ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Approved Minutes
February 23, 2026

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting
1:00 p.m. - Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
Minutes Approval – February 9, 2026

1:05 p.m. – Public Forum
1:10 p.m. – Department Reports

Ambulance	Rural Fire
Appraiser	Sheriff
Emergency Management	Treasurer
Health	County Counselor
Public Works	County Clerk
Register of Deeds	County Attorney
Community Development	

Old Business:

New Business
2:00 p.m.
Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – Public Works
Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – County Clerk
Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – Employee Review Diane Cucar

Commission Discussion
Abatements:
Presentation of Claims
Other
Adjournment
Future Events: April 6th-7th 2026 County Audit

Commissioner's Present:
Perry Russell, District I
Doug Hendricks, District II
Jake Liebau, District III

County Counselor: Paul Dean

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

Others:
Todd Winscher, Rural Fire
Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD
Diane Cucar, Community Development
Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer
Kandy Dowell, Health
Don Sanders, Public Works
Gillian Beaumont, EMS Director
Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser
Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order
Chairman Hendricks called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Liebau and Russell were present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes' Approval
Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS
Gillian Beaumont stated 205 and 206 were evaluated for the yearly inspection. Mrs. Beaumont said 205 is good and 206 will be needing new brakes in about two thousand miles. Mrs. Beaumont presented outsource billing service quotes to the commission.

Public Works
Don Sanders stated he would like to purchase a small roller to help with asphalt repairs around the county. The estimated cost would be $30,000. The Osage Trail bridge should be finished by the end of the week. A bridge at Pioneer and Road 6 just east of the Elk River was submitted and the estimated cost is 1.6 million dollars. If funding is awarded it will be a 2028 project. Mr. Sanders stated that we need someone to be on the steering committee for Safe Streets for All. Commissioner Russell will be on the steering committee.

Register of Deeds
Stephanie Ollenborger presented the report for January 2026. They had a total of forty-six instruments recorded and a total deposit of $3,667.00.

Community Development
Diane Cucar stated the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge went great. There were twenty-two businesses and thirty-six kids with twenty-two volunteers. First place went to Thomas 3D, second place was A&M Magnets, and third place was Precision PC. The food drive held in Moline went well. There were ninety-six boxes handed out. Mrs. Cucar will be attending the CBDG meeting on Thursday. Mrs. Cucar stated that Professional Engineering Consultants are doing the site certification at 1285 Evergreen in Moline. They are currently working on getting the Evergy lien taken off.

Rural Fire
Todd Winscher would like to purchase three remote water monitors for the front of the deuce fire trucks for $10,000 each. The remote water monitors will take the place of a fireman standing on the front of the trucks. This will help with the lack of volunteer fire fighters. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to purchase two remote water monitors at roughly $10,000 a piece for the deuces. Motion carried 3-0. The plan will be to purchase two more remote water monitors next year. Mr. Winscher stated one of Longton's 1-tons is in the shop and when that one gets out another one will be going due to shifting problems. Commissioner Liebau stated he attended the Grenola City Council meeting and spoke to them about the need for a rural fire barn.

Executive Session 1:46 p.m.
Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance with Public Works Supervisor Don Sanders and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:00 p.m.
No action taken.

Executive Session 2:02 p.m.
Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance with County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:07 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:07 p.m.
Action: Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve a merit increase to Stefni Hebb from $19.33hr to $20.03hr. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve a merit increase to Malarie Chamberlain from $16.85hr to $17.55hr. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 2:11 p.m.
Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee review with Community Development Diane Cucar and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:17 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:17 p.m.
Action: Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to give Diane Cucar a merit increase from $20.56hr to $21.56hr, raise her maximum working hours to 30 hours per week and enroll her in KPERS. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Discussion
The Health Department generator is not currently working. The parts are ordered and the maintenance department will make sure the generator is setup on a weekly test run. The generator at the property in Moline will stay with the property.

Warrants
Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of $146,741.50. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment
Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:34 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

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Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

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Perry Russell, District I

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Doug Hendricks, District II(Chairman)

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Jake Liebau, District III