

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 9th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, Bret Heim, and Amanda DeWitt. **Absent:** Justin Clark.

Agenda Approval:

- Jerry moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Kevin seconded, motion passed.

Nick Hay – Speed Limit Petition:

- Nick presented a petition requesting a 35-mph speed limit on Kanza Road from 110th Road to 130th Road and a four-way stop at Kanza and 110th.
- Commissioners agreed to allow two weeks for public input before making a motion.

Jason DeGraw – Toronto Mayor Candidate:

- Jason requested dumpsters for the City of Toronto to assist with community cleanup. He also inquired about the water report and was advised to contact the City of Yates Center or KDHE for that information.

Executive Session for Attorney-Client Privilege:

- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege with Commissioners, Clerk, Counselor, and Treasurer until 9:30 a.m. Kevin seconded, motion passed.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel:

- Jerry moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality until 9:45 a.m. with Commissioners, Clerk, and Counselor. Kevin seconded, motion passed.

Bret Heim left the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Department Reports

Appraiser – Jessica Porter:

- Jessica brought in an approved NRP application for review. The Commission is considering discontinuing new applications for the program.

Sheriff – Jacob Morrison:

- Jacob presented itemized quotes from ESU Pursuits for four vehicles. Commissioners expressed concern about cost but noted frequent repair expenses on current vehicles. Jacob will meet with ESU Pursuits to clarify details before the next meeting.
- He also shared that the bullpen door installation is complete and that the Sheriff's Office received a \$2,700 KDOT grant.

Kevin moved to recess for 5 minutes. Jerry seconded, motion passed.

Minutes Approval

- Jerry moved to approve the revised minutes from the September 30th meeting. Kevin seconded, motion passed.

Emergency Management/EMS – John Atkin:

- John presented bids for generator inspections. CDL bid \$21,326.80 per year; KJ Electrical bid \$750 monthly and \$2,250 annually.
- Commissioners requested fewer inspections and minor generator updates.
- Jerry moved to accept the KJ Electrical bid for \$2,250 annual inspection. Kevin seconded, motion passed.
- Awaiting HayFest tourism fund request.
- Potential dumpster fee discounts for Revitalize YC during property demolition.
- A collaborative sound system project for the courthouse square, pending grant funding and state historical approval.

Solid Waste – David Waddell:

- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance until 11:00 a.m. with Commissioners, Clerk, and David. Kevin seconded, motion passed.
- Two wage sheets: Jasper Davis (50/50 split with Road & Bridge) and Paul Reghini (full-time Solid Waste).
 - Kevin moved to approve the split position with Road & Bridge. Jerry seconded, motion passed.
 - Kevin moved to approve the wage sheet for Paul Reghini. Jerry seconded, motion passed.
- Updated Yard Waste Composting Facility Operations Plan, reviewed by County Counselor.
 - Jerry moved to approve submission of the plan to the state. Kevin seconded, motion passed.
- David and Michelle Zimmerman proposed updated transfer station fees:
 - Solid Waste acres: \$0.04 → \$0.08 per acre
 - Refuse residential: \$192 → \$246
 - Solid Waste residential: \$50 → \$70

- Solid Waste res/comm: \$70 → \$80
 - Solid Waste commercial: \$80 → \$90
 - Commission discussed possible dumpster and roll-off fee increases and the idea of tipping fees for non-county containers. They requested additional data before making changes.
- Kevin declared a recess until 11:35 a.m.

Road & Bridge – Gary Ward:

- Gary discussed changing signage and traffic flow at Coyote and 100th Roads. The Commission will inspect the site before deciding. Gary noted he will be out next Thursday and Friday and is seeking a new shop mechanic.
- Kevin moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance until 11:45 a.m. with Commissioners, Clerk, Gary, and Todd Green. Jerry seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer – Michelle Zimmerman:

- Michelle presented the 2024 unpaid personal property, oil, and truck tax list — up \$3,200 from 2023.
 - Jerry moved to accept the list. Kevin seconded, motion passed.
- She also presented two unpaid bills:
 - \$430 owed by George Koschke (Transfer Station)
 - \$745.77 owed by Luke Collins (Road & Bridge)
 - Jerry moved to add both to the tax rolls. Kevin seconded, motion passed.
- Michelle shared budget concerns:
 - Juvenile Detention: 104%
 - Ambulance: 86.5% (budget hearing required)
 - Noxious Weed: 101.72% (anticipates more deposits soon)

Noxious Weed – Jarrod McVey:

- Jarrod presented his spray report and work log. Jerry requested more detail on the logs.
- Jerry moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance until 12:20 p.m. with Commissioners, Clerk, and Jarrod. Kevin seconded, motion passed.

Extension Office:

- Kevin reported that two contractors have visited for bids; estimates are pending. The courthouse equipment reserve fund has sufficient funds to cover potential costs.

Notices:

- Amanda presented KWORC and KCAMP notices of annual meetings scheduled for December 9th.

Holiday Schedule

- Jerry moved to approve the 2026 Woodson County Holiday Schedule. Kevin seconded, motion passed.

Vouchers

- Kevin moved to approve vouchers in the amount of \$151,024.95. Jerry seconded, motion passed.

Adjournment

- Jerry moved to adjourn at 12:52 p.m. Kevin seconded, motion passed.



Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Attest:

Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk

Jerry Sedlacek, Member