

DEEDS FILED

**Warranty Deed:** Cody Palecek and Kim Palecek to Cody Palecek Jr. SE ¼ NW ¼ 16-2-1; S ½ NW ¼ 21-1-2; SW ¼ 21-1-2; NW ¼ 28-1-2; NE ¼ 28-1-2; N ½ NE ¼ 26-1-2.

**Conservator's Deed:** Diana R. Boling to Jacob Comstock and Jacey Comstock. Lot 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Block 3, Laubie's Addition, Belleville.

**Quit Claim Deed:** Danny E. Davis and Tarry R. Davis to Kyle L. Awalt and Shawn N. Awalt. Lot 9, 10 and N 50' of Lot 17, Block 3, Whitney's Addition, Scandia.

**Warranty Deed:** Michael D. Watson to Carter J. White and Shannon E. White. N 50.3' of SW 1/4, Block 58, and S 5' of NW ¼ of Block 58, OT, Belleville; NE ¼, Block 58, OT, Belleville.

**Warranty Deed:** Carolyn J. Packer to Dawn Kasl. Lot 8 and S ½ Lot 7, Subdivision Block 56, OT, Belleville.

**Quit Claim Deed:** Kathryn R. Reynolds to Craig A. Reynolds and Clinton S. Reynolds. N ½ SW ¼ 9-3-1.

**Trustee Deed:** Eleanor A. Zohn Trust to Rodney D. Zohn and Lorita M. Zohn. Undivided ½ interest in E ½ NW ¼; NW ¼ NW ¼; N ½ SW ¼ NW ¼; W ½ NW ¼ NE ¼ 12-4-4; W ½ NW ¼ 8-4-3; undivided one-half interest in N ½ 20-4-3; undivided ½ interest in SW ¼ 28-4-3; SW ¼ 19-4-3; undivided ½ interest in NW ¼ SW ¼ 30-4-3; SW ¼ SW ¼ 30-4-3; undivided ½ interest in S ½ SE ¼ 36-4-4.

**Trustee Deed:** Eleanor A. Zohn Trust to Rebecca L. Reed. SE ¼ 12-4-4; S ½ NE ¼ and N ½ SE ¼ 30-4-3; SE ¼ 24-4-4; NE ¼ NE ¼ and E ½ NW ¼ and W ½ NE ¼ 36-4-4; N ½ SW ¼ 36-4-4; undivided ½ interest in S ½ SE ¼ 36-4-4.

**Quit Claim Deed:** Nathan W. Hine to Anna Marie Breuer and Dennis James Breuer. Lots 9 and 10, Block 3, Peterson's Addition, Courtland, except the W 12' of Lot 9.

**Trustee's Warranty Deed:** Wanda M. Kling Revocable Family Trust Agreement to Donald E. Kling, Roger B. Kling and Gary R. Kling. SE ¼ 22-2-3 except four tracts; S ½ SW ¼ 22-2-3.

**Warranty Deed:** Donald E. Kling and Sharon K. Kling to Gary R. Kling and Roger B. Kling. Undivided ½ interest in SE ¼ 22-2-3 except four tracts; S ½ SW ¼ 22-2-3.

**Warranty Deed:** Margaret L. Meetz to Layne A. Holmes and Karrie B. Holmes. W ½ NE ¼ 1-1-4.

**Trustee's Deed:** Marilyn T. Abel to Kevin W. Henke and Amber A. Henke. W ½ NE ¼ 32-3-1.

**Trustee's Deed:** Brock J. Hanel Trust to Beverly Sothers. Tract being part of Outlot 2 in S ½ SE ¼ 17-3-5.

**Quit Claim Deed:** City of Belleville to Scott Specialties, Inc. All of L ST right of way as it directly adjoins to the west side of Lots 13-24, Block 38, Simond's University Addition, Belleville.

**Warranty Deed:** Mary Lou Bennington to Kyler Havel. Lots 13 and 14, Block 2, Second Addition to Cuba.

REPUBLIC COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

CRIMINAL

Kimberly Jo Mueller, Clifton, pled guilty to one count battery. Granted six months probation, ordered to pay fines and fees of \$263.

Sarah Jo Miller, Bruning NE, entered a diversion agreement for driving under the influence, possession of alcohol by a minor, possession of a controlled substance, improper crossover on divided highway and no driver's license. Ordered to pay fines and fees of \$1,248, \$750 diversion fee to NCK CASA.

