

REPUBLIC COUNTY SHERIFF

August 16
Responded to the 800 block of 12th Street for a report of Transient. Transient was not located in the area. No report needed.

Responded to the 1400 block of Highway K-148 for a report of transient on private property. Report taken.

August 17
Deputy and BPD responded to the 800 block of K Street for a Commercial Alarm. Everything was found to be ok. No report needed.

August 18
Conducted Warrant Service. One male subject was arrested and transported to the Republic County Jail. Report taken.

Deputy and BPD responded to the 1600 block of N Street for a report of an Assault Not in Progress. Situation was handled by officers. No report was needed.

August 19
Conducted Prisoner Transport. No report was needed.

Conducted an Agency Assist in the 400 block of 80 Road. Report was taken.

Deputy and BPD responded to the 300 block of Baird Street in Cuba for a report of a Verbal Disturbance. Reports filed by both agencies.

August 20
Responded to 130 Road near Highway 36 for a Driving Complaint. Vehicle was not located in the area. No report needed.

August 21
Deputy Conducted Prisoner Transport. No report needed.

Deputy Responded to Highway 36 near 280 Road for a report of a Traffic Hazard. Debris were removed from the roadway. No report needed.

Transported Transient from the Washington County Line to the Jewell County Line. No report needed.

Responded to the 200 block of Freedom Street in Courtland for a Report of Harassment. Deputies were unable to locate the subject in the area. No report needed.

August 22
Responded to the 400 Block of Liberty Street in Courtland for a report of a suspicious subject. Deputies spoke with the subject and gave a verbal warning. No report needed

Responded to a car-deer accident on Highway K-148 near 110 Road. No injuries. Report taken.

Responded to a driving complaint on Highway 81 near Highway 36. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle near Scandia. No report filed.

Responded to Delmar Street in Agenda concerning a missing vehicle. Vehicle was later found.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 18
PAPERS SERVED: 6

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 18
Responded to the 1600 block of N St. for a disturbance. Subjects located no criminal action occurred.

August 19
Responded to the 2400 block of P St. for a report of disorderly conduct. Subject left property no further issues.

Assisted Deputy with a disturbance call in Cuba.

August 20
Responded to a noise complaint in the 1700 block of 15th St. No criminal action located.

Responded to the 1200 block of M St. for a report of theft. Under investigation.

August 21
Responded to the 800 block of 9th St. for a report of damage to property. Under investigation.

August 22
Responded to the 1600 block of N St. for a report of damage to a window. No damage or persons were located.

Responded to the 1300 block of US81 HWY for a report of Fraud and Theft by deception. Under Investigation.

August 23
Responded to the 1100 block of 28th for a report of a verbal dispute. No criminal action occurred.

Responded to the 900 block of 18th for a verbal dispute. No criminal action occurred.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 5
VIN INSPECTIONS: 12

REPUBLIC COUNTY COMMISSION

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 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. Katy Duryea, 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.

Pastor Paul Osborne, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from August 11th. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Marsicek introduced Rebecka Dake as her new employee starting today, August 18. Dake's starting wage is \$15.25 per hour.

Commissioner Splichal asked the other commissioners if the September 8th meeting could be moved to Tuesday, September 9th. The consensus of the commissioners is to move the September 8th meeting to September 9th.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, explained there was an issue with the courthouse generator last Thursday. Comstock contacted Generac customer service, and a tech will be in Belleville today to evaluate the issue with the generator.

Representatives from the North Central Kansas Fair board and the Belleville High Banks race board joined the meeting to present reports of the annual fair and races. Attending were Drew Erkenbrack, James Doyle, Preston Cheely from the Belleville High Banks and Conrad Trost and Kelvin Blecha from the Fair Board.

Both boards reported that the crowds exceeded their estimated numbers and that the weather was great for both activities.

Commissioner Splichal expressed his gratitude and thanks to both boards for a successful fair and race presentation. Commissioner Splichal presented for signature the agreement between the two boards and Republic County to assist with the enforcement of parking during all future fairs.

At 9:55 a.m., Comstock asked the commissioners to join him at the generator to visit with the Generac service technician regarding the issues with the generator. Tech explained that the generator was not receiving enough fuel to operate properly and recommended additional regulators be

installed. The commissioners gave permission for the equipment needed to be installed.

