

\*\*\*\*\*April 1, 2026\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Culbertson is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Jim Sherley, Undersheriff; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Department Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ted Grinter and Rebecca Davis commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Stieben requested the CIP be moved to next week.

Commissioner Stieben read a proclamation recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Commissioner Stieben read a proclamation recognizing National Government Month.

Commissioner Stieben spoke about HB2745 that would require a vote of the electors to approve increases in property tax revenues.

Commissioner Stieben spoke about the approved special use permits throughout the county.

Commissioner Stieben read accomplishments the county has made in the past several years.

Commissioner Reid read information from the Washington Post on data centers.

Commissioner Stieben mentioned a few senators have proposed a state-wide moratorium on data centers.

Commissioner Dove reiterated that the Board should continue to receive more information on the data centers.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as presented.***

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

Connie Harmon requested appointment of a member to the Wyandotte/Leavenworth County Advisory Council.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Reid to appoint Luisa Maxson to the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Areawide Advisory Council representing the Leavenworth County Council on Aging.***

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

Jim Sherley requested approval of the Edward Byrne grant agreement.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the Edward J. Byrne grant agreement.***

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

Jamie Miller requested the chairman to sign an MOU with CoreCivic for EMS services.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Reid to authorize the chairman to sign an MOU between the County and CoreCivic for EMS services.***

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

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-26-002, a final plat for Blake Farms.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to find that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-26-002 in compliant with the County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and move that the proposed final plat be conditionally approved and accepted by this Board subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report and as adopted by the Planning Commission.***

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

Ms. Allison presented Resolution 2026-8, a request for a special use permit for H2R Ranch.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Stieben that the proposed special use permit complies with the Golden Factors and move to adopt Resolution 2026-8 and conditionally approve the special use permit as outlined in Case DEV-25-121 based on the recommendation and conditions of the Planning Commission, with the exception to make it a 30 year, the findings as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the facts, testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing.***

***Commissioner Reid withdrew her motion and Commissioner Stieben withdrew his second.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the proposed special use permit complies with the Golden Factors and move to adopt Resolution 2026-8 and conditionally approve the special use permit as outlined in Case DEV-25-121 based on the recommendation and conditions of the Planning Commission, with the exception of moving it from 10 to 15 years, the findings as set forth in the staff report and as substantiated by the facts, testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing.***

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

Jacob Thomas presented a report for the Extension Office.

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

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

The Board adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Final Approved

\*\*\*\*\*April 1, 2026\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in a work session on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Stieben and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Culbertson is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator;

Also present: Charles Ferguson, CEO of KCATA; Michael Riley, TOD Director for KCATA; Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment for MARC; Brien Starner, Community Development & Real Estate Director for KCATA; AJ Farris, Director of Planning and Scheduling for KCATA; Lucas Martinez, Planning and Scheduling Analyst for KCATA

The Board met in a work session with members of Mid-America Regional Council and the Kansas City Area Transit Authority to discuss county-wide transportation.

The Board ended the work session at 11:45 a.m.

Final Approved

\*\*\*\*\*April 8, 2026\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Reid is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Dave Martin, Information Systems Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Tammy Saldivar, Solid Waste Director; TerriLois Todd, Register of Deeds; Lisa Haack, LCDC Director

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Karleskint, Jim Karleskint, Gary Blackmer, Dawn Griffiths, Amy Sloan, Lynn Looney and Kevin Grower commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben read a list of grants that Public Works has received.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as presented.***

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

TerriLois Todd requested approval for a full-time staff position for the Register of Deeds.

It was the consensus of the Board that the difference in funding will come out of the Register of Deeds tech fund for this year. During the 2027 budget process the position will be addressed at that time.

