

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the agenda for the day's meeting. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2026 meeting. Justin Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

County Counselor – Bret Heim

- Bret Heim reported there were no new updates on previously discussed items and is working with the Treasurer on additional matters.

KDOT – Darrin Petrowsky

- Darrin Petrowsky, KDOT, requested an executive session.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss confidential data and trade secrets with commissioners, counselor, and Darrin Petrowsky for 10 minutes. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

KDOT Annual Meeting

- Justin Clark reported the Clerk's Office will gather additional information to determine the county's approach for the upcoming KDOT annual meeting.
- It was noted Woodson County will serve as host this year.

Road & Bridge – Gary Ward

- Gary Ward reported Road & Bridge has begun summer hours.
- Discussion was held regarding the need for a utility bed for the sign truck.
- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters to protect employee performance and confidentiality with commissioners, counselor, Gary Ward, and Todd Green for 10 minutes. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Office

- Commissioners entered executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss legal liability with commissioners, counselor, Jacob Morrison, and Jarrod Helkenberg for 15 minutes.
- Jacob Morrison presented three quotes for vehicle upfits:
 - \$11,700 for a detective truck (minimal modifications) (Emergency Fire Equipment)
 - \$17,949.70 for two sheriff vehicles with push bumpers (Superior Emergency Response Vehicles)
 - \$16,600.00 for two sheriff vehicles (Emergency Fire Equipment)
- Kevin Stuber moved to approve the bid to upfit the detective truck in the amount of \$11,700 from Emergency Fire Equipment to be paid out of Sheriff's Capital Outlay. Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Kevin Stuber moved to approve the bid to upfit two sheriff vehicles in the amount of \$17,949.70 to be paid out of Sheriff Capital Outlay. Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Discussion was held regarding abandoned logging equipment on private property and enforcement through citations.

Treasurer – Michelle Zimmerman

- Commissioners recessed into executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss legal liability with commissioners, counselor, and the treasurer for 10 minutes.
- Michelle Zimmerman reviewed procedures for uncollectible personal property taxes.

Other Business

- Kevin Stuber presented tourism funding requests.
 - Kevin Stuber moved to approve \$850 for the Birdies and Bluegrass tourism request. Justin Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Kevin Stuber moved to approve \$3,000 for the Bull Bash event request from the Chamber of Commerce. Justin Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed after discussion.
- Discussion was held regarding the burn permit process, with consideration given to implementing a more efficient system managed through dispatch.

Executive Sessions

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for confidential data and trade secrets with commissioners for 10 minutes. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with commissioners for 5 minutes. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vouchers

- Justin Clark moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$255,459.14. Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Additional Discussion


- Commissioners discussed beginning the budget process for 2027.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.



Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Attest: 
Amanda A DeWitt, County Clerk



Jerry Sedlacek, Member