

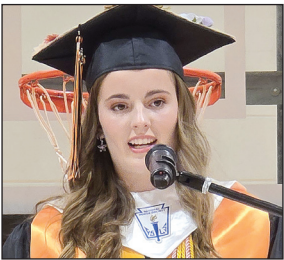
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Burlington City Council approves new hires

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council met Wednesday, May 7, with Mayor Stan Luke presiding. Council members present included Jerilyn Curtiss, Maxi Berryman, Lila Van Horn, Cara Mays and Nathan Strawder. Martin Ernst was absent.

Electric Department
Electric Superintendent Alan Schneider reported line maintenance activity, including replacing anchors and addressing service issues. He also issued a letter of failure regarding an area builder's failure to obtain required electric permits. Mid-States Energy adjusted settings on Generator No. 6's control panel.

el. Schneider thanked Van Horn and City Clerk Anne Brown for attending the Kansas Power Pool Appreciation Dinner on April 24.

Water and Wastewater Superintendent
Danny Hawkins issued a similar letter of failure for unpermitted plumbing work by the same builder. He noted routine maintenance, bud-

get preparation for 2026, annual compressor servicing, and cooperation with USD 244 Recreation Director Scot Jeffers to fill the outdoor pool.
Engineer Jeff Shamburg provided an update on the city's water pre-treatment improvement project. Coordination with the

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CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY



Mark Petterson/The Republican

The City of Burlington held its annual Arbor Day celebration May 8 at Jones Park with nearly two dozen people in attendance. Mayor Stan Luke read an Arbor Day proclamation and Steve Strawder, of Strawders & Daughters Nursery and Tree Farm, planted a Spire Oak beyond the centerfield fence, with assistance from Burlington Parks Superintendent Kevin Boyce. Strawder provided step-by-step instructions about how to plant and care for a new tree prior to a drawing to give away smaller trees. The city plans to plant additional Spire Oak trees at Jones Park.

County Commission makes appointments

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Commission met May 5 to consider board appointments, department updates, and equipment matters, with all commissioners present: Chairman Wayne Thomsen, Steve McCurry, Mark Petterson, Todd Barker and Michael Abendroth.

Commissioners authorized two tax abatements totaling \$1,333.74.

Construction Update
River City Construction's Cole Stockman presented a project update on the new law enforcement center. Exterior curb and gutter work is underway, with asphalt paving expected soon, weather permitting. Inside, most second-floor areas are complete, with only punch list items remaining. First-floor spaces including booking,

intake, kitchen, and laundry are nearly finished, with final installations and testing ongoing. Jail furniture will be placed as areas become available. Stockman also addressed questions about the street-to-curb transition, explaining the formwork placement limited preparation of adjacent areas.

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New Strawn City Council approves expanded street work

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

NEW STRAWN — The New Strawn City Council approved several infrastructure, personnel, and administrative actions during its regular monthly meeting, held with Mayor Rhonda Taylor presiding and all members present except David Christiansen.

Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight recommended hiring Tucker Noonan as a seasonal laborer. The council approved the hire at \$15 per hour for up to 30 hours per week from May 12 through the end of mowing season.

Killough Construction is expected to begin milling designated city streets this week, followed by asphalt overlay. With their bid coming in under budget, the council voted to extend the overlay on Main Street from Lake Road to Decker Street. The additional work will cost \$47,350, bringing the total project cost to \$253,440.60 — just over the original

TAKES OATH



Photo submitted

New Strawn City Clerk Lana Johnson, left, administers the oath of office to Jeanne Haas, who became mayor Monday morning following the resignation of Rhonda Taylor. As council president, Haas will serve the remainder of Taylor's term through January 2028. Taylor stepped down for personal reasons, expressing gratitude for her time in office and confidence in the city's future. Three council seats — including Haas's former seat — are up for election this year. The filing deadline is noon Monday, June 2, at the Coffey County Clerk's office.

OFFICIAL RESULTS
Bond issue defeated, 803-308

BURLINGTON — Coffey County Commissioner met as a Board of Canvassers Monday morning to canvass the results of a special bond election held Tuesday, May 6. Burlington USD 244 sought voter approval to issue \$45 million in general obligation bonds to build a new elementary school north of the high school and ball fields.

Burlington USD 244 voters resoundingly defeated the question by nearly a 3 to 1 margin.

During the canvass, the board accepted 13 provisional ballots and rejected three provisional ballots, consistent with state statute.

The 13 ballots were added to determine the official election results: No – 803, Yes – 308.

A total of 1,115 votes were cast in the election. Burlington USD 244 has 3,035 registered voters, resulting in a 36.74% voter turnout.

There were 397 votes cast during advance voting in the county clerk's office and 39 votes were received by mail. On Election Day, 391 votes were cast at Kelley Hall in Burlington and 275 votes were cast at the New Strawn Community Building. There were 13 provisional ballots.

ELECTION UPDATE
18 days until city, school filing deadline

With less than three weeks remaining until the filing deadline, more candidates have filed for open city and school board positions.

The deadline to file for office is noon on Monday, June 2. The general election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 4. If required, a primary election will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5.

In the past three weeks, Eric S. Ferguson filed for reelection as Lebo mayor. Martin Ernst filed for reelection to the Burlington City Council, while Dee Ann Goertzen and Greg Yotz filed for reelection to the Gridley City Council. Dan Haller filed for an open seat on the New Strawn City Council.

There were two filings Tuesday morning for the Burlington USD 244 school board, Johnny Hernandez file for Position 1, a seat he was appointed to fill an unexpired term, and Travis Moerer will challenge the incumbent in Position 4.

Following is a list of all seats up for election, with all terms lasting four years unless otherwise noted. Filed candidates are listed following each position.

City Offices

Burlington (three council members):

- Ward 1, position 2 – Jerilyn Curtiss
- Ward 2, position 2 – Martin Ernst
- Ward 3, position 2 – Michael Springeman, Maxi Berryman

Gridley (three council members):
Stella Eccles, Dee Ann Goertzen, Greg Yotz

Lebo (Mayor two council positions):
Mayor – Eric S. Ferguson
Council, position 1 –
Council, position 5 –

LeRoy (Mayor and two council members):
Mayor – Bill Otto
City Council – Katie Bowen

New Strawn (three council members):
Dan Haller

Waverly (two council members):
Position 2 –
Position 4 –

Hartford (two council members):
Position 2 –
Position 4 –

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