

## Real Estate Transfers

Brown County Sheriff and Prime Lending to Murphy, Kyle, SE/4 SW/4 in 28-1-16

Thomas Eddie to Spicer, Michael D. and Spicer, Tammy S., NE/4 NW/4 of 34-2-15

Brook, Kevin Shawn and Brook, Kristen Dawn to Loughridge, Ronald Dale, L 10 and L 11 , B OL, both in Subdiv: FRV3

Doud Rhonda K. to Loughriddge, Ronald Dale, L 10 B P OL and L 11 B P OL, both in Subdiv: FRV3

Kautz, Ronald E., Tangen Heidi R. FKA Byrne Heidi, and Tangen, Heidi R. to Tangen, Daniel, L 15, L 16, L 17, L 18, L 19, L 20, L 21, L 22, all in B 8 in Subdiv: HRTC

Kautz, Ronald E. AKA Ronald Ellsworth to Tangen Heidi R., L 1 , L 2 L 3, L 8, L 9., L 10, L 11, L 12, L 13, L 14, P OL, all In Subdiv KRMA; L 23, L 24, L 25, L 26, L 27, L 28, P OL, all in Subdiv: HRTC; L 5, 6, 7, all in B 3, P OL all in Subdiv HRMA

Kautz, Ronald E. AKA Kautz, Ronald Ellsworth to Kautz, Ronald E. Trust, L 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, all in B 82, P OL, all in Subdiv: HRTC ; L 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in B in B 2 P OL, all in Subdiv: HRMA

Buser, Andrew Robert to Buser, Ashely Lynn, L 130, L 132, l 134, B P OL, all in Subdiv: HIM2

Waser Dirk L. and Waser Rebecca Lynn, to Phelps, Dale Steven, L 130, 132, 134, B P OL, all in Subdiv: HIM 2

GN Bank to Unruh Matthew J. and Gelvis, Maria Sorailis Bustamante, SE/4 NW/4 of 30-2-17



## Commissioners meeting—

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ing adjourns.

EVENING COMMISSIONER MEETING

Motion by Lucas Heinen to change the time and location of the June end-of-month commission meeting. The Brown County Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the Sheriff's Department.

Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

Motion by Lucas Heinen to adjourn. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

June 18, 2025 special meeting

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in a special session with the following members present: Chairman Lucas Heinen, Richard Lehmkuhl, and William Pollock. Also present was Brown County Clerk, Nicole Lee and Scot Loyd, CPA with Loyd Group, LLC. Lucas Heinen opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Heinen led the meeting with a prayer.

LOYD GROUP

Scot Loyd, CPA, reviewed the County Budget process with the commission.

The commission recessed for 5 minutes at 10:06 a.m. The commission reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

2026 BUDGET

Scot Loyd presented a rough draft of the 2026 Brown County Budget.

The commission recessed at 12:06 p.m. The commission reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

2026 BUDGET

The commission reviewed proposed 2026 budget requests. No action was taken.

Motion by Lucas Heinen to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

First Appearance on David M. Lowndes July 30. He is charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

First Appearance on Virgil L. Heinen, Everest, KS., has been scheduled for July 2. He is charged with theft, a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

Preliminary Hearing on Robert Junior Keeler, Oregon, MO., has been scheduled for July 16. He is charged with aggravated battery, a level 7 person felony.

Preliminary Hearing on Thomas Robert Doyle, Hiawatha, KS., has been scheduled for July 16. He is charged with three counts of aggravated endangering a child, a level 9 person felony; distribution of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 3 felony; possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Status Conference on Patricia Anne McKinney, Hiawatha, KS., has been scheduled for July 23. She is charged with three counts of aggravated endangering a child, a level 9 person felony; possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony; interference with law enforcement, a level 9 nonperson felony; possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Preliminary hearing on Peter James Carter, Hiawatha, KS., has been scheduled for July 23. He is charged with three counts of endangering a child, a level 9 person felony; possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Preliminary hearing on Lisa M. Pardue, Robinson, KS., has been scheduled for . She is charged with possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony; interference with law enforcement, a level 9 nonperson felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor. LIMITED

demeanor.

Preliminary hearing on Lisa M. Pardue, Robinson, KS., has been scheduled for . She is charged with possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony; interference with law enforcement, a level 9 nonperson felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor. LIMITED

A case was filed by Amberwell Health Hiawatha, plaintiff, against Madyson Guffy, defendant.

