

Smith Co. Commissioners Meeting Minutes

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on August 10, 2026, in the County Commissioners' Room. Present were Commissioners Kurt Ifland and Brady Peterson. Jim Gwennap was absent. Also present were Ashley Maxwell, Clerk, Travis Story, Road and Bridge Supervisor and John Kautz, Assistant Road and Bridge Supervisor.

At 8:30 a.m. Ifland called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to approve the 8/3/2026 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to approve the 8/10/2026 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved payroll #16 for \$164,354.58.

The commissioners approved voucher #16819-voucher #16884 and wires for the following accounts:

- General \$ 43,098.98
- Road & Bridge \$63,391.65
- Noxious Weed \$1,140.08
- Health \$4,004.25
- Appraiser \$461.60
- Solid Waste \$ 164.00
- EMS \$10,196.92
- Employee Benefits \$72,138.70
- Special Alcohol Fund \$275.00
- CVB \$300.00
- Health Care Sales Tax \$563.17
- Payroll Clearing \$48,190.92
- ROD Technology

\$657.56
Next Gen. E911
\$165.00
Motor Vehicle Fund
\$410.40
TOTAL
\$245,158.23

The commissioners, Story and Kautz discussed the following:

1. Ifland discussed the bridge on O Rd between 270 Rd and 280 Rd.

2. Ifland shared compliments on the work being completed in the South part of the county.

3. Peterson asked about equipment. JR Rice's blade is back in operation and Dustin Kendall's went to Concordia for repairs.

4. Peterson discussed trade ins and replacements.

5. Peterson asked about CDL trainings.

Bob Wagner joined the meeting.

Wagner discussed J Rd between 60 Rd and 20 Rd and I Rd between 50 Rd and 40 Rd.

Wagner left the meeting.

6. Story shared a job application with the board. The commissioners are in favor of moving forward with the applicant.

7. Story presented the board with an invoice from Peterson Brothers for the work completed on AA Rd between 120 Rd and 110 Rd.

8. Story stated they purchased a 2015 Dodge Ram 2500 from federal surplus for \$18,000.00.

Story and Kautz left the meeting.

Allen Lanus joined the meeting and discussed the

following:

1. Lanus reported Kent Levin is back from APCO training.

2. Lanus stated last week he participated in an audit.

3. Peterson discussed the quiet period regarding the siren. The commissioners would like each city to have input.

Lanus left the meeting.

Maxwell shared the federal mileage rate increase. The commissioners follow federal mileage rate for reimbursement. The rate increase is effective as of August 1, 2026, for Smith County.

Commissioners approved 1 longevity pay increase.

Laura Hageman and Brittany Overmiller joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Hageman reported the safety meeting will be held on August 13, 2026, with a follow-up on August 25, 2026.

2. Hageman reported there will be a LEPC meeting on August 19, 2026.

3. Hageman discussed longevity pay increases.

4. Hageman discussed the school nurse contract.

Overmiller and Hageman left the meeting.

Mike Isom joined the meeting and shared the drug & alcohol council meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. today.

Isom left the meeting.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to convene in executive session at 11:58 a.m. for 30 minutes to discuss

employer-employee negotiations, school nurse contract. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Laura Hageman, Brittany Overmiller, Marty Hanson, Michelle Stamm, Travis Elliott, Dr. Justin Overmiller, Sarah Ragsdale and Dr. Ferrill Conant. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 12:28 p.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to convene in executive session at 12:28 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss employer-employee negotiations, school nurse contract. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Laura Hageman, Brittany Overmiller, Marty Hanson, Michelle Stamm, Travis Elliott, Dr. Justin Overmiller, Sarah Ragsdale and Dr. Ferrill Conant. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 12:38 p.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

At 12:41 p.m. a motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to adjourn as there was no further business. Motion carried unanimously.

These minutes are not official until signed by the county commissioners and attested to by the County Clerk.

USD #110 BOE Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of USD #110 was called to order by President Staci Foreman at 7:00pm. Other members present were Bridget Wyrill, Tina Dennis, Kathy Holling, and Ali Hadley. Also present were Jeff Yoxall, Greg Koelsch, Beth Norris, Melissa Westbrook, and Heidi Struckhoff.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kathy Holling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Bridget Wyrill seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

III. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Melissa Westbrook with Insurance Smart presented the renewal from EMC for the district's property/casualty insurance policy. Melissa Westbrook left the meeting at 7:05pm.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ali Hadley moved to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2026, regular meeting and the August 3, 2026, special meeting. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Staci Foreman moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and the board return to open session at 7:16pm. Justification for the executive session is the exception relating to non-elected personnel under KOMA (Kansas Open Meetings Act). Bridget Wyrill seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Jeff Yoxall, Greg Koelsch, and Beth Norris were invited to the executive session. Heidi Struckhoff left the meeting at 7:06pm. The board returned to open session at 7:16pm. Heidi Struckhoff returned to the meeting at 7:16pm.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Property and Casualty Insurance Approval: Bridget Wyrill moved to approve the EMC insurance renewal as presented. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Graduation Time & Place: Kathy Holling

moved to hold graduation on Saturday, May 15, 2027, at 3:00pm. Ali Hadley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approve Bus Driver Position: Tina Dennis moved to approve Eldon Blackburn as a Route Bus Driver for the 2026-2027 school year. Bridget Wyrill seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approve Activity Driver Pay: Ali Hadley moved to increase the wage for activity drivers to \$20 per hour. Kathy Holling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Other: None.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Enrollment: Jeff Yoxall reported that enrollment numbers are down. Discussion was held regarding the significant amount of families in the area choosing to do homeschool.

