

DEEDS FILED

Quit Claim Deed: Dale L. Kopsa and Vicki A. Kopsa to Kevin Dee Wright. Lots 17, 18, 19, 20 and S 123' of Lot 21, Block 8, OT, Agenda.

Warranty Deed: Sherry L. Day to Julius Wade Johnson. N ½ S ½ Lot 2, Block 16, Hogin's Addition, Belleville.

Quit Claim Deed: Larry Bruner and Anna Bruner to Julius Wade Johnson. Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block 18, Simonds Addition, Belleville.

Quit Claim Deed: Juanita F. Ashby to Julius Wade Johnson. E 75' of Lots 3 and 4, except W 3' in Block 40, OT Belleville; and W 28' of Lots 3 and 4, Block 40, OT, Belleville; and Lots 21 and 22, Block 32, Simonds Addition, Belleville.

REPUBLIC COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

CRIMINAL

Matthew Austin Lee Eitzmann, Belleville, entered no contest to a charge of misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. As part of a plea agreement, a felony charge of possession of methamphetamine was dismissed. Defendant granted six months supervised probation to run concurrently with a case in Cloud County, ordered to pay fines and costs of \$543.

LIMITED CIVIL

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC versus Roger Mattson, Courtland, case filed.

Midland Credit Management versus Emily Sole, Belleville, case filed.

Woden Finance versus John Pollard, Belleville, case filed.

Beatrice Community Hospital versus Logan Roberts and Townya Roberts, Munden, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$1,211 plus interest and costs.

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC versus Judith Kuchera, Belleville, case dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Randall Swiercinsky, Belleville, and Melissa Ann Anderson, Concordia, license issued.

John Pollard, Belleville, and Nakita Mohler, Belleville, license issued.

REPUBLIC COUNTY SHERIFF

July 12
Queen RD and 70, one vehicle accident involving Derek Worm, Courtland, driving a 2009 Chevy. The report said the vehicle was westbound on Queen RD and the driver swerved to miss a train on the tracks. The vehicle drove to the south and struck a tree. The report said the driver tried to remove the vehicle without contacting law enforcement. 1300 block of 28th ST for two vehicle non-injury accident. Drivers requested no report.

Person assist on US81 at Marle RD.

1200 block of 180 RD for report of harassment.

Deputy took informational report from citizen.

July 13
Deputy and BPD took report of a domestic not in progress.

2100 block of Q ST for report of domestic in progress.

800 block of K ST for commercial alarm.

2200 block of Meridian RD

to assist with 911 call.

Deputy transported transient to Nebraska state line.

Deputy and BPD took informational report from citizen.

July 14
Deputy and BPD responded to 300 block of 4th ST in Scandia for commercial alarm. Everything found to be okay.

1300 block of US81 to assist with 911 call.

Vehicle-deer accident.

Civil standby in 200 block of Kansas ST in Scandia.

Deputy conducted prisoner transport.

July 15
500 block of US36 for report of a stray animal. No owner located.

Deputy conducted prisoner transport.

300 block of M ST for a report of damage to property.

Fir RD near 200 RD for report of cattle out. No cattle located in the area.

1400 block of 90 RD for report of suspicious subject. No one located in area.

July 17
Deputies and BPD responded to the 1300 block of US81 for two vehicle accident.

Motorist assist on US81 near Ash RD.

300 block of Kansas AV in Scandia for report of vehicle-deer accident.

Vehicle-deer accident on K-266 at Nickel RD involving David Weir, Scandia, driving a 2011 Chevy.

July 18
Deputy and BPD responded to 1100 block of 18th ST for domestic in progress.

260 RD near Queen RD for a two vehicle accident involving Ryan Jeardoe, Belleville, driving a 2021 Case. The report said the vehicle was northbound on 260 RD when an unknown red vehicle traveling southbound ran the Case off the RD, damaging the guard rail owned by the State of Kansas.

1000 block of 90 RD to take an informational report.

400 block of S Main ST in Munden for suspicious subject. Contact was made with subject and advised not to return.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 21
PAPERS SERVED: 6

REPUBLIC COUNTY SHERIFF

July 14
Dustin Monson, admitted by Republic County Sheriff on suspicion of no liability insurance, speeding, suspended license.

BELLEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

July 15
Truck fire at 19th and G St at 9:20 p.m.

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

July 8
27th and K St. for two vehicle non injury accident. Report taken.

July 9
807 23rd reference a disturbance.

July 10
807 23rd reference a disturbance.

1356 HWY 81 for a report of theft of fuel. Under investigation.

July 13
2400 block of G St. for a report of a disturbance.

Rocky Pond area for a report of possible damage. Upon investigation the parties were located and the situation was resolved with no charges.

