



City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Commission Chambers, 124 S Bluff, Anthony, KS 67003

MINUTES

OPENING

- Welcome / Call to Order
- Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Greg Cleveland
Commissioner Sherrie Eaton
Commissioner Jan Lanie
Commissioner Eric Smith
Commissioner Howard Hatfield

City Administrator Melinda Ewertz, Chief of Police Kenny Hodson, City Superintendent Larry Berry, Bill Moyer - Anthony Tree Board, R.J. Meyer and Scott Strong - Strong's Insurance, John Coleman and Flint Richter - Entegrity, Sheila Adams - Eco/Dev Board, Janet Slankard - HPCO Heart, Randy and Jacquie Wiseley

- Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approve 03.10.2026 Payroll \$62,141.43

3. Appropriation Ordinance No 3235 \$218,198.86
4. Approve Re-appointment of Bill Moyer until July 2029 and Bryce Osborn until July 2029 to Anthony Tree Board
5. Approve Appointment of Chris Weston to fill Don Jensen's Term until July 2028, Drake Whealy to open position until July 2028 to Anthony Tree Board
7. Special Appropriations:
 - Fund #58 CDBG - SCKEDD - \$600.00 - Admin FY23-HR-003
 - Fund #58 CDBG - NWFA - \$26,200.00 - Admin FY23-HR-003
 - Fund #58 CDBG - Harper County Register of Deeds - \$38.00 - Admin FY23-HR-003
 - Fund #34 Capital Airport - EBH \$5,000.00 - Design/Survey Jet-A AV 2026-02
 - Fund #47 Wildlife & Parks - EBH \$450.00 Const. Engineering Trail Grant NRT 2023-1
8. Approve Pay Request #8 CDBG Grant 230HR-003 \$26,838.00
9. Approve Pay Estimate #2 KDWP Project No. NRT2023-1 \$113,552.26

Mayor Cleveland asked to move Item No. 6 from the Consent Agenda to Regular Business before Item No. 10. Hearing no other changes, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda with Item No. 6 moved to regular business.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. **Approve Purchase of 5" Intake \$2,670.00 from Weis Fire for #50 Aerial Paid from Fire Municipal Equipment Reserve**

A motion was made to approve purchase of 5" intake for \$2,670.00 from Weis Fire for #50 Aerial paid from Fire Municipal Equipment Reserve.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith
Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Hatfield

10. **City Insurance Renewal - RJ Meyer and Scott Strong of Strong's Insurance**

R.J. Meyer and Scott Strong presented the City's annual insurance renewal premiums to the commission. A motion was made to approve the city insurance renewal from Strong's Insurance.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

11. **Economic Development Incentive Program - Sheila Adams Eco/Dev Board**

Sheila Adams of the Eco/Dev Board presented a new utility bill incentive recommendation for new businesses in Anthony. After discussion, the Commission guided to Eco/Dev board to add more definitive terms in the plan to present to the commission at the next meeting.

12. **Harper County 4th of July - Janet Slankard HPCO HEART**

Janet Slankard of Harper County HEART was present to request use of the lake, stage and to have portapotties and additional trash cans for the annual 4th of July event at the Anthony Lake. The Commission granted permission and Janet and HPCO Heart will work with the City Administrator to coordinate event requirements and needs.

13. **Community Solar Project - Entegrity**

John Coleman and Flint Richter of Entegrity presented to the Commission options for financing part of the solar array. After discussion with the Commission, Entegrity will return to the next meeting to present further options.

14. **Request to Purchase City Property- Dennis Lauver via Zoom**

Dennis Lauver was present via Zoom to present a letter of intent on behalf of his client to purchase a small parcel of land owned by the city. This parcel adjoins another B-2 lot which his client hopes to purchase and merge the two for a future business.

A motion was made to approve signing the letter of intent for Parcel ID #039-136-23-0-40-05-001.01-0.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

15. ***UNTABLE Approve Temporary Construction Easement for KDOT Project No. KA-6909-01 FY25 CCLIP Main & Anthony**

A motion was made to untable approve Temporary Construction Easement from the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

City Administrator Ewertz presented the temporary construction easement draft to the Commission to review after consulting with the City Attorney. This new agreement remained the same in description, terms and dollar amount with the expiration date being changed to December 31, 2026. A motion was made to approve the Temporary Construction Easement for KDOT Project No. KA-6909-01 FY25 CCLIP Main & Anthony. This second easement payment will be paid out of Street Capital.

Motion made by Commissioner Lanie, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

16. **Discuss Dreiling Aviation Services - Greg Cleveland**

Mayor Cleveland presented information and a proposal from Dreiling Aviation Services. Mayor Cleveland and Commissioner Smith met Lindsey Dreiling at the Aviation Day at the Capital. Dreiling Aviation can offer assistance with grant opportunities for further economic development of the airport. Mayor Cleveland will connect with Anthony Airport Board and set up a future meeting with Dreiling Aviation to ask questions about their services.

17. **9/11 Memorial Donations**

City Administrator Ewertz presented to the Commission where donations for the 9/11 Memorial will be placed, in the Public Purpose Fund. She further explained these funds would become city funds and would require the same approvals for use by the Commission, as well as the purchase and procurement policy of the city. After discussion, Commissioner Hatfield said he will meet with the rest of the 9/11 volunteers to decide if they want to create their own account or put the funds in the Public Purpose Fund.

18. **Lake Trail Rules and Sign Design**

City Administrator Ewertz presented a draft of trail rules for the lake motorized trail. The Commission provided their guidance on the rules.

19. **Approve HRA Benefit for 2026 Health Insurance Renewal**

City Administrator Ewertz asked the Commission if they choose to continue the HRA Benefit for the new health insurance year. Due to the decrease in deductible and out of pocket expense, the new HRA Benefit amounts would change to \$250.00 for single deductible, \$500 for family deductible.

A motion was made to approve HRA Benefit for 2026 health insurance renewal.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith,
Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

20. **Chief of Police Report**

We investigated a forged check and theft case and turned the case over to the C.A. for possible charges.

We were called to the 800 block of N. Jennings and arrested Amanda Carr for disorderly conduct.

We arrested Everett Rice for drunk in the roadway.

We investigated a hit in run in the 500 block of N. Anthony.

21. **Superintendent Report**

City Superintendent Berry updated the Commission on tree removal, electric, water and street projects.

22. **Administrator Report**

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith,
Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

Gregory Cleveland, Mayor

Melinda Ewertz, City Administrator/Clerk