

## DEEDS FILED

### Quit Claim Deed:

Clayton Hubert and Teresa Hubert to Mark Hubert and Catherine Hubert. Lots 13, 14, 15, and South 5' Lot 16, Block 40, Simonds University Addition, City of Belleville, Kansas.

**Special Warranty Deed:** MDC Coast 12, LLC to Family Tree Realty, LLC. A tract of land located in the NW1/4, 11-3-3, Republic County, Kansas.

**Trustee's Deed:** Mary L. Rundus to Janice M. Dusek. S1/2, NE1/4, 7-2-2, Republic County, Kansas.

**Warranty Deed:** Janine Johnson a/k/a Janine M. Johnson, Vanda Johnson, Jacinta Johnson, and Mariana Johnson to Brody Carlgren. NW1/4, 9-4-5, Republic County, Kansas.

**Joint Tenancy Quit Claim Deed:** Michael Cleveland and Tammy Cleveland a/k/a Tammye Cleveland, DBA The Rustic Rail, LLC. to Henry T. Weaver, Jr., Aretta L. Weaver and Tina M. Weaver. Lot 9, Block 12, OT, Cuba, excepting a strip 16 1/2" wide off the North side of said Lot and except a strip 6" of the south side of said Lot, as well as the right of ingress and egress thereto at the rear of said building across the West end of said Lot and by the outside stairway, leading to the second story.

**Joint Tenancy Quit Claim Deed:** Michael Cleveland and Tammye Cleveland to Henry T. Weaver Jr., Aretta L. Weaver and Tina M. Weaver. Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, Block 9, OT Cuba, Kansas.

## REPUBLIC COUNTY SHERIFF

### December 6

Responded to the area of 280 and Penn Road for a report of a traffic hazard. Debris was removed. No report taken

Deputy took report of a probation violation.

### December 7

Responded to the area of Highway 36 and Hedge Lane for a non-injury accident. Report was taken.

### December 8

Report taken of an injury auto accident that had occurred in the area of 110 and Diamond Road.

### December 9

Report taken of lost/stolen property.

Conducted a motorist assist in the area of 150 Road and Highway 36. No report taken.

### December 10

Conducted a person assist in the 2600 block of Fir Road. No report taken.

### December 11

Conducted prisoner transport. No report taken

Conducted a funeral escort. No report taken.

### December 12

Conducted a welfare check in the 2400 block of Highway 36. Everything was found to be ok. No report taken.

Conducted an agency assist. No report taken.

Responded to the 2400 block of Highway 36 for a report of fraud. Report was taken.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 24  
PAPERS SERVED: 6**

## REPUBLIC COUNTY JAIL

### December 12

Dustin Monson, admitted by Republic County Sheriff's office on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Released on December 14.

## REPUBLIC COUNTY COMMISSION

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

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

Pastor Craig Roberts, 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 December 1st session. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$163,487.57.

Six tax adjustments were approved for a total of -\$5,422.76

Clerk Marsicek presented 3 resolutions for approval.

- Resolution 2025-28, setting the dates for county holidays, commissioner meetings, payrolls, and accounts payable.

- Resolution 2025-29, cash basis, and budget law for 2026.

- Resolution 2025-31, Republic County's participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone student loan repayment program for 2026.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-28 and Resolution 2025-31. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motions which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-29. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Eitzmann made unanimous.

Faye Jones and Lydia Pacht, Health Department, requested permission to hire Jillian Tuma in the health department to be the WIC coordinator and nutritionist for Republic County and some surrounding counties.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the hiring of Tuma Effective December 15, 2025. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

Jones reported that the window updates are complete and the last invoice will be paid this week.

Jones shared that several counties had issues with the State of Kansas trying to withdraw grant money that was promised for eligible expenses. The state will review all the expenses and should approve the reimbursement to the counties.

James Doyle-Treasurer of High Banks racetrack and Molly Springer-Chamber of Commerce asked the commissioners to think about a reorganization of the racetrack ownership and financing of events at the racetrack. The commissioners suggested that the County attorney, an accounting firm, and insurance companies have input before any changes are to be made.

