

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

December 3, 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 19, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OUT OF COUNTY LANDFILL DISPOSAL:

Kevin Starbuck, County Landfill Contractor, discussed out of county trash disposal from Green Environmental which equates to approximately 28% of their volume hauled to the transfer station, and was not a part of his original contract fee. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed the 2100 & Harper Road bridge project cost to complete pending an estimate. He also reported that the paving equipment & labor for the asphalt paving project this summer was \$102,000.00 from Starbuck Trucking. He also presented an estimate in the amount of \$3,000.00 to repair the bridge at 1250 & Allen Road from Starbuck Trucking. He also requested approval to bid on a vibrating power hammer not to exceed \$25,000.00 on Purple Wave.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve \$105,000.00 for Starbuck Trucking for the asphalt project & bridge repairs as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the bid not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a vibrating power hammer on Purple Wave. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COURTHOUSE LAWN TREES:

Nick Lewis, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on ongoing tree issues on the Courthouse lawn. Since 1987 a total of 29 trees have been removed and 28 tree were replanted, of which 20 have remained alive. He requested to have 4 large old oak trees removed, one can be done by the Road & Bridge Department, and the other 3 will need to be done by contractors. The matter was tabled until 2 bids can be obtained.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, summarized the FY2024 County Audit report. He also recommended to renew the county health insurance policy for 2026 with Aetna at a 7% premium increase and same benefits as 2025, also renew the Delta Dental policy, and fund each eligible employee \$800.00 in their Flexible Spending Account. He also submitted landfill fee waiver requests from the City of Fredonia for a residential demolition at 311 Tyler Street, and also from the City of Buffalo for a commercial demolition at 313 Main Street. He also requested to appoint Commissioner Scott as the 2025 KAC Annual Convention County Delegate, and Commissioner Miller & himself as Alternate Delegates. He also submitted the December employee birthday cards for signature.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to accept the FY2024 County Audit report as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the county health insurance with Aetna & Delta Dental, and fund the employee FSA as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the landfill fee waiver requests as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to appoint Commissioner Scott as 2025 KAC Convention County Delegate, and himself & Kris Marple as Alternate Delegates. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Reminder of no County Commission meeting on December 10th due to the KAC Annual Conference.
2. The Commission approved by consensus to hold the annual employee Christmas Dinner on December 17th from 12:00-1:00pm in the basement meeting room. The Courthouse, Health Dept, and Road & Bridge Dept will be closed during the lunch hour.
3. Approved warrants in the amount of \$263,668.92 & payroll in the amount of \$127,587.66.
4. Reports received: GIS, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, and Road & Bridge fees reports. 911 call stats, and employee overtime.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. to reconvene on **Wednesday, December 17, 2025** at 9:00 a.m.

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

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk