

Minutes of April 13, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 13th, 2026, at 9 a.m., in the Commissioner's Chambers. Chairman Mark Pruett, Commissioner Keith Kelly and Commissioner Linda Gerhardt were present. County Clerk Kristie Richter recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Cathleen McMahon and Ali Holcomb were also present.

Commissioner Gerhardt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

At 9:01 a.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance for 30 minutes with County Counselor Todd Luckman, Sheriff Tim Morse, Detective Tyler Caudle and County Clerk Kristie Richter present. The session will open in chambers at 9:31 a.m. Commissioner Gerhardt seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 9:31 a.m. No action taken.

Tracey Simms joined the meeting.

Kevin Robbins joined the meeting.

Scott Keiffabber, Public Works Director and Joe Gardner, Road and Bridge Superintendent met with the Commissioners to give their weekly report. Scott is planning to start patching this week on some of the roads. The spill prevention project for the fuel tanks was completed a week and half ago. A contracted inspector for the State has been up and done his walk around but there were several mistakes in his report. Scott will address this. The truck that needs to have work done on the motor will be repaired this week as the parts arrived on Friday. Chairman Pruett said he has received several calls on W road asking if the width is what it should be, Scott stated it is 24 feet and that it is correct. Scott has also been asked about the drop-off on W road. He said the road is not done, and those issues will be addressed. Roads worked on last week were: R road between 294th - 302nd, 182nd road between D-E, D road between 178th-182nd, 178th road

between C6-D, T road between 286th -290th, R road between 286th-294th, 254th road between E-G, 178th road between C-D, 178th road between C-C6, 174th road between C-C6, 150th road between C-D, 150th road between B-C, H road between 246th-254th, I road between 246th-254th, 254th road between H-I, Base 2, P road between 198th-214th, 214th road between N-O, 286th and W, 286th and W4.

Signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Road and Bridge	Kevin Robbins	25.53	0.00	Discharged
Road and Bridge	Robert Miller	28.57	27.09	Demotion
Road and Bridge	Mary Savage	21.91	21.91	From full time to part time
Sheriff	Gabrielle Brown	24.52	0.00	Resignation

At 9:43 a.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance for 10 minutes. County Counselor Todd Luckman and County Clerk Kristie Richter were present. The session will open in chambers at 9:53 a.m. Commissioner Gerhardt seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 9:53 a.m. No action taken.

The Commissioners signed abatement 2025-120.

Chairman Mark Pruett signed a designation of an emergency vehicle for Jessica Puett and Jeffrey Moszeter. This enables them to drive to an emergency with lights and sirens.

Mark asked about crack repair when patching. Would we be better to contract out hot tar instead of using the patching materials. Keith asked what the difference was between the two. Mark said there is no rock (haydite) in the tar. Mark will talk with Scott and Joe about looking into this.

Todd reported on Samsara. The County has received a bill for services. Todd will write to them and inform them they need to provide services on their side before payment. Darrin Root, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal attorney, visited with Todd about a meeting the Commissioners would like to have with the Tribal Council. Todd and Darrin will meet first to discuss some issues. Todd sent a letter to the Attorney General's office in response to a KOMA complaint and a letter to Vance Brothers regarding a bid protest.

At 10:13 a.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss an HR complaint for 10 minutes. County Counselor Todd Luckman and County Clerk Kristie Richter were present. The session will open in chambers at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Gerhardt seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 10:23 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Gerhardt made a motion to move Steve Duryea from 11:15 am to 10:20 am on agenda. Commissioner Kelly 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Planning/Zoning Administrator, Steve Duryea, came in to give his report. Dustin Hoffmans zoning change was approved from B2 to I1 on parcel 043-191-11-0-00-00-003.00. Steve presented the Commissioners with an amendment to the subsection of Article VI, Section 5 of the zoning regulation. It would be amended to state structures measuring 500 sq ft or less and holding a value of \$5000.00 or less will require a certificate of zoning compliance to verify size, value and floodplain compliance. No fee shall be required for applications submitted for said structures. Commissioner Kelly said that he has had pushback from the taxpayers having to submit a bid for the buildings. Steve said he is willing to help anyone with the price list when they come to his office. Todd suggested that there be a spot to sign to affirm the price of the building therefore doing away with the bids. The Commissioners and Steve agreed with this to simplify the process.

Commissioner Gerhardt made a motion to move Jerica Holt from 11:00 am to 10:45 am. on the agenda. Commissioner Kelly 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Jerica Holt, Register of Deeds, met with the Commissioners to discuss Fidar. Fidar has offered to implement their software sooner than planned at no additional cost to the County. She is looking into having it implemented in June of 2026. She has had issues with CIC following through with some of the support calls and some tickets go unanswered or it goes back to the same issue. She believes it is in the best interest of the County to go ahead and implement Fidar early. The Commissioners all agreed to this.

Commissioner Gerhardt made the motion to approve the minutes of April 6th meeting. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Gerhardt made the motion to approve the minutes of April 6th township meeting. Commissioner Kelly 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to adjourn for the day; Commissioner Gerhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Kristie Richter
Jackson County Clerk

Mark Pruet, 1st District

Linda Gerhardt, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District

