

## DEEDS FILED

**Joint Tenancy Warranty Deed:** Kinzey Larie Langston to Westin Pachta and Lydia Pachta. Lot 2 and 3, Block 6, Second Addition, City of Cuba, Kansas.

**Quit Claim Deed:** Carla K. Roeder to Gary D. Mathis. West 97', Lots 16, 17, and 18, except the South 5', Lot 16, Block 18, Simond's Addition, City of Belleville, Kansas.

**General Warranty Deed:** Darrell J. Van Doren to Waylon Harvey. Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block 3, Anderson's Addition, City of Agenda, KS.

**Trustee's Deed:** Allan H. Palecek and Nancy S. Palecek, Co-Trustees of the Palecek Revocable Trust to Cody Palecek and Megan L. Palecek. E1/2 of NW1/4, 13-2-1, Republic County, KS.

**Trustee's Deed:** Allan H. Palecek and Nancy S. Palecek, Co-Trustees of the Palecek Revocable Trust to Cline Palecek LLC. N1/2 of NW1/4 and SE1/4 of NW1/4, 23-1-2, Republic County, KS.

**Quit Claim Deed:** Patrick D. Kerns and Michele Marie Kerns to Patrick Daniel Kerns and Michele Marie Kerns, Trustees of the PKMK Living Trust. N90' of W100' of the S150' of Lot 4, Block 7, Hogin's Addition, City of Belleville, Kansas.

**Corporate Warranty Deed:** United Presbyterian Church of Belleville, Kansas f/k/a The Presbyterian Church of Belleville, Kansas to MADD Props, LLC. E35' of Lot 7 and Lot 8, Block 15, OT Belleville, Kansas.

**Trustee's Deed:** Doris C. Ekstrom, Trustee of the Darrel L. Ekstrom, Sr., Trust to Joey A. Koch and Samantha M. Koch. An undivided 1/3 interest in the SE1/4, 27-3-3, Republic County, Kansas.

**Warranty Deed:** Kikuko Ekstrom as Attorney-in-Fact and as spouse of Delton E. Ekstrom to Joey A. Koch and Samantha M. Koch. An undivided 1/3 interest in the SE1/4, 27-3-3, Republic County, Kansas.

**Warranty Deed:** Jeffrey A. Foster to Joey A. Koch and Samantha M. Koch. An undivided 1/6 interest in the SE1/4, 27-3-3, Republic County, Kansas.

**Warranty Deed:** Vicky L. Foster and John Stitt to Joey A. Koch and Samantha M. Koch. An undivided 1/6 interest in the SE1/4, 27-3-3, Republic County, Kansas.

**Trustee's Deed:** Doris C. Ekstrom, Trustee of the Darrel L. Ekstrom, Sr., Trust to Richard Koch. An undivided 1/3 interest in the S1/2 of NW1/4, 27-3-3, Republic County, Kansas.

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**Warranty Deed:** James D. Cluver and Kaytlynn M. Williams to Brittany Pierce. Lot 3, Block 1, Prairie View Addition, City of Belleville, Kansas.

## REPUBLIC COUNTY SHERIFF

**December 27**  
Responded to the 200 block of Lynn Street in Cuba for a report of property theft. Upon further investigation nothing was found to be taken. No report was taken.

**December 28**  
Responded to the 1100 block of 80th Rd for a residential alarm. Everything was found to be ok. No report was taken.

**December 30**  
Responded to the area of 290 Rd and Highway K-148 for a car-deer non-injury auto accident. Report was taken.

**December 31**  
Conducted a person assist in the area of Highway 81 and 18th St. No report was taken.  
Responded to the area of 180 and Marble Rd for

a non-injury auto accident. One male subject was arrested and transported to Republic County Jail. Report was taken.

**January 1**  
Conducted an agency assist of Highway 36 and 310 Rd. No report was taken.

**January 2**  
Conducted an agency assist in the area of Highway 36 and 40 Rd. No report was taken.

Responded to the 100 block of Quincy Street in Norway for a driving complaint. Vehicle was not located in the area. No report was taken.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 15  
PAPERS SERVED: 0**

## REPUBLIC COUNTY JAIL

**December 31**  
Nicholas Wurm, admitted by Republic County Sheriff's Office on suspicion of possession of opiate/opium narcotic or certain stimulant, use/possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia into human body, no liability insurance, and no registration.

## BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**December 29**  
Responded to 2225 HWY 81 for a report of damage to property and theft. Under investigation.

**December 30**  
Responded to the 2100 block of 16th for a report of a 2 vehicle non injury accident. Report taken.

**December 31**  
Responded to 1204 K St. for a report of a disturbance. Anthony Catanzaro of Belleville was charged with disorderly conduct.

**January 1**  
Responded to 1230 L St. for a report of damage to property. Under investigation.

**January 3**  
Responded to 1356 HWY 81 for a report of suspicious activity. Officer located a subject that was having issues with their vehicle and no criminal activity occurred.