Judge Regine Thompson joined the meeting.

At 9:15 a.m., Commissioner Jackson made a motion to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privilege for 15 minutes to discuss legal issues. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Judge Thompson.

The board reconvened at 9:30 a.m., taking no action.

Susan Aaron, administrative assistant, reported that the new copier will need an additional electrical plug in order to work. The commissioner suggested that Aaron contact the custodian and if necessary an electrician to get the correct electrical source ready for the copier.

After discussing the holiday schedules and requests of people to be gone, the commissioners will not meet on Monday, December 22nd. Clerk Marsicek announced that Republic County needs to hold an amended budget hearing to approve necessary expenditures in 2025 and asked the board when they wanted to hold the hearing. The hearing must be done in the month of December, either December 22nd or 29th. Commissioner Splichal suggested December 29th since the commissioner decided not to meet

the week of Christmas.

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

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

- Robbins shared that Nathan Craig is scheduling a training session for all the grader operators through KU's Technical training center to include class time and hands on gravel road and street maintenance.

- The concrete slab for the tower building is scheduled for later this week. It was postponed from last week

- The county transportation buses are taking appointments to tour the Rocky Pond Christmas lights. Contact 785-527-2235 to be added to the pickup list.

- Robbins shared that the grant to overlay the Munden blackout was denied this year, but Robbins will apply again in 2026 for funds to proceed with the overlay.

- Robbins presented the annual report update for 2025 North Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for approval. The information was updated to include that Republic County is transporting solid waste from the Cloud County facility to Hamm's.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Annual report for 2025. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Commissioner Eitzmann made it unanimous.

- Robbins presented Resolution No. 2025-30, Solid waste fees for 2026 for Republic County residents.

Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-30. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Robbins reported that 3 road graders are unable to be used. One is being rebuilt and the others are waiting to be fixed.

- Robbins announced that Lochner Engineering has prepared the annual construction & demolition landfill closure cost estimate. There are 7.4 acres currently available for use.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian, presented her year end reports of work in Republic County. Stamm shared that the vehicle she uses will need 2 tires after the first of the year and new windshield.

Stamm shared that the prior sanitarian has not released the historical paperwork from work in Republic County and the County Attorney will take action to get this information.

Gayla Godfrey, County Appraiser, presented a longevity request for Tricia Hudson.

Following a brief discussion regarding wages for 2026, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to allow a 3% COLA for all employees except for the three commissioners that will not receive any increase. This will include all employees and elected officials. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Commissioner Eitzmann made it unanimous.

With all the agenda items complete, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Commissioner Eitzmann made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 15.

## REPUBLIC COUNTY/ USD 109

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Republic County Unified School District No. 109 was held at the Administration Office on Monday, December 8, 2025. Board members present were Brent Martin, Chris Pacht, Brady Alexander, Brian McCartney, Mike Kollath, and Laura Leite. Edward Sandberg joined the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tami Knedler, Deputy Board Clerk Laurie Kasl, Principals' Lindsay Cravens, Eric Jones, and Katie Struebinger, Athletic Director Alan Sheets, Technology Director Edu Medina, and Transpor-

tation/Custodian Director Andy Horner along with other registered attendees.

The regular board meeting was called to order by Brent Martin at 12:00 p.m. followed by pledge of allegiance.

The "Empty Chair" philosophy was observed using the students present rather than the empty chair.

**Approval of the Agenda:** There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

A motion was made by Chris Pacht to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Laura Leite. The motion carried 6-0 (Eddie Sandberg not in attendance at this time).

**Comments of Republic County U.S.D. 109 Patrons/Special Presentation:**

East Elementary Student Leadership: 11 5th Grade Students plus Ashley Pierson, sponsor

Students presented on what they do as a leadership team (morning greeters, announcements, tours) and how they were chosen among the other 5th grade students (application/interview process).

