

Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
January 21, 2025

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on January 21, 2025, in the County Commissioners' room. Present were Commissioners Brady Peterson, Kurt Ifland and Jim Gwennap. Also, present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk, Travis Story, Assistant Road Supervisor and Mitch Fritz, Road Supervisor.

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

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to approve the 1/13/2025 regular meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Peterson to approve the 1/21/2025 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved 1 journal entry.

The commissioners approved 4 added statements.

The commissioners and Story discussed the following:

1. Gwennap discussed 110 Rd between N Rd and O Rd. The road department will be installing 3 4ft. squashed tubes. These tubes are being installed to establish another rock pit. Fritz stated the timing of the tubes is 3-5 months.
2. The commissioners discussed 230 Rd. Gwennap stated that the project must be completed by March 20.
3. Gwennap discussed the 300 Rd project.
4. Gwennap asked about the tree trimmer. Story stated it is ready now.
5. Ifland discussed the need for a solution to the plugged tube on 50 Rd, East of Hwy 8 in a driveway entrance.
6. Ifland discussed L Rd between Hwy 9 and 240 Rd.
7. Gwennap discussed the need to make sure the pre-employment physical and drug testing is fully completed prior to individuals starting work. The commissioners expressed the employee issues need to go through Story.
8. The commissioners discussed an employee with issues. The consensus of the board is to give Story the authority to do what is necessary.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 9:02 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Travis Story, Mitch Fritz and Ashley Maxwell. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 9:08 a.m.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Peterson to terminate Mark Lyons' employment with the Smith County Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Story discussed the International Dump truck. Currently the truck is in need of repairs, and it has already cost the county several thousand dollars. The commissioners are not in favor of spending more money on the truck. The commissioners asked Story to research a replacement truck.
10. Story and Fritz discussed the JCB roller. It is in Ellsworth for repairs.
11. Story stated Jolan Richardson is at class this week.
12. Story stated he was called out to view a damaged bridge last week. Story asked if he should contact Penco Engineering for review. The commissioners advised Story to contact Penco Engineering to check the structure.

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- 13. Story stated he gave Jordan Jones a deadline of February 28th to complete the generator project.
- 14. Story will be attending the Homeland Security meeting on January 28th in Salina.
- 15. Story shared an additional applicant with the board. The consensus of the board is to allow Story use his discretion on hiring.
- 16. Story shared with the board that the road department had their safety meeting last week.

Story and Fritz left the meeting.

Gwennap shared with Ifland and Peterson the walk through of the courthouse and EMS with Glassman Corporation.

Keith Wangerin joined the meeting and discussed the following:

- 1. Wangerin asked the commissioners to consider allowing the hospital to have the Smith Co Fire Dispatch channel. The commissioners signed a memorandum of understanding to allow Smith County Memorial Hospital to program the Smith Co Fire Dispatch in their radio for communication purposes.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 10:08 a.m. for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Keith Wangerin and Ashley Maxwell. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

Wangerin left the meeting.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to approve AirCare census plan and the county employee who are interested will reimburse Smith County. Motion carried unanimously.

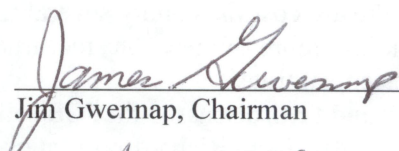
A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 10:50 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Travis Conaway and Ashley Maxwell. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

Corina Cox with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development joined the meeting via telephone and discussed the CVR funding.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Peterson to approve the request for payment # 4 for 23-CVR-013 for \$60,966.85. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Peterson to approve procurement of the funds for R Family Farms for \$701.38. Motion carried unanimously.

At 11:20 a.m. a motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Gwennap to adjourn as there was no further business. Motion carried unanimously.



Jim Gwennap, Chairman

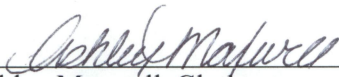


Kurt Ifland, Member

Attest:

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Ashley Maxwell, Clerk



Brady Peterson, Member

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

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