

Commission Meeting

11:00 a.m.

January 7, 2026

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Regular Session, Wednesday, January 7, 2026, with Mayor Harter presiding and Commissioners Brinkman, Curtis, Sauder and Smith present. Also present were City Manager Cocking, Deputy City Manager Detter, Assistant City Manager Wash, City Clerk Sull and City Attorney Montgomery.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Public Comment)**

This is the time for the public to make comments.

The public is invited to make comments at this time. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes each. Please state your name and address prior to making comments. No comments were made at this time.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Board Appointments)**

Natural Resources Advisory Board:

It was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sauder that Nadia Qureshi be reappointed to the Natural Resources Advisory Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2029. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Curtis, aye; and Mayor Harter, aye.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
(Crossland Construction Co., Inc. Contract – Fire Station Projects)
(Change Order No. 1)**

Brandon Beck, Fire Chief, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated the next phase of the fire department facility upgrades; Fire Station No. 2 will undergo the construction of a new addition to the building as well as a complete remodel of the existing living areas. He stated as with Fire Station No. 1, Fire Station No. 2 suffers from a lack of usable space, efficient space, and some deferred maintenance that needs

addressed. Upgrades to Station No. 2 need to be carried out to improve the safety and living conditions of the firefighters. The same philosophy for contamination will be used in Fire Station No. 2. Staff have been working with architect Tessere, and construction manager at risk, Crossland Construction, to complete all documents for Station No. 2. He stated the contract sum guaranteed by the Construction Manager not to exceed \$16,355,361. for Station No. 1 and Station No. 2, subject to additions and deductions by Change Order. This item is a request for change order to the construction contract with Crossland Construction to include the remodel and addition to Fire Station No. 2. This will be paid for by the Bond and Interest Fund. Staff recommend approval of the Crossland Construction Contract for the approved remodel and addition to Fire Station No. 2 for \$6,271,246 with allowances totaling \$149,278 and contractor contingency of \$136,405. Approval of costs outside of Crossland Construction contract of \$200,000 for fixtures, furniture, and equipment.

Commissioner Curtis made a motion to approve GMAX A.2 to the Crossland Construction Contract for the approved remodel and addition to Fire Station 2 for \$6,271,246 with allowances totaling \$149,278 and contractor contingency of \$136,405. Additionally, approval of costs outside of Crossland Constructions contract of \$200,000 for fixtures, furniture, and equipment. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Curtis, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Harter, aye.

BONDS
(Public Improvements)
(Aerial Fire Truck Acquisition)
(Fire Station No. 2 Improvements)
(Resolution Number 3785)

Deputy City Manager Dettner was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated the adopted CIP Budget includes funds for a new Aerial Fire Truck and improvements to Fire Station No. 2. The fire truck is estimated not to exceed \$2,225,000.00. The current aerial truck is over 24 years old and fully depreciated. Fire Station No. 2 is estimated not to exceed \$7,000,000.00 in costs, including the cost of the bond issuance. The financial debt service for Fire Station No. 2 is estimated at \$540,000

per year for twenty years; the debt service for the aerial truck is estimated at \$280,000 per year for ten years. The City added a debt payment of \$825,000 in 2026 for Fire Station No. 1. The total increase in debt in 2027 will be approximately \$1,645,000. The Bond and Interest Fund currently has more than \$5,000,000. Based on current revenues and expenses in the Bond & Interest Fund, the City has capacity to pay for both Fire Stations No. 1 and No. 2 and the new aerial fire truck and maintain a substantial Bond & Interest Fund balance. Staff recommend approval of Resolution Number 3785 authorizing certain public improvements for the Aerial Fire Truck and improvements to Fire Station No. 2.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 3785 of the City of Emporia authorizing certain public improvements for Aerial Fire Truck and improvements to Fire Station No. 2. Commissioner Curtis seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Curtis, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Harter, aye.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Sauder, seconded by Commissioner Brinkman that the Consent Agenda listed below be ratified as a whole:

- a. Minutes of Regular Commission Meetings Held on December 17, 2025.
- b. Appropriation Request for Flint Hills Technical College - Nursing Education Classroom Technology.
- c. Municipal Advisory Agreement with Raymond James related to the issuance of Series 2026 General Obligation Bonds.
- d. Approve Supplement No. 3 to BG Consultants Engineering Services Agreement for 24th Avenue & Prairie Street Watermain Improvements Project No. WM2201 and KDHE Loan #3070.

