

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

September 10, 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 presented, and approve the minutes of August 27, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, discussed a letter from William Thorsell to address road & drainage issues on Viola South of 2000 Road. He also presented information on a potential new satellite office for the Treasurer and Health Department at the building formerly Dr. Barrett's medical clinic on Main Street in Neodesha, which is owned by Wilson Medical Center. He also informed that the County Appraiser hired Vickie Goodman for the Data Collector vacant position. He also submitted the monthly budget reports, and the September employee birthday cards for signature.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve hiring Vickie Goodman as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed a request from the Coyville Cemetery Board to extend the entrance road for easier access, which was approved by consensus. He also informed that a semi transmission is not in working condition and being worked on in Wichita, but is under warranty. He also informed of culvert bridge work that needs to be completed at 1100 & Chase Road estimated at \$50,000.00, as well as road work to be completed at 2100 & Scott Road. He also discussed a shuttle buddy conveyor that is listed for sale on Purple Wave, which is needed for the asphalt road repair project. The Commission consented to bid up to \$15,000.00. He also is going to get boom mower estimates due to the old one always being in the shop for repairs.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, informed that the 2025 General Election ballots have arrived.

FY2026 RURAL FIRE DISTRICT REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE & BUDGET HEARING:

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Lair opened the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing for the Rural Fire District #1 proposed budget for public comment. Dean Silvey thanked the Commission for keeping the mill levy the same. There being no further public comment, the hearing was closed.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2025-011 as presented with a roll call vote. Commissioner Scott Seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Commissioners Lair, Miller & Scott all voted in favor of the Resolution.

At 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Lair opened the FY2026 Budget Hearing for the proposed budget of Rural Fire District #1 for public comment. There being none, the hearing closed.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt the FY2026 proposed budget for Rural Fire District #1 as published. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

FY2026 WILSON COUNTY REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE & BUDGET HEARING:

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Lair opened the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing for the County proposed budget for public comment. Londa Tindle expressed concerns over the major increase in the mill levy rate, however Kayla Busch, County Clerk explained that the RNR Notice forms that were mailed out were incorrect, but she would print the corrected forms for anyone that requests them. Dean Silvey discussed the increase in revenue versus inflation, and the need to keep the mill levy rates low to save as much tax payer dollars as possible. There being no further public comment, the hearing closed.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2025-010 as presented with a roll call vote. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Commissioner Lair, Miller & Scott all voted in favor of the Resolution.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Lair opened the FY2026 Budget Hearing for the proposed budget of Wilson County for public comment. There being none, the hearing was closed.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt the FY2026 proposed County budget as published. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: At 10:30 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 the Sunflower Sky Solar Project with the Commissioners, Jacob Bielenberg, Kayla Busch, and Kris Marple present in the County Commission Room 101. The regular meeting to resume at 10:40 a.m. in the County Commission Room 101. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m. with no action taken.

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX (PILOT) & DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENTS:

Jacob Bielenberg, Counsel with Fisher, Patterson, Sayler & Smith, presented the PILOT & Decommissioning agreements with Sunflower Sky Solar Project per the conditions of the approved Special Use Permit.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the PILOT agreement with Sunflower Sky Solar Project as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the Decommissioning agreement with Sunflower Sky Solar Project as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approved warrants in the amount of \$434,806.12.
2. Approved payroll in the amount of \$124,902.47.
3. Reports received: GIS, Health Dept, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Sheriff, and Road & Bridge Dept fees, 911 call stats, and Employee Overtime.
4. Tom Feiler and Josh Svaty with Invenergy, presented information on a potential natural gas power plant project in the Southeast part of Wilson County.
5. Kathy Brennen, Executive Director of the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging presented information on their programs and how they utilize budget money.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk