

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, and Amanda DeWitt

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- Kevin moved to approve the agenda. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.
- Kevin moved to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2026 meeting. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.

Rural Fire Department Update

- Nick Barney, Rural Fire Chief, reported that one of the older trucks experienced a motor failure.
- Additional maintenance parts will be ordered, resulting in a higher-than-usual NAPA bill.

Fair Board / Sheep Sale Discussion

- Commissioners discussed the lease agreement between the Fair Board and the Sheep Sale with Nick Barney.

Sheriff's Office Facility Update

- Jared Helkernberg, Undersheriff, reported continued leaking into the Sheriff's Office during recent rain.
- Shepard Farms plans to seal the door to address the issue.

Recess

- Commissioners took a 5-minute recess.

Road & Bridge Update

- Gary Ward presented a bid for a mower gearbox in the amount of \$6,000.
- Commissioners requested pricing for a new ditch hitch.
- Gary discussed the potential purchase of a used 2019 motor grader with approximately 3,100 hours for \$139,600 to replace an older unit with approximately 14,000 hours.
- Road signs will require updates due to mandated changes.

County Counselor Update

- Bret Heim, County Counselor, arrived at 9:34 a.m.
- Jerry raised ongoing right-of-way concerns; Bret has requested resolutions from another county but has not yet received them.
- Bret reviewed the Solid Waste resolution and the Fair Board/Sheep Sale contract and provided recommendations.
- Commissioners intend to invite the Fair Board President to a future meeting to discuss the contract with the sheep sale.

Solid Waste Operations

- David Waddell presented the approved Solid Waste Operating Plan and Closure Plan.
- Jerry moved to adopt Resolution 26-04 adopting the Solid Waste Operation Plan and Closure Plan for the Woodson County Municipal Solid Waste and Transfer Station. Kevin 2nd, motion passed.
- David reported operations are going well and discussed potential vehicle availability once the Sheriff's Office receives new vehicles.

Treasurer's Update

- Michelle Zimmerman reported she is awaiting monthly reports from three departments.
- She discussed potential impacts of state-level legislation on her office.

Uniform Services Presentations

- Luke, representative from Cintas (Wichita), presented uniform service options and pricing with Thursday service.
- Bret Mason, representative from Unifirst, discussed national joint power alliance but did not have bid readily available.
- Road & Bridge uniforms need to include cotton shirts and jeans for three employees, hi-vis shirts for eight employees, and 100 shop towels per month.
- Solid Waste will honor the current uniform agreement with Unifirst until its expiration on April 29, 2026, but will not renew.

County Safety Committee Discussion

- Kevin discussed forming a county safety committee with one representative from each department.
- The Clerk's Office will begin work on establishing a handbook committee.

Voucher Approval

- Kevin moved to approve vouchers in the amount of \$92,161.43. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.

Adjournment

- Kevin moved to adjourn at 11:04 a.m. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.



Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Attest: 
Amanda A DeWitt, County Clerk



Jerry Sedlacek, Member