

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

November 19, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners, Casey Lair, Andrew Miller & Jerry Scott, Kayla Busch, County Clerk, and Kris Marple, County Coordinator, met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Lair called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Miller gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Scott led the flag salute.

**AGENDA & MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as amended, and approve the minutes of November 12, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ACTION:** At 9:05 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Scott pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 to recess to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege pertaining to legal consultation for Emergency Medical Services with the Commissioners, Brandon Cameron & Jacob Bielenberg (via phone), and Kris Marple present in the County Commission Room 101. The regular meeting to resume at 9:20 a.m. in the County Commission Room 101. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 9:20 a.m. with no action taken.

**ACTION:** At 9:20 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Scott pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 to recess to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege pertaining to legal consultation for Emergency Medical Services with the Commissioners, Brandon Cameron & Jacob Bielenberg (via phone), and Kris Marple present in the County Commission Room 101. The regular meeting to resume at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commission Room 101. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 9:30 a.m. with no action taken.

**ACTION:** At 9:30 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Scott pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 to recess to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege pertaining to legal consultation for Emergency Medical Services with the Commissioners, Brandon Cameron & Jacob Bielenberg (via phone), and Kris Marple present in the County Commission Room 101. The regular meeting to resume at 9:35 a.m. in the County Commission Room 101. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 9:35 a.m. with no action taken.

**HEALTH DEPT. REPORT:**

Amy Lell, Health Dept. Administrator, reported that they've moved in to the new Satellite Office at 919 Main in Neodesha. She also discussed a post closure meeting with WIC after the Federal Government reopened.

**NEODESHA EMS DISCUSSION:**

The County Commission previously tabled the matter until the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at 10:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. the County Commission explained their attorney’s legal opinion on the Kansas EMS law, and the current EMS Agreements with Fredonia Regional Hospital and the City of Neodesha.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the allocation of the 1 cent County EMS sales tax from 50% to 100% going to Fredonia Regional Hospital for a county-wide EMS. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Scott stated even though he is supportive of the Fredonia Regional Hospital proposal, he made a motion due to legal counsel advice to take no action on the EMS agreements at this time, but will revisit them in 2026. He also noted that EMS runs in 2024 & 2025 to date were 60% for Fredonia Regional Hospital and 40% for the City of Neodesha. Commissioner Lair seconded the motion, and the motion carried 2-1.

Ken & Sheila Wahuska expressed concerns of the current Neodesha EMS situation, lack of unity, and prefers Fredonia Regional Hospital over Labette Health. Bambie Rimel stated that patient care should be the main focus, and that there needs to be a minimum of 4 ambulances to cover the County.

**COORDINATOR’S REPORT:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented an oversize/overweight permit for Feyn Baker. He also recommended year-end employee bonuses to be \$200.00 for full-time employees and \$100.00 for part-time employees with the same eligibility requirements as past years. He also submitted the monthly budget reports, and the November employee birthday cards for signature.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the permit for Feyn Baker as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the year-end employee bonuses as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Dick Osterbuhr, Insurance Broker, presented the County Health Insurance renewal from Aetna with a 7.3% premium increase for 2026. He also reported that Blue Cross/Blue Shield offered three proposals with higher rates than Aetna. He also informed that United Health Care declined to submit a proposal, and Delta Dental will remain the same.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of \$213,228.16.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to reconvene on **Wednesday, December 3, 2025** at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

**RECORDED BY:**

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**Casey Lair, Chairman**

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**Kayla Busch, County Clerk**