



Lawrence County
**BUDGET, FACILITIES,
& UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Date: December 8, 2025 | **Time:** 5:00-5:49 p.m.

PRESENT: County Executive David Morgan. **Commissioners:** Phillip Heatherly, Barry Luffman, Dave Ray, Steve Hagan, Wayne Yocom, Will Burnett, Delano Benefield, Chris Sutherland, Dave Ray, Denny Gillespie, Travis Cauwels, Scott Franks, Rick Skillington, Shane Eaton, and John Bradley. **Sheriff** John Myers, **Chief Deputy** George Barturen, **Safe Space Global Representative** Kyah Hills, Michael Wheeler, and other county residents.

Executive Morgan called the joint meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Budget Committee: Chairman David Morgan, Vice-chair Scott Franks, Phillip Heatherly, Barry Luffman, and Travis Cauwels.

Facilities Committee: Chairman Scott Franks and Travis Cauwels.

Absent: Vice-chair Randy Brewer, Sandy Newton, and Tim Clifton.

Utilities Committee: Chairman Denny Gillespie, Delano Benefield, Barry Luffman, and Phillip Heatherly. **Vice-chair John Bradley joined the meeting after the committee dismissed.*

PRAYER: Commissioner Cauwels.

PLEDGE: Executive Morgan.

WATERLINE EXTENSION

- **Commissioner Yocom** explained that he spoke to Barry Roberts, he wants to install a 6-inch waterline on Fairview Road. He will pay for the installation and engineering fee.
- He provided minutes from the City of Saint Joseph approving the waterline extension.

- **Commissioner Yocom** added that he spoke to Road Superintendent Ryan Krick as well and received a cost estimate.
- It will be for four residents and cover a little over 2,400ft. The cost will be \$26,478.68. Currently the county provides \$3,000.00 per resident. It will cost the county \$12,000.00 with 4 residents.

(Cost Estimate and Minutes are available in the committee file)

The Utilities Committee Recommends the Approval of \$12,000.00 for the Waterline Extension on Fairview Road in Saint Joseph to the Budget Committee.

Motion: Heatherly. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

Utilities Committee Adjournment. *(5:06 p.m.)*

Motion: Heatherly. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

ADA DOOR OPENERS

- **Commissioner Franks** appointed Commissioners Heatherly and Luffman to the Facilities Committee to meet quorum due to the absence of Commissioners Randy Brewer, Sandy Newton, and Tim Clifton.
- **Commissioner Franks** discussed making several doors for county facilities ADA Compliant and handicap accessible.
- He spoke to Maintenance Director Mark Brewer who gave a cost estimate of \$8,000.00 for four doors if the Maintenance Department installs them or \$16,000.00 if he hires company to do the work.
- The committee discussed the possibility of needing to install more than four door openers.
- It was noted this is would be consider a budget amendment if approved.

The Facilities Committee Recommends the Approval for the Maintenance Department to Install Four to Six Door Openers at Various County Facilities, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$12,000.00 to the Budget Committee.

Motion: Heatherly. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

Facilities Committee Adjournment. *(5:10 p.m.)*

Motion: Heatherly. **Second:** Cauwels.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

SAFE SPACE GLOBAL

- **Executive Morgan** introduced Safe Space Global.
- Kyah Hills gave a presentation for Safe Space Global.
(Presentation is available in the committee file).
- She clarified that they are not a hardware company. They are a software AI company that integrates with current hardware.
- Localized data, not cloud based. Has facial recognition with the option to delete facial profiles once desired.
- If introduced to the School System, parents can opt in or out of having kids' facial profile in database. The system will still work as it detects possible threats.
- **Next steps:** Site walk-through to determine cost estimate.

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Motion: Franks. **Second:** Cauwels.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

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Motion: Franks. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

Budget Committee Adjournment (5:49 p.m.)

Motion: Franks. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 5/0.

Minutes Submitted By: Christian Tyree