

February 25, 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 absent, Commissioner Ianne Dickinson present, Commissioner Colton Waymire present.

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

Invocation was led by Pastor Joy Martinez-Marshall, First Baptist Church, Ottawa.

Brendan Johnson, CEO of AdventHealth Ottawa, discussed the reopening of the Family Birth Center in Ottawa. Shawn Perry, CFO of AdventHealth Ottawa, discussed the sales tax report for 2025. He also discussed the proposed sales tax plan for 2026. They are estimating \$3.1M in sales revenue in 2026. Expenditures include resurfacing the parking lot and updating the front entrance of the hospital.

Public Comment:

Dwayne LaGalle, 37 Rockwood Dr, Ottawa- discussed his frustration with the decision made regarding the solar project in the planning stages. He said the county is missing an opportunity to gain more property taxes from the project.

Trish Voth, Lawyer with Foulston Attorneys at Law, discussed the moratorium that was placed on solar projects in Franklin County. She requested that the Prairie Sunlight Project be removed from the moratorium placed with a Resolution in January. She said 28 landowners want to host the project, and there are rules and regs in place to govern it.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on February 18, 2026 and tax change orders in the amount of \$629.07. All voted "yes".

Christi Hilliker, EMS Chief, discussed the Franklin County EMS 2025 Annual Commission Report. She discussed call volumes and types of calls. The Commissioners asked her about her capital needs for the department.

Derek Brown, County Administrator, discussed changes in the Planning and Zoning Department. He recommended adding an Assistant Director Position and changing the Building Official position to a Building Inspector position. This position will not create any increases in salary in the department.

Commissioner Dickinson moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve revising the County's Pay Plan by adding the Assistant Director of Planning & Building position to Grade 25, and changing the Building Official position to Building Inspector and moving the position to Grade 20, effective March 1, 2026. All voted "yes".

Derek Brown, County Administrator, asked the Commission to consider for approval a lease agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Elizabeth Layton Center (ELC) for Suite 6 in the County Annex Building. The lease is consistent with all of the other recent leases in the building for currently unleased space previously used by Community Corrections.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to enter into a lease agreement with ELC for Suite 6 in the County Annex Building. All voted "yes".

Jeff Welton, Public Works Director, discussed approving the purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup from Shawnee Mission Ford through Government Source-Well Pricing. The total cost for the new truck is \$53,607.00 and will be paid from the funds allocated and available in the Road & Bridge Equipment Fund. This purchase will replace an existing supervisor's vehicle.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-250 truck in the amount of \$53,607.00. All voted "yes".

Janet Paddock, County Clerk, discussed appointing Paul Rayson to the Peoria Township Board. The previous Clerk resigned after moving out of the Township. Mr. Rayson has submitted a letter of interest for the position.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to appoint Paul Rayson to the Clerk position on the Peoria Township Board. All voted "yes".

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, County Administrator; Tom Winter, Emergency Management Director; Jeff Welton, Public Works Director; and Janet Paddock, County Clerk.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34a.m. All voted "yes".

Clerk

Chair