

Thomas County Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 31, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mike Baughn called the regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commission to order a 9:00 a.m. on December 31, 2018 at the Thomas County Courthouse with Commissioner Byron Sowers and Francis Britton, Linda Sowers, County Clerk Shelly Harms, David Becker, Jim Harms, Brad Flipse, Clair Schrock, Dain Carmen, Misty Jimerson, Don Morton, Travis Rickford, and Colby Free Press Reporter.

**AGENDA:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the agenda as amended to include adding discussion of closing county offices during inclement weather; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**LIVEWELL NORTHWEST KANSAS – COALITION UPDATE:** Travis Rickford and Misty Jimerson appeared before the Thomas County Commissioners to update them on the Coalition and LiveWell NW Kansas. Mr. Rickford provided the Commissioners with a handout that included: Mission statement, what the Coalition does, their work and impact, improving healthy systems and community support, their impact, childcare, 2017/2018 update, mechanism of change, policy change, initiatives, reassessment and moving forward. Mr. Rickford will provide annual updates to the Commission.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 9:20 a.m. for twenty (20) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected matters and to return to open session at 9:40 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, Dain Carmen, and Commissioner Elect Brad Flipse; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**OPEN SESSION:** *With no action taken Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 9:40 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 9:41 a.m. for ten (10) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected matters and to return to open session at 9:51 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, Dain Carmen, and Commissioner Elect Brad Flipse; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**OPEN SESSION:** *With no action taken Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 9:51 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**INTERIM EMS DIRECTOR POSITION:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to offer an Interim EMS Director position to Dain Carmen with a beginning annual salary of \$55,000 with an effective start date of Monday, January 14, 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**AP PAYMENT REGISTERS:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the following AP Payment Registers: Noxious Weed - \$499.33 / Road & Bridge - \$15,921.43 / Criminal Justice Center - \$824,407.00 / and other County funds - \$206,753.10; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**KCCA DUES:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to authorize payment of Invoice #2050 for \$325 to KCCA for 2019 membership dues from Fund 100-510-30023; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 COMMISISON MINUTES:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the Wednesday, December 26, 2018 Commission Minutes as prepared by County Clerk Shelly Harms; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**COUNTY ANNUAL INVENTORIES:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to accept all county department inventories with the exception of the County Commissioners; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**KCAMP INSURANCE CARDS AND CONTRIBUTION INVOICE:** The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the 2019 insurance cards and 2019 Annual Contribution of \$90,185 to be charged against 100-100-30061. No official action was taken by the County Commissioners.

**TAX ROLL CORRECTION:** *Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve the 2018 Personal Property abatement to Randy Rose for \$1,491.86; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**CLOSING OF COUNTY OFFICES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER:** The Commissioners and Road Supervisor Clair Schrock have decided to close county offices until mid-morning or noon when the county is under warnings to allow time to access the weather and determine whether county offices will open in the afternoon or close for the day all together.

**RESOLUTION 2018 – 18:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 18 (Ambulance Funds) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**RESOLUTION 2018 – 19:** *Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 19 (County Health) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**RESOLUTION 2018 – 20:** *Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 20 (Direct Elections) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTION 2018 – 21: Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 21 (Register of Deeds) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 22: Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 22 (Rural Fire District #3) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 23: Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 23 (Rural Fire District #5) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 24: Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 24 (Sanitary Landfill) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 25: Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 25 (Noxious Weed) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 26: Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 26 (Road & Bridge) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 27: Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve Resolution 2018 – 27 (East Hale Township) on hand December 31, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: With no further business Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adjourn at 10:36 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk

Shelly A. Harms  
Dated: January 2, 2018



Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Mike Baughn  
Mike Baughn, Chairperson

Byron Sowers  
Byron Sowers, Member

Francis Britton  
Francis Britton, Member