

January 28, 2026

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

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

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

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

Chair Meador read the proposed Proclamation for Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to adopt Proclamation 26-01 to designate the month of January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. All voted "yes".

Jeff Carroll, owner of Ottawa Bike and Trail, was in to discuss the use of the Transient Guest Tax for events that are hosted by the bike shop to bring riders to the area from all across the United States. Their two main events are the Bad Astra and the Moonrise Bike Ride. He also talked about other ways the bike shop promotes cycling in Franklin County, both on the trails and gravel roads.

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on January 21, 2026 and awarding tire bids to Pomp's Tire in the amount of \$41,276.28. All voted "yes".

Derek Brown, County Administrator, introduced a request from Commissioner Waymire to consider extending and/or expanding Franklin County Resolution #23-21. The current Resolution places a temporary moratorium on commercial wind energy conversion systems until December 31, 2026. The Commissioners discussed the need to revise the comprehensive plan before they consider any of the systems discussed in the Resolution, and they also discussed that the provisions for Solar projects needed to be reviewed in the comprehensive plan. They discussed that it would be reasonable to extend the current Resolution to December of 2028 and add solar energy conversion systems. This would allow the comprehensive plan to be reviewed prior to the end of 2028.

Commissioner Dickinson moved to adopt a new Resolution to extend the current Resolution on wind and add solar until the end of December 2028. She asked for guidance on the wording. She rescinded her motion to listen to the proposed wording.

Derek Brown, County Administrator/County Counselor, gave proposed wording for a new Resolution.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to approve Franklin County Resolution 26-05 extending the existing moratorium on the planning, establishment, construction, application for or permitting of any SUPs for commercial wind energy projects and adding a temporary moratorium on the planning, establishment, construction, application for or permitting of any SUPs for commercial solar projects in the rural areas of Franklin County through December 31, 2028. All voted "yes".

Christi Hilliker, EMS Chief, discussed the EMS 2025 4th Quarter Ambulance Report. She reported that the department has met their 2025 revenue budget thanks to a significant effort from EMS staff after moving to a new software. The report showed adjustments of \$154,280.15 and set-offs of \$11,612.25 in the report for the 4th Quarter 2025.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to approve the Adjustments Report 4th Quarter 2025 and the Collections Report 4th Quarter 2025. All voted "yes".

Jeff Welton, Public Works Director, discussed the ongoing project to expand the Franklin County Landfill. He introduced Susie McCart, Lead Project Manager, and Tyler Warren, Assistant Project Engineer, from SCS Engineers to come up and present a project update. They discussed that the permit modification application is ready for submission to KDHE. The project has \$26,000 remaining in the budget but could take as much as \$43,000 to get it to completion. There could be some savings along the way that may allow the project to come in less than \$43,000.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to approve the Landfill Expansion Project Modification Plan Package for submission to KDHE and the additional costs, not to exceed \$43,000. All voted "yes".

Jeff Welton, Public Works Director, discussed the 2026 Annual Noxious Weed Annual Control Plan, 2026 Annual Management Plan and the 2025 Eradication Progress Report. This report is filed annually with the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner Dickinson moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the Noxious Weed 2026 Annual Control Plan, Annual Management Plan and the 2025 Eradication Progress Report. All voted "yes".

Jeff Welton, Public Works Director, discussed the solicitation of bids for the Franklin County 2026 Chip Seal Project. The project is planned for approximately 35 miles consolidated in the northwestern, northeastern and the southwestern portions of the county. The bid opening will take place on February 25, 2026 at 1:00 pm. in the Franklin County Clerks Office.

Commissioner Dickinson moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to approve the Solicitation of Bids for the Franklin County 2026 Chip Seal Project. All voted "yes".

Jeff Welton, Public Works Director, discussed the solicitation of bids for the Franklin County 2026 Painted Pavement Marking Project. The project follows the same area as the Chip Seal Project except for the subdivision areas.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the Solicitation of Bids for the Franklin County 2026 Painted Pavement Marking Project. All voted "yes".

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

Commissioner Waymire moved and Chair Meador seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:28a.m. All voted "yes".

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