

# Smith Co. Commissioners Meeting Minutes

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on February 17, 2026, in the County Commissioners' room. Present were Commissioners Kurt Ifland, Brady Peterson and Jim Gwennap. Also present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk, Travis Story, Road Supervisor and Owen Wagner, Assistant Road Supervisor.

At 8:30 a.m. Ifland called the meeting to order and Gwennap opened with prayer.

**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to approve the 2/9/2026 minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to approve the 2/17/2026 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners initiated 4 voided checks.

The commissioners, Story and Wagner discussed the following:

1. Ifland discussed 210 Rd between H Rd and I Rd.

2. Ifland discussed F Rd, just South of Hwy 9.

3. Ifland discussed L Rd, North of Main Street in Gaylord. Ifland stated where the water leak area needs additional material.

4. Peterson asked if the road department has everything ready for the new blades. Wagner stated he is still working with Landmark to get oil.

5. Gwennap discussed the bridge at Q Rd and 30 Rd.

6. Gwennap discussed S Rd between Hwy 36 and 50 Rd and also 50 Rd, West to P Rd.

7. Gwennap discussed a request for rock at 50 Rd and O Rd.

8. Gwennap discussed 50 Rd and V Rd, going East.

9. Gwennap discussed the Perma-Zyme product. Story and Wagner are interested in trying the product and working with the team from Perma-Zyme.

Gwennap shared the update from RWE. RWE has a new land acquisition individual.

10. Gwennap asked if the dozer is in Concordia for repair. Story stated it is

there.

11. Wagner shared the shim class was phenomenal.

12. Peterson discussed the mixing strip.

13. Story discussed Q Rd between 200 Rd and 210 Rd will start tomorrow.

14. Story discussed 110 Rd between N Rd and O Rd.

15. Story shared he found another class for laying gravel, but it is in Wichita. Story isn't sure who he would send at this time. The commissioners discussed postponing it this year.

16. Story stated he was contacted by the hospital to mow the county's property in between the hospital and Sunporch. The commissioners agreed to mow it one time.

17. Story shared an applicant. Story will be running a background check.

18. Story discussed the selling of the old vehicle scanner. The commissioners will accept sealed bids for the Autel Maxisis MS906 Code Scanner. The battery is bad and the top of the screen doesn't work. Bids will be accepted through 9:00 a.m. March 9, 2026.

19. Story shared he discussed larger aggregate for county roads. Story stated our current setup will not grind larger aggregate, but Story is going to visit with CAT about a different drum.

20. Story shared Stantec has given him a rough draft of the grant application that will be submitted for the Kansas Infrastructure Hub.

Ryan Allen joined the meeting.

Story and Wagner left the meeting.

Allen discussed the following:

1. Allen discussed some illegal dumping at the landfill.

2. Allen discussed the inspection of the old landfill.

Allen left the meeting.

Peterson shared a park proposal from Cody Theobald for the East side of town. The commissioners are in favor of allowing Theobald to move forward with contacting Smith

County Memorial Hospital, Sunporch and the City of Smith Center.

Tabitha Owen joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Ifland to convene in executive session at 10:31 a.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously.

Also in the session was Ashley Maxwell and Tabitha Owen. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

Owen left the meeting.

Tom Chapman joined the meeting and asked for guidance on purchasing a vehicle for Emergency Management. Emergency Management has \$35,000.00 in the 2026 budget for vehicle purchase. The commissioners gave Chapman authorization to purchase a vehicle as long as he stays within budget.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 10:58 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously.

Also in the session was Ashley Maxwell and Tom Chapman. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

Chapman left the meeting.

Trenton Ringle joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 11:27 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously.

Also in the session was Ashley Maxwell and Trenton Ringle. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

Ringle left the meeting.

At 11:49 a.m. a motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to recess until 1:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Linneman and Allen Lanus joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 1:15 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously.

Also in the session was Allen Lanus and Ashley Maxwell. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 1:33 p.m.

Lanus left the meeting.

Rick Linneman rejoined the meeting.

