

**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

July 16, 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 July 9, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEODESHA EMS:

Brogan Jones, Neodesha City Administrator, requested options for a Neodesha EMS transfer service in the amount of \$250,000.00 annually or a \$500,000.00 per year increase to keep Neodesha EMS status quo. Todd Ballard & Jennifer Lawrence with Fredonia Regional Hospital were also present. The County Commission took no action, but asked that the EMS stakeholders continue to meet to discuss more viable options.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, submitted a quote from Fredonia Outdoor Equipment quote for a new 2025 Kioti HX1151 tractor in the amount of \$79,550. He also discussed a quote from Foley Equipment for a 2019 CAT 140AWL motor grader in the amount of \$242,716.00. Kris Marple will get bank financing rate quotes for next meeting. Kary also presented a \$0.50 per hour pay increase request for Timothy Dimick due to completing his introductory period. He also reported that a specialist with Costal Energy will recommend the correct type of asphalt road patching oil on Monday.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the purchase of the 2025 Kioti HX1151 tractor from Fredonia Outdoor Equipment in the amount of \$79,550.00. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the purchase of the 2019 CAT 140AWL motor grader from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$242,716.00. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the \$0.50 per hour pay increase for Timothy Dimick as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, submitted an employment application from Alexandra Jakubowski for a 911 Dispatcher to fill a vacancy as recommended by 911 Dispatch Director Bambie Rimel.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the hiring of Alexandra Jakubowski as a 911 Dispatcher. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

FY2026 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented the draft of the proposed County budget for FY2026. Emily Franks, County Auditor, reported that the County Revenue Neutral Rate for FY26 is 66.249 mills, and the budget draft was at 73.309 mills. Following discussion, the County Commission decreased the budget draft by approximately \$230,000.00 in the General Fund to keep the mill levy rate at 70.631 mills, which is the same as FY2025. They also kept the Rural Fire District mill levy rate at 1.026 mills.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the FY2026 proposed County budget in the amount of \$11,392,312 & proposed Rural Fire District budget in the amount of \$100,000.00, and schedule the Revenue Neutral Rate & Budget Hearings for September 10th @ 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Amy Lell, Health Dept. Administrator reported that statewide measles cases count is currently at 88, and Kansas is the 3rd highest State with ongoing measles cases.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of \$397,169.27.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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

RECORDED BY:

Casey Lair, Chairman

Kayla Busch, County Clerk