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

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

• Craig reported that the water is draining properly on 70 Rd after the ditches were redone and vegetation will be planted to hold the ditch from eroding.

• Craig shared that several complaints have been received about irrigation sprinklers spraying onto the roadways. The farmers have been contacted to correct the mechanical issues of the sprinklers.

• Craig reported that the subgrade for the new garage has been packed, and the contractor will be pouring the footing today, August 18.

• Craig explained that Ergon will meet with the road department on Wednesday, August 20 to train employees in regard to the scrub seal that will be placed on 10 Rd in September.

Attending the Public Safety Building committee meeting were Doug Garman, Melvin Jeardoe, Joel Cates, Tami Buckley, Curtis Housholder, Warren Sutton, Jimmie Blecha, Sheriff Dave Cox, Raymond Raney, and Brad Hammon from Goldberg Associates.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve the wording of the question for the November ballot and to inquire of the current commissioners if a location has been decided on if the questions pass on the election.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Jackson made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisition for 10 minutes regarding location. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, members of the public Safety building committee, Clerk Marsicek and Dake. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes to finish the session.

The board reconvened at 10:50 a.m., taking no action.

After reviewing the proposed wording for the Charter Resolution No. 2025-21 with the ballot question submitted by the bonding company, Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to approve the Charter Resolution. The addition of the exact address of the building is to be added when the address has been created by Raney. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to open the delinquent solid waste landlord hearing to order. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion which Commissioner Eitzmann made unanimous. Attending the hearing in addition to the Public Safety committee were Susan Aaron and Nathan Craig. Aaron presented a list of 6 names of landlords affected by the delinquency penalty.

Hearing no protests to the delinquent penalties, at 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to close the delinquent solid waste landlord hearing. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion which Commissioner Eitzmann made unanimous.

Garman suggested that town hall meetings be organized to explain to the citizens the need to build a Public Safety building, design of the building, costs involved and plans to cover the expense. It was suggested to put an interview on the radio. Goldberg Associates

will prepare a video to be shown at the meetings.

Clerk Marsicek presented an IRS mileage report showing that the mileage rate to use personal vehicles is \$0.70 per mile. The current rate of reimbursement in Republic County is \$0.60 per mile. The consensus of the commissioners is to remain at the current rate at least through 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

PIKE VALLEY/USD 426

President John Garman called the Budget Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m. Roll call was answered by Board Members Sharon Segerhammar, Troy Isaacson, President John Garman, Superintendent/Elementary Principal Mike Gritten, Troy Carlgren, Mason Runft, and Principal Jeremy Miller. Board Member Bryan Rickard was absent.

The Budget Hearing for the 2025-2026 school year for Unified School District #426 was held at 8:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office in Scandia, Monday, August 18, 2025.

Mr. Gritten reported on and went over the 2025-2026 Budget. There were no questions from the public.

Sharon Segerhammar moved, seconded by Mason Runft to adjourn the Budget Hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual.

President John Garman called the regular Board of Education meeting for UD 426 to order at 8:30 p.m. Roll call was answered by Board Members Sharon Segerhammar, Troy Isaacson, President John Garman, Superintendent/Elementary Principal Mike Gritten, Troy Carlgren, Mason Runft, and Principal Jeremy Miller. Board Member Bryan Rickard was absent.

Troy Carlgren moved, seconded by Mason Runft to adopt the agenda and the additions/corrections as listed below. Motion passed 5-0.

"Item 4. New Board Member

Item 11. New Business

J. Concessions Sponsor Hire"

Sharon Segerhammar moved, seconded by Troy Carlgren to approve Josey Hammer to fill the remainder of the term for the current vacant Board Member position starting immediately. Motion passed 5-0.

Sharon Segerhammar moved, seconded by Mason Runft to adopt the Local Option Budget (LOB) Resolution. Motion passed 6-0.

Troy Isaacson moved, seconded by Troy Carlgren to adopt the 2025-2026 Pike Valley USD 426 Budget as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Community Member and School Volunteer Jim Bohling spoke to the Board Members to advocate for the purchasing of additional air purifiers for the Ag Shop and finishing the Dust Collection System for a more adequate design and setup for the Ag Shop space.

