

*****June 10, 2026*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Culbertson, Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Aaron Yoakam, Buildings and Grounds Director;

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terry Booker, Ed Irvine, Cecilia Pruitt, Nancy Carpenter, Lukas Patton, Brooklyn Patton, Tammy Patton, Jim Karleskint, Aaron Bilyeu, Stephanie Shupe, Jane Dent, Russell Dent, Dee Karleskint, Janice Barnhardt, Alicia Mein, Judy Smith, Jerry Pruitt, Linda Seufert, Richard Paz, Kimberly Storm, Brian Morley, Ted Grinter, Kim Colbert, Wes Baker and Lisa Higge commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stieben read a proclamation recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Commissioner Stieben requested to place an advisory election discussion on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Smith to put on the agenda to consider an advisory election and direct county staff to work with the county clerk to come up with two or three options on different methods of conducting the election.

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

Commissioner Reid an article regarding how much water a data center versus agriculture uses.

Aaron Yoakam requested approval of a bid for the replacement of the Transfer Station tipping floor and apron.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve a bid from Linaweaver Construction for the replacement of the Transfer Station tipping floor and apron in the amount of \$70,000.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dove that the Board recess for a closed executive meeting to consult with our attorneys and discuss confidential matters related to potential claims which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) and that board resume open meeting at 11:45 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 Assistant County Counselor Anne Marie Yatsula.

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board has returned to regular session at 11:45 a.m. No action was taken and no decisions were made. The subject was limited to matters related to attorney-client privileges.

No action on the moratorium resolutions.

Commissioner Stieben commented on water usage of a hyper data center.

Commissioner Reid addressed a public comment stating her comments are her own.

Alicia Mein, Ted Grinter Byron McFee Jane Dent, Lisa Higge and Wes Baker commented.

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

Motion passed, 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Final Approved