July 17
1400 block of M St. for a disturbance. No criminal activity occurred.

Intersection of US81 and 7th St. for a two vehicle non injury accident. A 2022 Dodge Ram driven by Ken Oard of Wyoming was traveling east on 7th and failed to yield to a south bound 1998 Peterbilt driven by Chris Pineda of Oklahoma.

July 18
1100 block of 18th for a report of a disturbance. Parties were located and admitted to arguing. No criminal action reported to officers.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 8
VIN INSPECTIONS: 8

REPUBLIC COUNTY COMMISSION

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 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. Others attending the meeting were Kelvin Blecha, Levi Whitley, Faye Jones, Nathan Craig, Ken Robbins, and Dave Cox.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$1,269,061.97.

Kay Shoemaker presented for signatures the Semi-annual reports for Kansas Department of Commerce for RCD loans.

The open house for Central Valley Ag (CVA) will be Monday July 28 starting at 11 a.m. Splichal suggested that the commission end their meeting that day at 10:30 a.m. to attend the opening.

Randy Hofmeier, auditor from Lindberg Vogel Ferris Paris, joined via conference call. Hofmeier explained the updated proposed budget and suggested that the Road and Bridge director work with Clerk Marsicek for possible reductions in order to reduce the increase in mills for 2026. Hofmeier will call Clerk Marsicek on Tuesday for updated numbers.

Levy Whitley-EMS Director and Dawn Kasl, Emergency Preparedness Director from the Republic County hospital presented a report on the Kids Safety camp that was held at the fairgrounds from July 8 to July 10. Kasl reported that 94 different kids from 41 families attended the camp.

Whitley announced that the new ambulance will be picked up this week from Missouri.

Whitley announced that EMS crews have responded to 70 transfers so far in 2025.

Whitley presented a proposed wage scale for 2026 with the addition of two new steps that employees can achieve.

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

• Robbins delivered the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.

• Robbins reported that vandalism occurred to 280 Rd between Jade and King. The damage has been reported to the sheriff's office and the damaged area has been repaired.

• Robbins announced that long-time employee Mike Wickstrum will retire on July 24th.

• Robbins notified the commissioners that he will

be out of town for a few days and that Nathan Craig will take charge of the Road and Bridge departments.

• Robbins presented for approval Resolution No. 2025-09JW, an agreement between Republic County and Jewell County to maintain the roads that border between the counties.

Jewell County Commissioners, Ed Duskie, Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood, and Clerk Myka Zadina joined via phone to discuss the resolution details.

Hearing no objections to the wording of the resolution, the board approved Resolution 2025-09JW. Jewell County will sign the original and send via email to Republic County to sign. A completed agreement will be sent back to Jewell County.

Susan Aaron, Deputy Director of Emergency Management, presented for signatures a tower rent agreement between Republic County and Jerry Strnad.

At 10:00 a.m., the Public Safety Building committee joined the meeting. Attending the meeting were Doug Garman, Melvin Jeardoe, Jimmie Blecha, Joel Cates, Warren Sutton, and Curtis Housholder. Attending in person from the Goldberg Associates were Larry Goldberg, Sydney Goldberg and Brad Homman. Joining via phone conference from Gilmore Bell and Raymond James were Greg VanBuren and Kevin Cowan.

Larry Goldberg presented a new timeline calendar to meet the deadlines of including a special question on the November General election ballot and processing the bond approval.

VanBuren and Cowen explained the process of passing resolutions to establish a Public Building Committee, creating a Charter Resolution to put a question on the November 2025 ballot. A sample of the wording for the question on the ballot and publication notices to the public were sent for review.

Discussion was held regarding the distance from a Law Enforcement center and any schools or daycare. This information is necessary when securing a location.

The phone conference ended at 10:50 a.m. and further discussion continued regarding updates on a location.

At 11:10 a.m., the board recessed into executive session for reason of land acquisition for 15 minutes to review locations. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Public Safety building committee, Sheriff Cox, Raymond Raney, Goldberg, Goldman, Homman, and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 20 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:35 a.m., taking no action.

The date for the next committee meeting will be held when the current Commissioners have a definite location approved for the Public Safety Building.

Clerk Marsicek presented a wage increase for longevity for Travis Boyer for four years of employment.

Jerry Strnad, renter of the county transmission tower, expressed desires to continue to rent the use of the transmitter and does not want the tower moved from the current location.

Raney returned to meeting as requested an executive session for security reasons.

At 12:15 p.m., the board recessed into executive session for reasons of security in the courthouse for 10 minutes regarding safety in the courthouse. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Raney.

The board reconvened at 12:25 p.m., taking no action.

