



Lawrence County
AGENDA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 | **Time:** 5:00-5:28 p.m.

PRESENT: **County Executive** David Morgan. **Commissioners:** Phillip Heatherly, Shane Eaton, Denny Gillespie, Will Burnett, Steve Hagan, and Tammy Wisdom. **County Attorney** Ryan Durham, **EMS Director** Michelle Ayers, Anthony Washburn, John Uzbasic, Elle McCann, Cherie Marceaux, Tiffany Charbonnet, Ricky Cromwell, and other county residents.

- **Commissioner Eaton** called the meeting to order.
- **Durham** went through the draft agenda. He noted that Honorarium 20260728-01H may need to be moved to the September Regular Session as several players being recognized will be out of town for the July meeting.
- **Commissioner Eaton** recommended doing an honorarium for Angie Jacobs, for her many years of service to the county.
- **Durham** discussed the resolution establishing a twelve-month moratorium on data center development. He clarified that while the Commission has the authority to adopt the resolution expressing its intent to pause data center development while it studies the issue, it may not have the legal authority to enforce the moratorium if it is challenged by a developer in court.
- **Executive Morgan** asked whether a study committee on data centers could be established administratively or if it would require approval by the Commission.
- **Durham** stated that a study committee could be beneficial and said he would look into whether Commission approval is required to establish it.
- **Executive Morgan** recommended establishing a one-year relief fund for cattlemen, stating that dead stock removal services are important to the county and that an additional \$75,000 could make a significant difference for local farmers. He stated that the proposal would be brought before the Budget Committee for consideration prior to the July 28 Regular Session.
- **Executive Morgan** and **County Attorney Ryan Durham** discussed whether the allocation of a portion of the Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds should be brought before the Budget Committee.

- **Durham** recommended that the item be sent through the committee process, and **Executive Morgan** noted that the committee would be meeting regardless, allowing the item to be considered and voted on at that time.
- **Commissioner Eaton** stated that the Facilities Committee approved entering into a contract with TACN (Tennessee Advanced Communications Network) for the construction of a radio tower at the Jason Dickey Fire Training Center. He noted that the paperwork would be obtained from EMA Director Shelton Barnett and would require County Executive Morgan's signature.
- **Commissioner Hagan** stated that Michael Drive is close to reaching the required funding amount for adoption. He noted that if the necessary funds are secured, the item will be added to the agenda and brought before the Highway Committee.

Public Comments:

- Several members of the public addressed the committee regarding concerns about data center development and expressed their support for a moratorium prohibiting such development.

The meeting concluded.

Minutes Submitted By: *Christian Tyree*