Dave Martin requested approval to contract with Z3 Technologies for cable remediation and an overhaul of networking infrastructure.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Z3 Technologies for cable remediation and an overhaul of networking infrastructure with Leavenworth County, Leavenworth County Sheriff's Department and the city of Leavenworth in the total amount of \$120,000.00 (\$40,000.00 per entity).***

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

Bill Noll presented the 5-year capital improvement plan for road and bridge improvement projects.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

Commissioner Stieben announced the Board will break from the CIP and continue with the quarterly reports.

Lisa Haack presented the quarterly report for LCDC.

Mr. Martin presented the quarterly report for Information Systems.

Tammy Saldivar presented the quarterly report for Solid Waste.

The Board presented Mr. Noll questions regarding the CIP and will bring it back next week for consideration.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to contract negotiations and 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 12:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Board. Present in the executive meeting will be Commissioners Mike Smith, Jeff Culbertson, Willie Dove, Mike Stieben, County Administrator Mark Loughry and County Counselor, Misty Brown.***

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

The Board has returned to regular session at 12:00 p.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 Culbertson to adjourn.***

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

The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*April 15, 2026\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Reid is absent; Mark Loughry, County Administrator is absent; Also present: Misty Brown, County Counselor; Anne Marie Yatsula, Assistant County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Monica Swigart, Human Resources Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ed Irvine, Alicia Mein, Robert Owens, Lynn Looney, Brian Morley, Lisa Thorne and Crystal Blackdeer commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Culbertson requested the consensus of the Board to allow homeowners to pay for paving west of Seven Sisters Road and Happy Hollow Road when the County will be there paving those roads.

Commissioner Smith requested to look at this next week.

Commissioner Dove reported that there will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Training on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center in Leavenworth.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as presented.  
Motion passed, 4-0.***

Commissioner Stieben suggested to move certain action items until next week.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to put off B, C and D on formal board action until the following week.  
Motion passed, 4-0.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve a letter appointing Anne Marie Yatsula as the Leavenworth County's alternate trustee on the KERIT Board of Trustees.  
Motion passed, 4-0.***

Monica Swigart presented the quarterly report for Human Resources.

John Jacobson presented the quarterly report for Planning and Zoning.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn.  
Motion passed, 4-0.***

Alicia Mein commented.

The Board adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Final Approved

\*\*\*\*\*April 22, 2026\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Also present: Misty Brown, County Counselor; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Jamie Miller, EMS/Health Department Director, Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director; Fran Keppler, County Clerk; Dave Martin, Information Systems Director;

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tyler Romans and Jim Karleskint commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Fran Keppler and Dave Martin informed the Board of a grant for elections focusing on cyber security.

Commissioner Dove attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District voting training.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 22, 2026, as presented.*

*Motion passed, 5-0.*

Bill Noll presented the 5-year capital improvement plan.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson that the CIP 5- year plan includes more roads in my District and Vanessa's District.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to pave the road in District 4 as recommended 127<sup>th</sup>, 131<sup>st</sup> and Marxen Road.*

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

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve this CIP except for the fact that the \$500,000.00 listed each year goes equally among the 5 districts.*

*Commissioner Culbertson and Commissioner Reid withdrew their motion and second.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to accept the CIP as presented for 2027 then beginning in 2028 the dust abatement funds would be divided amongst Commission Districts 1, 5, 3 and 2.*

*Motion passed, 4-1, Commissioner Culbertson voting nay.*

Staff will draft a policy on how funds will be distributed.

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-26-022, a preliminary and final plat for Elysian Fields.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-26-022 is compliant with the County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and move that the proposed final plat be conditionally approved and accepted by this Board subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report and as adopted by the Planning Commission.***

Motion passed, 5-0.

