

DEEDS FILED

Warranty Deed: John C. Cory, Darla Williams and Arnold Williams to K2 Land LLC. NE ¼ 31-4-2.

Quit Claim Deed: Timothy R. Little and Corrine E. Little to Matthew R. Myers. Lots 8 and 9, Block 2, East Republic, City of Republic, except one tract.

Quit Claim Deed: Timothy Little and Corrine Little to Travis Journey and Dawn Little-Journey. Lot 2, Block 7, East Republic, City of Republic; and Lot 3 and N 13' of Lot 4, Block 7, East Republic, City of Republic.

Quit Claim Deed: Timothy Little and Corrine Little to Christopher Little and April Little. Lot 1 and N ½ of Lot 2, Block 2, East Republic, City of Republic.

Trustees' Deed: Chrisotpher D. Cherney and Karly A. Cherney to Taeler R. Novak. Lot 4, Block 6, OT, Cuba.

Warranty Deed: John C. Cory, Darla K. Williams and Arnold Williams to K&K Land LLC. E ½ NE ¼ 23-4-3, and W ½ NW ¼ 24-4-3 less one tract.

REPUBLIC COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

LIMITED CIVIL

Credit Management Services versus Morgan Durham, Belleville, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$2,434 plus interest and costs.

LVNV Funding LLC versus Anthony Kothe, Belleville, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$996.

Credit Management Services versus Jennifer Parker, Belleville, case dismissed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates versus Earnest Fleming, Cuba, case filed.

Discover Bank versus Linda Wendt, Belleville, case filed.

LVNV Funding versus Kelcey Guy, Belleville, case filed.

Citibank versus Dana Kraft, Belleville, case filed.

Credit Management Services versus Danita Chambers, Belleville, case filed.

Credit Management Services versus Robin Carlson, Courtland, case filed.

Credit Management Services versus Lester Locke, Belleville, case filed.

Credit Management Services versus Mark Horner, Belleville, case filed.

Credit Management Services versus Sandra Petersen, Belleville, case filed.

Credit Management Services versus John Pollard, Belleville, case filed.

Credit Management Services versus Curtis Patton, Belleville, case filed.

Great Plains of Republic County versus Keenan Elwood, Concordia, case filed.

Great Plains of Republic County versus Stephen S. Robbins and Jennifer M. Robbins, Concordia, case filed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates versus Angela Hiesterman, Scandia, case filed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates versus Judith Kuchera, Belleville, case filed.

Credit Management Services versus Sigrid Brockenhuis, Belleville, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$920 plus interest and costs.

Credit Management Services versus Kristy Nabity, Narka, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$1,198 plus interest and costs.

Great Plains of Republic County versus Shawn R. Sprayberry, Belleville, judgment to the plaintiff of \$144 plus interest and costs.

CIVIL

Norman R. Bottger, Jr., Pamela Westhoff, Alan L. Bottger, Patricia K. Stremel versus Herbert Bottger, Norman Botter, Robert Bottger, Richard Bottger, Barry Bottger and Jennifer Bottger Rolle. Quiet title granted on tract of land in SW ¼ SW ¼ 2-3-3.

DOMESTIC

Kayla Allen versus Jeremiah Allen, Belleville, divorce filed.

REPUBLIC COUNTY SHERIFF

May 10
Deputy and BPD responded to a report of a threat that occurred at Rocky Pond.

600 block of Benton ST in Cuba for noise complaint. Upon arrival, complaint was unfounded.

Traffic stop on US81 near 18th ST that involved an oversize load truck. BPD and KHP assisted.

May 11
Deputy and BPD responded to 1200 block of 180 RD for report of possible domestic disturbance. Officers were able to resolve the issues.

2000 block of G ST for backing accident involving Robert Kasl, Belleville, driving a 2016 GMC, and a legally parked 2020 Kisa owned by Veronica Wasom, Davenport NE.

May 12
K-148 at 160 RD for a one-vehicle accident involving Mikel Cherney, Agenda, driving a 1996 Jeep. The vehicle struck the south bridge guardrail, then the north concrete bridge and came to a stop on the southwest side of the guardrail.

K-148 near 130 RD for vehicle-deer accident involving Shannon Boff, Norway, driving a 2018 Dodge.

May 13
Deputy conducted funeral escort.

May 14
Deputy and BPD conducted welfare check on 20th ST near L ST. Contact made with individual everything found to be okay.

