

Commission Minutes

March 2, 2026 the 42nd day of the October term of Court

Commissioners Present: Bob Senninger; Chris Prater; Brad Smith

Brad Smith moved to approve the agenda and Chris Prater seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Brad Smith moved to approve the minutes from February 23, 2026, and Chris Prater seconded.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

The Commission met with Nabholz, Elevatus, Culligan, Kimberling City Plumbing and Premier Engineering, along with representatives of the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office; Marion Chrysler, head maintenance; and former commissioner David Botts over the water softener issues at the Law Enforcement Center.

Nabholz reported that all tests show the Culligan water softener is functioning as designed, but there are still concerns about channeling that will require more monitoring.

The topic of an oversized unit being engineered was discussed. While there was an understanding going into the project that the building should be designed to allow future expansion, there was no direction from the Owner (the County Commission) to size equipment with limited life span for expansions that might or might not occur decades in the future. The engineer said it had received direction from the jail command staff. The Commission had not ceded its authority as Owner to the jail command staff; was not consulted; and did not direct the engineer to design and install the oversized system.

The Commission requested that a Culligan water softener system sized appropriately for the current jail be installed and the oversized system be removed. They further requested that the price difference between the two systems be refunded to the county. Greg Wehling with Elevatus stated he would take that request up the chain at Elevatus.

The Commission adjourned at 11:45 a.m.