**WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS**
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

August 5, 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 29, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. REPORT:**

Kary Tatum, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented right-of-way permits for Evergy for a transmission line from Fredonia to Coyville. He also submitted a right-of-way permit for a 60 foot utility pole on Udall Road South of 1800 Road for Nextlink. He also gave an update on the asphalt road overlay project, and estimated the cost of $50,000.00 per mile. He also discussed bridge repairs at 1000 & Chase Road and 900 & Wichita Road, estimated at $350,000.00.

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

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

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Kris Marple, County Coordinator, presented & discussed the FY2027 proposed budgets for Wilson County & Rural Fire District #1. The proposed mill levy rate for Wilson County is 66.590 mills, which is 4.10 mills lower than FY2026, and 0.30 mills higher than the revenue neutral rate. The proposed mill levy rate for Rural Fire District #1 is 0.967 mills, which is 0.06 mills lower than FY2026, and 0.004 higher than the revenue neutral rate. The revenue neutral rate hearing & budget hearing are scheduled for September 2nd at 10:00 a.m. He also reminded that Sausage Fest is August 29th.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the FY2027 proposed budgets as presented for publication. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Kayla Busch, County Clerk, presented the unofficial August 4th primary election results for Wilson County. She reported a 33% voter turnout, and 35 provisional ballots pending the Board of Canvassers count on August 12th at 9:00 a.m. She also submitted a $1.50 per hour pay increase for Rachel Norman due to her not replacing the vacant position in her office.

> **ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the pay increase as requested. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Johnathan Durrett, CEO of Fredonia Regional Hospital & Todd Ballard, Fredonia EMS Director, presented their EMS Financial Audit for FY2025 and YTD financials for 2026. They also discussed how Fredonia EMS runs are counted.
2. Approved warrants in the amount of $353,140.15 & payroll in the amount of $126,612.79.
3. Reports received: Sheriff, Road & Bridge, Register of Deeds, Appraiser, and Treasurer fee reports. Employee overtime report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, August 12, 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**