Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
June 15, 2026

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on June 15, 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 and Casey Fraser.

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 6/8/2026 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioners approved payroll #12 for $168,919.60.

Commissioners approved voucher #16594-voucher#16599 and wires for the following accounts:

Employee Benefits	$ 71,707.74
Payroll Clearing	$ 50,020.92
TOTAL	**$121,728.66**

Fraser shared two used motor grader quotes. The 1st quote is for a 2019 12M3AWD with 1930 hours for $256,560.00 less trade of $39,400.00 for a final price of $217,160.00. The 2nd quote is for a 2021 140-15AWJ with 1679.10 hours for $316,450.00 less trade of $39,400.00 for a final price of $277,050.00.
Brent Peterson joined the meeting.
Fraser shared each machine has a ripper added in the quoted price. The commissioners stated they would like to wait until after budget meetings before making a decision.
Fraser left the meeting.

Brent Peterson discussed holes that have developed on 30 Rd between Y Rd and X Rd and 30 Rd between W Rd and V Rd. Brent also shared the gravel is thin in this area as well. Brent discussed the need for rock on V Rd between 50 Rd and 60 Rd. Brent discussed V Rd between 120 Rd and 130 Rd. Brent also discussed 90 Rd between BB Rd and AA Rd.
Brent Peterson left the meeting.

The commissioners and Story discussed the following:

1. Ifland discussed the box culvert on L Rd and 240 Rd.
2. Ifland discussed 250 Rd and Y Rd intersection. The water has cut out the material, and a load of rock is needed.
3. Ifland discussed 165 Rd between Hwy 36 and N Rd.
4. Gwennap discussed 230 Rd and W Rd.
5. Gwennap discussed Y Rd between 170 Rd and 180 Rd.
6. Gwennap discussed Q Rd between 50 Rd and 60 Rd.
7. Gwennap asked if there have been any additional applicants for the assistant supervisor positions. Story stated he didn't have any additional applicants other than the 4 applicants he shared last week.
8. The commissioners discussed mid-year evaluations. The commissioners shared that the written evaluations are not necessary and verbal discussion will take place in July during regular business meetings.
9. Story shared the fractured-critical bridge statuses from Penco Engineering.
10. Story discussed the gravel pits and changes associated with those.

11. Story gave the update on C Rd project.
12. Gwennap asked Story to speak of the storm damage in the Southeast portion of the county. Story stated he had a report of approximately 7" of rain in one area.
13. Story stated JR Rice's blade will have to go to Concordia for repairs.
14. Story also stated Jeremy Presbrey's blade has an issue that will require contact with CAT as well.
15. Gwennap discussed dirt roads with harvest approaching.
16. Ifland discussed the gravel availability and future of gravel roads.

Story left the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to approve Resolution 26-05, closure of the alleyways in Belaire. Motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Allen joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Allen shared the inspection report. No violations were noted.
2. Allen discussed the 4th of July holiday falling on the 1st Saturday of July. The commissioners stated the landfill will be closed the 4th of July and not open another Saturday the month of July.
3. Maxwell Welding & Repair is currently working on brackets to mount to the loader to pick up the screens.

Allen left the meeting.

Maxwell shared a purchase request from Keith Wangerin at EMS.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to purchase a tower server for $3,299.00 for EMS utilizing health care sales tax fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Gwennap gave an update on a potential fence dispute.

Katelynn Allen joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 10:46 a.m. for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, potential employee. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Ashley Maxwell, Joell Wagenblast and Katelynn Allen. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 11:06 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, potential employee. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Ashley Maxwell and Joell Wagenblast. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to extend an offer of employment for the janitor position to Katelynn Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

Ifland contacted Allen via telephone to extend the offer of employment. Allen stated she would let the clerk's office know at the end of the week whether she was accepting the position or not.

At 11:22 a.m. a motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Gwennap to adjourn to the attend multi-county meeting in Jewell County. Motion carried unanimously.

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Topics discussed at multi-county meeting in Jewell County:
2027 Budgets
Road Department Operations
Mutual Aid for fire departments
County Attorney vs. County Counselors

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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