

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Those present were Commissioners Cody Younkin, Tom Johnson and Brett Ayers. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairmen Cody Younkin.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Department Heads Alicia Baumfalk, Pappy Lies, Joyce Bosserman, Candy Aschenbrenner, Dustin Little, Jennie Schoenberger, Angie Kahle, Nathan Hales, Scott Waterman, Crystal Rucker and Alison Little joined the meeting at the Boards request. Discussion was held regarding the 2027 budget and what cuts are being made to help keep the mill levy down.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board held their Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Budget Hearing to hear any objections to the proposed 2027 RNR rate. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to sign Resolution No. 26-09 exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 70.116 with a proposed mill levy of 71.122. Motion carried 3-0. The Board then held their Budget Hearing to hear any objections to the proposed 2027 budget. There being no questions, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers respectively to approve and sign the proposed budget for 2027. Motion carried 3-0. The Board also held their Budget Hearing to hear any objections to the proposed 2027 Budget for the Rural Fire District #1. There being no questions, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers respectively to approve and sign the proposed budget for 2027.

Sheriff Dustin Little and Road Supervisor Nathan Hales joined the meeting to discuss County Road 160. Discussion was held regarding the speed limit and the commercial truck traffic. It was the consensus of the Board to get with the County Attorney to find a solution for the problems.

Sheriff Dustin Little then visited with the Board regarding the computer in his office that controls the security cameras. It was installed by INA Alert a few months ago and is already having issues. INA Alert will not stand behind the computer and replace it so therefore, Little received a

quote from ImagineIT for a M70q Gen 5 computer for \$2,999.00 with labor and shipping included. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson to purchase the computer from ImagineIT. Motion carried 3-0.

County Appraiser Alicia Baumfalk met with the Board and informed them that she has filled the vacancy in her office, and they will be starting September 23rd. She also asked the Board to purchase a new laptop for her office. She received a quote from ImagineIT for \$1,625.14 for a new laptop and additional accessories for a total of \$2,928.34. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson to purchase the laptop for \$2,928.34. Motion carried 3-0. Discussion was also held regarding changing the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and listening to a demo for a new GIS vendor.

Road Supervisor Nathan Hales joined the meeting to discuss upgrading the FuelMaster head unit. It was the consensus of the Board to get quotes on the labor to install the unit. Hales also made the Board aware of mower issues he is having with the Courthouse mower.

Discussion was held regarding sending out Prairie Dog letters to Landowners for the upcoming baiting season. It was the consensus of the Board to update the list and get letters mailed after the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Younkin requested executive session. At 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. The Board returned to open session at 11:15 a.m. with no action taken.

The minutes of the August 17, 2026 special meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 2-0 with Younkin being absent that meeting.

The minutes of the August 18, 2026 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the 35 hours of overtime for the Sheriff Department and 27.5 hours for the Road Department for

August.

The Board reviewed the August 31, 2026 Payroll Register as follows: General \$53,544.31; County Health \$13,055.59; Road & Bridge \$22,753.58; Noxious Weed \$2,738.28; Fire \$461.75 and EMS \$25,556.66 for a total of \$118,110.17. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson respectively to approve the Payroll Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated August 31, 2026 as follows: General \$43,964.90; County Health \$6,314.26; Road & Bridge \$15,004.66; Noxious Weed \$6,573.26; Prairie Dog \$1,226.30; EMS \$11,571.36; County Bond & Interest \$45,549.98; Logansport Twp Road \$519.33 and Payroll Clearing \$1,330.62 for a total of \$132,054.67. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the request from Northwest Kansas Library System regarding the appointment of one board member for each county to the library board. The current member has moved; therefore, the Board needs to appoint a replacement. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson to appoint Maureen Schwarz to the Northwest Kansas Library Board. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson to pay the 1st quarter invoice from Glassman Corporation for the HVAC pumps in the amount of \$64,250.00. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers respectively to allow 40 hours of sick leave from Sandra Margheim; 40 hours from Rhonda Sperber and 24 hours from Candy Aschenbrenner to be donated to Becky Butts. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held regarding the Weed Department Cameras. It was the consensus of the Board to get quotes for replacement.

There being no further business discussed, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson respectively to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on September 21, 2026.

Wheatland Homecoming

Candidates 2026



This year’s Wheatland High School Homecoming candidates: Back L-R Riley Tuttle, son of Megan and Tanner Tuttle; Branton Goetz, son of Kayla and Justin Goetz; Spencer Beckman, son of Dawn and Brian Beckman. Front: L-R: Natalie Bixenman, daughter of Nancy and Ron Bixenman; Marissa Beckman, daughter of Monica and Bill Beckman; MaKenna Farber, daughter of Deanna Slippers and Jack Farber. WHS will face Cheylin for Homecoming, October 9th in the Hawks’ Nest. Kick Off is at 7:00 p.m.



More Than Fair Friends

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

A few weeks ago, I headed to the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson with a group of Collegiate Farm Bureau students. We took in the 4-H and FFA projects, watched livestock showmanship in the ring and, of course, made our way through the birthing barn.

The birthing barn is one of my favorite stops — not because there is anything particularly novel about a calf being born, but because I love watching the faces of people who aren’t involved in agriculture as they see those little hooves start to appear. There is something pretty special about watching someone experience a part of agriculture they have never seen before.

I also never skip the Pride of Kansas building. It’s a chance to see friends, check out how big the winning pumpkin was and, most importantly, see the butter sculpture, which is especially exciting to this Wisconsin girl.

This year’s sculpture featured bees. And when the sculpture needed an emergency repair, a crew from Hutchinson Community College came to the rescue. I also found time for a Pronto Pup and some cheese curds that, I’m happy to report, met my Wisconsin standards.

The fair was also the venue for a set of

political debates for the upcoming gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races.

I was in Manhattan watching Kansas State get a win over Washington State — Go Cats! — so we listened to the debate on the drive home. And as I listened, I found myself thinking less about the political sparring and more about a phrase that came up multiple times.

“I know farming and agriculture. I grew up on a farm.”

Now, I’m not here to contest anyone’s agriculture credentials. And frankly, I love it when people have a personal connection to farming. Hearing so many candidates talk about their farm roots, made me ponder the value of those connections and what we really need from our elected representatives.

Because farmers are struggling.

We can’t control the weather. Believe me, if someone figures that one out, they’ll have the attention of every farmer in the country. However, there are plenty of things policymakers can influence — input costs, trade and market access, labor policy and the Farm Bill, just to name a few.

Those decisions matter when the cost of producing a crop or raising animals keeps climbing but the market prices remain low. They matter when a farm can’t find enough workers

or when we are asking the next generation to decide if there is a future for them in agriculture.

Do I need my elected representative to have grown up on a farm? Not necessarily.

I need someone who understands why agriculture matters. Someone who understands that agriculture is more than an industry. It is part of our national security, our economy and our ability to prosper as a nation.

Most importantly, I need someone who is willing to do something about it.

It’s easy to say you’re a “friend of agriculture”. Growing up on a farm is a connection worth celebrating. But neither one, by itself, guarantees that someone will fight for policies that keep farms viable and allow them to be passed on to the next generation.

As voters, we should look beyond the farm story and listen for the action plan. Agriculture doesn’t just need friends at the fair. It needs representatives willing to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

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October 3rd
2026

10am to 2pm

Fall Festival

Buffalo Bill Cultural Center 3083 US 83 Oakley KS

Activities Include:
Inflatables
FFA Petting Zoo
Food Trucks
Yard Games
Corn Pit
Pumpkin Decorating
Diamond Art Crafts
Sidewalk chalk
Storytelling with Steve

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