The vote follows: Commissioner Sauder; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Curtis, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Harter, aye.

CITY COMMISSION (City Manager's Report)

This is an opportunity for the City Manager to present information to the public that may not be reported in other news accounts or City activities or to highlight accomplishments of the organization.

At the time this Agenda was prepared, the following items were in the works:

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 21, 2026, MEETING.

- Proclamation recognizing Catholic Schools Week.
- Amend Regulations for Mobile Food Truck Vendors.
- City of Emporia Legislative Policy Statement.

STUDY SESSION

Discuss Award for Lift Station No. 1

Street Rehabilitation Discussion

Debt Discussion with Greg Vahrenberg

CITY COMMISSION (Governing Body Comment)

This is the time for the Mayor and City Commissioners to make comments and reports to the public. The Commissioners Curtis, Sauder and Brinkman made the following comments.

Commissioner Curtis stated:

"As my time on the commission fulfilling the late Danny Giefer's term comes to an end, I want to thank several people who have made this experience so meaningful.

First, I want to thank my commission colleagues for their partnership and for sharing the wisdom they have gained as public servants and beyond. We have cussed and discussed, so to speak, and I know each of them has one goal, a shared goal, to make Emporia the best community it can be. Thank you, Commissioners.

Next, I want to thank the staff. I value everyone and certainly value every city worker. I've come to learn so much more about the work they do day in and day out. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Obviously, most of my interactions have been with City leadership: Trey, Mark, Tayler, Christina, Jim, Ed, Brandon, Janet, Kerry, and Sue. You are outstanding people. I appreciate you and your leadership of our great City. I remain in your corner.

To our community, I appreciate the opportunity to serve. We have a great community, and we need all entities - not just a select few - to move ahead and succeed.

If you're familiar with the community's Leadership Emporia program, then you're familiar with Ed O'Malley, the Kansas Leadership Center, and the Kansas Health Foundation. In Ed O'Malley's most recent book *Leading Health*, he shares the following:

"Leadership is all about progress. Period."

"People who exercise leadership look at the current reality and imagine something greater."

"Leadership is about naming what needs to be named, no matter how tough it is to hear."

"It's tempting to interpret data in ways that make us comfortable, especially for those of us in authority."

"We often need to endure pain to achieve meaningful change."

"We must disrupt the narrative."

"Leadership requires disruption."

It's been an honor to exercise this kind of leadership alongside my fellow commissioners, City staff, and several community members. We all like "nice," but what's been known as "Kansas Nice" or "Midwest Nice" has led to average or below average performance. Our desire to simply "hold our tongue," "avoid rocking the boat," and "just get along" has kept us from pursuing excellence and striving for preferred outcomes, opting instead for status quo, what we know, and keeping us comfortable.

To me, perhaps a larger issue affecting our community - and the nation at large - is how we respond to criticism. Disagreeing does not mean we have to disassociate. Disagreeing and disassociating is what's wrong with our country today - and what's wrong with human relationships in general.

We've forgotten how to disagree without being disagreeable. The sentiment that "If you're not with me, you're against me" is toxic. And if you're not with me on one issue, then you're against me on every issue? This sentiment is sad and so, so wrong.

Our tendency to cancel someone the minute they disagree with us limits our ability to make needed changes and work towards a better future. Pride is a sin for a reason: it undermines personhood and undergirds resistance to change.

That said, our community does need to move forward, positively and productively. Let's build the community we imagine - one that is greater than and better. Let's work towards shared goals and hold each other accountable, sometimes sharing critiques but always agreeing to move forward in a positive direction.

Let's get back to being able to disagree without being disagreeable and to a place where we can find common ground on some things whether or not we agree on all things. That, to me, is a formula for a much stronger and more resilient community.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve in this role. While my service on the commission is coming to a close, my service to the community will certainly continue. Go Emporia!"

Commissioner Sauder stated:

"I want to thank my fellow commissioners for their service and for serving with me. It has been an unbalanced relationship and I have taken advantage of all of you far more than you of me. I will forever be grateful for what I've learned working side by side with each of you.

I want to thank Trey and the administrative staff at the City. It is truly amazing to witness what it takes to make this machine work every day. You all make it look very easy.

I want to thank all city employees who bring it every day. Each function of each department is vital to the day to day operation of our town. The people that live here go to bed and wake up each day relying on the services you provide and expect them to be consistent and reliable. Without all of you, that reliability would not happen.

