

March 4, 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.

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

Public Comment:

John McFarland- 1583 Montana Rd, Princeton- discussed the high tax bills in Franklin County and the increasing valuations. He told the Commissioners that a small group of landowners is offering to help by allowing a solar project to go in on their land. He said the Commissioners should consider lifting the moratorium and allowing the property tax relief the project offers.

Trish Voth- 1551 N Waterpark, Wichita- is an attorney representing the 28 landowners supporting the Prairie Sunlight Solar Project. She discussed what a project might look like if vegetative screening were used. She gave visuals to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes from the meeting on February 25, 2026, Minutes from the study session on March 2, 2026, claim vouchers in the amount of \$774,180.02 dated 02/15/2026, claim vouchers in the amount of \$226,392.70 dated 02/28/2026, and payroll in the amount of \$1,631,252.23. All voted "yes".

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve two additional items on the consent agenda as follows: approve the bid for Chip Seal Project in the amount of \$1,190,189.75, and approve the bid for Painted Pavement Marking Project in the amount of \$56,585.90. All voted "yes".

Derek Brown, County Administrator, discussed a new MOU between FCDC and the County for 2026. This remains largely unchanged from previous years, but includes a new clause that reads, "The FCDC Executive Director will perform other duties as assigned by the Franklin County Administrator." The amount in the agreement is flat from last year and what was approved in the 2026 budget.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to approve the new MOU between FCDC and the County for 2026. All voted "yes".

Dustin Browning, Community Corrections Director, discussed the FY2027 Adult Comprehensive Plan Grant Application. The plan was discussed in depth at the Monday study session.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Kansas Department of Corrections Adult Comprehensive Plan Grant Application. All voted "yes".

Dustin Browning, Community Corrections Director, discussed the FY2027 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Grant Application. The plan was discussed in depth at the Monday study session.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Grant Application. All voted "yes".

Peg Peason, Solid Waste Superintendent, discussed the County Spring Clean-up days on Friday April 24th and Saturday, April 25th, 2026. Free dumping of rolloff containers from the City of Ottawa and the surrounding

communities will be split over a three week period prior to the County wide free days. Suggested dates for rollofts are as follows: City of Ottawa April 3rd & 4th (City of Ottawa residents only) West of Hwy 59 April 10th & 11th (Pomona, Williamsburg, Princeton, Richmond) East of Hwy 59 April 17th & 18th (Wellsville, Rantoul, Lane).

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the proposed dates for Spring Clean-up as outlined above. All voted "yes".

Nathan Boyd, Planning and Building Director, discussed the Final Plat of Smith-Bell Acres. The small subdivision would divide approximately 20.28 acres into two (2) lots. The property is commonly known as 4353 Pawnee Rd.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to accept the dedication of rights-of-way and easements and authorize Chair to endorse the Final Plat of Smith-Bell Acres, located in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 32, Township 15 South, Range 21 East. All voted "yes".

Nathan Boyd, Planning and Building Director, discussed rezoning application #2509-0055 (Collins) to rezone approximately 3.00 acres from the R-E, Residential Estate District to the R-3A, Single Family Residential Three Acre District. The property is commonly known as 3770 Rock Creek Terrace. The applicant is proposing to split approximately 3.00 acres, with the existing residence, to grant to a family member. The applicant would retain the remaining approximately 11.20 acres to build a new residence.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to adopt Resolution 26-08 to approve rezoning application #2509-0055 (Collins) to rezone approximately 3.00 acres from the R-E, Residential Estate District to the R-3A, Single Family Residential Three Acre 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; and Jeff Welton, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:27a.m. All voted "yes".

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