

January 7, 2026

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Vice Chair Meador called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m.

Roll call: Chair Rod Harris absent, Vice Chair Sabrina Meador present, Commissioner Donald Stottlemire present, Commissioner Ianne Dickinson present, Commissioner Colton Waymire present.

Vice Chair Meador asked all in attendance to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was led by Pastor Chris McFadden, Cherry Street Wesleyan Church.

Shay Hanyak - Regional Coordinator of the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority, was present to present a special award to Commissioner Stottlemire for serving on the board since the inception of the authority.

Public Comment:

Norman Wooge, 3790 Pawnee Rd, Ottawa- discussed concerns over the meeting that was cancelled last week.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on December 17, 2025, claim vouchers in the amount of \$529,650.37, and payroll in the amount of \$1,532,099.95. All voted "yes".

Rodney Burns, Auditor, was in to give the audit report after completing the 2024 audit. The audit took more time this year due to the transition to the new software. The audit report shows Franklin County in good standing with good cash balances and reserve account balances. There were a few minor issues, such as \$100 over budget in the fair fund, overbudget in the Bond & Interest Account due to an early bond payment, and a negative ending balance in the Public Works Special Projects Account due to the delay of a reimbursement from the state. County staff recommends that the Commissioners approve the audit engagement letter included with the agenda to allow Rodney Burns to complete the 2025 audit.

Commissioner Dickinson moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to authorize the chairman to execute the Audit Engagement Letter with Rodney M. Burns, CPA, LLC for the 2025 audit. All voted "yes".

Janet Paddock, County Clerk, discussed the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) waiver Resolution for 2026. The Commission passes this Resolution annually authorizing staff to process reports based on the Kansas Cash Basis Budget Law.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adopt Resolution 26-01 waiving the GAAP requirements for the 2026 financial statements. All voted "yes".

Peg Pearson, Solid Waste Superintendent, discussed the need to purchase a new Backhoe/Industrial Loader for the transfer station. The backup Backhoe has been needing more repairs and has a significant number of hours on it. Staff recommends moving the current machine to the backup position and purchasing a new machine from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$202,000 to come from the Solid Waste Special Caps Account.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to approve the bid from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$202,000 to purchase the 2025 CAT 420-07 Backhoe/Industrial Loader. All voted "yes".

Dustin Coureton, IT Director, discussed approving the annual software maintenance renewal notices. Invoices were presented from SHI, Tyler Technologies, Aumentum, Karpel, and Mobile Wireless. Some of these invoices will be billed back to individual departments and the cities Wellsville and Ottawa. He said he is actively working to get a repricing for the security software the county uses. The amount of \$137,446.70 is the max amount requested for these invoices.

Commissioner Dickinson moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the payment of invoices for annual support services for the fiscal year 2026 in a maximum amount of \$137,446.70. All voted “yes”.

Dustin Coureton, IT Director, discussed the need to add cloud services for the county’s data backups. With each department collecting more data, more storage is required than is available on site.

Commissioner Stottlemire move and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the quote for cloud backup services in the amount of \$36,332.05. All voted “yes”.

Pat Toth, Planning and Building Director, discussed rezoning application #2508-0048 (Yezek) to rezone approximately 6.00 acres from the A-2, Transitional Agriculture District to the R-E, Residential Estate District. The property is commonly known as 3393 Reno Road. The owner plans to sell the newly created 6-acre lot. A replat will be required since this parcel was previously split.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to adopt Resolution 26-02 to approve rezoning application #2508-0048 (Yezek) to rezone approximately 6.00 acres from the A-2, Transitional Agriculture District to the R-E, Residential Estate District and to amend the Official County Zoning Map accordingly. All voted “yes”.

Pat Toth, Planning and Building Director, discussed Special Use Permit Application #2511-0011 (Selective Site Consultants) to allow for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 305-foot high telecommunication tower in an A-1 (Agriculture) Zoning District. The current use of the property is for agricultural with an existing residential dwelling. The property is currently known as 3751 Nevada Road. The Planning Commission has forwarded a recommendation for approval with 10 conditions listed in the proposed Resolution.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to adopt Resolution 26-03 to approve Special Use Application #2511-0011 (Selective Site Consultants) to allow for construction, operation and maintenance of a 305-foot high telecommunication tower in an A-1 (Agriculture) Zoning District based on the findings and subject to the ten (10) conditions cited in the attached Resolution. All voted “yes”.

Pat Toth, Planning and Building Director, discussed rezoning application #2510-0058 (Halleluyah Place, LLC) to rezone approximately 15.90 acres from the A-2, Transitional Agriculture District to the R-E, Residential Estate District and approximately 40.00 acres from the A-2, Transitional Agriculture District to the A1, Agriculture District. The property is commonly known as 3482 Rock Creek Road. The rezoning would allow for a lot split for mortgage purposes.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to adopt Resolution 26-04 to approve a rezoning application #2510-0058 (Halleluyah Place, LLC) to rezone approximately 15.90 acres from the A-2, Transitional Agriculture District to the R-E, Residential Estate District and approximately 40.00 acres from the A-2, Transitional Agriculture District to the A-1, Agriculture District and to amend the Official County Zoning Map accordingly. All voted “yes”.

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, County Administrator; Paul Bean, FCDC Director; Jeff Welton, Public Works Director; and Janet Paddock, County Clerk.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35a.m. All voted “yes”.

Clerk

Chair