I want to thank everyone who supported me in 2 successful campaigns. Being on the commission was the honor of my life and was more of a challenge than I could have prepared myself for. The events of the past 4 years have tested me in every way possible and then some. Without your support, I would not have made it.

To those of you who comment on social media, be it supportive, snarky, negative, mean or otherwise...do better. Go ahead and make your comments, but don't stop there. Commenting on a social media post or headline is not the height of civic engagement. And if you're going to take the time to take shot from the cheap seats, then take it a step further and actually reach out to the commissioners or staff. We have never been more accessible. Engage them. Question them. In that process 2 things will happen...the commissioners will better learn your perspective on issues and you will most likely gain a better understanding of why decisions are made. And, if you're not willing to engage with the commissioners, then perhaps maybe reconsider your comments, they are often very hurtful and unnecessary. There isn't a single commissioner, new or old, or a staff member that doesn't want what is best for Emporia and the people who live here. Making assumptions about our motivations is just lazy and disingenuous. Taking

the time to better understand policy decisions doesn't require attendance at a meeting or an encyclopedic knowledge of civics, it only requires that you ask in a constructive manner. That's it. The commissioners are your representatives, and I think that you will find them willing to converse with you on about any matter or topic. We live in a community and that comes with many responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is to be civil to one another and it will be one of my goals after leaving office, to better promote civility.

Thank you, again to the City of Emporia for this incredible opportunity and I am truly excited for what comes next for our town!"

Commissioner Brinkman stated:

"After fourteen years of public service to my community, I really don't have a lot of prophetic words for you beyond the thanks that we have already heard to our city staff and community. It is very important to me to publicly acknowledge my family, my husband, my son, my in-laws and my employees. They have suffered scrutiny beyond anything they ever asked for in life because of my leadership choices, and they have never wavered in their support and I am forever grateful for them. I could have never served for fourteen years without all of them standing right there behind me.

For my community I want you to be vigilant, be awake, be involved, be wary of things arriving in shiny packages that are expensive and promise trickle down. Nothing ever trickles down. And honestly, if it did, don't we deserve more than a trickle? I think that we probably do so remain awake.

When you come across a fellow traveler in our community, let your first judgement be if he or she is homeless or hungry on the system. It is the system that has failed not the human being, the system has failed.

And finally, to our dissenters, our detractors and our critics as Jamie mentioned, I tell you to keep lighting those fires. We need them to light the way forward. Thank you for letting me serve for fourteen years and question and question and question and question. It is important to be a voice at the table for those who do not have one and it will continue to do so. Thank you."

**2025 CITY COMMISSION
(State of City Speech)
(Mayor Erren Harter)**

"As we begin a new year, I'm proud of what our community accomplished in 2025. While we faced challenges, Emporians showed resilience and determination, and together we had many victories and made meaningful progress. As we look ahead to 2026, I'm confident we will continue building a stronger, more vibrant Emporia.

Looking forward, the City Commission has identified four strategic priorities to guide our work: **responsible stewardship of resources, community growth, quality of life, and engaging and informing citizens**. These priorities reflect what we value as a community and will shape our efforts throughout the year.

First, We remain committed to **responsible stewardship of resources** by making thoughtful, sustainable decisions and using taxpayer dollars wisely to create long-term value and sustainability. Economic development will also remain a top priority, as we work to attract jobs and investment while ensuring growth that preserves the character and quality of life we value.

When it comes to **community growth**, we are focused on fostering a city where businesses can thrive, families can grow, and opportunities are abundant. Economic development will continue to be a top priority for the Commission in 2026. We understand that a thriving economy is the backbone of any strong community. But we also recognize the importance of **sustainable growth**—we want Emporia to grow in ways that preserve the things we love about our city. We're committed to bringing new jobs and investment, while ensuring that our growth does not outpace our ability to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy.

Speaking of quality of life, we know that it touches every part of our community—from safe neighborhoods and strong public services to parks, recreation, and public safety. We will continue investing in the services and amenities that make Emporia a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Equally important is **engaging and informing our citizens**. We are committed to transparency, communication, and meaningful involvement. Whether through City meetings, surveys, or other outreach efforts, we will work hard to make sure your concerns and ideas are heard and acted upon.

Together, these priorities reflect our long-term vision for Emporia: a city that is connected, inclusive, and sustainable. I'm excited about what lies ahead and grateful for the dedication of the Commission and the continued support of our residents. With your continued support and involvement, we will build a brighter future for Emporia, one where every citizen has the opportunity to succeed and feel proud of the city we call home."

