

have you got your Real ID?

*Millions of
Midwesterners
don't have the
new secure cards*

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Almost all licensed Nebraska drivers and identification-card holders now carry REAL IDs. By contrast, most in Illinois don't.

Adoption of the enhanced security driver's license cards has not been uniform across the 50 states, with deadlines

changing several times over nearly two decades.

Trish Vincent, Director of Revenue for Missouri, has watched the process unfold over the years.

"I was the director back in 2005, and I remember talking about Real ID then, and here it is 20 years later, and I'm still talking about Real ID," she said. "The federal government is finally serious about this (May 7) deadline."

The cards include anti-counterfeiting technology and additional documentary evidence and record checks to ensure a per-

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son is who they claim to be. However, the push for Real ID adoption has been controversial, with criticism from both sides of the aisle.

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A Midwest Newsroom review of data for five states shows how uneven the transition to Real ID has been.

At the start of 2025, about a quarter of credentialled Illinois residents had obtained their Real ID

cards. By April, that figure had increased by only about 10%, according to the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

Max Walczyk, communications manager, said that Illinois began an awareness campaign about the Real ID deadline in May 2024.

"Despite screaming from the rooftops and holding scores of outreach events around the state, we have nevertheless experienced a surge of Illinoisans at our facilities during the past few months," Walczyk said.

He said the state has

added driver's license office hours and thousands of additional appointment slots to accommodate demand. It opened a Real ID "supercenter" in downtown Chicago, which processes about 1,500 applications each day.

Compliance in Nebraska

How did Nebraska reach 99.5% compliance? It took early measures to make the Real ID transition mandatory.

"The process to require additional verification documents began in 2009

(See REAL ID on page 23)

Scott City Council Agenda Monday, May 5 • 6:30 p.m. City Hall • 221 West 5th Street

- Approve minutes of April 21 regular meeting
- Approve change order, BASE grant project, Esfeld Construction
- Planning and Zoning recommendation
 - 1) Conditional Use Permit (Ordinance No. 1276)
- Open agenda. Audience is invited to voice ideas and concerns. A time limit may be requested
- Pool Department
 - 1) Misc. business
- Building Inspector
 - 1) Misc. business
- Police Department
 - 1) Misc. business
- Parks Department
 - 1) Misc. business
- Public Works Department
 - 1) Misc. business
- Clerk's Department
 - 1) Budget timeline and budget workshop date
 - 2) June 1 deadline to file for city offices
- City administrator's comments
- City attorney's comments
- Executive session(s)
- Mayor's comments
- Adjournment

Agenda is subject to change between time of publication and time of meeting. Please visit <https://www.scottcityks.org/government/city-council/agendas-and-minutes> for updates.

Scott Co. LEC Report

Week of April 21-27 Police Department

April 21: 6:00 p.m. Tia Marie Wynn, 29, was arrested at 1013 Kingsley for battery and transported to the LEC.

April 21: 6:00 p.m. Taylor Rufenacht, 28, was arrested for battery and transported to the LEC.

April 23: 1:32 p.m. A non-injury vehicle accident occurred at 1304 Court Street.

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April 25: 9:47 a.m. Officers investigated a child in need of care (CINC) case at 402 Elizabeth St.

April 25: 9:10 p.m. A report was filed of a known suspect contacting a victim in violation of a protective order.

April 25: 10:01 p.m. George Tapia, 44, 604 Elizabeth, was arrested for battery and transported to the LEC.

April 25: 10:01 p.m. Veronica Wishon, 49, was arrested for battery and transported to the LEC.

April 26: 6:09 p.m. Cole Dylan Schaffer, 31, 308 S. Court St., was arrested for criminal threat and transported to the LEC.

Sheriff's Department

April 21: 10:32 a.m. A non-injury vehicle accident occurred on west K96 Highway.

Public Notice

(First published in The Scott County Record Thurs., April 24, 2025; last published Thurs., May 8, 2025)3t
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
SCOTT COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate
of MANUEL CASTILLO,
Deceased

Case No.
SC-2-25-PR-000003
(Petition Pursuant to
K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Elizabeth Castillo one of the heirs of Manuel Castillo, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described property: One fifth interest in real estate described below

A parcel of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 31 West of the 6th P.M., in Scott County, Kansas, being further described as follows:

Beginning at the West one-quarter corner of Section 33, T17S, R31, thence S 89°31'01"E on the North line of the Southwest quarter for a distance of 992.15 feet; thence S01°44'21"W for

a distance of 824.15 feet; thence N89°01'52"W for a distance of 992.00 feet to a point on the West line of the Southwest quarter; thence N01°44'21"E on said West line for a distance of 815.74 feet to the Point of Beginning, and all personal property owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before May 30, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the city of Scott City in Scott County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Elizabeth Castillo,
petitioner

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Scott County Commission Agenda Tuesday, May 6 County Courthouse

- 4:00 County business
- 4:30 Steve Sandoval with Southwest Developmental Services - Budget Request
- 4:45 Rebecca Clancy with Russel Child Development Center - Budget Request
- 5:00 Erica Ortega and Miranda Unruh with City on a Hill - Budget Request
- 5:15 Public Works Director J.C. Amack, City Administrator Brad Pendergast, Penco Engineering representative, Karyn Hendrix, Park Lane Nursing Home administrator

Agenda may change before the meeting. Contact County Clerk Marie Allen for an updated agenda (620-872-2420) or visit www.scott.kansasgov.com

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Register of Deeds

JY Properties to JV Property Management, south 30 ft. of Lot 14 and all of Lot 17, Blk. 21, Original Town.

First Baptist Church, Scott City, to Kyle and Shirley Evans, south 15 ft. of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Blk. D, Manor Heights Addition.

Victor and Julieta Martinez to Cesar and Janitza Aguilar, south 50 ft. of Lot 3, Blk. 6, Fairlawn Addition.

Robert Dague Living Trust to Tumbleweed Construction, Lot 12, Blk. 9, CA Steele and Sons Third Addition.

Janssen Family Farms to Lonny and Colleen Dearden Revocable Trust, NE4 and SW4 of 15-17-32.

Steven and Patricia Wiechman to Lonny and Colleen Dearden Revocable Trust, NE4 and SW4 of 15-17-32.

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