

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: May 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Justin Clark, Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, and Amanda DeWitt.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve today's agenda. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2026 meeting. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2027 Budget Requests

- A representative from the Historical Society presented their 2027 budget request and provided an annual update. No increase in funding was requested.
- Representatives from the Conservation District presented their 2027 budget request. No increase in funding was requested.
- Kevin Stuber presented the Chamber of Commerce budget request for 2027. No increase in funding was requested.
- A representative from the Yates Center Senior Center presented their 2027 budget request. An increase over the 2026 funding amount was requested. Commissioners indicated they would prefer to maintain funding at the 2026 level.
- Representatives from Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center presented their 2027 budget request and provided an annual update. No specific funding amount was requested. Commissioners indicated they would prefer to maintain funding at the 2026 level.

Executive Session

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance and protect confidentiality with commissioners, clerk, Gary Ward, and Todd Green until 9:50 a.m. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2027 Budget Request

- A representative from the Southeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department presented their 2027 budget request and annual update. No increase in funding was requested.

Recess

- Justin Clark moved for a ten-minute recess. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2025 Annual Audit Report

- Emily Franks of Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips reviewed the county's 2025 annual audit report.
- Kevin Stuber moved to accept the 2025 audit report from Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips. Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2027 Budget Request

- Representatives from the Toronto Senior Center presented their 2027 budget request. An increase in funding was requested. Commissioners indicated they would prefer to maintain funding at the 2026 level.
- A representative from Empower House requested funding from the Special Alcohol Fund.
- A representative from Tri-Valley presented their 2027 budget request and annual update. No increase in funding was requested.
- Commissioners stated that Fair Building funding and Fair Board funding requests would remain at current funding levels.

Recess

- Justin Clark moved for a five-minute recess. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Budget Requests Submitted to Auditor

- Justin Clark moved to allow the Clerk's Office to submit all outside entity 2027 budget requests to the county auditor. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Personnel

- Justin Clark moved to approve the wage sheet for Gary Curry as a part-time operator/laborer. Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek discussed employee benefit costs and potential cost-of-living raises.

2027 Budget Discussion

- Commissioners discussed preliminary budget amounts for the Commission, Courthouse General, and Custodian budgets for 2027.

Treasurer – Michelle Zimmerman

- Michelle Zimmerman discussed publication requirements regarding the proposed equipment trade.
- Zimmerman requested approval to publish sealed bids for the county's old lawn mower.
- Justin Clark moved to publish the sealed bid process for the John Deere Easytrak mower. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Zimmerman discussed procedures regarding the transfer of property between county departments.

Executive Session

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance and protect confidentiality with commissioners, treasurer, and clerk until 12:15 p.m. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge – Gary Ward

- Gary Ward discussed the county's current entrance policy for private property access.
- Commissioners requested a resolution be drafted to revise the existing policy.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to suspend all new applications for installation of new entryways until a revised policy is adopted. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Gary Ward reported plans to begin a CDL training class during the second week of June. Employees from Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, and several city employees have expressed interest in participating.
- Ward reported finding portable diesel generators available through Federal Surplus for approximately \$500 each to provide backup power for the Road & Bridge shop. Commissioners requested additional information before proceeding.

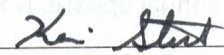
Vouchers

- Justin Clark moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$39,374.17. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment

- Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 p.m. Justin Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Justin Clark, Chairman

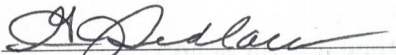


Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Attest:



Amanda A DeWitt, County Clerk



Jerry Sedlacek, Member