



Lawrence County
COMMITTEE AS-A-WHOLE

Date: May, 6th, 2025 | **Time:** 5:30-5:52 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Phillip Heatherly, Chris Sutherland, Delano Benefield, Shane Eaton, and Steve Hagan. **County Attorney** Charlie Holt, Cissy Holt, and Mechelle Conan.

Commissioner Shane Eaton called the meeting to order.

County Attorney Charlie Holt noted the only change to the lease is the start/end dates. Commissioner Eaton stated the City has already approved the lease.

Sissy Holt announced a college reorganization; oversight of the facility has changed. Mechelle Conan is now the main point of contact.

Mechelle reported:

- **Enrollment: Fall** – 302 students; **Spring** – 217; 284 Lawrence Co. applicants, 253 admitted, 134 registered.
- **Operational Cost:** \$1.4 million annually (includes 10 full-time staff and 1 campus police officer).
- **Facility Fees:** ~\$3,000 per institution.
- **Graduates: Spring 2024** – 46; **Fall 2024** – 25 (projected); **Spring 2025** – 49.

Commissioners Heatherly and **Sutherland** asked about student counts and graduation rates. **Mechelle** confirmed details above.

Sissy Holt noted the Industrial Maintenance Program is relocating to the college facility due to declining high school enrollment.

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion: Heatherly. **Second:** Hagan.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Submitted By: Christian Tyree