

County Commissioners Minutes

July 21, 2025 at 9am

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission room of the Sumner County Courthouse. Those present were Chairman Jim Newell, Commissioner Steve Warner and Commissioner John Cooney. Also present was County Clerk Debra A. Norris. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved minutes of July 14 and 15.

John Hervey discussed a proposed solar farm to be located near Oxford. Jon Bristol, Planning and Zoning Director was also present. The Commission advised no application for a solar farm in the Oxford area has been received. Mr. Hervey advised that several property owners have signed leases with a company. His opinion is to not take up prime farm ground for these projects. Director Bristol advised this project is only in planning stages and no one has approached his office for application with the planning commission. Chairman Newell advised he agrees with Mr. Hervey concerning the amount of land taken out of use for solar farms.

Laura Lombardi, Wellington Daily News, provided positive input for wind and solar farms. She finds interest in providing incentives, i.e. electricity, for new business for Sumner County. Per Ms. Lombardi....”from a whole economic development standpoint, diversification is now the key to sustaining the county.”

Jill Kuehny, KanOkla, discussed a renewal of a five-year agreement for donation agreement to the citizens, via cities, schools and Sumner Regional Hospital of Sumner County. Deputy County Treasurer Jennifer Helpingstine was also present. Additional funding to citizens was also discussed. An agreement will be provided for signature at a later date.

Maintenance Director Joe Struble provided departmental updates.

Community Corrections Director Brad Macy provided information concerning the year-end report. After discussion, Chairman Newell was unanimously authorized to sign the report. Discussion also included updates on the Drug Court program, recently established in Sumner County.

Kahle Loveless, Evergy, discussed new transmission lines, Buffalo Flats to Delaware 345-kv transmission lines project preliminary route network within Sumner County. An open house invitation for citizens on Tuesday, August 5 at Cowley County Community College, Sumner Campus between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

County Advisor Jack Potucek provided a general review and updates.

At 11:25 a.m., upon unanimous vote the Commission entered into executive session for 10 minutes with Director Bristol to discuss non-elect personnel. At 11:35 a.m., the Commission reconvened in open session. Chairman Newell advised no binding was taken.

There being no further business, the

Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

County Commissioners Minutes - July 22, 2025 at 9am

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission room of the Sumner County Courthouse. Those present were Chairman Jim Newell, Commissioner Steve Warner and Commissioner John Cooney. Also present was County Clerk Debra A. Norris and 80th House Representative Bill Rhiley. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Rhiley discussed funding to Senior Services on Aging versus Meals on Wheels. Also discussed was funding, from the County, provided to the local Senior Services on Aging office for their use.

Scott Coppenbarger, Air Med Care Network, provided information on a voluntary benefits package for employees to help cover air med out of pocket services; no co-pay, deductible, etc. The Commission discussed being self-insured, costing the county for all expenses. The Commission will further discuss the issue based on the information provided.

At 9:45 a.m., upon unanimous vote, the Commission entered into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. At 9:55 a.m., the Commission reconvened in open session. Chairman Newell advised no binding action was taken.

At 9:58 a.m., upon unanimous vote,

the Commission entered into executive session for 10 minutes with Road and Bridge Manager Kendal Smith to discuss non-elected personnel. At 10:08 a.m., the Commission reconvened in open session. Chairman Newell advised no binding action was taken.

County Treasurer Dannetta Cook provided the amount received from federal inmate housing for July as \$130,725.40.

Maintenance Director Joe Struble provided departmental updates.

Planning and Zoning Director Jon Bristol discussed Peck Improvement District Board of Directors and funding for the district.

Deputy County Clerk Diana Afudengarten and Assessment Clerk Jen Strickland discussed finalization of the 2026 budget preparation. Updated timeline, provided by Kansas Department of Administration, Office of Accounts and Reports Municipal Services, for both exceeding and not exceeding Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) was reviewed and discussed.

County Advisor Jack Potucek provided a general review and updates.

The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved current year abatement orders for \$5,931.37.

Prior year abatement order were also reviewed and unanimously approved for \$7,931.37.

There being no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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July 24, 31, August 7, 2025

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SUMNER COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of:
MICHAEL ALLEN HELM,
Deceased.

Case No. SU 2025 PR 000027

Pursuant To Chapter 59 Of
Kansas Statutes Annotated

STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK

NOTICE OF HEARING &
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PER-

PUBLIC NOTICE

SONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Evan M. Helm, as potential heir of Michael Allen Helm, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before Friday, August 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Wellington, in Sumner County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Arlene M.. Burrow /s/
ARLENE M. BURROW
Attorney for Petitioner

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News July 31, 2025

IN THE 30th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF SUMNER
COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

PEYTON MICHELLE HAYWORTH
To Change His/Her Name to:
PEYTON MICHELLE RAHE

The Petition will be heard in
SUMNER County District Court 501 N.
Washington Ave., WELLINGTON, Kan-
sas on the 2ND day of SEPTEMBER,
2025 at 9 00 a.m.

