Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 9-8-2026 Approved

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 a.m. at the Gove County Office Building. The members present were Adam Teeter, Chuck Kuntz, and Joe Schmidtberger. Bonnie Cook was present taking minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Joe made a motion to approve the agenda. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Amber Hutchison and Amy Davidson joined the meeting at 8:16 a.m.

Liz Dilka joined the meeting at 8:18 a.m. Joe made a motion to open the Solid Waste Hearing at 8:20 a.m. Adam seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. No members of the public were present for the hearing, and no public comments were received. Liz talked with the Commissioners about overdue solid waste accounts that will be placed on the tax roll. Chuck made a motion to close the Solid Waste Hearing at 8:28 a.m. Joe seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve Hirsch joined the meeting by phone call at 8:28 a.m. to see if the Commissioners needed anything from him. The call ended at 8:30 a.m.

Cliff Bliss and Erin Lammers joined the meeting at 8:53 a.m. Cliff went over the Annual Statistical and Procedural Compliance Review for the 2026 appraisal year. The review was conducted to determine substantial compliance within the County Appraiser's Office pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1445 and Directive #24-046. Cliff reported that the review had been completed. Cliff and Erin left the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Brock Maier joined the meeting at 8:57 a.m. Brock gave the Commissioners an update on chemicals that he needs to restock. He also reported that he had been spraying bridges and guardrails and would publish the Prairie Dog Notice in the newspaper. Brock left the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Shawn Mesch joined the meeting at 9:18 a.m. Chuck made a motion to enter into executive session for 10 minutes, from 9:20 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., to discuss non-elected personnel. Joe seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Amy and Amber left the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The Commissioners and Bonnie returned to open meeting at 9:30 a.m. Shawn left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Amy Davidson and Amber Hutchison joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:33 a.m. Matt reported that they are still pumping water out of the pit and that he will be getting new tires for the box truck. Matt left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Amber discussed mineral interests and liability with the Commissioners. Jackie Hrabe joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and participated in the discussion regarding severed minerals and the process involving mineral interests. Amber also talked with the Commissioners about compensation for members of the Economic Development Board when attending their monthly meetings. Joe made a motion to approve compensation for the Economic Development Board. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Amber also asked about developing an AI policy for the County. Jackie left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Adam made a motion to approve the Ads and Abates from 2026000778 through 2026000790. Joe seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Joe made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Checks #75276 through #75320. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Joe seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Joe seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bonnie Cook, Gove County Clerk

Adam Teeter, Chairman

Charles Kuntz, Member

Joe Schmidtberger, Member