

Public Notices

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DARYLE W. LEWIS, DECEASED.

No. HM-2025-PR-000006

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 25, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Babette Dixon, an heir, devisee, and legatee, and one of the Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Daryle W. Lewis, deceased, dated April 14, 2022, praying that the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; and Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Annette Vemuri, Babette Dixon, and Patti Selikoff to serve without bond.

You are further advised that under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the estate, and no notice of any action of the Executors or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent’s estate.

You are further advised that if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. MST in this Court, in Syracuse, Hamilton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Babette Dixon, Petitioner

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MERGER OF BANKS

Notice is hereby given that Dream First Bank, National Association, Syracuse, Kansas, has made an application to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for permission to merge with BancCentral, National Association, Alva, Oklahoma. Dream First Bank will survive the bank merger. It is contemplated that all branches of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written comments on this application by April 27, 2025: Director for Licensing, 1050 17th Street, Suite 1500, Denver, Colorado 80265 or by emailing LicensingPublicComments@occ.treas.gov.

The public may find information regarding this application, including the date of the end of the public comment period, in the OCC Weekly Bulletin at www.occ.gov. Requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be made to the Director for Licensing at 500 North Akard Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201, or by emailing Licensing@occ.treas.gov.

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Farming and Ranching of County Roads

Farming and Ranching of county road right-of-way is both increasing road maintenance cost and adversely affecting traffic safety. Cultivation reduces the capacity of the ditch and results in poorer drainage and weak sub grade during wet weather. Growing crops and grazing cattle restrict sight lines at intersections and along the roadway and driveways which can contribute to traffic accidents. The County Commission requests that the farmers help maintain good road drainage and safe roads by refraining from cultivating on the road right-of-way. The right-of-way is most common back from the existing ditch. If no ditch is present stay back from the edge of the road a distance of 10 feet on minor roads and 15 feet on major roads. State law makes it unlawful for any reason to farm or ranch the right-of-way with out the proper permitting from the Hamilton County Commission. As a Commission we do have the authority to recover the cost of restoring the right-of-way, and may exercise that option where ditches have been farmed shut. Crops growing on the right-of-way are legally considered an obstruction and a nuisance and shall be mowed like normal vegetation. To promote safety on our rural county roads, please report any safety issues, or right-of-way widths to the Road Department by calling 620-384-5135.

HAMILTON COUNTY
SHERIFF’S REPORT

New Inmates: 0
Released Inmates:

Travis Jerrel Deloach, 44, 1805 E Sloan St, Garden City, Kansas
Arrested on: 03/27/2025; Charges: Driving While Suspended, Expired Registration, and No Insurance

Christopher Francis Lawrence, 56, 300 W Lincoln St, Syracuse, Kansas
Arrested on: 02/06/2025; (Bonded Out)

Diana Prisila Cereceres , 18, 121 1/2 N Main Street, Syracuse, Kansas
Arrested on: 03/28/2025; Charges: Possession of a depressant and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Bonded Out)

Gilberto Pineda Lopez, 34, 301 W Grant St Syracuse, Kansas
Arrested on: 02/24/2025; (Transferred to Federal Authorities)

Total Inmates: 4

HM COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2025

Meeting Place – Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
March 18, 2025
8:30 a.m.

Michael W. Lewis, Chairman
Andy Coleman, Vice Chairman
Brian Grilliot, Commissioner
Aaron Plunkett, Commissioner
N i k k i S c h w e r d f e g e r ,
Commissioner
Robert Gale, Jr., Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Lewis called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Plunkett moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the March 4, 2025 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Grilliot seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Lewis stated there was a good turnout for the town hall with Bill Clifford & Marty Long. Commissioner Grilliot had a citizen contact him about County Road 1 on the north County line and increased truck traffic from the new elevator in Greeley County. Frank will speak with Greeley County road department.

FRANK BURNS: Mr. Burns, Superintendent of Rural Operations, gave his monthly report as follows:

- 1) Southwest Plains Dairy project update: An old culvert needs removed and a new one put in at the intersection of Roads 31 & C. Frank sent a request to Atmos Energy to lower one of the gas lines. With the approved KDOT grant for paving the surrounding roads, Frank would like to wait before the County does a lot of work in that area.

2) Crew is pulling shoulders throughout the County.

3) S & S Crushing has not started the road material project yet. Frank left a message with the owner to see when they would start.

4) The temporary shoe fly is in and the old Coolidge bridge has been torn down.

5) Frank reviewed the roads on the schedule for chip and seal and has contacted B & H Paving. He would like to add Road 36, which has some spider web cracking and B & H Paving recommended another layer of chip and seal to help build up the pad. He will get the cost to add this and report back.

6) He hired a full time employee at the Road Department and at the Landfill. The Landfill employee asked about bringing his personal tool box and tools and it was decided to just use County owned tools.

7) Reviewed the County’s 15-foot Right of Way in the ditches and mowing crops that are planted in the right of way.

VIP: Vicki Valentine, Barbara O’Brate, and Barb Westeman, VIP Board Members, and Lajeana Smith, VIP Director discussed some updates to the VIP Building they would like to have done such as removing the water fountain and putting in a cabinet with countertop that has a sink. This would provide a sink to the people renting the building. Also discussed placing a door between the library and dining room to be able to lock the door when renting the building. The VIP Board as memorial money to cover the expense for the changes, but would like help paying to move some electrical outlets. The Commissioners gave the VIP Board permission to make the needed changes as requested and the County will

pay for moving the electrical outlets. They also reported that the new toilets have been put in, but the urinal in the men’s restroom still needs fixed. Barbara O’Brate stated that the screens in the new windows at the Sunflower Square Apartments are still not in. Commissioner Lewis will contact Barnhardt Construction about the screens.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Noxious Weed Director, Kerstin Mitchell, presented the Annual Noxious Eradication Weed Progress Report, the Noxious Weed Management Plan for approval. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Annual Noxious Eradication Weed Progress Report, the Noxious Weed Management Plan as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Next, Kerstin stated the County can cost share on two chemicals that treat bind weed, but they need to be in different categories. Kerstin would like to only order shuttles of Tordon when requested as she does not have storage space for shuttles. She would like to only order Quin Star on an as needed basis. Commissioner Grilliot moved to cost share 2.5 gallon jugs of Quin Star and also 2.5 gallon jugs plus shuttles of Tordon. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Next, Kerstin asked if the County wanted her to treat weeds around County road signs and bridges and discussed the cost of the chemicals. The Commissioners asked her to treat them as she has in the past.

ALAN HANSON: EMS Director, Alan Hanson, stated he has started an EMR class and there are six people in the class. There are funds in the EMT Trust Fund and a State grant to help pay for the cost of the class. Alan also reported that the sidewalk in front of the EMS building will need some work in the near future.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ABATEMENT: After review, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve Abatement No. 240031 as presented. Commissioner Coleman seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

WARRANTS: Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$24,296.00 and \$55,292.63. Commissioner Grilliot seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger advised that Sheriff Mike Wilson may be interested in serving on the Compass Behavioral Health Board. Commissioner Lewis advised there are two Bills introduced in State Legislature for legalizing marijuana. Commissioner Coleman gave an update on the sand blasting and painting project at the pool.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Lewis moved for a 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, the County Clerk and Frank Burns present. Commissioner Plunkett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:14 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:19 a.m.

Frank Burns advised he had a call regarding placing a speed limit sign on Kelson Street in order for the speed to be monitored by the Sheriff’s Department. There is a “slow, children playing” sign already posted, but not a speed limit sign. It was decided to place a 30 mph speed limit sign.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Plunkett moved for adjournment. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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