260 RD near Willow RD for report of an abandoned vehicle. Vehicle was red tagged.

May 16
Deputy and BPD responded to US81 near Lincoln RD for report of transient. Transient was transported to state line.

Deputy and BPD responded to Rocky Pond for report of damage to property.

Deputies responded to 1500 block of O ST to assist with 911 call.

**Traffic Stops: 40
Papers Served: 6**

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 13
2400 block of P St. for a report of a tobacco violation.

May 16
Responded assault to a possible assault that occurred at 2010 12th St. Under investigation.

Report of damage to property at 2010 12th St. Under investigation.

May 17
1212 21st St. for a report of theft. Under investigation. 1212 21st St. for additional information regarding the ongoing incident.

May 18
2600 block of O St. for a report of a 2 vehicle non injury accident. Report taken.

**Traffic stops: 5
VIN Inspections: 4**

REPUBLIC COUNTY COMMISSION

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners attending were Edwin Splichal, Doug Jackson, and Tim Eitzmann. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored most of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the minutes from May 5th. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$292,750.30.

Permission to use the courthouse lawn for the Belleville Library story time and 4-H water games during the summer was approved by the commissioners.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, presented quotes to repair or replace the storage garage on the courthouse yard.

• Allen's Home remodeling to repair the garage \$12,092.90

• Allen's Home remodeling to build a new garage \$31,560.00

• Oman Custom Construction to repair the garage \$25,000.00

• Oman Custom Construction to build a new garage \$37,250.00

The commissioners agreed to build a new garage with larger doors and concrete foundation and floor. Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to approve the bid from Allen's Home remodeling for \$31,560.00. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Jackson made unanimous. County Attorney, Justin Ferrell, joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

At 8:43 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes for attorney/client exception to discuss confidential client issues. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion. Commissioner Jackson made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 8:53 a.m., taking no action. Members of the Republic County Conservation board, Rhonda Coffman, Chandra Stuchlik, and Jerry Strnad, presented the annual request for support for the 2026 budget year. The request of \$39,000 is the same as 2025 request.

Ken Robbins and Nathan Craig presented for review the Highway, Transportation, Bridge, and Solid Waste information.

• Robbins delivered the weekly community concerns and projects completed

report.

• Craig reported that he attended a training course in Hays for road supervisors and brought back several suggestions that Republic County could utilize.

• The road department assisted with the citywide cleanup in Scandia last week and will assist the City of Republic this week.

• Robbins reported that the blacktop overlay from Lincoln Road to the City of Narka is completed.

• The road crews will be spraying weeds on the sides of blacktop roads.

• Robbins announced that Hall Bros was awarded the contract to overlay US Hwy 36 from the Jewell County line to the Belleville Airport.

• Summer employees are mowing roadside.

• Clerk Marsicek shared that the Jewell County Clerk emailed a copy of the inter-local resolution from 1999 stating the shared responsibility of maintaining the county line between Jewell County and Republic County that needs updated. Robbins will create a new resolution that is needed for the current agreement.

At 10:00 a.m., the Public Safety building committee, Doug Garman, Melvin Jeardoe, Joel Cates, Jimmie Blecha, Tammy Buckley, Curtis Housholder, and Sheriff Dave Cox, joined the meeting to discuss progress of the committee.

The group agrees that the current jail facility is not adequate for the needs of the county and safety of others in the courthouse. Plans for a facility that will last many years, not just in the near future is needed. Chairman Garman suggested that the current commissioners work on a location for a facility. The rest of the committee will work on a timeline and wording for a question on the November ballot to see if the taxpayers are in support of a new facility. Sheriff Cox will contact Goldberg Company and invite them to attend the next meeting on June 2 at 10:00 a.m. to present bond information.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisition for 15 minutes. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion which Commissioner Jackson made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek,

The board reconvened at 11:45 a.m., taking no action.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jackson made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 19th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners' boardroom.

REPUBLIC COUNTY/ USD 109

Budget Hearing. Chris Pachta called the budget hearing to order at 7:21 p.m. There were no comments from patrons. Hearing was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Republic County Unified School District No. 109, was held

at the administration office on May 12, 2025. Board members present: Brady Alexander, Brian McCartney, Chris Pachta, Laura Leite, Mike Kollath, and Edward Sandberg. Brent Martin was absent. Also present were Principals Lindsay Craavens, Eric Jones, and Katie Struebing, Superintendent Tami Knedler, Maintenance/Transportation Director Andy Horner, and Board Clerk Darice Wilkinson. Other guests as registered.

