

Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
January 13, 2025

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on January 13, 2025, in the County Commissioners' room. Present were Commissioners Kurt Ifland and Jim Gwennap. Also, present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk, Travis Story, Assistant Road Supervisor and Brady Peterson, Commissioner elect.

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

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Gwennap to approve the 1/07/2025 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Ifland to approve the 1/13/2025 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickel joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Pickel to designate the Smith County Pioneer as the official newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Pickel to designate all financial institutions FDIC/FSLIC insured with a physical presence in Smith County, KS. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Pickel to designate Penco Engineering as the official county engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Gwennap to appoint Dustin Warner to the Public Building Commission Board, to serve the unexpired term through 1/2026. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved Payroll #1 for \$153,117.87

The commissioners approved voucher #14079-voucher#14157 and wires for the following accounts:

General	\$146,606.23
Road & Bridge	\$ 77,145.25
Noxious Weed	\$ 1,985.62
Health	\$ 5,085.67
Appraiser	\$ 594.97
Patterson Family Grant	\$ 1,251.55
Solid Waste	\$ 5,283.23
EMS	\$ 24,891.62
Employee Benefits	\$174,984.82
Special Alcohol Fund	\$ 660.00
CVB	\$ 300.00
Health Care Sales Tax	\$ 4,060.61
Payroll Clearing	\$ 81,000.14
ROD Technology Fund	\$ 1,357.74
Next Gen. E911	\$ 165.00
Sheriff VIN Fund	\$ 189.88
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$ 49.47
TOTAL	\$525,611.80

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The commissioners signed 7 added tax statements and 2 tax abatements.

The commissioners and Story discussed the following:

1. Ifland stated he received several compliments for the work done last week.
2. Pickel discussed the culvert on S. Monroe St near the airport.
3. Ifland discussed an area on 190 Rd for Story to look at.
4. Gwennap asked whether there were any issues with fuel during the storm. Story stated they didn't have any issues.
5. Gwennap asked if there was a plan for the asphalt millings at the airport. Story stated they do have a plan for them.
6. Gwennap discussed a spring plan for the blade men. Last year the request was for each blade man to pull 5 miles worth of shoulders on dirt roads and the commissioners would like to see the same happen in 2025.
7. Gwennap stated he would like to allow the blade men to utilize some discretion on the dirt roads in the future.
8. The commissioners discussed the need to allow local vendors to bid on certain items.
9. Story presented the commissioners with a length of service increase for 1 employee.

Story left the meeting.

Colbie Lewis joined the meeting, and the commissioners asked her to clean the East room in the courthouse basement. Lewis stated she would this week.

Lewis left the meeting.

Gwennap gave an update on the old hospital committee meeting that was held on 1/9/2025.

Tiffany Wiseman joined the meeting and discussed the proposal of not having a communications director and having interdepartmental meetings and work as a team. The commissioners asked Wiseman of the need for another employee. Wiseman stated she would like to hire an individual as a swing shift. Wiseman left the meeting.

Laura Hageman joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Hageman stated the health department is again sponsoring the movie.
2. Hageman stated they are partnering with a couple FCCLA students with a Star Event Project.
3. Hageman stated there is an advisory board meeting at noon on 1/23/2025.
4. Hageman shared the health department is sponsoring a lab fair on 1/28/2025. The office will open at 7:00 a.m.
5. Hageman stated there will be a couple people at training this week.
6. Hageman stated they will be purchasing items with Workforce Grant monies.

Hageman left the meeting.

Ifland discussed J Rd between 240 Rd and 250 Rd. There is some metal sticking up at the bridge.

The commissioners reviewed the best-case scenario and worst-case scenario estimates for the landfill compactor repairs.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve up to \$63,363.72 for repairs to the Caterpillar 816F compactor. Motion carried unanimously.

Keith Wangerin joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Wangerin shared the agreements for tuition for employees to attend the AEMT class.

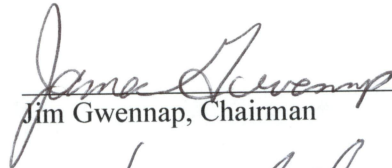
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2. Wangerin discussed the assistant director position. Wangerin asked the commissioners to consider another option. Wangerin proposed the option of naming captains of each crew that would assist with the duties of the assistant. The commissioners are in favor of cross training and are in favor of exploring this avenue.
3. Gwennap asked about the equipment and other items. Wangerin stated with the purchases made in 2024 and grant funding he would like to focus his improvements on HVAC.

Wangerin left the meeting.

At 11:17 a.m. a motion was made by Pickel and seconded by Ifland to adjourn as there was no further business. Motion carried unanimously.

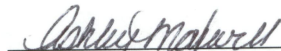


Jim Gwennap, Chairman



Kurt Ifland, Member

Attest:



Ashley Maxwell, Clerk

Dale E. Pickel, Member

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

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