

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Mark A. VanNortwick, deceased Case No. RP-2024-PR-000030

(Filed pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned: You are hereby notified that a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in this Court by Brandi M. Lewis and Tabitha A. Deneault, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Mark A. VanNortwick, deceased, requesting that the Petitioners' acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Last Will and Testament be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; and the Co-Executors be discharged and released from further liability. You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before April 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in this Court, in the City of Belleville, in Republic County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Brandi M. Lewis, Petitioner

/s/ Tabitha A. Deneault, Petitioner PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY: Jeffrey L. Thompson, S.C. #17596 Thompson Law, P.A. 402 4th Street, P.O. Box 166 Scandia, KS 66966-0166 (785) 335-2248 (Tel) (785) 335-2502 (Fax) ttlaw@nckcn.com Attorney for Petitioners

On February 24, 2025, the City of Belleville, Kansas, adopted Ordinance No. 1079, designating the City of Belleville Planning Commission as the Board of Appeals for the City of Belleville. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT COUNTY OF REPUBLIC, KANSAS FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

TreasFundName	txtBeginCash	TreasReceipts	TreasExpenses	TreasEndCash
ADVANCE TAX	\$1,402.95	\$3,864.82	-\$4,325.99	\$941.78
CURRENT TAX	\$103,669.36	\$11,192,924.53	-\$559.78	\$11,296,034.11
GENERAL FUND	\$1,827,758.53	\$417,177.78	-\$718,493.64	\$1,526,442.67
16/20M TAX	\$36.00	\$140,927.92	\$0.00	\$140,963.92
2023 ESCROW TEMP	\$8,279.10	\$7,072.23	-\$4,720.54	\$10,630.79
ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE	\$17,750.96	\$1,275.55	\$0.00	\$19,026.51
AMB SPEC EQUIP FUND	\$298,647.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$298,647.10
AMBULANCE	\$316,880.20	\$140,801.44	-\$189,586.96	\$268,094.68
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL	\$5,041.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,041.84
AMER. RESC PLAN ACT	\$62,768.93	\$0.00	-\$22,376.42	\$40,392.51
APPRAISER	\$23,323.45	\$65,469.60	-\$55,043.21	\$33,749.84
CAPITAL IMPROVEME RESERVE	-\$126,999.78	\$324,000.00	-\$174,519.60	\$22,480.62
CEMETERY DISTRICTS	\$144.54	\$595.29	-\$733.15	\$6.68
CITIES	\$0.00	\$25,419.42	-\$25,419.42	\$0.00
CKL - GEN	\$0.00	\$360.76	-\$360.76	\$0.00
COUNTY BUILDING FUND	\$252,168.30	\$662.18	-\$36,433.84	\$216,396.64
COUNTY EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$511,455.37	\$0.00	-\$11,553.27	\$499,902.10
COURTHOUSE SECURITY & IMPROV R	\$19,629.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,629.80
DELINQ 16/20M TAX	\$211.95	\$85.26	-\$113.71	\$183.50
DELQ PERS PROP TAX	\$7,256.26	\$471.06	-\$1,355.73	\$6,371.59
DRIVERS LICENSES	\$0.00	\$1,501.50	-\$1,501.50	\$0.00
ELECTION FILING FEE	\$1,672.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,672.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,178,074.53	\$33,828.70	-\$557,507.56	\$654,395.67
ESCROW/PARTIAL PAYMENT	-\$6,448.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$6,448.92
FIRE DISTRICTS	\$53.01	\$719.74	-\$772.75	\$0.00
FISH & GAME	\$2.50	\$3,513.50	-\$3,513.50	\$2.50
FUEL CENTER	\$116,808.81	\$77,469.25	-\$105,986.17	\$88,291.89
HEALTH	\$636,318.35	\$99,348.79	-\$212,063.88	\$523,603.26
