

Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order
City of Smith Center City Council Meeting Minutes August 10, 2026
Bryce Wiehl opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026, at the Srader Building.
Attendance
Governing Body Members: Tracy Kingsbury, Chris Cole, Don Wick, Ty Wallgren and Everett Mansholt.
Others: Bryce Wiehl, Kim Maudlin, Melissa Colby, Rick Hileman, Jamie Marshall, Kim Phelps and Tabitha Owen
II. Consent Agenda
Following review, a motion was made by Wallgren, seconded by Mansholt, to approve the previous meetings' minutes. Motion car-

ried. Wick then made a motion to approve the Vouchers and Receipts as presented. Kingsbury seconded the motion and carried the motion.
III. Previous/ Ongoing Business
a. No ongoing business
IV. New Business
a. Colby presented the council with the annual contract for the Homestead Nutrition Agreement. No changes have been made to the contract. Wallgren made a motion to approve the contract. Wick seconded the motion carried.
V. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports
a. Police Department- Chief Marshall provided es-

timates to potentially fix the 2016 Charger. Cole made a motion to approve the estimate for \$500.00. Mansholt seconded the motion and motion carried.
b. Treasurer- Colby updated the council of the changes with the engineer for the airport. Colby also updated the partial parallel taxiway project is moving forward with the new engineer.
c. Hileman- Provided a bid for a new locate machine. Hileman advised the current locate is out dated and unable to repair. Kingsbury made a motion to approve the bid provided from Subsurface Solutions for \$5617.00. Wick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

d. Wick- Informed the council the Recreation Commission is having a dedication for the Sidles Training Facility on Saturday August 15, 2026 at 3:00pm and would like the council attend if possible. Wick suggested the pool will need to be painted prior to opening for the 2027 year. Wick suggested opening Memorial Weekend in May 2027. Wick asked Hileman to have James bring rock to Burr Terrace to fill in holes. Wallgren asked Hileman to have James fix Colfax also.
VI. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made by Mansholt and seconded by Wick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Smith Co. Commissioners Meeting Minutes

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on August 17, 2026, in the County Commissioners' Room. Present were Commissioners Kurt Ifland, Jim Gwennap and Brady Peterson. Also present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk and John Kautz, Assistant Road and Bridge Supervisor.
At 8:30 a.m. Ifland called the meeting to order and Gwennap opened with prayer.
A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to approve the 8/10/2026 minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to approve the 8/17/2026 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
The commissioners and Kautz discussed the following:
1. Ifland discussed J Rd between 200 Rd and Hwy 9.
2. Ifland discussed I Rd between 180 Rd and 200 Rd.
3. Ifland discussed 200 Rd between I Rd and J Rd.
4. Ifland discussed 130 Rd between L Rd and J Rd.
5. Ifland discussed AA Rd and 150 Rd.
6. Ifland discussed the blade district in the central southern part of the county.
7. Ifland discussed the bridge on O Rd between 180 Rd and 190 Rd.
8. Ifland discussed L Rd

between Hwy 9 and 190 Rd.
9. Peterson discussed the tube on AA Rd between 100 Rd and 110 Rd. Peterson stated there is a need for rip rap.
10. Gwennap discussed the need to address the school bus routes.
11. Gwennap discussed harvest and the need to attempt to make sure the roads are ready.
12. Kautz shared there are 2 blades down right now.
13. Ifland discussed the blade men who are training together and the need for the operators to get moving.
14. Kautz presented the commissioners with a pay increase for completion of CDL.
15. Kautz presented the commissioners with the invoice from Peterson Bros. for contract work installing a tube. The invoice is for \$32,340.00.
A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Ifland to pay Peterson Bros. \$32,340.00 for contract work on AA Rd. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Peterson discussed T Rd between 30 Rd and 50 Rd.
17. Ifland discussed 120 Rd between Hwy 8 and I Rd.
18. Ifland discussed 100 Rd between Hwy 8 and K Rd.
19. Ifland discussed L Rd at the West edge of Gay-

