

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Justin Clark, Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, and Amanda DeWitt. Bret Heim arrived at 9:40 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the agenda. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek rescinded his motion to approve the minutes. Kevin Stuber rescinded his second. Motion rescinded.

Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss a potential new hire with the commissioners until 9:15 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek seconded; motion passed.

Approval of Amended Minutes

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the amended minutes from last week. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss a potential new hire with Jessica Porter and the commissioners until 9:30 a.m. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

City Cleanup Request

- Mike Fitzgerald requested a roll-off dumpster for Neosho Falls city-wide cleanup for no charge to the municipality.
- Kevin Stuber moved to allow the transfer station to deliver a roll-off container to the city of Neosho Falls for their city-wide cleanup. Jerry Sedlacek seconded; motion passed.

Building Maintenance and Contract Review

- Amanda DeWitt presented a KONE bill and a maintenance contract, both of which need to be reviewed by Jarrod McVey.

Sheriff's Department Update

- Jacob Morrison reported that his patrol vehicle will be out for about a week for light installation.
- The pickup's transmission is being monitored but remains in use.
- Jail operations are going well, and door repairs are ongoing.

Solid Waste Department

- David Waddell is exploring CPR training options, including an instructor from Iola Fire Department who charges \$40/person and requires a minimum of 10 participants.
- Commissioners asked him to check with the health department for class availability and content.
- Office remodeling at the transfer station was discussed.
- New cameras are installed and functional.

Noxious Weed Department

- Jarrod McVey presented the spray report and discussed chemical pricing inquiries.
- Jarrod will further evaluate the KONE bill and maintenance contract.
- Kevin Stuber moved to approve the 2025 Noxious Weed Management Plan. Jerry Sedlacek seconded; motion passed.

Break

- Jerry Sedlacek moved for a 5-minute break. Justin Clark seconded; motion passed.

Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect confidentiality to discuss employee performance with the clerk, commissioners, and counselor until 10:40 a.m. Motion passed.

Executive Session: Attorney-Client Privilege

- Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss legal liability with the commissioners, counselor, and clerk until 11:00 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek seconded; motion passed.

SEK Mental Health Funding Discussion

- Bret Heim recommended disbursing the 2025 budgeted funds and evaluating the 2026 budget requests.

Transfer Station Fee and Budget Discussion

- Michelle Zimmerman reviewed current fund status and discussed the possibility of purchasing a new trash truck in 2026.
- Commissioners recommended increasing the per-acre rate from \$0.04 to \$0.08, subject to board approval.
- David Waddell will seek bids for a tire splitter to reduce costs.

CD Renewal and EIN Concerns

- Michelle Zimmerman received a letter regarding a \$20,000 CD renewal and discovered other entities were using the county's FEIN.
- Kevin Stuber moved to discontinue allowing outside entities to use the county's FEIN effective immediately. Jerry Sedlacek seconded; motion passed.

Policy Discussions

- EIB/PTO policy discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- Discussion was held on charging water fees for the sheep sale, with a suggestion to charge per head.

Executive Session: Confidential Data/Trade Secrets

- Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session for confidential data/trade secrets with the commissioners and clerk until 12:00 p.m. Jerry Sedlacek seconded; motion passed.

Wage Change Approval

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to sign the wage change form for David Waddell. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

Voucher Approval

- Justin Clark moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$66,357.54. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session until 12:45 p.m. to discuss a potential new hire with the commissioners. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek left the meeting shortly after the door closed. Executive session was ended at 12:35.

Adjournment

- Justin Clark declared the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.



Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman



Jerry Sedlacek, Member

Attest:



Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk