

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

October 27, 2025

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Minutes Approval – October 14, 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

PIO

New Business

2:00 p.m. –

Ks Department of Transportation Letter of Commitment

Coordinated Transit District #10 Letter of Support

Day Insurance Solutions 2026 Health, Dental, Vision Insurance Renewal – Scott Day

Sheriff Fuel/Cards

County Budgets

Executive Session - Employee Review

Abatements:

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:

Don Sanders, Public Works

John Walker, Sheriff

Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk

Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser

Kimberly Dupuis, EMS

Nick Miller, Noxious Weed

Joe Love

Brian Beaumont

Todd Winscher, Rural Fire

Gillian Beaumont, EMS Director

Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer

Erica Cordell, Emergency Management

Jessica Kessler, Treas. Office Clerk

Kaye Spooner

John Beaumont

Brenda Beaumont

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 Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2025 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Brian Beaumont had questions regarding the Sheriff's Office dispatch and 911 system being terminated. Mr. Beaumont would like to see salaries increased for the sheriff's office to help keep employees. The Commissioners stated that was false information and Elk County would not be terminating dispatch or the 911 system. The county has strived to get wages up for County employees. Joe Love would like to see the low hanging branches cut along

Road 29A from Hwy 160 to Flint. The Commission would like to thank everyone for coming in and voicing their opinions but encourage citizens to get facts instead of believing coffee shop rumors.

#### EMS

Gillian Beaumont stated she has hired a part-time EMT and lost a part-time EMT. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to hire Ainsley Lamb as a part-time EMT at \$16.73 an hour. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Appraiser

Chris Miller presented a new NRP to the commission.

#### Emergency Management

Erica Cordell stated the IPPW (Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop) will be held Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cox Building. A short exercise and then the actual IPPW process will take place. It is very important to have a large voice to be heard as we plan for the county. Ms. Cordell stated she has been in contact with Joe Lee regarding the PIO position.

#### Public Works

Don Sanders stated they are still waiting on the FEMA check.

#### Community Development

Diane Cucar stated the reception for the libraries will be held Monday, November 10 at 12:30 p.m. at the Courthouse. The E-Community will possibly be doing workshops on marketing for businesses. Ms. Cucar stated there is a possibility of getting more SEED grant money from ROZ.

#### Real Estate @ 1285 Evergreen, Moline

Diane Cucar stated on Friday she met with the environment specialists and they did not see anything that would be a hazard or anything that would stop the county from going forward with the site certification.

#### Sheriff

John Walker stated by the end of November they should be fully staffed in dispatch. Sheriff Walker has been doing interviews for deputies.

#### County Counselor

Paul Dean requested an executive session for legal.

#### Ks Department of Transportation Letter of Commitment

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the letter of commitment for local matching funds for General Public Transportation in the amount of \$126,896 from mil levy. These funds will be available as needed during the 2026 fiscal year. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Coordinated Transit District #10 Letter of Support

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the letter of support. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Sheriff Fuel/Cards

Chairman Hendricks stated in lieu of having fuel cards the county could install a fuel tank for the Sheriff's Department. Fleet Fuel will set a tank at no charge. Discussion was had regarding deputies still needing a fuel card for out of county travel. A fuel tank will be set up behind the sheriff's office.

#### Executive Session 1:45 p.m.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal matters with County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:50 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:50 p.m.

No action taken.

#### Day Insurance Solutions 2026 Health, Dental, Vision Insurance Renewal – Scott Day

Scott Day presented the new 2026 rates for health, dental and vision insurance. There will be no increase for Blue Cross & Blue Shield health insurance, a 2.3% increase for Delta Dental and no increase for Vision Care Direct. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve Day Insurance Solutions 2026 Health, Dental and Vision Insurance renewal. Motion carried 3-0.

#### 2025 County Budgets

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to transfer \$13,000 from the Windfarm Fund to the Health Department budget for payroll. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Executive Session 2:08 p.m.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for an employee review with County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:15 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:15 p.m.

No action taken.

County Insurance

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to allow the County Counselor position to be eligible for county insurance which he will reimburse the county 100% of the cost monthly. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$40,501.88. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:45 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