lord. A load of rock is needed where a water line was torn up.
Kautz left the meeting.
A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Gwennap to appoint Amy Slavik to the Public Building Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Gwennap to appoint Sharon Kattenberg to the Central Kansas Library System board. Motion carried unanimously.
Maxwell shared an email from Laura Hageman regarding the status of the school nurse position. USD 237 chose to contract with Smith County Memorial Hospital and Smith County Family Practice for the 2026-2027 school year.
Maxwell sheared the Kansas Statute (K.S.A. 65-3410) regarding solid waste fees. If the commissioners wish to increase the special assessment fee for solid waste, it is required to do so prior to July 1 of each year.
Maxwell shared the Weapon Restriction order for the 17th judicial district.
Maxwell shared the KWORCC walk through results of the courthouse. There were 3 items of concern. Maxwell will share the report with the custodian for corrections.
Gwennap shared he had conversation with Shane Lamb this morning. The plan is to begin next week

at the old hospital.
A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to approve Resolution 26-06 to increase construction and demolition waste at the landfill. Motion carried unanimously.
Keith Wangerin joined the meeting and discussed the following:
1. Wangerin shared he attended the KEMSA conference last week.
2. Wangerin shared the KEMSA conference allowed him to network with several vendors and people.
Wangerin left the meeting.
Mike Isom joined the meeting and shared he wrote a grant for \$50,000.00. The grant is for the Smith County Drug & Alcohol Council.
Beccy Isom joined the meeting.
M. Isom visited with the board discussing the employer support of the guard and reserve. The commissioners signed a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve.
Mike and Beccy Isom left the meeting.
At 11:03 a.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.

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

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

SMITH COUNTY OFFICIALS	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	TY WALLGREN <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
EVERETT MANSHOLT <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027		

SMITH CENTER CITY OFFICIALS	BRITTANY NILES <i>CLERK</i> APPOINTED:
MELISSA COLBY <i>TREASURER/BILLING</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	DONALD DODDS SR <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027
MATTHEW FLINT <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	DONALD DODDS JR <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
TRACY ATCHISON <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	HANNAH RARMRIEZ <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027
MARTY HANSON <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS:2027	BETTY PILCHER <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
RANDY MAUS <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	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	DENA DANNENBURG <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027
ADAM IFLAND <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	DARIN GODSEY <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
EDDIE ADAMS <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	CHERYL GLASER <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
MOIYA STUBBS <i>COUNCILWOMEN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	SUE RILEY <i>CLERK</i> APPOINTED:

ATHOL CITY

ALLEN DANIELS <i>MAYOR</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	THE ATHOL CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
JANA DANIELS <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	BEVERLY FELDMAN <i>COUNCILWOMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
MONTY JONES <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	CADE RIETZKE <i>COUNCILMAN</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
	BARB JONES <i>CLERK</i> APPOINTED:

JOE WIEHL <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2029	USD #237 USD #237 MEETS THE 2ND MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 7 P.M.
MARTY HANSON <i>PRESIDENT</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	LIBBY McDONALD <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
JODI FRYDENDALL <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	WYATT RHOADES <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2029
SARA PRUDEN <i>VICE-PRESIDENT</i> TERM ENDS: 2027	ADAM RENTSCHLER <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2027

USD #110 THE USD #110 MEETS THE 2ND MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 7 P.M.	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	TINA DENNIS <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2030
JUSTIN ABBOT <i>BOARD MEMBER</i> TERM ENDS: 2030		

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING						
The governing body of Crystal Plains Cemetery District #5 will meet on September 20th at 7:00 PM at 21062 R Rd, Smith Center, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied. Detailed budget information is available at Smith County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.						
BUDGET SUMMARY						
Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.						
FUND	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	10,625	1.607	11,000	1.712	12,268	5,206 1.741
Totals	10,625	1.607	11,000	1.712	12,268	5,206 1.741
					Revenue Neutral Rate**	
					1.741	
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	10,625		11,000		12,268	
Total Tax Levied	5,206		5,205		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
Assessed Valuation	3,240,210		3,040,785		2,989,723	
Outstanding Indebtedness,						
Jan 1,	2024		2025		2026	
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0	
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Lease Pur. Princ.	0		0		0	
Total	0		0		0	
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.						
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988						
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Ronald Hayes						

