

County Commissioner's Meeting: June 12th

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After the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer, the June 12, 2025 Sherman County Board of Commissioners meeting came to order. Chairman Steve Evert was present by phone.

Motion was made and approved to accept agenda.

Motion was made and approved to pay bills in the amount of \$118,228.58.

The electrical bids from Lohr Electric and Marty's Electric were reviewed for adding breakers and plugins at the fairgrounds. Motion was made and approved to accept Marty's Electric bid of \$5,640.

Motion was made and approved to renew the contract with Vyve for internet. The amount is \$239.95/month for three years.

Motion was made and approved to give permission to the Sherman County Race Track Association to do some repairs since no races are being held this year. New light poles

with cement bases will be installed. A ground cover will be planted on the track, then killed this fall, which will aid in adding organic matter to help with erosion control on the track. The association has the funds to do the projects.

Motion was made and approved to renew the Panic Buttons with Aler-tus for the next year.

Letter of support to add 911 Dispatcher Manager, Crissy Ridnour to the TERT organization.

Under Open Forum, Kenny Sanderson came to discuss and clarify things at Smoky Gardens. Sanderson stated that there has been some miscommunication and some non-communication on several projects at Smoky Gardens. Sanderson has always been and desires to continue to be the liaison between the State of Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission and Sherman County. He stated he has been in this position for 42 years. Commissioner Harvey Swager agreed,

and explained that the county also needs someone who's on the payroll to be involved, so the commissioners have someone to keep them informed. That person is Bridge and Road Supervisor, Rod Roeder.

Sanderson explained many aspects of the biological side of the lake. He stated that as new habitat for the fish has grown and much of the undesirable foliage has been removed, the lake is becoming "more like a fishery than a hole with water in it." He said that when the electro-fishing was conducted, it was impressive. Sanderson shared that the person he answers to at the state level will be here next week. Commissioner Swager asked if an open meeting could take place while this gentleman is here. Sanderson stated that he will get the details. The date and time will be posted on Sherman County's website for anyone interested to make plans to attend.

Meeting adjourned.

City Commissioner's Meeting: June 16th

by Rachel Redlin
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On the evening of June 16th, the Goodland City Commissioners met at 5:00 pm for their regular meeting.

City Commissioners JJ Howard, Sarah Artzer, Brook Redlin, Jason Showalter and Ann Myers were present.

Following the roll call and pledge of allegiance, the Arts Council update was shared for public comment. On the April 30th meeting all but one member resigned. There is a new board taking over and the grand reopening is currently set for July 24th at 5:00 pm with a ribbon cutting.

Options came forward and presented to the commission and was looking for a \$3,000 funding request.

As for the 6/2/2025 Commission Meeting Minutes and Appropriation Ordinances 2025-12; 2025-12A; 2025-P12, they were approved with a motion made by Howard, second by Myers. Vote 5-0.

Next, Resolution 2025-16 was approved to have public hearing for 404 Harrison Ave in regards to it being an unfit structure. Motion made by Showalter, second by Myers. Vote 5-0.

The only formal action for the commission this evening was appointing Curtis Penrof to the Planning Commission. Motion to approve made by Redlin, second by Artzer.

For discussion, Electric pedestrian vehicles (scooters, bicycles, etc.) ordinance and state statute was reviewed. Overall consensus among commissioners was to allow these vehicles on trails; but not on Main Street sidewalks from 8th to 17th as well as the 100 blocks both east. These vehicles will still be allowed in parks.

Follow up on power supply contract proposals was the next discussion item. Sunflower Electric proposed to do another study. Consensus was that it was not needed. Suggestions were made to reach out to KMEA to see if they would help buyout the last year

of our contract with Sunflower Electric.

The 2026 Budget Presentation was not much different from past years in that there were lots of things needing fixed and replaced, but not enough funds to complete everything at this time.

City Manager Kent Brown went on to share with the commissioners his manager memo, May month end financial report and its police monthly activity report. IdeaTek is still continuing its pole surveys. Rising costs for electrical utility was shared as well as the North Water Tower repairs and costing report. There was no work session this evening following the executive session.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 7th.

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Linkon Cure races to his state record gold medal in the 110m hurdles at the 2025 State Track and Field Championships.
photo by Derek White

lot of coaches. I just feel at home in Manhattan... they were always my first choice."

While he was able to put a lot of people's minds to rest that Cure would remain in Kansas...the coaches and universities that had been after him never really got the memo.

"It was crazy and kind of still is," Cure said. "Until you begin school, coaches know that you can change and they never stopped trying to change my mind."

It got to the point that Cure staged a second signing this past winter to reaffirm his commitment to K-State.

"Oregon made it really tempting," Cure said. "I liked the school and the area and of course their football program is one of the best but in the end...I realized that I had made a verbal commitment to K-State. When I put aside all the money and "deals" it came down to where I really wanted to be and also...am I a man of my word?

(A lot of people are curious about the money and deals that college athletes now have to consider. It's a new day in college sports and part of Linkon's journey to get to this point had to do with that aspect. In the past few years, college athletes have been able to market their NIL or Name, Image and Likeness. In July of this year, colleges will now be able to pay their players.)

"There was this one coach that was just dumbfounded when I told him that money was not the main factor in my decision," Cure said with a chuckle.

Yet, Linkon did confirm that he gets to drive a Lincoln for the car dealership commercial he has done.

Linkon finished his senior year with another gold medal in the 110m hurdles. But that was literally the last high school event or activity he did.

Graduation was in mid-May and the state track meet was the last weekend in May.

Cure moved into his dorm room at K-State the Monday before the track meet.

"There was no time off," he said. "I still need a vacation but I don't know... maybe I'll get four days off for 4th of July.

Cure's story is still being written. His days are filled with workouts and classes.

There is a whole offense to learn and his body and mind have to be prepared for the opening game which will come a week early this season overseas.

"I love the workouts," he said. "It's my happy place... it's the place I've worked so hard to be."

Cure's best memory of high school is telling.

"There is no one memory," he said. "It's just my friends and growing up with them."

His core imperative has not change with graduation from high school - it's now a part of who he is.

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