

## *Minutes of April 6, 2026*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 9 a.m., in the Commissioner's Chambers. Chairman Mark Pruett, Commissioner Keith Kelly and Commissioner Linda Gerhardt were present. County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Cathleen McMahon, Tracey Sims, Alan Ribelin and Ali Holcomb were also present.

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

Brooke Slipke-4H sponsorship request for funds.

Commissioner Gerhardt made a motion to approve \$500 from the alcohol tax funds and Chairman Pruett seconded. Motion carried 2/1.

Road and Bridge-Scott Kieffaber and Joe Gardner gave weekly report.

At 10:09 a.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance for 15 minutes with County Counselor Todd Luckman, Scott Kieffaber and County Clerk Kristie Richter present. The session will open in chambers at 10:24 a.m. Commissioner Gerhardt seconded and motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 10:24 a.m. No action taken. At 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance for 10 minutes with County Counselor Todd Luckman, Scott Kieffaber, Joe Gardner and County Clerk Kristie Richter present. The session will open in chambers at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Gerhardt seconded and motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 10:35 a.m. No action taken.

County Counselor Todd Luckman-discussed orphan bridges. Will set up a meeting with tribal council and their Road and Bridge to discuss maintenance.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Tanking family disaster relief application and Commissioner Gerhardt seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Received thank you from Circleville Recreation for funding for ball programs.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve a courthouse lawn use request for Walk with a Doc and Commissioner Gerhardt seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve a courthouse lawn use request for Holton Band and Commissioner Gerhardt seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Governor's Proclamation for Property and Evidence Professionals Week and recognizing Sargeant Bryce Whelpley at the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Gerhardt seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for KWORCC and Commissioner Gerhardt seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Zoning-Steve Duryea updating threshold for building permits to 500 square feet

Commissioner Gerhardt made a motion to approve written minutes of March 30<sup>th</sup> and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 for Whiting Ball and Commissioner Gerhardt seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Discussion on appropriations and where they can possibly cut funding.

Approved Change Orders 2025-103 through 119.

Approved the April 3, 2026 payroll.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gerhardt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Commissioner's chambers.

Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Jackson County, Kansas

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Kristie Richter  
Jackson County Clerk

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Mark Pruett, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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Linda Gerhardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Keith Kelly, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

## *Minutes of April 6th, 2026*

### *Township Meeting*

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday night, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6 p.m., in Memorial Hall. Chairman Mark Pruett, Commissioner Keith Kelly and Commissioner Linda Gerhardt were present. Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber, Road and Bridge Superintendent Joe Gardner and Special Project Supervisor Matt Fritz were all present. County Clerk Kristie Richter recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

This meeting was held with the Township Advisory Board representatives to discuss concerns in their township.

Those who spoke were:

Tom Hoffman - Adrian Township

Luke Kennedy - Banner Township

Rodger Phillips - Cedar Township

Alan Ribelin - Douglas Township

Kevin Ingals and Roger Chartier - Franklin Township

Diana Keith and Jeff Grimm - Liberty Township

Luke Kennedy - Grant Township

Steve Duryea - Jefferson Township

Shane New, Justin Rinkes and Bruce Rinkes - Liberty Township

No Representation - Lincoln Township

John Burdick and Doug Amon - Netawaka Township

Brett Morris and Larry Kathrens - St. Creek Township

Tye Lippert - Soldier Township

Joseph Strong - Washington Township

Doug Amon - Whiting Township

Many road concerns were brought up by each township and discussed with Road and Bridge. Road and Bridge will look at the concerns and see what they can repair.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. and Commissioner Gerhardt seconded. Motion carried 3/0. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026, at 9 a.m.

Attest:

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