

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

SHANE WALKER,

Plaintiff,

v.

BOURBON COUNTY KANSAS BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 26-1057-DDC-ADM

INITIAL ORDER REGARDING PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

Fed. R. Civ. P. 1 mandates the “just, speedy, and inexpensive” determination of this action. With this goal in mind, U.S. Magistrate Judge Angel D. Mitchell will conduct a Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 scheduling conference **August 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** The conference will be held by telephone. Participants must dial in to the conference call at **913-423-1010**, then enter conference ID **172 480 243#** and follow the prompts to join the call as a participant. If the parties would rather appear live or by videoconference, they may make that request when they email their proposed scheduling order to the court (as instructed below).

The parties, in person and/or through counsel, must confer as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) by **July 24, 2026**. Generally, discussion at the planning conference must address the nature and basis of the parties’ claims and defenses; the possibilities of settling or resolving the case, including using mediation or other methods of alternative dispute resolution; making or at least arranging for Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) disclosures; any issues about preserving discoverable information; developing a discovery plan; discovery of electronically stored information (ESI); and a proposed scheduling order. More specifically, the parties must discuss the agenda items set

out in Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c)(2)(A)-(P) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(A)-(F), and prepare a proposed scheduling order using the form available at the following:

<http://ksd.uscourts.gov/index.php/forms/?open=CivilForms>

Careful planning is essential to efficient case management and discovery. The court strongly encourages the parties to conduct their Rule 26(f) planning conference in person instead of by telephone, to improve the quality of discussion. It is unacceptable to simply exchange draft proposed scheduling orders by email without further discussion. The court also strongly encourages “first chair” trial counsel to be meaningfully involved in this critical planning process. Before the planning conference, the parties shall review and be prepared to address the agenda items set out in Rules 16(c)(2)(A)-(P) and 26(f)(3)(A)-(F). The parties should think creatively and cooperatively, to the extent possible, about how to structure this case in a way that will lead to the efficient resolution of the factual and legal issues presented.

The parties must work together to draft a proposed scheduling order, which will constitute the written report required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(2). The parties must note any points of disagreement in the proposed scheduling order and include a brief explanation of their respective positions. By **August 3, 2026**, plaintiff(s) must submit the following:

- (1) a redlined version of the proposed scheduling order that shows all changes to the court’s form proposed scheduling order, and
- (2) a clean version of the proposed scheduling order.

Both versions of the document must be submitted in Word format as an attachment to an email sent to ksd_mitchell_chambers@ksd.uscourts.gov. The proposed scheduling order must not be filed with the clerk’s office. The email transmitting the proposed scheduling order must also include cellular numbers for each attorney of record and any party appearing pro se.

The parties must serve their Rule 26(a)(1)(A) initial disclosures by **August 3, 2026**, and email copies of the initial disclosures to the undersigned judge's chambers with the proposed scheduling order. The magistrate judge may discuss these disclosures during the scheduling conference in finalizing a discovery and case plan that achieves Rule 1's objectives. The parties should not submit to the court any documents identified or described in their Rule 26(a)(1)(A) initial disclosures.

If you have questions concerning this order's requirements, please contact the undersigned judge's courtroom deputy, Audra Harper, at 913-735-2280, or by email at to ksd_mitchell_chambers@ksd.uscourts.gov.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated July 8, 2026, at Kansas City, Kansas.

s/Angel D. Mitchell
U.S. Magistrate Judge