



# Commission Meeting

## Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2026 at 10:00 am

### 1. Public/County Employees Attendance

#### Minutes:

- Commissioner Chair, Dennis Blackburn
- Commissioner Brian
- Commissioner Cook
- Attorney, Michael Winn
- Clerk/Auditor, Felicia Snow
- Recorder/Treasurer, Colleen Allen

Other's: Barbara Tewell, Jeff Raiser, Milly Edwards, Noreen Johnson, Steve Simmons, Shalae Larsen, Micklane Farmer, Duke Alvey, Jamison christensen,

### 2. Approve minutes of previous meeting

#### Minutes:

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2026. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

### 3. Appointments for discussion and business with the Commissioners

#### a. 10:00 AM Steve Simmons-CRSA/Introduction

##### Minutes:

The pillars of rural communities are recreation, history, and culture. Wayne County is geographically isolated from major transportation routes and has limited centrally assessed tax revenue. Our top priority is the development of a new Administration Building, as current space is insufficient. Mr. Simmons has expressed a willingness to assist in identifying grant opportunities and conducting a feasibility study.

#### b. 10:30 AM Micklane Farmer-Jones & DeMille/Teasdale Road Rehabilitation State Funding Request Letter

##### Minutes:

Micklane Farmer states that we have applied for funding for the Teasdale Road

Rehabilitation. The funds are available this year. If the county keeps the funding with the Federal government we will not start the project until 2028. If the county swaps the funds to State we could start the process as soon as July 2026 and the initial construction starting in 2027. We would take a 15% hit if we swap to the state. There are benefits of swapping to the state saving a year of inflation, time, etc. The letter is being submitted to provide to the state, the funds are not guaranteed but we would be at the top of the list to swap to state funds. Commissioner Brian made a motion to send the letter to the state office to proceed with the swap. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**c. 11:00 AM Duke Alvey/Search & Rescue**

**Minutes:**

Duke Alvey states the he would like to inform the commission what his goals are for Search & Rescue (S&R). Mr. Alvey provides the commission with a handbook with the code of conduct. Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at the S&R building in Bicknell at 8:00 pm. There are currently 23 members of S&R. The goal is to have 4 major trainings a years, along with the monthly trainings.

**d. 11:30 AM John Spendlove-Jones & DeMille/Prairie Dog Contract**

**Minutes:**

Jamison Christenson is present for John Spendlove. There is a fee of \$258,500 monitoring the prairie dogs at the airport for 30 days. Before construction starts a survey will need to be conducted showing the prairie dog activities. The County will need to review Locknore's estimate. The approval will be tabled. Commissioner Brian made a motion. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**4. Other Items of Business**

**a. Sharon Torgerson/Conservation Easements**

**Minutes:**

Sharon Torgerson states that we currently have a hand full of conservation easements. A current home owner believes she will receive a huge discount on her property as a result of the conservation easements. It appears that each home owner is being charged differently. Mrs. Torgerson reached out to several counties with different feed back of one county no adjustments are given and in another county they do lower the taxes. Michael Winn, states that he believes the tax payer should present their case at BOE to receive the reduced value. Commissioner Brian made a motion to review the values at BOE. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**b. Ratify Wayne Community Health Center Letter of Support**

**Minutes:**

Donavan Smith, states the he has had an opportunity to help reach out for additional funding for the Health Center. He has worked with Representative Maloy. The funds will help the health center with a mobile emergency center. This would help bring health services to the people. Commissioner Cook made a motion to ratify the letter of support for the Wayne Community Health Center. Commissioner Brian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**c. Approve Tourism Tax Advisory Board**

**Minutes:**

Tabled.

**d. Approve New National Opioids Participation**

**Minutes:**

Felicia Snow, states that Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the opioids participation. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**e. Approve Fee Waiver/Reduction Request for Building Rental**

**Minutes:**

Felicia Snow, states that several people have asked for a fee waiver or reduction in fees. The form will help streamline the process and help with accountability. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the form. Commissioner Brian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**5. Approve Vouchers**

**Minutes:**

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the vouchers with the addition of Sorren. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

**6. Commission Business**

**Minutes:**

Jeff Raiser, states that Senator Curtis is super mindful of the community. His condolences are with the community with the recent tragedies. Senator Curtis will be in the six county area soon. If there is any thing the county needs help with please let the office know. Senator Curtis is for the Save Act.

**7. Adjourned**

**Minutes:**

Commissioner Blackburn declared the meeting adjourned.

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Commissioner, Blackburn



Clerk/Auditor, Snow