

Regular County Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 5, 2025

The Board of County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 9:00 am. Those present were Chairman Wayne Wilt, Vice Chairman Jim Maxwell, Commissioner Alan Groom, Lucas Goff, County Administrator, Mark Krusor, County Counselor and Karen Madison, County Clerk. Also present were Jon Jordan, Brennan Hadley and Rebecca McCutcheon.

- Commissioner Alan Groom delivered the invocation.
- Items on the consent agenda:
 - July 15, 2025 Regular Commission Minutes
 - Payment Register for period ending August 5, 2025
 - Abatement corrections for August 5, 2025

Commissioner Groom moved, Vice Chairman Maxwell seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote 3-0

- Jon Jordan, Public Works Superintendent, addressed Commissioners regarding the County Road Mowing Program. Commissioner Groom stated he wants to be sure they are continuing to mow. Lucas Goff, County Administrator stated there is continuing education to the public as to which roads are township roads and which roads are county roads when constituents call with concerns about road mowing.
- Jon Jordan, Public Works Superintendent, addressed Commissioners regarding additional chemical purchases to spray noxious weeds. The supply purchase in March 2025 has been depleted. Due to the severe issue of noxious weeds in County Road Right-of-way, it is still necessary to spray weeds. The requested purchase puts that line item over budget. If allowed to purchase, staff can reprioritize other budget line items to absorb the additional expense. The previous chemical was purchased from Van Diest. Staff recommendation is to purchase from them again. Commissioner Groom moved, Vice Chairman Maxwell seconded to approve the purchase of chemicals from Van Diest Supply Company for the Noxious Weed Department not to exceed \$7,016.66. Vote 3-0
- Brennan Hadley, Community Based Services Director, addressed Commissioners regarding fund transfers to follow KDOC procedures. Vice Chairman Maxwell moved, Commissioner Groom seconded to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Vote 3-0
- Lucas Goff, County Administrator, presented the Road and Bridge Report for August 2025
- Lucas Goff, County Administrator, updated Commissioners on Evergy's proposed transmission line routes following the July 31, 2025 open house. Lucas requested more

communication from Evergy as the project progresses. Commissioner Groom had a constituent reach out to him against the project because there is no benefit to Cowley County. Chairman Wilt also had constituents reach out to him questioning the vagueness of the project. Lucas will keep commissioners informed as things progress.

- Jon Jordan, Public Works Superintendent, addressed Commissioners regarding the intent to award Build Kansas Funds in the amount of \$365,433.40 to support the Dexter Y Intersection Realignment Project. The County is responsible for 5% of the 20% match or \$19,000 for the project.
- Chairman Wilt moved, Commissioner Groom seconded to recess into executive session with the County Counselor and County Administrator for the purposes of consultation with legal counsel related to non-elected personnel matters. The Commission will resume the open meeting at the current location at 9:50 am. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners returned from executive session. Chairman Wilt stated there were no decisions made or action taken in executive session.
- There being no further business, Chairman Wilt moved, Vice Chairman Maxwell seconded to adjourn at 9:50 am. Vote 3-0

Karen Madison
Cowley County Clerk