Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
June 8, 2026

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on June 8, 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 Peterson and seconded by Gwennap to approve the 6/1/2026 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Gwennap to approve the 6/8/2026 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners approved voucher #16525-voucher#16593 and wires for the following accounts:

General	$ 41,058.60
Road & Bridge	$114,525.97
Noxious Weed	$ 3,403.90
Health	$ 4,101.11
Appraiser	$ 212.11
EMS Grant/Memorial Fund	$ 1,123.75
EMS	$ 8,806.63
Special Alcohol Fund	$ 1,555.93
Special Bridge Fund	$ 1,800.00
CVB	$ 300.00
Health Care Sales Tax	$ 186.23
TOTAL	**$177,074.23**

The commissioners and Story discussed the following:

1. Ifland discussed the C Rd project.
2. Ifland discussed M Rd between Hwy 36 and 190 Rd.
3. Ifland discussed 240 Rd between N Rd and O Rd.
4. Ifland discussed the L Rd and 240 Rd intersection.
5. Peterson shared a thank you for work completed on 210 Rd.
6. Peterson discussed Y Rd, South of Hwy 36.
7. Gwennap asked about a culvert.
8. Gwennap discussed C Rd, North of Kensington.
9. Gwennap discussed windrows on R Rd, O Rd and 90 Rd.
10. Gwennap shared his discussion with Shannon Praete with the Kansas Infrastructure Hub.
11. Story asked about the closure of the alleyways in Belaire. Story stated they are waiting on the county attorney for final approval.
12. Story stated he is currently working on the 2027 budget. Story asked about how to proceed with fuel purchases.
13. Story stated he had had conversation with a representative from John Deere.
14. Gwennap asked for discussion for the assistant supervisor position.

Story left the meeting.

The commissioners signed 1 longevity pay increase.

Maxwell shared an application for the courthouse janitor position. Maxwell will contact said applicant for

an interview.

Maxwell shared the file closing notification letter from Lindsay Jaster with Hampton & Royce, L.C.

Maxwell shared the Kansas Court of Appeals docket notification.

Maxwell shared the Base Allocation notice from the Farm Service Agency.

Gwennap shared he had conversation with Ryan Allen in regard to start digging the new cell at the landfill. Gwennap stated he shared with Allen the need to notify the leasee prior to changes in the lease.

Gwennap stated he was contacted by Shane Lamb with an update on Hannah Heights.

Allen Lanus and Travis Conaway joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Lanus shared he is still waiting on a bid for security cameras from Car-Tel Enterprises. Lanus stated he will be submitting the bids and proposal to Inez B. Reed grant.
2. Lanus stated he had to contact AT&T technical support for issues in dispatch.
3. Lanus stated he has had to cover shifts due to illness.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to convene in executive session at 10:10 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee accident. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Allen Lanus, Travis Conaway and Ashley Maxwell. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

Ifland questioned Conaway about inmate meals. The commissioners questioned the entrees. Peterson expressed to make sure there isn't any waste.
Laura Hageman joined the meeting.
Lanus and Conaway left the meeting.

Hageman discussed the following:

1. Hageman shared the Community Baby Shower was held last Saturday.
2. Hageman shared there are 3 individuals trained to perform the county drug testing.
3. Hageman shared an update on the handrails.
4. Hageman shared on June 23rd, the advisory board meeting will be held in the courthouse basement meeting room.
5. Hageman shared she will be attending a meeting today in regard to school nursing.

Hageman left the meeting.

Colleen Eberle with Eberle Studios joined the meeting and gave a report on the Choose Smith County campaign. Eberle shared how the campaign began. Year 1 was building the foundation.
Joan Nech joined the meeting.
Eberle shared the "buckets" of people to be reached through the campaign. Eberle shared the campaign also has a Facebook page. Eberle shared year 3 is focused on conversion. Eberle shared the Smith County job board was launched in April.
Eberle left the meeting.

Nech shared she is currently the chairman of the Workforce Recruitment Committee. Nech shared the hiring process of Eberle Studios.
Nech left the meeting.

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Keith Wangerin and Paul Connett joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Wangerin shared the interviews went well last week. There will be 2 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee.
2. Wangerin also shared he was approached by a paramedic about a part-time position.
3. Wangerin shared 2027 budget prep documents.

Wangerin and Connett left the meeting.

At 11:52 a.m. a motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Gwennap to adjourn as there was no further business. Motion carried unanimously.

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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