Mayor Harter then adjourned sine die.



Erren Harter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kerry Sull, City Clerk

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OATH OF OFFICE

Oath of Office was administered by Monica Duncan, Tammi Olge and Kurt Steinkuhler.

Commissioners, Duncan, Harter, Olge, Smith and Steinkuhler convened as the Governing Body.

Commissioner Duncan made a motion nominating Becky Smith to serve as Mayor for the coming year. Commissioner Harter seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Commissioner Duncan made a motion nominating Tammi Olge to serve as Vice-Mayor for the coming year. Commissioner Harter seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

CITY COMMISSION
(Designate Official City Newspaper)

Commissioner Harter made a motion to designate The Emporia Gazette to be the official City newspaper, as per K.S.A. 12-140. The City is required by State law to designate an official newspaper, which must have a general circulation in the City. All public hearing and meeting notices, emergency orders and other official notices must be published in the official newspaper. Commissioner Olge seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

CITY COMMISSION
(Approve Surety Bonds)

Commissioner Harter made a motion to approve Surety Bonds for City Manager Cocking, City Clerk Sull and City Treasurer Harrouff. The City has obtained Surety Bonds from Cincinnati Insurance Co. for the 2026 fiscal year. Commissioner Steinkuhler seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Designate Financial Institutions)**

Commissioner Harter made a motion to designate the following financial institutions to serve as depositories of funds of the City of Emporia, per K.S.A. 9-1401: Citizens State Bank; Community National Bank & Trust; ESB Financial; Lyon County State Bank and Capital Federal. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Commissioner Harter made a motion to recess the meeting until 12:20 p.m. to Conference Room 1AB. Commissioner Olge seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

The following items were discussed at the Study Session:

1. Discuss Legislative Policy Statement.
2. Appoint Commission Members to Regional Development Associate of East Central Kansas Board; Emporia Recreation Commission; Emporia Enterprises; Emporia Public Library Board; and Emporia Main Street.
3. Appoint Commission Liaisons and Designate Commissioners for Board Interviews.

Study Session Discussion:

**City of Emporia
Adopt 2026 Legislative Policy Statement**

City Manager Cocking stated each year, the City Commission adopts its legislative position detailing the City's positions on key issues impacting municipal governance. New for 2026, the policy statement adds a Veterans Tax Relief section calling for the State of Kansas to provide property tax relief or other appropriate tax relief measures for veterans. The 2026 Legislative Policy Statement outlines the supporting City's position on the following topics:

HOME RULE - We believe the governing of public affairs should be as close to the people as possible and the Home Rule is essential to vigorous, effective, and responsible local government under our representative system. Home Rule is crucial to the continued ability of locally elected officials to solve problems in ways most appropriate to local needs and conditions. Legislation, which affirms the ability to pass local laws on the same subject, is strongly supported.

RURAL HOSPITAL FUNDING – Emergency medical services and public hospitals must provide medical services without regard to the ability of patients to pay. The expansion of Medicaid in Kansas would allow medical providers to be at least partially compensated for some medical services to economically disadvantaged citizens. We support the expansion of Medicaid in Kansas.

RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE LOAN FUND – We support creation of a state low-interest revolving loan fund to finance development in Reinvestment Housing Incentive Districts.

HOUSING – The City of Emporia supports programs that encourage access to quality housing, including but not limited to, the Housing Investor Tax Credit Act, the Kansas Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act, the Kansas Rural Home Loan Guarantee Act, guaranteeing appraisals in rural counties, the Historic Kansas Act, and the Kansas Rural Housing Incentive District Act.

PROPERTY TAXES – All property taxing authorities, including cities, counties, the state, school districts, special districts, and community colleges should be transparent, and abide by the same limitations, restrictions, and requirements. Any additional transparency measure should not be burdensome or costly. We encourage the state and local governments to make government more efficient and recognize the need to work together on innovative approaches to reduce property taxes.

VETERANS TAX RELIEF – As the Founding City of Veterans Day, the City of Emporia recognized the extraordinary service and sacrifice of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The City calls on the State of Kansas to create a meaningful program to provide property tax relief or other appropriate tax relief measures for veterans. Such a program should honor service to our country while remaining administratively feasible and fiscally responsible for local governments.

SUPPORT FOR EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE - The City of Emporia recognized the vital role Emporia State University and Flint Hills Technical College play in fostering a skilled workforce, driving economic growth, and enriching the cultural and educational opportunities in our region. We strongly support policies and funding initiatives that ensure these institutions have the resources necessary to remain competitive, accessible, and responsive to local needs. By investing in higher education and technical training, we can cultivate a vibrant community, strengthen our local economy, and equip our citizens with the skills needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving workforce.

