WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL MINUTES

July 29, 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 July 22, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented a right-of-way permit for Steve Jantz on Gove Road. He also gave updates on the asphalt road repair project, and culvert work being done at New Albany. He also informed that the 2003 Freightliner repair estimate is $9,000.00 from Premier Truck in Joplin.

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

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented an agreement with Vertical Bridge to install a new 911 repeater & antenna on the Verizon Tower near Buffalo. He also submitted a quote from Marmic Fire & Safety to replace 24 fire sprinkler heads & mount a new head box at the LEC in the amount of $4,783.76. He also requested a $0.50 per hour pay increase for Correction Officers Tristan Ballin & Chris Henderson due to completing their introductory periods. And a $0.75 per hour pay increase for Correction Officer Cody Jowell due to being promoted to Sargent & completing his introductory period. He also discussed a letter & invoice received from Neosho County regarding District Coroner expenses.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the agreement with Vertical Bridge as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the quote from Marmic Fire & Safety as presented. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the Correction Officers pay requests as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Cody Gilmore expressed his concerns regarding the District Court & County Attorney.
2. Brian Williams, CEO of Labette Health, reported on their recent Anchor Hospital designation advancement program, and grant application for an ambulance assigned for a SEK regional transport service. He also discussed how Neodesha EMS runs are counted.
3. Approved warrants in the amount of $93,330.39.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, August 5, 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