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chris Pachta at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Payment of Claims. Various bills were discussed.

The board approved the payment of claims totaling \$464,986.72.

High School Student Council Report:

Tallyn Melton and Schola Baxa presented the student council report. 2025-2026 student council officers – Tallyn Melton, President, Jordyn Blazek, Vice President, and Schola Baxa, Secretary.

Junior High Student Council Report:

Faustina Baxa and Jacob Pachta presented the Junior High student council report. 2025-2026 officers elected: Faustina Baxa, President, Ruth Feight and Riley Wieland, Co-Vice Presidents, Samantha Simmons, Secretary, Ava Tuxhorn, Treasurer.

Administrative Reports: RCHS Principal, Lindsay Cravens: Report focused on looking in depth at past year. Items noted:

• Accountability and growth – firmer stance on attendance and deadlines – have seen growth in student ownership

• Staff morale and commitment - staff continues to show up for kids and each other • PLC's have gained focus – aligning instruction to state standards

JH Principal, Eric Jones: Items noted:

• Student Council Bake Sale – big success

• NCK Tech Field Trip – thanked Nicol Parde for setting up the trip

• 1st, 2nd, 3rd place results were included in the report – lots of success

• League Track will be held Thursday at Beloit

• Science classes have a new weather station

• New dumbbell weights have been ordered-will have for summer weights

East Principal, Katie Struebing: Written report provided. Items noted:

• Field trips are about halfway done

• Preschool Peek – next year class will be larger than current class – mid 20 range

• Held district collaboration time prior to the track meet in April

Maintenance/Transportation, Andy Horner: No written report.

• Ordering supplies for summer projects

• Will be installing the remaining bleacher seats

• Playground equipment scheduled for June 9th

• Gym Floor scheduled for June 2nd

Superintendent Tami Knedler: Items discussed:

• Thanked board members for their attendance at graduation

• Raised approx. \$3500 in the Fund the Future Campaign – do not have final amount with the match included

• Tabletop exercise with

Pike Valley and Emergency Response staff in looking at various emergency scenarios

• 6-month KESA check in on May 14th

• League Sportsmanship trophy was shared with the board

OPAA Food Service Report, Cindi Dockins. Written report provided.

• Finishing up the Jr. Chef program

• Catered prom and made desserts for the FFA banquet

• Will be a Certified Training District for OPAA next year

Approval of Republished Budget:

The board approved the amended budget as published and presented.

Approval of Bid for the Jr. Sr. HS Entrances:

Bids were received from Budreau Construction and Icon Structures, Inc. for the entrance projects at the Jr. Sr. High School. Central Mechanical provided a quote to move the ducts and unit on the east side for no more than \$10,500. This is in addition to the bid for the project.

The board approved the lower bid from Budreau Construction (\$222,874).

HERD Goals (Strategic Plan)

Superintendent Knedler presented the HERD (H-Human Resources, E-Education, R-Relationships, D-Dollar) goals and action plans comprising the district's strategic plan. The HERD goals will be posted to the website with links to the actions plans. The board is to review and final plan will be approved at the June board meeting.

BOE Committees and HERD Goals:

Superintendent Knedler and Chris Pachta asked the board to consider realigning board committees to align with the HERD goals and to use the board committees more effectively. Would look at making changes at the July organizational board meeting.

Cardiac Emergency Plan- First Read.

School nurse, Alexis Junek, took the lead in developing the cardiac emergency plan presented. The plan is a requirement of policy EBBG. The board was asked to review and final approval will take place at the June board meeting.

2025-2026 School Fees:

The board approved changes to include increasing band fee to \$100, daycare fees increasing by \$1/day and breakfast and lunch prices increasing by .10 cents.

East Student and Staff Handbook Revisions- First Read:

Katie Struebing explained changes made to the East Elementary Student and Staff handbooks. The board will review and approval will be made at the June board meeting.

Disposal of Equipment.

Superintendent Knedler shared a list of equipment for possible disposal. Equipment included a tractor, backhoe, aerator, trailer, and vehicle. The trailer and vehicle are still being considered and may not be sold. The board was asked to approve the disposal of the equipment as needed.

The board approved the possible disposal of the listed items as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

We, the specialty crop growers of Republic County, ask that those applying Dicamba products in our neighborhood be mindful of the potential harm Dicamba can inflict on our crops, which make up all or part of our livelihood. For information on crop location please go to Driftwatch.com or call

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