A case has been filed by Amberwell Health Hiawatha, plaintiff, against April Tew, defendant.

A case has been filed by Amberwell Health Hiawatha, plaintiff, against Maggie Erich, defendant.

A case has been filed by GN Bank, plaintiff, against Elaine Moore, defendant.

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PROBATE

A petition for the appointment of a guardian and conservator has been filed by Gale Evans Primeaux, petitioner, in the matter of Dorene Keo.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Horton Headlight July 3, 2025)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO VACATE ROAD

TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED You are hereby notified that the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, Kansas, will consider on the 28th day of July 2025, at 9:00 A.M., a proposal to vacate a portion of Longspur Road which description follows, to-wit:

That portion of Longspur Road located north from 100<sup>th</sup> Street approximately 772 feet, in Sections 32 & 33, Township 4, Range 17E, in Brown County, KS

Dated this 30th of June 2025 BOARD OF BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## District Court—

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## The History Road

Compiled By Greg Newlin

### PART I RAILROAD HISTORY WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI

As early as 1842, some promoters of the nation's transcontinental railroad had selected a route that would cross the Mississippi between Rock City, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa. Even though Secretary of War in the Franklin Pierce administration Jefferson Davis attempted to block construction of the Davenport – Rock Island Bridge as he favored a southern route for the transcontinental railroad, this site was chosen based upon a survey done in 1837 by Lt. Robert E. Lee as the river was narrow here and separated by Rock Island, which was once the site of an army fort. This would require a bridge over the body of water on either side of the island plus an embankment across the island. In 1850, the U.S. Congress passed an act granting public lands to railroad companies to encourage the nation's development. Congress also passed an act in August 1852 granting right-of-way for rail and plank roads on public roads. A railroad bridge company was formed by the Illinois legislature on January 17, 1853 to build, maintain and use a railroad bridge over the Mississippi River, or that portion within the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois at, or near Rock Island in such a manner as shall not materially obstruct or interfere with the free navigation of said river. The Chicago & Rock Island was originally known as the Chicago & LaSalle Railroad chartered on February 22, 1847 connecting Chicago with Rock Island on the Mississippi River between 1852 and 1854 making it the first railroad to reach that part of the river and not crossing it. Built using timber and wrought iron, construction on the Chicago & Rock Island bridge began in 1854 and when it was completed on April 22, 1856 the 1,582 ft. long structure consisted of five 250 ft. spans flanking a single 286 ft. span wooden swing.

On May 6, 1856, the Effie Afron, a 235 ft. long sternwheeler steamboat with a 37 ft. width crashed into the Rock Island bridge destroying the steamboat as well as part of the bridge. The steamboat owners decided to take the railroad companies that built the bridge to court. They wanted the railroad to pay for the damages to the Effie Afron and its cargo. They also wanted the court to declare the bridge a danger to river travel and order its removal. In Sept. 1857, the case went to court in Chicago.

The lawyers for the railroad which included a young Abraham Lincoln, argued that the bridge was not a hazard to navigation on the river if steamboat pilots were careful and that it was the Effie Afron's fault it had run into the bridge. They pointed out that for three or four months steamboats could not travel the upper Mississippi because it was frozen over or filled with ice. Trains on the other hand, could operate year round. The jury on the case voted nine to three against the bridge. The case went next to the United States Congress and congress decided the bridge was a hazard to navigation and should be removed, but left it to the courts to decide the bridge's fate. The case was finally settled in Dec. 1862 by the United States Supreme Court and the bridge was allowed to stand.

This brings Part 1 of this series to an end, and for the continuation of Part 1 follow the History Road in July 2025. Next month in June 2025, the History Road continues with Part XXVIII of the John & Dorothy Bowlby Lanning series. Source materials for Part 1 are The Mississippi & Missouri Railroad, History of Union Pacific Transcontinental Railroad, History of The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, History of The Chicago & Rock Island Mississippi River Bridge & Albany Historical Society KNZA Radio Scripts NOS. 629, 630, 631, 666, 669 and 677.

# Happy Birthday, Sweet Land of Liberty!

*Wishing all of our friends and  
neighbors here in the community  
a safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!*

We hope your celebration is a blast, but please be safe!



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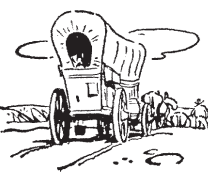
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