

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
January 12th, 2026

Commissioners Present: Keith Ascher, Trish Giordano, and Kathy Tremont

Others present: Courtney Gilbert, Clerk, Betsy Edwards County Counselor

Chairman Ascher called the County Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commission Review and Update:

Giordano: Attended the CVB Board meeting, they appreciated the financials being sent to them. Attended the EDC Meeting, commented that East St. is going to be completed.

Tremont: Nothing to report

Ascher: Attended the victory with Honors at Ft Riley for the outgoing Chief of Staff and it was a very nice ceremony. The incoming Chief of Staff was also there, and Commissioner Ascher met him. The three road viewers have agreed to do it with no compensation.

Reorganization of the Commission with County Clerk, Courtney Gilbert:

Commissioner Giordano moved to nominate Commissioner Tremont as Chairman for 2026, Commissioner Ascher seconded, all in favor voted aye

Chairman Tremont moved to nominate Commissioner Giordano as Vice-Chairman for 2026, Commissioner Ascher seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to nominate Commissioner Ascher to serve on the Public Building Commission (PBC) for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Ascher moved to nominate Chairman Tremont to serve on the EDC Board for 2026, Commissioner Giordano seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Ascher moved to nominate Commissioner Giordano to serve on the MAC Board for 2026, Commissioner Giordano seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to nominate Commissioner Ascher to serve on the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Ascher moved to nominate Chairman Tremont to serve on the North Central KS Regional Juvenile Detention Center Board for 2026, Commissioner Giordano seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Ascher moved to nominate Commissioner Giordano to serve on the aTa Bus Board for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to nominate Commissioner Ascher to serve on the Risk Management Committee for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to nominate Commissioner Ascher to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Chairman Tremont moved to nominate Commissioner Ascher to serve on the Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce Board 2026, Commissioner Giordano seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Ascher moved to nominate Commissioner Giordano to serve on the Flint Hills Regional Council for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to nominate Commissioner Ascher to serve on the MPO with Commission Giordano as an alternate for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Ascher moved to nominate Commissioner Giordano to serve on the CVB Board for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to name The Junction City Union as the official paper for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to name Central National Bank as the official depository for the County for 2026, Commissioner Ascher seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to nominate Chairman Tremont to serve on the Pawnee Mental Health Board for 2026, Commissioner Ascher seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to nominate Commissioner Giordano to serve on the Community Corrections Board for 2026, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

911 Board will be tabled at this time until it is decided if this board will continue to exist

Tami Robison, Finance Director facilitates the PBC Reappointment and GAAP Waiver:

Commissioner Giordano moved to reappoint John Moyer to serve on the PBC Board for a 3 year term, Chairman Tremont seconded, all in favor voted aye

Commissioner Ascher moved to approve the GAAP waiver for 2026, resolution 01-12-2026, Commissioner Giordano seconded, all in favor voted aye

Crystal Malchose, Human Resources Director, gave the weekly update:

- Out of office notifications were presented and signed by the commission
- Commissioner Giordano will attend the employee task force meeting this week

Tami Robison, Finance Director, gave the bi-weekly report:

- Cash balance reports are presented:
Ms. Robison states that the Finance Office and Treasurers Office are in balance, with an ending balance of \$55,891,329.34 both reflecting on their separate reports. This shows that the books for 2025 are in balance, there may be some changes with the 13th period and those will be presented in March.
- Quarterly payroll report is presented:
Ms. Robison notes that the Sheriffs Office's 2024 overtime was over \$700,000 and this year they are reflecting \$360,093 which is a significant improvement from last year. Ms. Robison praised the Sheriff's Office for their hard work and improvement in that area.
- CIP report presented:
\$7,37.70 interest income for December
\$4,052,856.27 ending 2025 unencumbered cash balance, \$645,162.77 in approved projects leaves a 2025 projected unencumbered cash balance of \$3,407,693.50.

- Health Department CIP report presented:
\$316,937.80, 2025 ending unencumbered cash balance.
- Building cash flow report presented:
\$18,156 in expenditures for December, with \$13,212 revenue insurance reimbursement.
\$434,963.71 projected 2025 unencumbered cash balance.
- Sales tax report presented:
With the sales tax in the general fund, we have received 136.25% of what was budgeted.
Hospital dedicated tax is 107.93% of what was budgeted.
General fund tax was over last year by \$173,394, hospital dedicated tax is over \$71,382.63.
- Ms. Robison will be at the CPM class on Wednesday and Thursday this week
- Ms. Robison, Commissioner Giordano and Ms. Edwards will speak at the JC Lead Meeting on Tuesday morning.
- CPM project survey about County work hours was sent out and due January 23rd.
- The IRS mileage rate went from 0.70 to 0.72.5 cents per mile.
- CD Bid went out last week; the CD matures February 1st.
- Next CIP meeting is on January 26th.
- Ms. Robison completed reporting on the opioid fund to the State.
- 1099's and W2's will go out at the end of the month.
- New insurance cards went out to respective departments.
- Renewed insurance policy for the hospital building.
- Census wants data for 2025 by January 31st.
- Leadership summit is on January 23rd - \$195 per person
Commissioner Giordano moved to approve for Chairman Tremont, Commissioner Giordano, Ms. Edwards and Ms. Robison to attend, Commissioner Ascher seconded, all voted in favor aye

Troy Livingston, GIS Director:

- Presented letter of support for Flint Hills Rural Electric Coop. solar project for commission signature.
- 85 permits were issued in 2025, 55 of those were remodels or accessory buildings and 9 new houses.
- \$66,000 in revenue from permit fees.

Sheriff Nate Boeckman sent the bi-weekly report via email:

- Jail average daily population 102, accidents 8, assist outside agencies 18, battery/assault 0, burglary 0, citations 14, civil papers served 48, domestic incidents 0, drug investigation 2, DUI 1, motor vehicle thefts 0, prisoner transports 3, sex offense 0, shots fired 1, theft 0, traffic stops 75, weapons violation 0, arrests 10.

Jacqie Reisinger, Register of Deeds gave the Year End / Quarterly report:

4th quarter report was presented

- \$102,869.50 total collected, \$79,517.50 went to general fund
Total documents, 952
Total SVQ, 191

Yearly Financials

- Total collected in 2025 \$389,806.50, \$304,426.50 went to general fund
Total documents recorded – 3,910
Total SVQ, 804

Public Comment: There we no members of the public present for public comment

Commissioner Giordano moved to approve 5% franchise fee with Cox Communications for their expansion, Commissioner Ascher seconded, all voted in favor aye

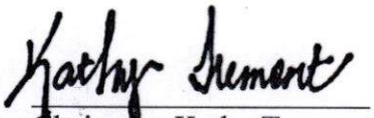
Commissioner Ascher moved to approve the minutes from 01/05/2026, Commissioner Giordano seconded, all voted in favor aye

12:23pm Commissioner Giordano moved to go into executive session for non-elected personnel/department head evaluations for one hour with HR Director and Ms. Edwards, Commissioner Ascher seconded, all voted in favor aye

Commissioner Giordano moved to extend the executive session for 30 more minutes, Commissioner Ascher seconded, all voted in favor aye

2:00pm Commissioner Giordano moved to go into executive session for non-elected for 15 minutes with HR Director and Ms. Edwards, Commissioner Ascher seconded, all voted in favor aye

Chairman Tremont adjourned the meeting
Adjourn


Chairman, Kathy Tremont

 1/20/26
County Clerk, Courtney Gilbert