Troy Isaacson moved, seconded by Mason Runft to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

The following is approved:

a. Approve Minutes of July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting

b. Approve Donations

c. Approve Financial Reports and Payment of Bills

Curriculum Corner presented by Mr. Gritten and Mr. Miller over the XELLO CTE Software both schools will be utilizing for student planning regarding further education.

Troy Isaacson moved, seconded by Sharon Segerhammar to enter executive session at 8:55 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel matters

for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual.

Motion passed 6-0. Entering into executive session were Board members, Superintendent/Principal Mike Gritten and Principal Jeremy Miller. The Board returned to open session at 9:17 p.m.

Josey Hammer moved, seconded by Sharon Segerhammar to enter executive session at 9:17 p.m. for five minutes to discuss personnel matters for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0. Entering into executive session were Board members, Superintendent/Principal Mike Gritten and Principal Jeremy Miller. The Board returned to open session at 9:23 p.m.

Mr. Gritten presented to the board members the options of pursuing the purchases of a 10-passenger van or a 14-passenger bus. No action was taken.

Troy Carlgen moved, seconded by Mason Runft to approve the hire of Randy Ainsworth and Morgan Barnhart as Co-Transportation Directors. Motion passed 6-0.

Troy Isaacson moved, seconded by Sharon Segerhammar to approve Josey Hammer as the Delegate for the KASB state convention. Motion passed 6-0.

Troy Isaacson moved, seconded by Josey Hammer to approve Mike Gritten and Jeremy Miller as Title IX Coordinator and Investigators for FY 2025-2026. Motion passed 6-0.

Mason Runft moved, seconded by Troy Isaacson to approve the hire of Lesli Jaimes as an Elementary At-Risk Aide. Motion passed 6-0.

Josey Hammer moved, seconded by Sharon Segerhammar to approve the hire of Tony Bivens, Kelli Johnston, Kathy Melby, and Leslie Jaimes as transportation route drivers of passenger vehicles. Motion passed 6-0.

Sharon Segerhammar moved, seconded by Troy Carlgren to approve the hire of Leann Strnad as Jr/ Sr High Custodian. Motion passed 6-0.

Troy Isaacson moved, seconded by Mason Runft to approve the bids as presented for the Football Practice Field Sprinkler system. Motion passed 6-0.

No action was taken to approve the increase of District Health Insurance Share for Monthly Premiums for a Single Employee Health plan for the 2025-26 year and tabled the discussion.

Mason Runft moved, seconded by Josey Hammer to approve the hire of Jackie Cooper as Concessions Sponsor. Motion passed 6-0.

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: Transportation Updates, Weight Room Updates, Building Needs Assessment and State Assessments.

Troy Carlgren moved, seconded by Troy Isaacson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjournment time was 9:52 p.m. Those in attendance at the August 18, 202t Board of Education meeting and Budget Hearing were the above Board members, Superintendent/Principal Mike Gritten, Principal Jeremy Miller, Randy Ainsworth, Crystal Lieb, Fred Arnold, and Business Manager/Board Clerk Morgan Barnhart.

Ask A Pastor

Presenting biblical answers to tough questions

Q: What are the gospels and how are they different from epistles?

A: Great question! Because the Bible is such a unique book there are many facts about it that we can only know by asking. We should never be afraid to ask something we don't know. Asking is, after all, the only way for us to find out!

The first four books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) are commonly referred to as the four gospels. Mark even refers to his work as a gospel in the first verse. The fact that they are called "gospels" means that these accounts are announcements of good news. We could call them testimonials or witness statements to the character and work of Jesus Christ. They present 4 distinct narrative accounts of Christ's earthly ministry and teachings, and all four included detailed accounts of His arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection.

We know from the gospels that Christ, after His resurrection, sent out His closest followers to preach the good news and form the church (Matthew 28:18-20). These eleven men (joined later by the Apostle Paul and others) would spend the rest of their lives doing just that. At various points along the way, they would write letters to different groups of Christians. Some of those letters, or epistles, were preserved as special examples of the apostle's teachings. Later those epistles would be collected, along with the gospels, to form what we call the New Testament.

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