THE BELLEVILLE TELESCOPE ■ THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

REPUBLIC COUNTY SHERIFF

August 9

Responded to Highway 81 near Fir Road for a Non-Injury Auto Accident. Report taken.

Responded to Highway 81 near Rock Road for a report of Cattle Out. No cattle were located in the area. No report needed.

August 10

Conducted a Prisoner Transport. No report needed.

August 11

Responded to Highway 81 near mile marker 211 for a Driving Complaint. Vehicle was not located in the area.

August 12

Deputy and BPD conducted a Welfare Check in the 800 block of Main Street in Courtland. Individual was found to be ok. Report was taken.

August 13

Responded to Highway 36 near 130 Road for a report of Transient. Contact made with individual. Individual found to be ok. No report needed.

Conducted a Person Assist in the 200 block of Washington Street in Scandia. Report was taken.

August 14

Conducted a Prisoner Transport. No report need-

Deputy and BPD responded to the 2500 block of O Street to assist with 911 Call. No report needed.

August 15

Responded to the 600 block of 3rd Street in Scandia for Property Found. Report was taken.

Subject turned himself in at Republic County Courthouse on a Probation Violation. Deputy took subject into custody. Report taken.

Deputies responded to the 1100 block of Highway 81 for a report of

Possible threat or Harassment. Report unfounded.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 17 PAPERS SERVED: 2

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 6

Responded to a two vehicle non injury accident located at 1356 HWY 81.

Responded to a two-vel cle injury accident located at 81 and Marble Rd. Republic County Sheriff took the report.

August 8

Responded to the 1700 block of G St. for a report of damage to property and possible burglary. Under investigation.

August 9

Responded to the 2500 block of N St. for a report of a disturbance. All parties contacted and no criminal action was present.

August 10

Property found from a citizen. Owner was located property returned. No criminal action occurred.

August 12

Responded to the 1300 block of 28th St. for a report of suspicious person. Subject contacted no criminal activity occurred.

Assisted the Sheriff's Office with a suspicious per-

Support These

Upcoming School Events:

Thursday, August 21

sons call in Courtland. August 13

Responded to the 21st and Q St. area for barking dogs. Owner located situation resolved.

August 15

Responded to the 2400 block of G St. for a report of a hit and run accident. A parked unoccupied vehicle was struck by and unknown vehicle. Under investigation.

August 16

Responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of O St. No criminal action occurred.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 21 VIN INSPECTIONS: 18

REPUBLIC COUNTY JAIL

August 2

Ethan Carl, admitted by Republic County Sheriff on suspicion of possession of controlled substance, speeding, suspended license. Bond \$1,500.

August 3

Joseph Armstrong, admitted by Belleville Police Department on suspicion of driving under the influence.

August 8 Clarence Geisler admitted for probation violation.

REPUBLIC COUNTY **COMMISSION**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 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

Pastor Kevin Weston, Zion Evangelical Church of Munden, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to approve the minutes from August 4th Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$289,841.15.

Susan Aaron, Deputy Director of Emergency Management, announced that there will be a LEPC meeting on August 26th in the commissioners' board room from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Splichal called County Attorney Justin Ferrell regarding an update on contract for land acquisition. Ferrell stated that he has not completed the contract yet.

Molly Potuzak, Molly Williams, Jennifer Russell. and Isaac Morris (Nex-Generation Intern) from Belleville Mainstreet joined the meeting so Morris could present his analysis for updates to the downtown Belleville

area.

Morris presented a brochure showing his Downtown Vision Plan. The design would include midblock crosswalks, interactive reflecting pool, opening up areas for street market vendors and bioswales areas through the square.

Commissioner Splichal thanked Morris for his work and details that went into the presentation.

Raymond Raney, Director of Communications and Sandee Swanson, Register of Deeds, joined the meeting.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to recess into executive session for land acquisition exemption for 10 minutes regarding land transfers. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Raney, and Swanson.

The board reconvened at 9:55 a.m., taking no action. Nathan Craig presented for review the Highway, Transportation, Bridge, and Solid Waste information.

- Craig delivered the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Craig stated that the bridge on Timber Road is complete except for the railing and extra dirt to raise the road to the bridge.
- The subgrade preparation for the new garage will be performed by the road and bridge department.
- The scrub sealing on 10 Rd is scheduled for the last week in August.
- · Craig presented for signatures a utility agreement between JBN Telephone and Republic County to install and operate a fiber optic cable in Sec 1 Twp 1S

· Craig presented to Commissioner Splichal a picture from Foley Equipment of a PURPLE road grader.

Clerk Marsicek shared an email from Faye Jones, Health Department Administrator, regarding the quote on the windows for the Health Department from Jackson Glass. Since the original quote was outdated, a new quote for an additional \$2,000 was presented. The new total for the window project will be \$22,689.00. The consensus of the commissioners is to approve the new quote from Jackson

Glass. With the regular agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 18, 2025, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners' boardroom.

REPUBLIC COUNTY/ **USD 109**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Republic County Unified School District No. 109 was held at the Administration Office on August 11, 2025. Board members present: Brady

Alexander, Brent Martin, Brian McCartney, Mike Kollath, Edward Sandberg, and Laura Leite. Also present were Superintendent Tami Knedler, Maintenance Director Andy Horner, Principals Eric Jones, Lindsay Cravens, and Katie Struebing and appointed deputy clerk, Laurie Kasl. Board member Chris Pachta was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Brent Martin at 7:30

Appointment of Deputy Clerk:

Laurie Kasl was appointed temporary Deputy Clerk. **Approval of Payment of**

Claims. The board approved the payment of claims for \$423,877.95.

