

\*\*\*\*\*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