

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

August 25, 2025

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Minutes Approval – Regular Meeting August 11, 2025

Special Meeting August 13, 2025

1:05 p.m. – Public Forum

1:10 p.m. – Department Reports

Ambulance	Rural Fire
Appraiser	Sheriff
Emergency Management	Treasurer
Health	County Counselor
Public Works	County Clerk
Register of Deeds	County Attorney
Community Development	

Old Business:

Real Estate @ 1285 Evergreen, Moline

New Business

2:00 p.m. –

Extension Building Water Issues – Richard Fechter

Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel

Abatements: OIL25-013, 25-014, 25-015, 25-016

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events:

Commissioners Present:

Perry Russell, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II

Jake Liebau, District III

County Counselor: Paul Dean

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

Others:

Gillian Beaumont, EMS Director

Don Sanders, Public Works

Erica Cordell, EM

Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk

Rachel Ware, Treasurer

Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD

Renee Triboulet

Kandy Dowell, Health

Todd Winscher, Rural Fire

Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer

Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser

Malarie Chamberlain, Payroll Clerk

Diane Cucar, Community Development

Gary Evans

Call to Order

Chairman Hendricks called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Liebau and Russell were present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 11, 2025 as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the primary canvass meeting minutes of August 13, 2025 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Renaë Triboulet asked if the rumor was true about property taxes going up 27%. Chairman Hendricks stated taxes are going up but not 27%. Gary Evans informed the commission of a vicious dog in Howard that has bitten people and is coming into his yard. Mr. Evans stated the Sheriff's Department has not done anything about the situation.

EMS

Gillian Beaumont presented reports for June and August. There were 11 total runs with total collections being \$2,635.47 for the month of June. There were 6 total runs with total collections being \$1,918.36 for the month of August.

Public Works

Don Sanders present department reports. Mr. Sanders stated the county is getting the Federal Fund Exchange in the amount of \$27,000.

Register of Deeds

Stephanie Ollenborger stated the mold issue in her office is getting better, but now there is a sewer like smell coming from around the air conditioner in the vault.

Community Development

Diane Cucar stated she has received a bid for \$2,000 to repair one of the bathrooms at the 300 N. Plum property repaired. Mrs. Cucar will be applying for the Kansas Tourism Grant. Mrs. Cucar will meet with 4-County on Friday. Mrs. Cucar stated the invoice for the barn removal at 1285 Evergreen has been received and will be paid on the next bill cycle.

Rural Fire

Todd Winscher stated one truck is going in for clutch work. Mr. Winscher said on October 4, 2025 Rural Fire will be doing a training with the City Departments on a tanker relay.

Treasurer

Rachel Ware stated the county tax sale will be September 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cox Building in Howard. Pre-Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. September 2, 2025 to 4:00 p.m. September 15, 2025.

1285 Evergreen

Paul Dean stated we are waiting on the deed to come back. Mr. Dean will check on the deed.

Extension Building Water Issues

Richard Fechter stated water is draining in front of the Extension Building from the basement and it is making a mess. Don Sanders will see what we can do to prevent this problem from happening.

Executive Session 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance with County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:40 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:40 p.m.

No action taken.

Executive Session 1:41 p.m.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance with EMS Director Gillian Beaumont and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:51 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:51 p.m.

No action taken.

Executive Session 1:54 p.m.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal issues with County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:59 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:59 p.m.

No action taken.

Abatements

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve abatements OIL25-013, 25-014, 25-015, 25-016. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the warrants as presented in the amount of \$71,654.56. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:23 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

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Kerry E. Harrod  
Elk County Clerk

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Perry Russell, District I

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Doug Hendricks, District II(Chairman)

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Jake Liebau, District III