ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Approved Minutes
March 9, 2026

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting
1:00 p.m. - Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
Minutes Approval – February 23, 2026

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

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

Old Business:

New Business
2:00 p.m.
Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – Public Works
Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – Health

Commission Discussion
Abatements: PP26-031, RE26-029, RE26-032, TK26-030
Presentation of Claims
Payroll
Other
Adjournment
Future Events: April 6th-7th 2026 County Audit, April 16th Southeast Ks Spring Meeting

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

County Counselor: Paul Dean

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

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

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 minutes of February 23, 2026, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS
Gillian Beaumont presented the monthly report for February. There were fourteen total runs with total collections being $462.67 for the month of February. Mrs. Beaumont presented a service contract from AIM for EMS billing software and services. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the contract with AIM for EMS billing software and services with a one-time fee of $1,500 and a monthly 8% fee of monthly collections. Motion carried 3-0. The contract with AIM will be for 2 years.

Emergency Management
Erica Cordell held the LEPC meeting, attended the monthly KEMA meeting in Wilson County and held the annual Storm Fury on the Plains Storm Spotters workshop. The Storm Fury on the Plains Storm Spotters workshop had 25 in attendance. The March monthly test was held today and all sirens passed.

Health
Kandy Dowell presented an AID to Local grant application. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the AID to Local grant application in the amount of $16,360.40. Motion carried 3-0.

Road
Don Sanders stated the Osage Trail bridge is complete and opened Friday. Mr. Sanders presented the 2026 Noxious Weed Management Plan and the Noxious Weed Progress Report for 2025. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2025. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the 2026 Noxious Weed Management Plan. Motion carried 3-0.

Register of Deeds
Stephanie Ollenborger presented the report for February. They had a total of 47 instruments recorded and a total deposit of $2,813.25.

Community Development
Diane Cucar presented bids for the driveway at 1285 Evergreen. Mrs. Cucar stated that the 1285 Evergreen property has been flagged by the State for having an endangered American Burying Beetle on it. Development will be put on hold until further notice. Discussion regarding the construction of a new fire barn in Grenola was had regarding the grant process, size of building and bids.

Rural Fire
Todd Winscher stated one of Longton's trucks is back in service and another one will be going to the shop with the same issues.

County Clerk
Kerry Harrod stated the Southeast Kansas District Meeting will be April 16, 2026, in Greenwood County.

Executive Session 1:37 p.m.
Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee review with Public Works Supervisor Don Sanders and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:42 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:42 p.m.
Action: Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve a merit increase for Danny Williams from $19.43hr to $20.18hr. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve a merit increase for Rebecca Maltbie from $17.37hr to $18.12hr. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve a merit increase for Dave Nungesser from $20.36hr to $21.36hr. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve a merit increase for Brandon Rogers from $20.31hr to $21.31hr. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 1:49 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 County Health Nurse Kandy Dowell and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:55 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:55 p.m.
Action: Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve a merit increase for Traci Swanwick from $14.65hr to $15.40hr. Motion carried 3-0.

Abatements
Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve abatements PP26-031, RE26-029, RE26-032, TK26-030. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants
Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of $383,504.40. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll
Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of $297,697.75. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:01 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