B. September 14 Board Meeting/RNR & Budget Hearings: Jeff Yoxall informed the board about the September board meetings. On September 14, there will be a special meeting for the revenue neutral rate hearing at 6:30pm, a special meeting for the budget hearing at 6:45pm, and the regular

meeting to follow at 7:00pm.

C. Principals' Reports: PreK-8 Principal Beth Norris reported on the following:

• It was a good day at in-service

• Faculty meetings at both buildings were held

• Staff members who are also coaches at the Middle School requested to begin sports practices at 3:30pm and consider it part of PE class. Discussion was held. The majority of board members disapproved of the idea.

9-12 Principal Greg Koelsch reported on the following:

Thanked board members for the opportunity to work for the district. Good discussions were held during in-service.

Excited for school to begin

D. regarding logistics for the new 4-day school week and the transition to two school buildings. Main concerns about the transition included Pre-K-5 and 6-12 buildings or Pre-K-6 or 7-12 buildings, lunch in Kensington, which teachers and classrooms will move where, and bathrooms in

Agra.

E. Other: None.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Jeff Yoxall shared that discussions were held at in-service.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Ali Hadley moved to approve the bills as presented, with any additional amounts to be paid as needed to finish the month-end transactions. Bridget Wyrill seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS: Kathy Holling moved to approve the following reports as presented: Treasurer's, Clerk's, Food Service, and the Unencumbered Cash Balances Report. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

X. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Tina Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting. Ali Hadley seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be September 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.



ESGR

Norbert Benoit, manager of the Center Theatre in Smith Center, KS, holds an ESGR Statement of Support given to him by ESGR Volunteer Mike Isom. Benoit pledged his support to the men and women who are serving in our reserve components of our nation's armed forces.

KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

SMITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JAMES GWENNAP <i>DISTRICT 1</i> TERM ENDS: 2026	THE SMITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET EACH MONDAY, AT 8:30 A.M. AT THE SMITH COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BRADY PETERSON <i>DISTRICT 2</i> TERM ENDS: 2028	
KURT IFLAND <i>DISTRICT 3</i> TERM ENDS: 2028	
ASHLEY MAXWELL <i>CLERK</i> TERM ENDS: 2028	
TRAVIS CONAWAY <i>SHERIFF</i> TERM ENDS: 2028	VERNON REINKING <i>TREASURER</i> TERM ENDS: 2028
TABITHA OWENS <i>ATTORNEY</i> TERM ENDS: 2028	STEPHANIE ARMENT <i>REGISTER OF DEEDS</i> 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

BRYCE WIEHL <i>MAYOR</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	CHRIS COLE <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
DONALD WICK <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	TRACY KINGSBURY <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
EVERETT MANSHOLT <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	TY WALLGREN <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029

SMITH CENTER CITY OFFICIALS

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

KENSINGTON CITY

ADAM SYNOGROUND <i>MAYOR</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	THE KENSINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5 P.M. AT THE CITY OFFICE
BLAYNE BIENHOFF <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	
MATTHEW FLINT <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	DONALD DODDS SR <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027
TRACY ATCHISON <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	DONALD DODDS JR <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
	AMBER HARDACRE <i>CLERK</i> APPOINTED:

LEBANON CITY

RICK CHAPIN <i>MAYOR</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	THE LEBANON CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7 P.M. AT THE CITY OFFICE
BILL BEFORT <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	
MARTY HANSON <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	HANNAH RARMRIEZ <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027
RANDY MAUS <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	BETTY PILCHER <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
	KARLIE KURCIAK <i>CLERK</i> APPOINTED:

GAYLORD CITY

BARBRA LEHMANN <i>MAYOR</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	THE GAYLORD CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:00 P.M.
DENNIS LEHMANN <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	
ADAM IFLAND <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	DENA DANNENBURG <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027
EDDIE ADAMS <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	DARIN GODSEY <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
	KIM IFLAND <i>CLERK</i> APPOINTED:

CEDAR CITY

REBECCA MUELLER <i>MAYOR</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	THE CEDAR CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM @ THE CEDAR DEPOT
LINDA MATUS <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	
MOIYA STUBBS <i>COUNCILWOMEN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	CHERYL GLASER <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
	SUE RILEY <i>CLERK</i> APPOINTED:

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

ALLEN DANIELS <i>MAYOR</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	BEVERLY FELDMAN <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
JANA DANIELS <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	CADE RIETZKE <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
MONTY JONES <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	BARB JONES <i>CLERK</i> APPOINTED:

JOE WIEHL <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	LIBBY McDONALD <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
MARTY HANSON <i>PRESIDENT</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	WYATT RHOADES <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
JODI FRYDENDALL <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	ADAM RENTSCHLER <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2027
SARA PRUDEN <i>VICE-PRESIDENT</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	

USD #110

STACI FOREMAN <i>PRESIDENT</i> TERM ENDS: 2030	ALI HADLEY <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2030
BRIDGET WYRILL <i>VICE PRESIDENT</i> TERM ENDS: 2030	KATHY HOLLING <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2028
JUSTIN ABBOT <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2030	TINA DENNIS <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2030

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

LIBBY McDONALD <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
WYATT RHOADES <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
ADAM RENTSCHLER <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2027