

January 5, 2026

The board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Present were Jim Johnson, Chair, Alison Hamilton Vice Chair and Chasity Ware, Clerk. Jim Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

*Jim Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Alison Hamilton seconded the motion, motion passed 2-0.*

*Jim Johnson moved to approve the claims in the amount of \$238,158.43. Alison Hamilton seconded the motion, motion passed 2-0.*

*Jim Johnson moved to approve the add/abates 2025-0005, 2025-00121, 2025-00134 through 2025-00145 in the amount of -\$424.84.*

*Adjustment to the Agenda included a 10-minute Executive Session KSA 75-4319 for attorney-client privilege with anticipation of litigation with the 2 commissioners and County Counselor. Adding review of KCamp Risk Assessment results. Jim Johnson moved to approve the adjusted agenda, Alison Hamilton seconded the motion, motion passed 2-0.*

Dawn Brooks with AMR reported: LaCygne 2 calls, 1 transport, Linn Valley 1 call, Mound City 2 calls, 2 transports, Parker 2 calls, Pleasanton 2 calls, 1 transport, Prescott 1 call.

Sheriff Report: 45 prisoners, 12 releases, 0 farmed out, 27 farmed in, 74 -911 calls, 3618 jail contacts, 600 calls for service, 11 civil service papers served, 13 VIN inspections, 22 new cases opened, 10 cases closed, 3 vehicle crashes, 70 bailiff contacts, 3 livestock out, 0 SRO calls for services

*Jim Johnson moved to approve Sheriff's income report. Alison Hamilton seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.*

Randy Hegwald with Fire and Emergency Management: 1 building fire, 3 wildland fires, 6 EMS assist, 1 vehicle fire, 1 crash detection (no incident found) and 1 follow up. Randy will provide breakdown with the newspaper of numbers of calls for the year. Also discussed a truck from Sheriff's surplus of vehicles. This truck will be used for Emergency Preparedness.

Jesse Walton with Public Works: shared weekly update, working on a bridge in Blue Mound, waiting for as-built invoice to come in and finalizing a few things before paying the invoice, Dave Sutters provided his last invoice, final walk through prior to payment, gutter guy will be here for the gutter on Annex. Jesse will look over the KCamp Risk Assessment documents and report back on January 20<sup>th</sup> regarding findings. Jesse was asked to have Sheri from the Marina provide a monthly report on the rented cabins (what cabins are rented out during the month) moving forward.

Alison Hamilton asked to address the "tabled" items on the agenda. She asked to remove Airport Sale/Lot Split. Chasity Ware confirmed the lot split is complete and she will meet with Lisa Kellstadt to work towards moving current status to agriculture to help eliminate a large portion of taxes. Plans for county buildings in regard to old jail. She would like to see the mold study on the building and then plan to demolish the building. Jesse will set it up to do a bid walk through. Mentions of Chris Martin and items located in the building he would like to remove; he will need to share what those items are. Plan to provide those bids by February 16, 2026. Emergency Survey Plan: discussion took place regarding surveys/polls provided to the employees. Hamilton wanted confirmation from Chris on where we were with emails for all employees. Discussion included Commissioners having final approval of questions that would be provided on any survey they are asking to see results for. Compensation Plan: this included Commissioners asking Chasity Ware to start looking into insurance, compensation plans and benefits for employees now. Matrix discussion took place including needing updated and aligned with other counties. Jim Johnson mentioned he would like to see a top of years and then cost of living as the only raise, possibly bonus provided at the end of the year. Alison Hamilton shared she would like to see comparable

compensation/benefits of other counties. Hamilton shared her concern with organizing items on Sharepoint. Chasity Ware shared she is working on cleaning that up and isn't convinced she has found the best solution but dislikes saving things in 4 different places. She will work on that for a fix by February 9, 2026. KORA process was discussed. Alison Hamilton shared she doesn't like the idea that we charge for something that might only take a few minutes and can be sent electronically. She shared there is a pamphlet that is digital and wants all forms on the current and new website as soon as possible, by February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment: There were none.

Old Business: Alison Hamilton brought up her concern with the unmatched chairs in the Commissioners chairs and would like to replace the ones that are there. Jim Johnson asked what fund those chairs would be paid from? He suggested we find out where we are on the budget before moving forward.

Order of chair positions will change next week, January 12, 2026. Alison Hamilton will become Chair, Jason Hightower, Vice Chair and Jim Johnson, member.

Alison Hamilton shared report from Health Department, Amanda Snyder.

*Jim Johnson moved to recess for 10 minutes to see if Counselor Paletta will be able to make a call.*

Due to Counselor Jacklyn Paletta being in court, no executive session will take place.

*Jim Johnson moved to adjourn. Alison Hamilton seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.*

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*Chair*

*Attest:*

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*Clerk*