

*****November 5, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove 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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Connie Harmon spoke about a community wide food drive on November 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot at the Council on Aging.

Fran Keppler reported on the election.

Commissioner Smith read the Operation Green Light Proclamation.

The Board will review KAC voting delegates next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, November 5, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll presented the Road and Bridge performance-based advancement plan pay schedule.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the Road and Bridge performance-based advancement plan pay schedule.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board heard a proposed island annexation by the city of Easton, Kansas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith that this island property is adjacent to 2 KDOT roadways and is not expected to impact County roadways or present any concerns regarding access or maintenance. Based on the totality of the record, I find that the proposed annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other incorporated city located with the County and I move that this Board adopt these findings.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board heard an annexation of two County owned lots into the city of Easton, Kansas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to consent to the annexation of these two County owned parcels, identified as parcel 052-064-19-0-10-08-005.01-0 and parcel 052-064-19-0-10-08-004.01-0 into the city limits of Easton and direct staff to file the County's consent to annexation with the city.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A revised contract for the County Administrator was presented for consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to approve the proposed agreement as presented and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Commission.

Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Reid voting nay.

David Warm and Ron Achelpohl from the Mid-America Regional Council presented information about services that are provided and the County's role at MARC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Reid that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting for preliminary discussion related to acquisition of real property for public improvements as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and that the Board resume the meeting at 10:25 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, County Counselor Misty Brown and Deputy County Counselor, Jon Khalil.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:25 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 Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn.
Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

*****November 12, 2025*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Fran Keppler, County Clerk; Stacey Driscoll, County Treasurer; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Herring commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith read a letter of recognition from a citizen for an employee of the Treasurer's office.

Stacy Driscoll, County Treasurer, updated the Board on how the office is functioning.

Commissioners Smith and Dove will be attending the Kansas Association of Counties conference in December.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Willie Dove as a voting delegate for the KAC convention and Mike Smith as the alternate.

Motion passed, 4-0, Commissioner Dove abstained.

Mark Loughry reminded everyone of the food drive this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Council on Aging parking lot.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, November 12, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the Board adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of County Canvassers.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Fran Keppler reported on the city/school general election indicating a 16.3% turnout.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the provisional ballot recommendations by the County Clerk.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a contract with KDOT to treat noxious weeds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the KDOT contract to treat noxious weeds along state route roads.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Keppler reported the provisionals did not change the outcome of any races.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to certify the 2025 City/School General Election.

Motion passed, 5-0.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

John Jacobson presented Resolution 2025-37, adopting building codes in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adopt Resolution 2025-37 approving the adoption of the 2012 International Residential Code for one-and two-family dwellings and the 2012 International Building Code as modified for all unincorporated areas of the County.

Motion passed, 3-2, Commissioners Reid and Culbertson voting nay.

Amy Allison presented Resolution 2025-38, approving the vacation of a portion of the plat of the town of Reno.

Commissioner Smith opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Commissioner Smith closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to find that the vacation request as outlined in Case DEV-25-107 complies with K.S.A. 58-2613 and K.S.A. 68-102 and does not cause the public to suffer loss or inconveniences and that no private rights will be injured or endangered by the vacation. I move to adopt Resolution 2025-38 and approve the vacation request subject to the property rights of public utilities, rights of way and easements for public services facilities currently in existence and use.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to the legal interest 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 10:25 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, County Counselor Misty Brown, and Deputy County Counselor Jon Khalil.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board as returned to regular session at 10:25 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 Stieben to adjourn.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

*****November 12, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stieben, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Misty Brown, County Counselor

The Board met in a work session to discuss 2025 Zoning Language Amendments.

The Board ended the work session at 11:01 a.m.

Final Approved

*****November 19, 2025*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Fran Keppler, County Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Blackburn and Dennis Higgins commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith inquired about a date for the legislative breakfast.

Fran Keppler updated the Board on election recounts and reporting to the State.

Mark Loughry indicated the Board typically moves the meeting day the week of Thanksgiving to a Monday or Tuesday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to move the meeting day to Tuesday, November 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented a letter of support for Riverside Resources application of a grant for transportation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to send a letter of support for the KDOT 5310 grant program for Riverside Resources.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben inquired of legal counsel what the process would be to implement tax on Airbnb in the county.

Misty Brown indicated the County under state statute could adopt a resolution for transient guest tax.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Stieben to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, November 19, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a proposal for the design of bridge T-31 on Fairmount Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the proposal by MRJ Engineering for bid documents, permitting and design of bridge T-31 on Fairmount Road in the amount of \$17,620.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board discussed different ways to encourage better voter participation.

It was consensus of the Board to direct staff draft a letter and each Commissioner will contact whom they feel needs to attend a work session to discuss the matter.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

The Board heard a presentation from KDOT for the K-5 highway modernization project.

Commissioner Dove commented on the Fareway Store ribbon cutting in Basehor indicating the turnout was outstanding.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Final Approved

*****November 25, 2025 *****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid and Commissioner Dove Commissioner Stieben is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith expressed thanks to Human Resources for hosting the Chili Cook-Off.

Mark Loughry presented a KDOT letter of support for the K-5 Modernization project.

A motion was made Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve the letter to Secretary Reed by the County Commissioners.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Misty Brown indicated she received a message from counsel for Kaw Valley indicating they are asking to postpone the hearing on December 3rd to February.

Commissioner Culbertson inquired if a letter is needed to send to Ft. Leavenworth regarding the EMS contract.

Mr. Loughry indicated there has been some communication and has asked the County Counselor to review a contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Tuesday, November 25, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben recommended to update the letter for the 152 project and the property cap letter for the legislative breakfast.

Commissioner Reid expressed her appreciation for the Chili Cook-Off.

Commissioner Smith announced the Lansing Christmas Tree Lighting will be at the Lansing Middle School, Sunday November 30th at 6:00 p.m.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:09 a.m.