WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES

April 22, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners, Casey Lair, Andrew Miller & Jerry Scott, Kayla Busch, County Clerk, and Kris Marple, County Coordinator, met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Lair called the meeting to order.
INVOCATION: Commissioner Miller gave the invocation.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Scott led the flag salute.

AGENDA & MINUTES:

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of April 8, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported on road damage at 1800 & Inman, 2000 & Barber, and 1800 & Gove. He estimated the total repairs to be approximately $275,000.00 thus far. He also discussed new tubes at 6th & Rock in New Albany, estimated at $35,000.00. He also discussed purchasing a CAT 184 6-foot re-claimer attachment in the amount of $20,000.00. He also requested for the Road & Bridge Department to begin summer hours on May 4th, which will be Monday-Thursday 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., which was approved by consensus. Also discussed a motor grader operator's pay wage due to submitting a two week notice. A dust control permit was submitted for Evergy on Scott Road.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the purchase of a CAT 184 6-foot re-claimer attachment not to exceed $20,000.00. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the dust control permit for Evergy as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, requested on behalf of Register of Deeds Christina Slaughter to hire Christina Valentin as a part-time employee in the Register of Deeds Office. He also submitted a $0.25 per hour pay increase request for Trevor Harvey due to being promoted to a Corrections Sargent and a $0.50 per hour pay increase for Quentin Cannon due to completing his introductory period. He also requested to hire Molly Rogers as a 911 Dispatcher. He also discussed revising the emergency vehicle permit application from 1-year renewal to 4-year renewal. He also gave a final Legislative Update of the 2026 Legislative Session.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to hire Christin Valentin for the Register of Deeds Office. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the pay increase requests for Trevor Harvey & Quentin Cannon as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to hire Molly Rogers as a 911 Dispatcher. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the revision of the emergency vehicle permit application as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEODESHA EMS UPDATE:

Christina Sykes COO of Labette Health, Doug Stacy CEO of Wilson Medical Center, Brogan Jones Neodesha City Administrator, Dr. Shawn Southwick EMS Physician at Labette Health, Nick Fleer Finance Director of Labette Health, Ben Blake EMS PA at Wilson Medical Center, Chad Estes WMC Board of Trustees Chairman, Randy Grimmett EMS Director of Labette Health, Johnathan Durrett CEO of Fredonia Regional Hospital, and Chris Bauman Neodesha Community Development Director, presented informational statistics from January-March for NEMS. They also discussed the importance of Advanced Level Services vs. Basic Level Services, and both FEMS & NEMS working together as a county-wide service. They also discussed information about upcoming SEK Anchor Hospitals & SEK Regional EMS Transfer Services, with further details to be announced in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Leanne Githens representing the Wilson County Historical Society & Museum, presented information for the America 250th Event on July 3rd as well as planning for a Youth History Camp, and making history fliers & posters of County History to display at the Courthouse.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of $377,697.45, and payroll in the amount of $125,056.50.
3. Reports received: Treasurer, and Road & Bridge fees. Employee overtime.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS

RECORDED BY:

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Casey Lair, Chairman

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Kayla Busch, County Clerk