LIMITED CIVIL

Velocity Investments versus Logan Copple, Belleville, case filed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates versus Maisie Jensen, Scandia, case filed.

Capital One versus Joseph C. Kolman, Cuba, case

filed. LNVN Funding versus Lester Locke, Belleville, case filed.

Midland Credit Management versus Russ Ringer, Cuba, case filed.

Credit Management Services versus Ami Price, Belleville, case filed.

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

Credit Management Services versus Ryan Minor, Belleville, judgment to the plaintiff of \$1,937 plus interest and costs.

Credit Management Services versus Stephanie Swiercinsky, Belleville, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$2,080 plus interest and costs.

Credit Management Services versus Amanda Simmons, Narka, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$1,256 plus interest and costs.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC versus Mark Hendershott, Agenda, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$1,185 plus interest and costs.

Credit Management Services versus Desiree Swafford, Scandia, case dismissed.

Credit Management Services versus Nicholas Cobb, Belleville, judgment to the plaintiff of \$3,859 plus interest and costs.

Credit Management Services versus John Pollard, Belleville, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$558 plus interest and costs.

Credit Management Services versus Mark Horner, Belleville, default judgment to the plaintiff of \$490 plus interest and costs.

Credit Management Services versus Duston Monson, Belleville, case dismissed.

CIVIL

Wells Fargo Bank versus Ryan J. Isaacson, Scandia, petition for foreclosure of mortgage filed

Pamela J. Reynolds, Katherine A. Pugh and Marsha L. Nelson versus Robert Craig III and Charlsie J. McKay. Petition for partition of real estate.

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing versus Julie A. Garlow, and Schyler Ann Lambert, Belleville, mortgage foreclosure granted to the plaintiff.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Natasha Nicole Jackson and Quinton David Isaacson, Scandia, license granted August 13.

Jimmy Earl Allen and Carol Fay Venaglia, Belleville, license granted August 18.

Christina Marie Kemp and Brandon Levi Jensen, Belleville, license granted August 18.

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**August 27**  
Officer responded to 1815 24th for a report of theft. Upon investigation it was a civil matter and parties agreed to return property.

**August 29**  
Officer responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of 23rd. No criminal action occurred.

**August 30**  
Officer responded to the 2000 block of Q St. for a report of a disturbance not in progress. Parties contacted. Report taken.

Officer responded to the 1100 block of 16th for a report of person having issues. Subject contacted. No criminal action occurred.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 12**  
**VIN INSPECTIONS: 4**  
**CIVIL PROCESS: 2**

REPUBLIC COUNTY COMMISSION

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners attending were Edwin Splichal and Doug Jackson. Tim Eitzmann was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Katy Duryea, Belleville Telescope, monitored

the meeting. Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$205,407.68. Faye Jones, Health Administrator, presented information about her department.

- Jones stated that Elizabeth Tebow will receive her longevity increase for one year of service.

- Jones presented two permissions to travel.

- Melissa Miller to attend Substance Abuse Prevention Training from August 25 to August 29 in Wichita.

- Faye Jones and Lydia Pachta to attend NCK billers' meeting in Salina on September 2, 2025.

The Commissioners approved the travel requests.

- Jones announced that the kitchen remodel has been completed at the health office.

Commissioner Tim Eitzmann called in to report a concern regarding the rip rap in the ditch on 70 Rd. There is rebar pointing up and needs to be cut off or covered with additional filling. The message will be passed along to Ken Robbins.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the NCK Juvenile meeting in Junction City on August 20.

Commissioner Jackson reported that he attended a town hall meeting in Clay Center for Pawnee Mental Health.

The Commissioners granted permission for the Belleville Chamber to use the courthouse square for the annual Autumn Festival 2025.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, reported that the generator fuel line has been fixed and that the new boiler for the courthouse is in Concordia. Arrangements have been made for the installation of the boiler.

Comstock asked the commissioners to review an area in the basement entrance that needs repaired. While in the basement area, other issues were discussed.

Permission to travel for Cindy Coons to attend the 2025 KCTA Fall Conference in Hays from September 10 to September 12 was approved by the commissioners.

Paul Kallman, Honorable Mayor of Scandia, shared that the ARPA funds given to Scandia have been spent on a sewer pump, sewer line cleaning and a stairway into the new sewer pump area.