The commissioners spoke with Linneman about the accident that happened last Friday night.

Linneman left the meeting.

Ifland contacted Travis Conaway via cell phone to attend the meeting.

Travis Conaway joined the meeting. The commissioners discussed concerns with the accident that happened last Friday night. The commissioners discussed the county dispatch policy and the need to send all units to a motor vehicle accident with injuries and/or air bag deployment and/or a roll over. The commissioners discussed their concerns with Conaway not showing up at the accident scene of one of his staff members. The commissioners also discussed their concerns with Conaway's lack of leadership. The commissioners asked Conaway to step it up and start doing his job.

Conaway left the meeting.

Robert Hutchison joined the meeting via cell phone.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 2:35 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss attorney-client privilege, performance. Motion carried unanimously.

Also in the session was Ashley Maxwell and Robert Hutchison. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

Hutchison left the meeting.

At 2:42 p.m. a motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to adjourn as there was no further business. Motion carried unanimously.

## KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS ARE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES FOR SMITH COUNTY COMMISSION; THE CITIES OF SMITH CENTER, KENSINGTON, LEBANON, CEDAR, GAYLORD AND ATHOL; USD #110 AND USD #237

### SMITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE SMITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET EACH MONDAY, AT 8:30 A.M. AT THE SMITH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

<b>JAMES GWENNAP</b> DISTRICT 1 TERM ENDS: 2026	<b>KURT IFLAND</b> DISTRICT 3 TERM ENDS: 2028
<b>BRADY PETERSON</b> DISTRICT 2 TERM ENDS: 2028	<b>ASHLEY MAXWELL</b> CLERK TERM ENDS: 2028

### SMITH COUNTY OFFICIALS

<b>TRAVIS CONAWAY</b> SHERIFF TERM ENDS: 2028	<b>VERNON REINKING</b> TREASURER TERM ENDS: 2028
<b>TABITHA OWENS</b> ATTORNEY TERM ENDS: 2028	<b>STEPHANIE ARMENT</b> REGISTER OF DEEDS TERM ENDS: 2028

### SMITH CENTER CITY

THE SMITH CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 6 P.M. AT THE SRADER CENTER

<b>BRYCE WIEHL</b> MAYOR TERM ENDS: 2029	<b>CHRIS COLE</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029
<b>DONALD WICK</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>TRACY KINGSBURY</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029

<b>EVERETT MANSHOLT</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>TY WALLGREN</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029
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### SMITH CENTER CITY OFFICIALS

<b>MELISSA COLBY</b> TREASURER/BILLING APPOINTED:	<b>BRITTANY NILES</b> CLERK APPOINTED:
<b>KIM MAUDLIN</b> ADMIN/TRANSIT APPOINTED:	

### KENSINGTON CITY

THE KENSINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 5 P.M. AT THE CITY OFFICE

<b>MAX KUHLMANN</b> MAYOR TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>DONALD DODDS SR</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2027
<b>BLAYNE BIENHOFF</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029	<b>DONALD DODDS JR</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029

<b>ADAM SYNOGROUND</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>AMBER HARDACRE</b> CLERK APPOINTED:
<b>TRACY ATOHISON</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029	

### LEBANON CITY

THE LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7 P.M. AT THE SRADER CENTER

<b>RICK CHAPIN</b> MAYOR TERM ENDS: 2029	<b>HANNAH RAMIREZ</b> COUNCILWOMAN TERM ENDS: 2027
<b>BILL BEFORT</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029	<b>BETTY PILCHER</b> COUNCILWOMAN TERM ENDS: 2029

<b>MARTY HANSON</b> COUNCILWOMAN TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>KARLIE KURCIAK</b> CLERK APPOINTED:
<b>RANDY MAUS</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2027	

### GAYLORD CITY

THE GAYLORD CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:00 P.M.

