Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
June 22, 2026

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on June 22, 2026, in the County Commissioners' room. Present were Commissioners Kurt Ifland, Brady Peterson and Jim Gwennap. Also present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk and Travis Story, Road and Bridge Supervisor.

At 8:30 a.m. Ifland called the meeting to order and Gwennap opened with prayer.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to approve the 6/15/2026 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to approve the 6/22/2026 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners approved voucher #16600-voucher#16658 and wires for the following accounts:

General	$ 16,512.69
Road & Bridge	$ 12,356.24
Noxious Weed	$ 932.93
Health	$ 2,115.67
Appraiser	$ 92.64
Solid Waste	$ 2,808.99
EMS	$ 8,275.69
Special Alcohol Fund	$ 6,202.94
Special Bridge Fund	$ 10,680.00
Health Care Sales Tax	$ 24,604.95
Next Gen. E911	$ 24,544.66
TOTAL	**$ 109,127.40**

The commissioners approved 2 tax abatements and 1 added tax statement.

The commissioners and Story discussed the following:

1. Ifland discussed a hole in 240 Rd, East of L Rd at the bridge.
2. Ifland discussed tubes in 240 Rd between L Rd and M Rd. Story stated he isn't sure of the plan at this location. Story will visit with the bridge crew.
3. Ifland discussed 140 Rd between M Rd and L Rd. Ifland stated he had a landowner ask for a tube for entrance to an alfalfa field.
4. Peterson discussed 165 Rd between city limits and R Rd. Peterson stated there are several holes and the water is running down the middle of the road.
5. Gwennap discussed 100 Rd and K Rd. Story stated he placed a barricade at the location and the bridge did have some broken planks. Those will be replaced.
6. Gwennap discussed the benefit of the road drag on gravel roads.
7. Gwennap discussed V Rd between 140 Rd and 110 Rd.
8. Gwennap asked about the blades that needed repairs.
9. Story shared the main sheep's foot is down. The main hydraulic pump has a crack in it. It will have to go to Concordia for repairs.
10. Story shared a FEMA sign off for 2021 project.

11. Story shared an applicant with the board.

Story left the meeting.

Allen Lanus joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. He has had a couple employees out on medical leave.
2. Lanus stated he is still waiting on 1 security camera bid.
3. Lanus shared the VLS Communications maintenance contract will end in January 2027.
4. Lanus stated he plans to send Cherilee Waugh and Brian Cronin to the APCO Conference this fall.
5. Lanus shared he contacted AT&T about the fee for an off-site system. AT&T stated it would be $18,000.00.

Lanus left the meeting.

Laura Hageman joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Hageman reminded the board the advisory board meeting will be held tomorrow at 12:00 p.m.
2. Hageman shared the safety committee will walk through EMS on June 25th and the follow-up meeting will be July 2nd.
3. Hageman shared the sidewalk project is complete.
4. Hageman gave an update on school nursing.
5. Hageman visited with the commissioners about the home health program. Hageman would also like to hire a current employee permanent part-time. The commissioners are in favor of the status change.

Hageman left the meeting.

Dave Remus joined the meeting and discussed a strip of property, amounting to 1.52 acres, on 100 Rd between O Rd and P Rd. The commissioners explained the fence viewing process with Remus.
Remus left the meeting.

Travis Conaway joined the meeting and the commissioners asked for clarification on a county sheriff's unit in Downs, KS on June 16, 2026, at approximately 7:15 p.m. Conaway stated he allowed a deputy to attend his daughter's softball game. The board shared the IRS regulation of vehicle personal use. Conaway shared he is attempting to balance work/family. Conaway shared the issue will be rectified.

Ifland also asked Conaway to review the reasoning behind the late fee charge at Gene's IGA. Conaway stated he would review his office payment policy.

Peterson asked if he had any luck finding vehicles. Conaway stated he has been in contact with a company for a proposal.
Conaway left the meeting.

At 11:30 a.m. a motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Gwennap to adjourn as there was no further business. Motion carried unanimously.

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Kurt Ifland, Chairman

James Gwennap, Member

Brady J. Peterson, Member

Attest:

Ashley Maxwell, County Clerk

These minutes are not official until signed by the county commissioners and attested to by the County Clerk.

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