If you have any objection to the re-
quested name change, you are re-

PUBLIC NOTICE

quired to file a responsive pleading on or before SEPTEMBER 1ST 2025 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

Peyton M. Hayworth /s/
Petitioner, Pro Se
Name: Peyton Michelle Hayworth. Ad-
dress 1: 7195 Jefferson Ave
City, State, Zip: Wellington, KS 67152
Telephone Number: 479 531 6010

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Wedgewood Apartments
900 N. Woodlawn St
Wellington, Kansas
Phone: 620-359-1144
Fax: 620-359-1609

Wedgewood Apartments at 900 N Woodlawn St Wellington, Kansas 67152 is holding property and possessions for Kelli Young. Property will be disposed of on /after 08/01/2025 If not claimed. Property & possessions may be claimed at the property location during business hours.

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Help Wanted: Member Engagement and Creative Services Specialist Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Wellington, KS

Are you a creative communicator with a passion for Rural Kansas? Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc. is looking for a dynamic individual to fill the role of Member Engagement and Creative Services Specialist. This is your opportunity to join a service-driven organization where your work directly impacts members across our seven districts.

About the Role:

Reporting to the Director of Finance, this nonexempt position is responsible for enhancing member communication and engagement in alignment with the Cooperative's strategic initiatives. From developing and executing annual communication plans to producing eye-catching newsletters, brochures, digital content, and managing our website – this role blends creativity with meaningful community outreach. You'll also take the lead on:

- * Organizing cooperative events and educational programs such as the Annual Membership Meeting, Coops Vote, Youth Tour and scholarship initiatives
 - * Managing social media presence and digital media content
 - * Responding to member inquiries with professionalism and care
 - * Supporting presentations and internal creative services
- Expect occasional travel and some flexible hours as you help represent the Cooperative at regional community events.

Why Work With Us?

At Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative, you're not just taking a job – you're joining a team that values service, integrity, and innovation. We offer:

- *Competitive wages
 - *4-Day work week
 - *PTO and Holiday Pay
 - *Full employer-paid health, dental and vision coverage for employees; dependent coverage available
 - *A defined pension plan through NRECA (after 1 year of service)
 - *401k with 4% employer match after one year of service
 - *Professional growth opportunities and variety every day
- Ideal Candidate Will Have:**
- * Strong professional communication and relationship-building skills
 - * Excellent organization and time-management abilities
 - * A proactive, problem-solving mindset
 - * Experience in marketing, communications, or digital media
 - * Flexibility to travel locally and work occasional evenings/weekends for events

To be considered for this opportunity, please submit your resume to CEO Coni Adams at: conia@sucocoop.com . Cover letters are encouraged by not required. Final candidates may be asked to provide references. Deadline to apply: Monday August 18th, 2025

Sumner-Cowley Electric and its 10 dedicated employees carry on the spirit of those who sought a better life in Rural Kansas. Our service area encompasses approximately 2,500 square miles, with approximately 4,500 meters and nearly 1,700 miles of line. Headquartered in Wellington, Sumner-Cowley Electric is one of 26 distribution electric cooperatives proudly serving member owners in the state of Kansas.

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WEED CUTTING NOTICES
To: the following described properties

Property Owner(s)
1118 E. 7th St. | Ronald & Jessica Conway
1117 E. Harvey Ave. | Dannyell Cadek
1111 E. Harvey Ave. | Sydney Russell
1312 N. A St. | Carl & Michelle Carnahan
405 W. Harvey Ave. | David Hudson
519 E. Lincoln Ave. | Scott Muth
1324 N. C St. | Leatrice Smith
322 S. Birch St. | Richard Townsend

All in the City of Wellington: Within 10 days of publication of this notice, upon failure to cut said weeds, the City of Wellington will cut the same, and all costs, including administration costs, will be assessed on tax roll against the above described property. No further notice shall be given prior to removal of the weeds during the calendar year. All regulations as per Ordinance No. 4082 adopted March 15, 2012.

If you wish to report a weed violation, please contact the Building & Codes department before noon on Friday in order to make the coming week's publication. Any reports received after noon on Friday will be included in the following week's notice.

City Clerk's Office: 620-326-2811
Building & Codes Department: 620-326-3871