Kallman stated that there was a water leak in an alley in Scandia that has been repaired. The next project for the Scandia area is preparing for the annual Highway 36 garage sales during the third weekend of September. This will be the 20th year for this program.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal opened the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) hearing in regard to exceeding the levy rate for 2026 budget. People attending the hearing were Randy Rahe, Phyliss Rahe, Melanie Lindberg, Katy Duryea, Arlene Clayton, Nathan Craig and Ken Robbins.

R. Rahe's concern was the increase of the taxes for people that are on a fixed income. The estimated tax rates that were mailed out per state requirements are showing a significant increase in taxes. Rahe stated that with the proposed new public safety building, the taxes would increase again. Rahe shared that the armory, if used only for a storage facility, would be a very expensive shed.

The Commissioners suggested that the Rahes contact the appraiser's office to review the valuation of their property. Commissioner Splichal shared that the cost of operating each county department has increased with wages and cost of goods and services.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-22 to approve the increase of the levy rate over the RNR. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Jackson made a motion to open the 2026 Republic County budget hearing. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

With no additional comments or objections, Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the 2026 Republic County budget and to close the budget hearing. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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.

- Robbins presented for signatures 3 cities solid waste agreements with Republic County.

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- There were 15 employees from the Republic County road department and 4 Cloud County employees that attended training from Ergon Asphalt on scrub sealing construction methods on August 20.

- Robbins shared that the concrete footing and floor have been poured for the new garage on the courthouse lawn.

- Robbins shared that since the R&B budget original budget request was reduced, that some projects may not be completed in 2026 or additional money will need to be transferred to his funds.

- Robbins suggested that a training session with the accountant would help explain the differences between spending authority and the proposed budget.

- Robbins reported that the rebar included in the rip rap has been cut off and additional ditch filling and seeding on 70 Rd just south of US 36 will be done this week.

Commissioner Splichal shared that Brady Alexander from Nesika would like to set up a meeting with Robbins and the Commissioners to discuss the maintenance of 70 Rd. Robbins will contact Alexander for suggested dates.

Commissioner Splichal announced that a location has been decided on for the Public Safety building if the vote of the citizens passes in the November election. Clerk Marsicek presented a copy of the Option to purchase real estate from Hanzlick Family Trust.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the option to purchase 5-6 acres of land from Hanzlick Family Trust at \$20,000 per acre and to approve a down payment of \$1,000 to be mailed with the signed purchase agreement. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Korin Huncovsky, Deputy Appraiser, explained a concern regarding the letter sent to all taxpayers regarding the RNR estimates. Citizens are visiting the appraisers office to protest their taxes, and the letter states it is only an estimate of what the tax could be on the November statements. The only information the appraisers' office can review is the assessed value of the property, not the tax dollars. Letters with the land valuations were sent to all taxpayers back in March and that is when they should have contacted the appraiser's office regarding the valuations.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, was notified of the option to purchase and was asked to assign a physical address to the location. Raney presented a map of the area and the location address.

The location would be 1192 Bell Lane. The location is south of the United Bank and Trust and Dina's Bargain Barn. It is currently a field of corn.

Raney reported that the digging for the footings of the new county tower has been started.

David Lamb, KCAMP representative, visited the commission meeting to introduce himself to the commissioners. Lamb also left a flyer regarding the Risk Management programs offered by KCAMP.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

# Ask A Pastor

Presenting biblical answers to tough questions

**Q: I noticed that some of the Psalms contain the word Selah. Do you know what that means?**

A: The precise meaning of the Hebrew word “Selah” is one of the great unsolved mysteries of the book of Psalms. It is difficult to translate because it appears without context or definition, leaving scholars very little information to go on. To probe deeper we need some background facts about the Book of Psalms. The Book of Psalms was essentially the worship book for the nation of Israel. Because of this it comes with various musical notations and references in the text (Psalm 4 has the following notation; “To the chief musician, with stringed instruments). Some of these notations indicated a preferred tune or instrument to use when singing the psalm (Psalm 69 was set to the tune, “to the lilies”). Others indicate the style of the Psalm (praise, lament, prayer, and so on).

The word Selah, however, often appears within the Psalm itself (see Psalm 4:2 and Psalm 4:4). This could indicate a musical interlude or pause, or perhaps it simply indicates the close of a verse. Even Bible scholars don't have much more to go on than guesses.