<b>BARBRA LEHMANN</b> MAYOR TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>DENA DANNENBURG</b> COUNCILWOMAN TERM ENDS: 2027
<b>DENNIS LEHMANN</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029	<b>DARIN GODSEY</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029

<b>ADAM IFLAND</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>KIM IFLAND</b> CLERK APPOINTED:
<b>EDDIE ADAMS</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029	

### CEDAR CITY

THE CEDAR CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM @ THE CEDAR DEPOT

<b>REBECCA MUELLER</b> MAYOR TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>CHERYL GLASER</b> COUNCILWOMAN TERM ENDS: 2029
<b>LINDA MATUS</b> COUNCILWOMAN TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>SUE RILEY</b> CLERK APPOINTED:

<b>MOIYA STUBBS</b> COUNCILWOMAN TERM ENDS: 2029	
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### ATHOL CITY

THE ATHOL CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

<b>ALLEN DANIELS</b> MAYOR TERM ENDS: 2029	<b>BEVERLY FELDMAN</b> COUNCILWOMAN TERM ENDS: 2029
<b>JANA DANIELS</b> COUNCILWOMAN TERM ENDS: 2029	<b>CADE RIETZKE</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029

<b>MONTY JONES</b> COUNCILMAN TERM ENDS: 2029	<b>BARB JONES</b> CLERK APPOINTED:

### USD #237

USD #237 MEETS THE 2ND MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 7 P.M.

<b>JOE WIEHL</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2029	<b>LIBBY McDONALD</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2029
<b>MARTY HANSON</b> VICE PRESIDENT TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>WYATT RHOADES</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2029

<b>JODI FRYDENDALL</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2027	<b>ADAM RENTSCHLER</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2027
<b>SARA PRUDEN</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2027	

### USD #110

THE USD #110 MEETS THE 2ND MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 7 P.M.

<b>STACI FOREMAN</b> PRESIDENT TERM ENDS: 2030	<b>ALI HADLEY</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2030
<b>BRIDGET WYRILL</b> VICE PRESIDENT TERM ENDS: 2030	<b>KATHY HOLLING</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2028

<b>JUSTIN ABBOT</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2030	<b>TINA DENNIS</b> BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDS: 2030

# Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

## I. Call to Order

Council President Cole opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 09, 2026, at the Srader Building.

## Attendance

Council Members: Don Wick, Chris Cole, Tracy Kingsbury, Ty Wallgren and Everett Mansholt.

Others: Jamie Marshall, Kim Maudlin, Rick Hileman, Melissa Colby, Brett Decker, Philip Pennington, Casey Fraser, Troy Brummer, Todd Gililand, Josh Niles and Brittany Niles.

## II. Consent Agenda

Following review, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Wallgren, to approve January 26, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

A motion was then made by Kingsbury and seconded

by Wick to approve the vouchers and receipts. Motion carried.

## III. Previous/Ongoing Business

A. Niles presented the council with documentation regarding a property acquisition. KDOT has offered the City of Smith Center compensation of \$993.72 for the land improvements along Highway 9. After discussion a motion was made by Wallgren and seconded by Mansholt to approve the property acquisition proposed by KDOT. Motion carried.

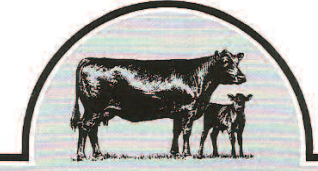
## IV. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

Police Department- Jamie updates the council on the repairs to the 2021 Charger; Mace's Body shop expects it to be complete

soon. The Chief also states that the Tahoe is nearly complete and should be ready for pickup early next week. The council then discussed the need and costs to add AED's and Stop The Bleed Kits to the police vehicles and city buildings. After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to find grant funds to purchase 4 new AED's and 1 new Stop the Bleed Kit.

Clerk- Niles presented the board with a bid to purchase 100 new key fobs for the Srader Building in the amount of \$1790.00. Due to the cost of the fobs, Niles requested raising the fee for a lost fob from \$25.00 to \$40.00. A motion was made by Kingsbury to purchase the new key fobs and raise the "lost" fee from \$25.00 to \$40.00. The motion was seconded by Wick, and it carried. Treasurer- Colby notified the board of the upcoming KRWA conference

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