HEALTH MEMORIAL	\$3,137.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,137.90
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$995.00	\$716.00	\$0.00	\$1,711.00
HIGH BANKS WIND FARM	\$936,716.84	\$745,758.14	-\$547,865.61	\$1,134,609.37
HILLCREST LIBRARY DIST.	\$0.00	\$148.60	-\$148.60	\$0.00
HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE	\$86,187.71	\$3,676.60	-\$75,000.00	\$14,864.31
HOSPITAL REV DEBIT SERVICE	\$18,132.34	\$13,644.78	-\$2,231.25	\$29,545.87
IN/OUT	\$22.80	\$2,316.15	-\$2,316.15	\$22.80
INTANGIBLE TAX	\$145.06	\$21,734.28	\$0.00	\$21,879.34
IRRIGATION O & M	\$32,682.00	\$0.00	-\$17,228.00	\$15,454.00
IRRIGATION REPAY	\$3,668.70	\$0.00	-\$1,886.50	\$1,782.20
K-9 ACCOUNT	\$27.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.61
LATCF GRANT	\$97,953.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97,953.60
MV LICENSES	\$1,128.09	\$61,406.48	-\$61,039.15	\$1,495.42
MV SALES TAX	\$32,818.68	\$127,759.55	-\$110,333.71	\$50,244.52
MV TAX	\$174,544.43	\$211,577.06	-\$75,962.75	\$310,158.74
OPIOID PROGRAM	\$17,228.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,228.24
P.A.T. FUND	\$23,003.50	\$301.80	\$0.00	\$23,305.30
R V TAX	\$2,773.21	\$2,587.32	-\$1,141.47	\$4,219.06
RCD KDOC FUND	\$15,577.32	\$15,318.14	-\$27,471.48	\$3,423.98
RCD ORIGINAL FUND	\$120,729.76	\$23,326.28	-\$17,297.35	\$126,758.69
RCED-SPECIAL PROJECT	\$6,906.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,906.23
REDEMPTIONS	\$107,955.39	\$68,768.48	-\$35,476.98	\$141,246.89
REGISTERED OFFENDER	\$3,567.50	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$3,747.50
REPUBLIC COUNTY HOUSING PROJEC	\$175,000.00	\$200,000.00	-\$150,000.00	\$225,000.00
RIVER VALLEY EXT NO 4	\$0.00	\$1,190.94	-\$1,190.94	\$0.00
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$1,904,821.09	\$473,675.35	-\$899,140.86	\$1,479,355.58
RP COUNTY 911	\$29,608.24	\$17,632.30	-\$8,418.98	\$38,821.56
SALES TAX-NEW HOSPITAL	\$0.03	\$306,686.81	-\$234,579.73	\$72,107.11
SCAN CITY 09 - EMP BENEFI	\$0.00	\$172.70	-\$172.70	\$0.00
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	\$0.00	\$26,976.08	-\$26,976.08	\$0.00
SHORT/LONG	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
SP HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,452,928.02	\$0.00	-\$1,291,137.54	\$161,790.48
SP PARKS & RECREATION	\$16,723.21	\$666.82	\$0.00	\$17,390.03
SP. BRIDGE	\$576,446.30	\$1,324.40	-\$3,861.98	\$573,908.72
SPEC CLERK TECH FUND	\$9,895.62	\$407.47	-\$1,704.65	\$8,598.44
SPEC TREASURER TECH FUND	\$1,751.83	\$374.97	-\$534.59	\$1,592.21
SPECIAL AUTO	\$27,290.47	\$8,778.75	-\$9,011.81	\$27,057.41
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	\$15,845.58	\$0.00	-\$8,262.00	\$7,583.58
SPECIAL GUN PERMIT	\$1,232.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,232.50
SPECIAL REGISTER OF DEEDS	\$56,654.15	\$1,718.20	\$0.00	\$58,372.35
STATE EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$632.68	-\$632.68	\$0.00
STATE INSTITUTION	\$0.00	\$360.59	-\$360.59	\$0.00
TAX SALE	-\$4,912.38	\$4,312.38	-\$21.00	-\$621.00
TOWNSHIP	\$0.00	\$56.20	-\$56.20	\$0.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$109,645.06	\$17,757.03	-\$18,603.98	\$108,798.11
UNCLAIMED LEGACY	\$107.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107.93
WASTE	\$252,804.66	\$69,733.32	-\$88,774.37	\$233,763.61
WASTE POST CLOSURE	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
WEEDS	\$66,416.66	\$481.35	-\$23,053.99	\$43,844.02
WORTHLESS CHECK TRUST	\$8,742.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,742.62
TOTAL	\$11,718,048.64	\$14,969,647.32	-\$5,868,835.05	\$20,818,860.91