The best guess I've heard is that the word Selah was written any time the Psalmist wanted the listener to stop and absorb what was just sung. Selah was probably a chance to meditate; to let the message of the song sink in rather than just going in one ear and out the other. Readers of the Psalms today can respond similarly by pausing their reading when they encounter the word and reflecting on the meaning of the Psalm. Many readers (myself included) find that this makes the reading of the Psalms much more meaningful and enriching

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REPUBLIC COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

The Republic County Hospital Board of Trustees met July 28, 2025 at the hospital.

**Attendance:**  
Board members present: Deb Hadachek, Barry Childs, Kent Larson, and Dr. Nolan Beavers

RCH members present: Dan Kelly, CEO; Wes Goforth, CFO; Brent Martin, COO; Rebecca Brown,CNO.

GPHA members present: Jim Blackwell, GPHA Regional VP  
Republic County Commissions: Doug Jackson, Ed Splichal

**Guests:** Edward Larson, RCH Director of Planning and Development  
Chairman Deb Hadachek called the regular board meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

The board entered executive session to discuss non-elective personnel for 15 minutes with the following individuals; Dan Kelly, Jim Blackwell, Wes Goforth, and Rebecca Brown. An additional 10 minutes was requested.

The board returned to regular session at 12:40 p.m. No action was taken,

**Matters to be brought by Jim Blackwell and Wes Goforth:**

GPHA Financials  
Blackwell presented the Board of Trustees financial report for July. Current cash on hand for the month was \$497,112. Total assets were \$17,724,618 and current liabilities were \$3,841,551.

Net Patient Service Revenue was \$2,087,352 for the month and Total Operating Expenses were \$2,488,652 resulting in a net loss of \$384,525.

**Matters to be brought by RCH Administration:**

Revenue Cycle, Efficiency  
Blackwell discussed revenue cycle management, including days in accounts receivable and self-pay accounts.

Goforth shared a Revenue Cycle Flow chart with the members and staff. He informed the board members of a new hire in the HIM department which will have responsibilities of chart reviews.

**340B:**  
Kelly gave an update on 340B. Discussion followed with various topics such as when the anticipated funds would be received and how the revenue will be listed on the financials

**Strategic Planning:**  
August 27 the board will meet for a strategic planning session and the regular board meeting would be changed to this date..

**Trauma Project:**  
Kelly reported KHDE is scheduled to survey the new unit prior to occupancy.

Trauma issues were discussed, such as the wrong countertops were received and the correct cabinetry has not yet been received.

The nurses station is set to move at the end of August and the projected completion date for the Trauma Project is the end of September (fiscal year end).

**Fukuda patient monitoring:**

Kelly reported the surplus funds from the trauma project will be used to help cover the rest of the cost for the Fukuda monitoring equipment cost. The hospital received grant funds, donations, and fundraising support from the NCK Health Care Foundation for the system.

**Sewer Update:**  
Kelly updated the board on outside sewer repairs which cost \$17,500.

**Clinic Refresh:**  
The clinic front doors are installed and look good, the new floor in the clinic lobby is clean and refreshing. The lobby seats are also in place. The board members will tour the clinic after the meeting today.

**Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA):**

Martin presented a report with a chart comparison of the survey. Discussion followed. Brent concluded the CHNA is reviewed and conducted every 3 years.

**Matters to be brought by the Chairman and other Board members:**

Hadachek expressed her gratitude to Kelly and the facility's staff for their efforts navigating the difficulties of the delays in the trauma project, the clinic remodel, and the sewer issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

**Support These Upcoming School Events:**

**Thursday, September 4**  
HS/JH XC @ Concordia 4 pm  
JH VB vs Minneapolis 4:15 pm  
JH FB vs. Minneapolis 5 pm

**Friday, September 5**  
FFA KS State Fair Sept. 5-14  
FFA State Fair Setup  
HS FB vs Troy 7 pm  
Booster Tailgate & Membership Drive 5-7 pm

**Saturday, September 6**  
BEST Robotics Kickoff  
ACT Date

**Monday, September 8**  
BOE Meeting 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, September 10**  
Band @ State Fair  
EAST BLT 3:45 pm  
RCJSHS Council 5:30 pm

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