

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rebecca Mahan, April Cromer, Paul Cromer, Janie Stockman, Trena Gilfert, John Redden and Kirsten Workman commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Culbertson is sending out a petition to his constituents about closing a bridge to pave more roads in his district.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 23, 2025 as presented.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Mark Loughry presented a rate increase for municipal solid waste and c&d.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adopt a minimum rate increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for MSW and a minimum rate increase from \$13.00 to \$20.00 for C&D.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Loughry presented a rate increase of \$2.00 per ton gate rate increase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt the rate increase of \$2.00 per ton gate rate increase effective September 1, 2025.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Loughry presented an amendment to the family health plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the rate card amending the health plan family rates for the 2025/2026 plan as presented.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Bill Noll presented a list of surplus equipment to sell on PurpleWave.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to place equipment on the surplus list to sell on PurpleWave as presented.
Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Noll presented a contract with Ebert Construction for the 235th St. project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the contract with Ebert Construction for the 235th St. project in the amount of \$4,301,411.96 with a 7.5% contingency.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Loughry presented an update to the public comment policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the updated public comment policy.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Misty Brown presented Board Order 2025-10, authorizing the County Counselor to secure opioid related funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Board Order 2025-10, 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, 4-0.

The Board discussed changes to the traditional family values month proclamation.

Commissioner Dove indicated he would like adopted children recognized in the proclamation.

TerriLois Mashburn presented changes to the Register of Deeds budget.

The Board directed staff to include \$5,000.00 to Sparrow Clinic in the budget.

Connie Harmon presented waiting list options for Meals on Wheels.

The Board discussed holding a joint economic development work session with the all-governing entities on August 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Tonganoxie 464 Board of Education meeting room.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove 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 11:00 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, 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to matters related to specific non-elected personnel.

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

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Final Approved