

## Commissioner Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

### 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 from last week's meeting. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

### Executive Session: Attorney-Client Privilege

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss legal liability with the commissioners, counselor, and clerk until 9:15 a.m. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

### Noxious Weed/Maintenance Department

- Jarrod McVey presented the KONE service agreement for discussion. Kevin Stuber requested that a KONE representative attend a future meeting.

### Sheriff's Department Update

- Sheriff Jacob Morrison reported no new updates. He is still working on obtaining quotes for dispatch door repair.

### Solid Waste Update

- David Waddell reported that extra dumpsters from recent events will be picked up. Uniform costs are still being evaluated. The compactor drain is again experiencing issues and will be repaired.

### Road & Bridge Updates

- Gary Ward submitted two bridge applications for 2026.
- Presented a wage sheet for a new part-time hire.
  - Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the wage sheet for Ashton Hogue for part-time summer help. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.
- Gary proposed trading the old John Deere Grader for a 2018 CAT Road Grader with an extended warranty.
  - Justin Clark moved to approve the purchase of the 2018 CAT Motor Grader for \$117,890.00, trading in the old 670G John Deere Grader to be paid from special machinery fund. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

### Executive Session: Attorney-Client Privilege

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss legal liability with the commissioners, counselor, and clerk until 10:35 a.m. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

### EMS Department Update

- EMS Director Cari Cavender submitted weekly run logs, a list of non-payments, truck repair information, and her June schedule when requested by Justin Clark.
  - Justin Clark moved to terminate the ambulance director agreement with Cari Cavender pursuant to paragraph 11 of the agreement dated January 7, 2025. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.
- Commissioners clarified that the county will not pay out the remainder of the year, as it is not stipulated in the contract.
- Justin Clark moved to place Cari Cavender on administrative leave for 30 days effective immediately. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

### Executive Session: Attorney-Client Privilege

- Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege with the commissioners, counselor, clerk, and John Atkin until 11:05 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek seconded; motion passed.

### Community Building Access Improvement

- Gary Ward shared that Jason Shepard quoted \$1,500 to fix the community building threshold for better accessibility.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to contract with Jason Shepard for the overlay grinding and leveling of the community building entrance in the amount of \$1500 to come out of the 4H building fund. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

### Interim Ambulance Director Appointment

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to appoint John Atkin as interim Ambulance Director effective immediately for 30 days. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek rescinded his previous motion.

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to appoint John Atkin interim Ambulance Director under the same provisions as the previous contract, excluding section 2A, for 30 days. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Michelle Zimmerman reported that Neosho Falls is amending their 2025 budget and will regain spending authority once finalized.
- A 2025 budget adjustment was presented due to revenue input errors in the CIC system.
  - Justin Clark moved to approve the 2025 budget adjustment report. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.
- Michelle submitted April department reports.
  - Justin Clark moved to approve April audit reports. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.
- Justin Clark moved to sign corrected 1st quarter Clerk's Office reports to fix the incorrect year previously approved. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

#### **Executive Session: Attorney-Client Privilege**

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege with the commissioners, counselor, treasurer, and clerk until 11:30 a.m. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

#### **Committee Appointment**

- Justin Clark moved to appoint Amanda DeWitt as head of the personnel review committee. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

#### **Coroner Appointment Discussion**

- Kevin Stuber moved to remove Cari Cavender as Deputy Coroner effective immediately. Jerry Sedlacek seconded; motion passed.

#### **Special Liquor Tax Fund Request**

- Amanda DeWitt presented a funding request email from SEK Mental Health.

#### **Appraiser Appointment Discussion**

- Decision to appoint a new appraiser was postponed to next meeting to allow Bret Heim time to review the contract.

#### **Voucher Approval**

- Justin Clark moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$41,731.63. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

#### **CAT Equipment Repair Agreement**

- After a disagreement of who was at fault the county and CAT agreed to share the repair cost of the 2018 CAT Motor Grader that experienced hydraulic failure. The cost will be split 50/50 with the county paying \$30,091.86.

#### **Executive Session: Confidential Data**

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for confidential data with the commissioners until 12:30 p.m. Kevin Stuber seconded; motion passed.

#### **Public Comment**

- Jim Porter inquired about Cari Cavender's termination. Justin Clark stated the commissioners have no comment at this time due to legal reasons.

#### **Adjournment**

- Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Justin Clark seconded; motion passed.

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Justin Clark, Chairman

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Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

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Jerry Sedlacek, Member

Attest: Amanda DeWitt  
Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk