WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES

April 29, 2026

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

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 22, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported on semi-truck repairs and storm damages to a bridge culvert at 1800 & Edwards Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:40 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Miller pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 to recess to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel pertaining to employee performance & retention with the Commissioners, Kary Tatum, and Kris Marple present in the County Commission Room 101. The regular meeting to resume at 9:55 a.m. in the County Commission Room 101. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The regular meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m. with no action taken.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented Resolution #2025-009 transferring $22,458.00 from the Emergency Preparedness General Fund to the EMPG Fund. He also submitted maintenance agreement renewals with Eaton Corporation for the UPS back-up battery system at 911 Dispatch in the amount of $3,417.00, and with ESRI for an ArcGIS license in the amount of $1,575.00. He also submitted a request per K.S.A. 79-1613 from Tret & Brittney Bailey due to a structure fire at 209 N. Spruce in Buffalo. He also presented a request from Debbie Higginbotham to be re-appointed to the 31st Judicial District Community & Juvenile Services Advisory Board.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2026-009 as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the maintenance agreements as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the request from Tret & Brittney Bailey per K.S.A. 79-1613 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to re-appoint Debbie Higginbotham to the 31st JD Community & Juvenile Services Advisory Board. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HEALTH DEPT. REPORT:

Amy Lell, Health Dept. Administrator, reported that hiring the WIC Dietitian was still pending. She also requested to purchase promotional items in the amount of $1,080.00 and a fit test machine in the amount of $2,000.00 from grant funds. She also requested for the Health Department to close early on May 15th to attend a graduation ceremony at KSU for Health Nurse Amber Davis, which was approved by consensus. She also requested that due to Amber achieving her Masters of Public Health in Nutrition to give her a $1,000.00 bonus from the Work Force Development Grant.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the grant funds purchases as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve a $1,000.00 for Amber Davis from the Work Force Development Grant. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Sheriff Pete Kuhn, discussed pursuing certification for inmate housing with DHS. He also reported on a contract to house inmates for Douglas County. He also discussed estimates from Studebaker Refrigeration to replace HVAC units at the LEC. The Commission tabled the matter until additional estimates can be obtained.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of $222,182.67, and payroll in the amount of $125,749.24.
3. Reports received: Employee overtime.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, May 6, 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