Ms. Allison presented Case DEV-26-024, a preliminary and final plat for Daffner Estates.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the proposed final plat as outlined in Case DEV-26-024 is compliant with the County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and move that the proposed final plat be conditionally approved and accepted by this Board subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report and as adopted by the Planning Commission.***

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mark Loughry presented Board Order 2026-4, transferring funds from the General Operating Fund to the County Capital Improvement Fund.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve Board Order 2026, transferring funds from the General Operating Fund to the County Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$800,000.00.***

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Loughry presented Board Order 2026-5, transferring funds from the General Operating Fund of the County to the Capital Improvement Funds.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Board Order 2026-5, transferring funds from the General Operating Fund of the County (Cushing Lease Buyout) to the Capital Improvement Funds in the amount of \$2,200,000.00.***

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll presented Board Order 2026-6, dust abatement with private funds.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Board Order 2026-6, accepting one dust abatement application on Happy Hollow Road to extend the public improvement with private funds that will cover 100% of the cost.***

Motion passed, 5-0.

Jamie Miller presented the quarterly report for EMS and the Health Department.

Aaron Yoakam presented the quarterly report for Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Noll presented the quarterly report for Public Works.

Commissioner Stieben inquired if anything has been received a response from Fort Leavenworth on the EMS agreement.

Mr. Loughry indicated there has not been a response at this time.

Staff was directed to draft a letter to federal legislators informing them of the deadline.

Commissioner Reid inquired if the Board would support a policy that would include private funding that would cover 100% of costs of road improvements.

Mr. Loughry indicated when it comes up in October that will be an option the Board could vote on.

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

The Board adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Kim Colbert commented.

\*\*\*\*\*April 29, 2026\*\*\*\*\*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Reid by phone and in person; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Also present: Misty Brown, County Counselor; Anne Marie Yatsula, Assistant County Counselor; Aaron Yoakam, Building and Grounds Director; John Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Allison, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director; Connie Harmon, Council on Aging Director; Bob Weber, Appraiser; Chuck Magaha, Emergency Management Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Miller, Ginger Turner, Brian Morley, Jim Karleskint, Dee Karleskint, Ted Grinter Lisa Thorn, Individual residing at 17312 206<sup>th</sup> commented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Mark Loughry updated the Board on the budget process.

Mr. Loughry presented a draft letter addressed to legislators regarding EMS services on Fort Leavenworth.

It was the consensus of the Board to send the letter to legislators.

Mr. Loughry updated the Board on an emergency culvert project on 147<sup>th</sup> St.

Commissioner Stieben read an article about Senator Mike Thompson's comments regarding data centers.

Commissioner Stieben read a proclamation recognizing Economic Development week.

Commissioner Dove attended the Kansas County Commissioner's Association conference and received information on data centers.

Commissioner Smith commented he didn't see a problem with a moratorium while the Board is still getting information.

The Board will discuss a moratorium when they review data center regulations.

Commissioner Stieben suggested to re-open the application for the Building Code Appeal Committee position.

It was the consensus of the Board to re-open the position.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 29, 2026, as presented.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Aaron Yoakam requested approval to accept bid from Price Construction Management for parking lot replacement at EMS Station #2.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve Price Construction Management to remove and replace the parking lot at EMS Station #2 and replace with alternate concrete in the amount of \$276,077.00.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Amy Allison presented Case DEV-26-034, a request for a temporary special use permit for Rancho El Diamante.

Commissioner Stieben opened the public hearing.

Ron Lopez and Daniel Berges spoke in favor.

No one spoke in opposition.

Commissioner Stieben closed the public hearing.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the application with the exception that a condition be added in steer tailing event will not be permitted at the event.***

***Motion fails 2-3, Commissioners Smith, Dove and Reid voting nay.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Case DEV-26-034, a temporary special use permit for three rodeo events located at 16819 Lenape Road, Linwood, KS.***

***Motion passed, 3-2, Commissioners Stieben and Dove voting nay.***

Chuck Magaha presented an agreement for emergency response and recovery with MARC.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove to enter into the Greater Kansas City Regional Resource Sharing Agreement for emergency response and recovery with Mid America Regional Council and MARC members who are signatories to the agreement.***

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

Connie Harmon presented the quarterly report for Council on Aging.

Bob Weber presented the quarterly report for the Appraiser's office.

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

***Motion passed, 5-0.***

The Board adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Final Approved