RCJSHS Culinary Students: Brooklyn Talkington, Matayah Martinez, and Brooklyn Horner

These seniors along with the Culinary Arts class created four desserts for the Board Members to enjoy. They described each dessert and spoke of other activities the class does.

**Brandi Calahan, LCNCK Director**

Mrs. Calahan wanted to take a moment to introduce herself as the new LCNCK director. She also wanted the Board to know that her focus will be on getting consistent processes/policies in place and revitalizing gifted services they provide.

Superintendent Knedler reviewed and discussed various invoices pointing out that at this point city utilities have been less than last year.

A motion was made by Brady Alexander, seconded by Edward Sandberg, to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$163,118.01. The motion carried 7-0.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Brian McCartney and seconded by Laura Leite to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and amended, which included:

- Approval of Board of Education Minutes from November 10, 2025
- Acceptance of gifts and donations totaling \$9528.00
- Approve Personnel Report
- Review of Principal Reports

The motion carried 7-0.

**Administrative Reports: Athletic Director, Alan Sheets**

Mr. Sheets did point out that several of our football team members made All-League Team or Honorable Mention status. They are continuing to research new scoreboards and will be touching up the track as soon as feasible.

**Technology Director, Edu Medina**

A grant was received to purchase 200 chromebooks and 10 laptops for the Jr/Sr high (the grant did not apply to East Elementary. The cable/fiber contract with Cunningham is up for negotiation. Mr. Medina will be submitting quotes for a tech office generator in the near future.

**Superintendent, Tami Knedler:**

A written report was submitted. Highlights included:

- Delivery of the new Buff Bus has been rescheduled for mid-December to January

- The final bid paperwork for HVAC in the Band and Vocal Room before the end of December. This bid does not include the weight room.

- The facility usage form is being updated with district policy and expectations being revisited. The goal is to create a more user-friendly and predictable process for reserving building spaces. Information when it's available will be found on the website for easier access.
- The last day of school is a 1/2 day on December 19, 2025.

**Business Items and Reports:**  
Standard Alignment - Rob-

in Marston, 3rd grade

Robin presented the standard alignment process the 3rd grade is working on. She showed examples of the state standards, the document she and her co-teachers have created, and gave examples of how it's implemented in her classroom.

December Policy Updates Superintendent Knedler pointed out a few revisions and a new policy that is coming from the state. More information about these policies will be given in January.

KESA Draft Action Plan - Superintendent Knedler reported on the School Improvement Day on November 12. She shared the draft action plan created by the DSILT team. The plan will be finalized and turned in prior to the deadline of January 12, 2026.

**Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel - Superintendent Contract**

A motion was made by Edward Sandberg to enter into executive session with Superintendent Tami Knedler to discuss Non-Elected Personnel for 10 minutes. Motion seconded by Laura Leite. Motion carried 7-0.

2:40 p.m. The board members and Superintendent Tami Knedler entered the executive session. 2:50 p.m. The board members and Superintendent Tami Knedler returned to open session.

A motion was made by Edward Sandberg to extend the Superintendent contract through June 30th of 2028. The motion was seconded by Brady Alexander. Motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment:**

Chris Pacht made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian McCartney. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

## PIKE VALLEY/USD 426

President John Garman called the regular Board of Education meeting for UD 426 to order at 12:00 pm. Roll call was answered by Board Members Sharon Segerhammar, Troy Isaacson, Bryan Rickard, President John Garman, Superintendent/Elementary Principal Mike Gritten, Troy Carlgren, Josey Hammer, Mason Runft, and Principal Jeremy Miller.

Bryan Rickard moved, seconded by Josey Hammer to adopt the agenda and the additions/corrections as listed below. Motion passed.

Open Forum: Board member Josey Hammer presented learning materials for boards and spoke of her experience at the 2025 KASB State Convention.

Troy Isaacson moved, seconded by Sharon Segerhammar to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

The following is approved:

- Approve Minutes of November 10th Regular Meeting
- Approve Donations
- Approve Financial Reports and Payment of Bills Curriculum Corner



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