TAX POLICY & SPENDING – Local spending and taxing decisions are best left to local officials representing the citizens that elected them. We oppose state-imposed limits on the taxing and spending authority of cities. Changes to tax policies should not be undertaken without a full understanding of the overall impact on all taxpayers, taxing entities, and the sources and amounts of revenue generated or eliminated by such policy changes.

LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES – In addition, the City of Emporia supports the League of Kansas Municipalities Statement of Municipal Policy. The policy is a crucial framework supporting local autonomy and effective governance. It emphasizes the importance of Home Rule, allowing municipalities to address unique local needs effectively. This policy advocates for empowering local officials, who are intimately aware of their community's challenges and opportunities, ensuring that decisions are made closest to the people they affect.

Commissioner Olge made a motion to approve the City of Emporia 2026 Legislative Policy Statement. Commissioner Steinkuhler seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Olge, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Harter, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

**City Commission
Regional Development Association of East-Central Kansas Board
Appointing Governing Body Representative**

Commissioner Harter made a motion to appoint Commissioner Olge as the representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Regional Development Association of East Central Kansas Board. Mayor Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Mayor Smith, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; and Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye.

**City Commission
Emporia Recreation Commission
Appointing Governing Body Representative**

Commissioner Harter made a motion to appoint Commissioner Harter as the representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Emporia Recreation Commission. Mayor Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Mayor Smith, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; and Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye.

**City Commission
Emporia Enterprises
Appointing Governing Body Representative**

Commissioner Harter made a motion to appoint Commissioner Steinkuhler as the representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of Emporia Enterprises. Mayor Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Mayor Smith, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; and Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye.

**City Commission
Emporia Public Library Board
Appointing Governing Body Representative**

Commissioner Harter made a motion to appoint Commissioner Duncan as the representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Emporia Public Library Board. Mayor Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Mayor Smith, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; and Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye.

**City Commission
Emporia Main Street
Appointing Governing Body Representative**

Commissioner Harter made a motion to appoint Mayor Smith as the representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of Emporia Main Street. Mayor Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Mayor Smith, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; and Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye.

**City Commission
Joint Economic Development Advisory Council
Appoint Commission Liaisons
Designate Commissioners for Board Interviews**

Commissioner Harter made a motion to appoint Tammi Ogle as the representative of the Governing Body to participate as liaison for the Joint Economic Development Advisory Council. Commissioner Olge seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Commissioner Harter made a motion designating Commissioners as Board Interviewers for the following boards. Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Ogle, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Community Corrections Board
Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Olge.

Emporia Human Relations Commission
Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Olge.

Building Trades Board
Commissioner Harter and Commissioner Steinkuhler.

Transient Guest Tax Advisory Board
Commissioner Harter and Commissioner Steinkuhler.

Community Housing Board/Land Bank
Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Duncan

Golf Advisory Board
Commissioner Harter and Commissioner Smith

Emporia Public Library Board
Commissioner Harter and Commissioner Ogle

Multi Use Path Planning Board
Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Duncan

Natural Resources Advisory Board
Commissioner Harter and Commissioner Smith

Emporia Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals
Commissioner Steinkuhler and Commissioner Duncan

Emporia Recreation Commission
Commissioner Duncan and Commissioner Steinkuhler

Regional Development Association of East Central Kansas Board
Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Steinkuhler

Emporia Enterprises
Commissioner Olge and Commissioner Duncan

Homelessness Advisory Board
Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Harter

Joint Traffic Safety Committee
Commissioner Duncan and Commissioner Steinkuhler

OFF THE AGENDA ITEM:
City Commission
Rename City Conference Room

Mayor Smith stated there have been discussions about renaming the City Conference Room for quite some time. With the passing of Evora Wheeler, who was Mayor and sat on the Emporia City Commission; she was a wonderful philanthropic lady, a mentor, the Commission suggested renaming this room to the Evora Wheeler

Conference Room. Mayor Smith made a motion to rename the City Conference Room as the Evora Wheeler Conference Room. Commissioner Harter seconded the motion. The vote follows: Mayor Smith, aye; Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; and Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye.

Commissioner Harter then made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Olge seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Olge, aye; Commissioner Duncan, aye; Commissioner Steinkuhler, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Becky Smith

Becky Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull
Kerry Sull, City Clerk