Comments from USD 109 Patrons:

The Class of 1975, represented by Deb Krotz and Ann Bebermeyer, would like to provide a "neutral" type gift to the district of a community timeline placed on acrylic sign boards to be placed above the triangular trophy case on the northside of the hallway. Brian McCartney, Tranda Strnad, USD 109 Employees, Apple One Media, and Alan Sheets have worked with the Class of 1975 on the project. Class representatives presented a check to USD 109 to cover the costs of this timeline.

Administrative Reports: Athletic Director, Alan

Sheets and Eric Jones: Written report provided. Eric Jones added that the HUDL contract will need to be renewed at the end of this year. They are negotiating price now.

Maintenance/Transporta-

tion Director, Andy Horner: Andy gave an update on the various summer projects that are near completion or completed. He also updated the board on the Phase monitors and informed them about the delay for the new activity bus.

Superintendent, Tami Knedler:

Written report was provided. Items highlighted were as follows:

Teachers are back on duty. Each year Tami has issued a challenge to staff. The challenge for this year is

to "Choose your Hard". **Business Items and** Reports:

HERD Goal - R Update (Needs Assessment).

Tami Knedler, Katie Struebing, and Eric Jones provided the report.

R-Relationships is part of the HERD Strategic Plan. They are focusing on two goals:

1. Establish and implement district attendance protocol and expectations.

2. Ensure individual student connections in the school setting. "Who's your person?" Both of these goals will be tracked PK-12. There are no direct costs for the Relationship Goals, however the district will ensure that both time and resources are available to accomplish the district goals.

Approval of Publishing Notice of Hearing for Budget and RNR Hearing.

A copy of the notice of hearing for the budget and RNR hearings were provided to the board. The hearings will take place on September 8 prior to the regular board meeting.

Change Orders - C4 Project:

Two change orders totaling \$25,230.50 have been

submitted by Budreau and Schwab Eaton. Change order 1. Addresses the adjustment that was made to accommodate the originally determined length of heated pavement. Change order 2. Addresses a payment request to compensate **Budreau Construction costs** for the additional volume of

Board members acknowledged the letter from Wil Mann of Schwab Eaton dated 6 August 2025, discussed elements that lead up to the change orders; expected, unexpected and contingency costs, along with potential courses of action.

concrete removal.

The board voted to table any action until more detailed information from Schwab Eaton can be attained.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

Ask A Pastor

Presenting biblical answers to tough questions

Q: I know the Bible says I'm supposed to let go of anger and bitterness. But I can't seem to do that. Does Scripture ever specifically tell us HOW to let go of abger and bitterness?

A: That is an important element, isn't it? The commands and instructions of Scripture are often easier to make out than the process for doing so. But the process is there, and careful sifting can draw it out.

To start, let's set some definitions. Anger is our natural, emotional response to perceived injustice. It alerts us when life doesn't seem fair, so that the injustice can be resolved. It's not wrong to feel anger but we must process it quickly and properly so that it doesn't lead to sin or turn sour (Ephesians 4:26-27).

If anger is allowed to settle into our heart it can turn into bitterness. Bitterness is a very caustic emotion; it eats into our soul, doing far more damage to us then the person we're bitter with. Bitterness is an emotional wound that MUST be cleansed and healed (Hebrews 12:15).

Now to the how. If anger and bitterness are caused by a lack of justice then the solution is to identify the situation that made us angry and resolve the injustice itself. This is the major sticking point of anger and bitterness; if we feel unable to resolve an unjust situation, anger remains. But God has given us the power to resolve injustice, so that we don't have to remain deadlocked (Romans 12:19; 1 Peter 2:23).

Some human means for resolving injustice include: personal discussion and appeal (Matthew 18:15), mediation (Matthew 18:16-17; 1 Corinthians 6:1-5), and government (Romans 13:3-4). However, if these corrective measures fail to provide us with justice and resolution, we can still entrust the situation to God and forgive the offender, because, eventually, He will make all things right (Genesis 18:25)

Resolving the wrong done by any of the means listed above resolves our feelings of anger and bitterness and replaces them with peace and rest. This is what it means to "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, and clamor be put away from you," (Ephesians 4:31). A pastor, biblical counselor, or nature Christian may sometimes be needed to help walk through this process.

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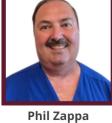
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Play Audtions 7 pm Friday, August 22 Falls Sports Preview

Saturday, August 23 HS VB Jamboree @ Concordia 9 am

starting at 5 pm

Sunday, August 24 FCCLA Take Aim - Manhattan

Monday, August 25 FCCLA Take Aim - Manhattan reshman Parent Night 6:30 pm East Site Council 5 pm Play Auditions 7 pm

> Tuesday, August 26 Play Read Through 7 pm



Kansas State University North Central Kansas Experiment Field Fall Field Day Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Location: Intersection of 60 RD and HWY 36 3 miles East of Courtland

Topics: Harnessing Drone Technology for Precision Agriculture Deepak Joshi

-OR- 2.5 miles West of Scandia

Precision Weed Management Sarah Lancaster No Luck, Just Logic: How Technology Breeds Better

Free dinner after presentations

Soybeans

Bill Schapaugh



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