



Lawrence County

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 | **Time:** 5:40-6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Scott Franks, Randy Brewer, Sandy Newton, Phillip Heatherly, Travis Cauwels, Steve Hagan, Dave Ray, and Will Burnett. **EMA Director** Shelton Barnett, and John Uzbasic

Commissioner Franks called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: *Chairman* Scott Franks, *Vice-Chairman* Randy Brewer, Travis Cauwels, and Sandy Newton.

ABSENT: Tim Clifton.

- **Barnett** presented lease agreement (included in meeting folder) between county and state. TACN (Tennessee Advanced Communications Network) will build tower on land they lease from us at Jason Dickey Fire Training Center. Lawrence County is getting everything at no cost. This system will be much better than what we use currently.

Approve Lease Agreement Between Tennessee Advanced Communications Network (TACN) and the Jason Dickey Fire Training Center.

Motion: Brewer. **Second:** Cauwels.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

- **Commissioner Burnett** led discussion about proposed indoor Tennis Facility
- Youth Tennis League formed last year with 35 middle and high school; this year 55 signed up.
- Heather Smith, P.E. teacher at Crockett Elementary, came up with the proposal for a facility with 6 tennis courts, an indoor pool, and track.
- Looking into grants, has approached the City about it.
- County would have to have a parks & recreation department in order to operate it.
- US Tennis Association gives grants to help build and maintain.
- **Commissioner Franks:** SCTDD could help with grant writing
- **Commissioner Cauwels** expressed support.
- Group is asking if the County would be interested, with more information
- Discussion of funding and potential income. City reportedly expressed no interest when Smith presented it to them.

- **Commissioner Cauwels:** new locker room needed at LCHS at estimated price of \$120,000. If they can raise half, would the county possibly fund it? Lots of new kids and excitement about the football program.

Adjournment.

Motion: Cauwels. **Second:** Brewer.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

Minutes Submitted By: *Nancy Brewer*

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