

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance

- Present: Justin Clark, Jerry Sedlacek, Kevin Stuber, Kathi Vining, and Bret Heim

Approvals

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the agenda. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes from the August 19th meeting. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.

Executive Session

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege with Commissioners, Michelle Zimmerman, and Bret Heim until 9:12 a.m. to protect client confidentiality. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge – Gary Ward

- Shared pictures of a welder and trucks. All vehicles and equipment being sold is in need of repair or outdated.
- Plans to place used equipment on **Purple Wave** for sale.
- Discussed **Civil Rights/Title IX requirements**.
 - Kevin Stuber moved to adopt Title IX compliance. Justin Clark seconded. Motion passed.
- Question raised on **Holiday Pay**: If someone takes a day off before a holiday, are they still eligible for holiday pay? Michelle Zimmerman stated “yes, per the handbook they will be paid holiday pay.”
- **Culvert Issues**:
 - Darin Tidd’s culvert complaint was discussed. The current culvert is already 24 ft not 14ft per the complaint. Gary confirmed it will be still be replaced.
 - Road up north cannot be worked on until it dries; where dry, roads are being graded.
- **Surplus Equipment Approved for Sale**: Justin moved to approve the sale of the following items on Purple Wave. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.
 - White Freightliner
 - Lincoln Welder
 - White ½ Ton
 - Ranger Welder
 - Blue 1 Ton
 - Martin Wheel Loader
 - Roller
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the **grant program administration agreement for the BUILD Grant with Carrie Spoon with the SEK Regional Planning Committee**. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to allow the Chair to sign the agreement. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.

Bret Heim left at 9:33 a.m.

Sheriff – Jacob Morrison

- Reported a vehicle in Independence at the Dodge dealership (previously in Chanute without progress).
- Working on the dispatch door.
- **Generator Maintenance**:
 - County not receiving scheduled emails.
 - Annette contacted the company, but we’re having issues getting technicians here.
 - Discussion on having Clifford out of Wichita perform maintenance.
 - Commissioners instructed Jacob to contact Kurt Jackson to check **all county generators**.

Solid Waste – David Waddell

- Presented a wage sheet.
 - Kevin Stuber moved to approve the wage sheet for **Chris Lomon as Assistant Supervisor**. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.
- Backhoe issue: after returning from the shop the tree broke completely and is no longer usable. Todd Green asked to buy it for Road & Bridge use. After safety concerns, decision was made not to proceed.
- Discussed need for a backhoe for the transfer station. Not affordable new; reviewing used options.

Treasurer – Michelle Zimmerman

- Waiting on Noxious Weed reports.
- Thanked Jacob Morrison and David Waddell for help during the Sesquicentennial Celebration.
- Reported call from **Tri-Valley** regarding decreased funding. Letter was refused pending discussion with Bret Heim.
- Reported email from **Melissa Stiffler** regarding a larger building than listed on their NRP.
 - Kevin Stuber moved to approve NRP for a 50x70 building. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.

- Reported **KCamp building inspection** scheduled for **December 19th** – someone will need to open all buildings. Justin Clark volunteered to open the buildings.
- Noted the need to finish the Employee Handbook.

Recess

- Justin Clark moved to recess for 5 minutes. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.

Additional Business

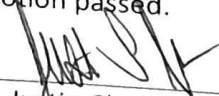
- **Nick Barney – Rural Fire Chief**
 - Requested to add items to Purple Wave.
 - Reported a mechanic in Lamont willing to repair a truck at a reasonable cost.
- Justin Clark recommended **quarterly generator checks** before winter.
- **Fire Department Training Center:**
 - Kevin Stuber shared that the City of Yates Center plans to build a training center for the Fire Department.
 - Suggested the County assist with infrastructure and provide rock.
 - John Atkin will coordinate with Rod from the City.

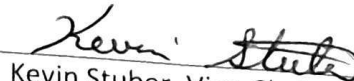
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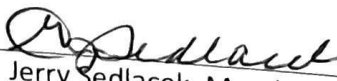
- Kevin Stuber moved to approve vouchers in the amount of **\$92,957.99**. Justin Clark seconded. Motion passed.

Adjournment

- Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.


Justin Clark, Chairman


Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman


Jerry Sedlacek, Member

Attest:


Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk