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regardless of the meeting not having a board quorum present and no board action being taken, Perkins told board members. This would require transporting the equipment to every location, which is not feasible, and paying extensive overtime to personnel to operate the equipment, which is not feasible, she said.

Board member Jeff Quirin said the board has made the effort to provide the streaming service to patrons for many years, but the bill’s requirements are “over the top” and inconsistent with the original intent of the board’s decision

to provide the livestreams and recordings of regular monthly meetings.

The alternative for school districts, according to the Kansas Association of School Boards, is not to record any meetings, so all meetings are being conducted the same way. Board member Kala Green said it is KASB’s recommendation to all school districts not to livestream any meetings, as it opens them up to liability.

Given the issues HB 2134 presents, the board voted to no longer provide livestreams or recordings of board meetings.

As always, the public is invited to attend all open session portions of board meetings.

Data review

Attendance has been a focus for the last three years, and the district continues to see gains, with a 5% overall increase in attendance this year, Assistant Superintendent Jeff Pegues told the board. With the mid-year hiring of Community Health Worker Jaran Dixon and Lincoln Sparkwheel coordinator Tanner Smith, the district believes next year’s data will be more impressive.

Behavior data looks pretty good, too, Pegues said. With the schools working to be more preventative rather than reactive, instances of flagrant misbehavior and horseplay were up slightly, but there was a 53% reduction in violent instances. Pegues attributes those figures to staff being more present and

observant and stopping situations like rough horseplay before it can escalate to someone getting hurt and getting angry.

Social-emotional areas showed improvement, especially in self-efficacy, where there was a 20% gain.

Pegues said they have also seen a big reduction in skipping and elopement at the secondary level this year with the e-Hall pass system, and hiring a dedicated athletic director, allowing the assistant principal more time to dedicate to those duties.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

— Heard Lincoln kindergarten teacher Brenda Winder received her 25-year certificate of service in education

from the University of Kansas. Winder has taught all 25 years here in Parsons. Tri-County employees working in Parsons were also honored. Special Ed teacher Jill Cleaver received her 25-year certificate and psychologist Jen Tavernaro received her 15-year certificate.

— Heard Perkins completed BOLD 2.0 (Building Operational Leadership Development). It is a year-long training.

— Heard the District Office will be closed for Juneteenth on June 19 and Independence Day July 4.

— Congratulated the Parsons High School boys tennis team who are the 2025 state champions.

— Discussed first readings

of the Parent/Student Handbooks, Bus Driver Handbook, Parent/Student Transportation Handbook and Social Media Guidelines.

— Set a July organizational meeting for July 14 at 6 p.m. The regular board meeting will follow at 6:10 p.m.

— Heard there is a 99% likelihood students will still eat for free next year under the Community Eligibility Program. The district will know for sure in July.

— Increased adult meal prices to \$5.25 for lunch and \$3.10 for breakfast.

— Approved the contract with CHC-SEK to provide one nurse at the high school, one assistant at the middle school and one floater for the elementaries.

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grant eligibility and student loan default responsibility.

“While that seems like a great thing on the surface, that’s likely to keep that funding in there. TRIO funds are actually discretionary funds for the Department of Education. So, while Congress establishes what TRIO programs are, how the programs are run, how they’re set, they don’t actually control specific funding. It’s a victory for us for sure, but we are not out of the woods yet,” Kirkpatrick told trustees.

She said Upward Bound, another TRIO program, had funding cut for three programs (one in Pennsylvania and two in Arizona). They were notified in late May, three days before the new fiscal year began for them, that they would not be funded. Generally, if a program loses funding, there would be a warning related to fiscal issues or not progressing toward goals. These programs were canceled because they did not reflect the Trump administration’s priorities and instead reflected the Biden administra-

tion’s priorities, she said.

Kirkpatrick said that DOE Secretary Linda McMahon has testified in previous education committee hearings that eliminating TRIO programs was part of her mission to wind down DOE operations.

“She specifically cited, without any real evidence, that she believes that these programs lack sufficient administrative oversight. She said the department lacks audit authority over programs. And those things simply are not true,” Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick said she’s worked with TRIO programs for two decades, and the programs provide accountability reports to the DOE, which also has risk-based audits and routine site visits for the programs. The colleges also have internal audit controls for the TRIO programs.

Funding for LCC’s Student Support Services expires Aug. 31. The college’s application for continued funding has been read and scored and an announcement could come this month or in July. Kirkpatrick said it’s more likely that a funding announcement will come days before the grant cycle ex-

pires in late August.

Kirkpatrick said the salaries of the two remaining staff members in Student Support Services receive funding from the federal grant, the bulk of it going to the director, Elizabeth Robinson. Kirkpatrick said she would like to retain those two positions at least through fiscal year 2026. She has no plans to reopen the search for two open adviser positions for SSS at this time.

Student Support Services has operated on campus for about 35 years. Any funding disruption would impact 160 or more students. Some SSS students also receive Pell grants and could lose access to about \$70,000 in direct financial assistance, Kirkpatrick said.

“So, it’s going to have an economic impact as well. We’re concerned about the cascading effects that the loss of those services would have on our health science programs, because all of our programs have seen growths in application numbers, acceptance rates, their persistence and success, their overall graduation rates, and we share those concerns with how that’s going to affect numbers in all of those areas

for LCC in general,” Kirkpatrick told trustees.

Student Support Services has made a difference in students’ lives, Kirkpatrick told trustees, sharing a graphic that describes its successes. Students served by SSS performed better in academics, persistence and four-year graduation rates than the general student population.

“So we know this program works,” Kirkpatrick said.

Robinson told trustees the Council for Opportunity in Education, which is advocating for continuing the TRIO programs, is urging bipartisan pressure on U.S. senators to continue the TRIO funding and make them aware of the program’s benefits.

“The messaging coming out of the federal level is disconcerting because they’re old attacks, as Kelly mentioned, related to oversight ...,” she said.

Robinson said if LCC does get funding for Student Support Services but doesn’t find out until the last minute, the fall semester will have already started and the college would not have time to fill the open positions until well into the semester. This would mean students who could be served in

the first semester may wait for those services.

She said knowing about the funding stream sooner than later is better for the students, campus and the population the program serves.

LCC President Mark Watkins told trustees that LCC may not be able to help as many students be successful if these programs end. So there are internal discussions on what to do and what services can be provided.

To show the impact of the reconciliation bill, Watkins said if the current bill were law last year, a third of LCC part-time students who received Pell grants would have lost them. Part time students means taking 6 credit hours and the bill would increase that to 7 credit hours. The bill would have impacted one-third of the full-time students receiving Pell grants as well, leading to a loss of \$207,000. Students enrolled in 15 credit hours would be considered full-time under the bill instead of 12 credit hours under current rules.

Statewide, if this law were in place last year, 6,000 students would have been impacted and

would have lost \$13.3 million.

The student loan default language in the House version of the bill could put colleges on the hook to repay defaulted student loans.

“We’ll have to see how things develop,” Watkins told trustees.

In other matters, the trustees:

— Discussed moving commencement from Forest Park to the college gym to avoid the impact of weather.

— Heard that 100% of the radiography graduates passed their national board tests. This is the 10th year that the program graduates passed the required test.

— Heard that one condensing unit serving the first floor in the health sciences building was bad and a consultant is recommending to replace all three condensing units on the floor. The cost could be \$60,000 but more information will be shared at a future meeting.

— Heard that devices that control dampers are wearing out in some buildings and may need replaced. This could cost \$100,000 or less.

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- Possible Noticeable Effects: It is important to understand that during this temporary change there may be some discoloration or cloudiness in the water and possibly a slight chlorine odor or taste. If this is experienced you may want to run the water through the tap until it clears.
- Is the Water Safe to Drink? Yes, the water is safe to drink throughout this process. Any odor and color issues will be nuisance only, which will subside as the flushing is completed. Residents may call (620) 431-5250 with any questions concerning the free chlorine burnout. The City of Chanute Water Department appreciates the patience and understanding of its residents as it works to further improve the quality of the water for all customers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

is hereby given that Neosho County Community College will accept sealed bids on or before the 1st day of July, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. on welding gas to be used at their Chanute, Garnett, LaHarpe and Ottawa locations. Bids may be submitted to Brenda Krumm, Neosho County Community College, 800 W. 14th St., Chanute, KS 66720. Neosho County Community College shall reserve the right to request additional information and to reject any or all bids received. Vendors must have a bottle tagging system in place. The successful bidder must provide assurance that all gas bottles delivered to each site are tagged and tracked. Bids should provide the cost per cubit foot for each gas. For detailed bid specifications and questions contact Brenda Krumm at 620-432-0364, email [bkrumm@neosho.edu](mailto:bkrumm@neosho.edu).

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS  
CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE (RHS), FORMERLY FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LISA M MERRILL; ET AL.  
Defendants.

Case No.: LBP-2025-CV-000005  
Division No.  
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60  
Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Labette County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Labette County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM on July 8, 2025, East Steps of the Labette County Courthouse in Parsons for the following real estate located in the County of Labette, State of Kansas, to wit: LOT 1, BLOCK 14, STEVENS PARK ADDITION, CITY OF PARSONS, LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS. ("Property") Commonly known as: 3100 Washington Avenue, Parsons, KS 67357

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Darren Eichinger  
Labette County Sheriff

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June 17, 24; July 1

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Resolution 560

WHEREAS City of McCune, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2025 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the City Council or the members of the general public of City of McCune, Kansas and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of City of McCune, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 that the City Council waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to City of McCune, Kansas for the year ended December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of City of McCune, Kansas to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

Approved by the City Council of City of McCune, Kansas on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Bobby Clark, Mayor

Nicole Mays, Clerk

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Resolution 559

WHEREAS City of McCune, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2024 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the City Council or the members of the general public of City of McCune, Kansas and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of City of McCune, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 that the City Council waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to City of McCune, Kansas for the year ended December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of City of McCune, Kansas to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

Approved by the City Council of City of McCune, Kansas on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Bobby Clark, Mayor

Nicole Mays, Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

TO: MICHAEL E. BROWN d/b/a MSG RESOURCES, INC. and MSG RESOURCE, INC., each of 971 1400th St, Iola, Kansas 66749-3942, and J&S MCCOY ENTERPRISES, LLC, of 13300 Rooks Road, Erie, Kansas 67333; and all other persons concerned.

The undersigned, owners in severalty of the following described land situated in Neosho County, Kansas:  
S/2SE/4 and the NE/4SE/4 of Section 13, Township 28S, Range 19E,

upon which an oil and gas lease dated August 12, 1992, recorded in Book 115M, Page 445, was given to Charles D. Phillips, and upon which a corrected oil and gas lease dated effective August 12, 1992, recorded in Book 116M, Page 151, was given to Charles D. Phillips, do hereby notify you that the terms of said lease(s) have been broken by the owner thereof, and we hereby elect to declare, and do declare, the said lease(s) forfeited and void, and that unless you do, within twenty (20) days from this date, notify the Register of Deeds of said County as provided by law that said lease(s) have not been forfeited, we will file with the Register of Deeds an Affidavit of Forfeiture as provided by law, and we hereby demand that you execute or have executed a proper surrender of said lease and that you put the same of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County within twenty (20) days from this date.

Dated this 5th day of June 2025.

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