

\*\*\*\*\*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.