I certify that the forgoing accounts are just and correct and have been received and paid. All accounts payable are on file in the office of the County Clerk. Kathleen L. Marsick

www.cityofbellevillekansas.com or at City Hall, 1819 L Street, Belleville, Kansas.

This summary is certified by Julie Effenbeck, City Attorney. Julie Effenbeck, City Attorney

Ask A Pastor

Presenting biblical answers to tough questions

Q: The Bible says we ought to “turn the other cheek.” Does this mean that Christians should not be soldiers or police officers? Is it always wrong to fight? (Memorial Day)

A: The Bible does instruct believers to turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:38-42). In context, the passage instructs us not to seek revenge for wrongs done against us personally, instead to show grace by repaying evil with good (see also Romans 12:18-20). Christians should let go of a vindictive spirit and forgive all offences committed against us. However, this does NOT mean that all conflict or warfare is sinful. God gave humanity the responsibility of self-government and the right to back that government with force if necessary (Genesis 9:5-6). In other words, the human race is to hold itself to right behavior. Any extreme departure from right behavior (such as murder by an individual or rampant oppression by a nation) must be corrected; not in a spirit of vindictiveness, but out of faithfulness to God. This means that both police and soldiers, as instruments of good government, have the right to use force in defense of the helpless and to punish wrongdoing (Romans 13:1-4). Police officers and soldiers who put their lives on the line to make the world a better place are entirely deserving of our respect, praise, encouragement, and cooperation, whether they are Christians or not. They are performing an essential service to society by restraining the corrupting influence of sin and protecting those who cannot protect themselves. Our gratitude and prayers go out to all those who serve God and our country, both in the military and in law enforcement. God bless you!

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OCCK Transportation’s 81 Connection To Launch Fare-Free Program Starting March 3



OCCK Transportation is excited to announce a significant development for 81 Connection, the regional fixed route bus service for North Central Kansas, as part of an ongoing pilot program. Starting March 3, 2025, 81 Connection will become fare-free, offering all rides at no cost to passengers for the next three months, ending May 30, 2025. This initiative is a partnership between OCCK Transportation and the North Central Regional Planning Commission. The program aims to increase accessibility to transportation for all North Central Kansas residents and improve community health and mobility. The fare-free pilot program is designed to remove financial barriers to transportation, helping residents throughout North Central Kansas easily access essential services. This initiative supports the region’s overall health and economic development by making it easier for individuals and families to get where they need to go, whether that’s medical or mental health appointments, nutrition sites, job interviews, seniors’ or veterans’ services, or school.

“The decision to make 81 Connection fare-free during this pilot project is a game-changer for residents,” said Trell Grinter, Director of Transportation for OCCK, Inc. “This is a significant step toward creating a more equitable and connected North Central Kansas.” The North Central Regional Planning Commission has been instrumental in bringing this project to life, recognizing the vital role that transportation plays in improving overall health outcomes and fostering regional development. 81 Connection operates three fixed routes each day, Monday – Friday. Routes can be found online at salinacitygo.com, or through Google maps, Apple maps, and the Transit app on either Android or Apple devices. OCCK Transportation will collect data during this pilot to evaluate its success and consider extending programs beyond the initial period. For more information about OCCK, Inc., visit www.oock.com. For more information about CityGo and OCCK Transportation, visit www.salinacitygo.com. Or, contact the OCCK Transportation Center at 785-826-1583.