Patrick Comstock, Courthouse custodian, shared with the commissioners that the contractor for garage has not made any arrangements to start the removal and replacement of the garage. The understanding when awarding the bid was that the project would be completed in July. The commissioners advised Comstock to contact the contractor for an update on the project.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

PIKE VALLEY/USD 427

The regular Board of Education meeting for USD 426 was held July 14..

President Bryan Rickard called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by Board members Sharon Segerhammar, John Garman, President Bryan Rickard, Superintendent/Elementary Principal Mike Gritten, Troy Carlgren, Mason Runft, and Principal Jeremy Miller. Board member Troy Isaacson was absent.

John Garman was elected board president; Mason Runft as vice president.

The consent agenda was approved:

- a. Approve Minutes of June 9th Regular Meeting and June 16th Budget Amendment Hearing and Meeting
- b. Approve Donations
- c. Approve Financial Reports and Payment of Bills
- d. Approve closeout year end transfers for 2024-25
- e. Appointments:

1. Board Clerk -- Morgan Barnhart, Deputy Clerk—Amanda Jensen;. Board Treasurer—Paul Kallman; Board Attorney—Jeff Thompson Law Office; Swedish American State Bank and Astra Bank as depositories for school district funds; the Courtland Journal as the USD 426 official newspaper for publication of legal notices; Mike Gritten as the Homeless Children Representative; Jeremy Miller and Mike Gritten as truant officers; Mike Gritten as Compliance Officer; Morgan Barnhart and Amanda Jensen as the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Representatives; Mike Gritten as the Officer to apply for and receive all Federal Funds; Rescind all policy actions and pass a resolution to adopt all current written policies for the 2025-26 school year as suggested by KASB legal counsel; Approval of Home Rule Resolution for the 2025-26 school year; Resolution regarding non-discrimination; Mike Gritten as the consolidated plan program coordinator for the 2025-26 school year; Designate Amanda Jensen as the determining official for free/ reduced priced meal applications; establish school activity funds and assign Jeremy Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, as custodian of the jr/sr high school activity fund; Mike Gritten, Elementary Principal, as custodian of the elementary activity fund's Mike Gritten as the Freedom of Information Officer; continue petty cash funds in the amounts of \$500 each at

the Superintendent's office and elementary school office and \$2000 at the Jr/Sr High School office; Adoption of the waiver requirements for generally accepted accounting principles (K.S.A. 75-1120a); resolution authorizing the 1116 hour plan; Mike Gritten as the food service representative and hearing official; authorizing the destruction of records (K.S.A. 72-5369 K.S.A. 72-5370) for the 2025-26 school year; Approve Food Service Program for the 2025-26 school year; Approve shared services with LCNCK; Approve the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA); Approve federal mileage rate reimbursement of .70 cents per mile; Approve out of district enrollment requests; Approve agreement with Republic County Health Department for yearly checkups; continue with most updated wellness policy; Approve membership to School for Quality Education; Approve membership to Smoky Hill Educational Service Center to include Crisis Management and E Rate

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The board entered executive session at 8:17 p.m. for two minutes to discuss non-elected personnel; Entering into executive session were Board members, Superintendent/Principal Mike Gritten and Principal Jeremy Miller. The Board returned to open session at 8:19 p.m.

The board approved the use of Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment results in building the 2025-26 budget; approved the resignation of Josh Garst, Custodial and Head of Transportation; approved the hire of Ryan Sothers, Assistant Jr. High Football Coach; approved the hire of Aaron Swanson, Assistant Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach; Sharon Segerhammar and Mason Runft to the Negotiations Committee; appoint Bryan Rickard to the Wellness Committee to notify the county of Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Mr. Miller presented the Jr/ Sr High School Principal's report.

Mr. Gritten presented the Elementary Principal's report.

Mr. Gritten presented the Superintendent's report which included the following items: Remaining Bond funds and projects, Weight Room Updates, and KCTC reporting.

The board voted to approve updates to the weight room as presented. 5-0.

The meeting adjournment time was 8:45 p.m. Those in attendance at the July 14, 2025 Board of Education meeting were the above Board members, Superintendent/Principal Mike Gritten, Principal Jeremy Miller, Katy Duryea, Crystal Lieb, Randy Ainsworth, and Business Manager/Board Clerk Morgan Barnhart.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Courtland Kansas

OPEN HOUSE

7.28.25

CVA CENTRAL VALLEY AG

Please join us for the CVA Courtland Hub Open House on July 28, 2025 at the new state-of-the-art facility located at 240 US Hwy 36 in Courtland, KS. The presentation will begin at 11:00 a.m. with trolley tours and door prizes to follow.

10:30 AM Registration
11:00 AM Special Remarks
12:00 PM Lunch & Refreshments
1 - 6 PM Trolley Tours & Door Prize Drawings

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