**January 4**  
Responded to 2424 L St. for a report of a disturbance. No criminal action occurred.

**January 5**  
Responded to HWY81 and 7th St. for a report of a car vs deer accident. Report taken.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 2  
VIN INSPECTIONS: 3**

## REPUBLIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 29, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners attending were Edwin Splichal, Doug Jackson, and Tim Eitzmann. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Katy Duryea from the Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Kevin Weston, Munden Zion Evangelical Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the minutes from December 15th session. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$42,240.13.

Twelve tax adjustments were approved for a total of -\$5,615.74.

Levi Whitley, EMS Director, presented his year-end report.

• Republic County EMS has acted on 675 calls, which is the largest number of calls they have had in one year.

• Republic County EMS transferred 121 patients to other hospitals during 2025.

• Whitley reported that he attended the Republic County Hospital board meeting last week and presented the

above information.

• Whitley announced the retirement of Jeff Smith as an EMT as of December 31, 2025.

• Whitley stated one of his goals for 2026 is to present more rescue training for area responders.

After reviewing a list of the Republic County Hospital board members, Commissioner Jackson made a motion to re-appoint Kevin Milner and Barry Childs for another 3 years. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Susan Aaron, Administrative Assistant, thanked the commissioners for the updated copier for her office and thanked them for the Christmas gift card.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the December 17th meeting for the Regional Juvenile detention board in Junction City.

Paul Kallman, Honorable Mayor of Scandia, presented his concluding thoughts of activities in Scandia as Mayor and councilman.

• Kallman reported that the 20th annual Hwy 36 garage sales were a success.

• Kallman reported that all the funds that Republic County contributed to Scandia from the ARPA funding have been used and all the receipts have been sent to the county clerk.

• Kallman shared that Mark Melby was elected as Mayor and will be sworn in during the January meeting.

• Kallman asked if the county will be resurfacing the main road through Scandia during 2026 and Ken Robbins stated that the resurfacing is on the schedule but there is not a time frame.

Commissioner Splichal opened the amended budget hearing for Republic County at 10:05 a.m. Since there were no protestors to the amended budget Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to approve the amended budget increasing spending authority for R&B by \$320,256.00 and the Appraiser budget by \$7,506.00. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Com-

missioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to close the budget hearing at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

Ken Robbins presented for review the Highway, Transportation, Bridge, and Solid Waste information.

• Robbins delivered the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.

• Robbins reported that the grader in for the rebuild is ready for re-assembly and he is sending an employee to Topeka for the progress inspection before assembly is started. If a commissioner would like to go, let Ken know.

• Robbins announced that the slab for the new tower building is complete.

• Robbins received notice that the solid waste facility at Hamm Quarry has been sold but the transition should go smoothly with no increases in rates in 2026.

• Robbins is submitting an updated agreement with Cloud County with the new business name for 2026.

Stacey Bowen, Tyler Frye, Matt Jensen and Nathan Craig, R&B employees joined the meeting per Robbin's request to present evaluation on Robbins to the commissioners.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Jackson made a motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes to review employee performance. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Bowen, Frye, Jensen, and Craig. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:45 a.m., taking no action.

At 10:46 a.m., Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes to review employee performance. Commissioner Jackson seconded the

motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Robbins, and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:01 a.m., taking no action.

Mikel Hadachek, David Blecha, and Robin Carlson from the Republic County Economic Development joined the meeting.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal opened the public hearing regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) renewal. Clerk Marsicek reported that the initial Interlocal agreement has been created, and all the cities and school districts have been contacted and have agreed to sign approval of the renewal. Each city and school district needs to sign the interlocal agreement and then it needs to be submitted to the Attorney General office in Topeka. Blecha shared that Nick Levendofsky has volunteered to take the form around the western part of the county for signatures and Clerk Marsicek will contact the eastern part of the county.

With no protestors against the NRP renewal, Commissioner Splichal closed the public hearing at 11:20 a.m.

Sandee Swanson, Register of Deeds joined the meeting.

At 11:22 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes to review an employee issue. Commissioner Jackson

seconded the motion which Commissioner Eitzmann made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Swanson.

The board reconvened at 11:27 a.m., taking no action.

Clerk Marsicek presented for signatures a letter of support for the Belleville City Library for a grant to install Story-walk frames in front of the library. The consensus of the board was to sign the letter of support.

With all the agenda items complete, Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 5, 2026.

**Support These Upcoming School Events:**

**Thursday, January 8**  
HS BB @ Ellsworth 4:30 pm

**Friday, January 9**  
FFA Small Gas Engine & Precision Measuring  
HS Wr. (B) @ Tri-County 2 pm

**Saturday, January 10**  
HS Wr. (B) @ Tri-County 9 am

**Monday, January 12**  
BOE Meeting 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, January 13**  
HS BB @ Sacred Heart 4:30 pm

**Wednesday, January 14**  
FBLA CTSO Legislature & Citizenship Day @ Topeka  
EAST BLT - 3:45 pm

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