

## DEEDS FILED

### Joint Tenancy Warranty

**Deed:** Gary E. Scofield and Lori J. Scofield to Jason Eickman and Rachel Eickman. W1/2 of NE1/4 of SW1/4 and NW1/4 of SW1/4 and the SW1/4 of the NW1/4, and the W1/2 of the SE1/ of the NW1/4, 20-1-2, Republic County, Kansas, AND LESS a tract of land located in the W1/2 of the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 AND the W1/2 of the NE1/4 of the SW1/4, all in 20-1-2, Republic County, Kansas.

**Warranty Deed:** Nila Skupa to Raymond K. Gieber and Linda S. Gieber, Trustees of the Raymond and Linda Gieber Trust. E62' of Lot 14 and S 40' of E62' of Lot 13 except the N6' of the S40' of the E62' of Lot 13, Block 3, of the Subdivision of Blocks 4, 5, and 6 of Hallowell's Addition, City of Belleville, Kansas.

**Trustee Deed:** The Peoples Bank, Trustee of the Janice Carrico IRA to the Jerome M. Carrico and Janice R. Carrico Family Trust. NW1/4 of 27-1-3, Republic County, Kansas.

**Trustee Deed – Quitclaim:** David W. Lipe, Trustee of the Robert A. and Margaret A. Gwin Living Trust to David W. Lipe. E1/2, 22-2-1, and N1/2 of SW1/4, 26-2-1, and NW1/4, 26-2-1, EXCEPT a tract in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4, 26-2-1, Republic County, Kansas.

**Statutory Warranty Deed:** D&E Rentals, LLC to Lance Lagasse and Brian Strait. S50' of the E138', Lot 2, Block 8, Hogin's Addition, City of Belleville, Kansas and a fraction of Block 8, Hogin's Addition to the City of Belleville, Kansas.

**General Warranty Deed:** Drew Zenger to Kevin Cromwell and Jody Cromwell. An undivided 1/2 interest in the W1/2 of NE1/4, 26-2-1, Republic County, Kansas.

**General Warranty Deed:**

Drew Zenger to Kalen Cromwell and Brooke Cromwell. An undivided 1/2 interest in the W1/2 of NE1/4, 26-2-1, Republic County, Kansas.

## REPUBLIC COUNTY SHERIFF

**March 14**  
Responded to the 1700 block of 170 Road for a report of an injured animal. No report was taken.

Responded to the area of 140 and Rock Road to assist with EMS emergency call. No report was taken.

Responded to the area of Highway 36 near Scandia for a report of suspicious activity. Contact was made with an individual. Everything was found to be ok. No report was taken.

Deputies and BPD responded to the 2100 block of 19th Street to assist with an EMS emergency call. No report was taken.

**March 15**  
Responded to the area of Highway 81 and K-148 for a report of debris in the roadway. No debris located in the roadway. No report was taken.

Responded to the 2000 block of Penn Road for a report of possible fire. Fire department was called out. No report was taken.

Responded to the area of Queen and 70 Road for a report of debris in the roadway. Road and Bridge were called out to assist. No report was taken.

**March 16**  
Conducted a motorist assist in the area of Highway 81 and K-148. No report was taken.

Deputy and BPD conducted a traffic stop in the area of K and 20th Street that resulted in the arrest of one male individual on a Republic County Warrant. Report was taken.

Responded to the area of Highway 81 and Union Road for a driving complaint. Vehicle was not located in the area. No report was taken.

**March 17**  
Responded to the area of 110 Road and Highway 36 for a report of a suspicious subject. Contact was made with subject; everything was found to be ok. No report was taken.

**March 18**  
Responded to the 1100 block 160 Road for a report of an animal bite. No report taken.

**March 20**  
Responded to a dropped 911 call near Marble Road and 150 Road – phone was found on the side of the road – and was returned to owner. No report taken.

Deputies and Belleville City Officers responded to a driving complaint on Highway 81 near Zeal Road. Vehicle was stopped and driver spoken to. No report taken.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 38  
PAPERS SERVED: 4**

## BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**March 18**  
Responded to the city park for a reported disturbance. Upon investigation it was found to be juveniles playing and no criminal action occurred.

**March 20**  
Received driving complaint on US81. Officer located subject.

**March 21**  
Officer responded to Loves Travel Plaza for a report of suspicious activity. Under investigation.

Assisted the Sheriff's Office with an accident that occurred outside the city limits.

**PAPER SERVICE: 2  
TRAFFIC STOPS: 8  
VIN INSPECTIONS: 4**

## REPUBLIC COUNTY JAIL

**March 16**  
Travis Main, admitted by Republic County Sheriff's Office on probation violation.

## REPUBLIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners attending were Doug Jackson, Edwin Splichal, and Tim Eitzmann. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was

present to record the minutes.

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

Pastor Craig Roberts, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the minutes from March 9th. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Three tax adjustments were approved for -\$124.48.

Susan Aaron, Commissioners secretary, reported that she has been researching companies regarding the Republic County Website. Aaron contacted our 3rd party IT company LockIT, and they referred her to Conceptualize Design. The person she contacted at Conceptualize Design noticed that there were several issues with our website that need to be updated or replaced. The commissioners ask Aaron to follow up with some references for the company and report back to the commissioners.

Clerk Marsicek reported that she contacted CIC regarding training on our current website and there is training available with a cost of \$150/per hour for a 4-hour zoom.

Clerk Marsicek presented 3 permission sheets to attend training courses in the next couple of weeks that the commissioners approved of the trip to attend the courses including:

- 2026 Annual Spring gathering of NCKCCA in Salina on March 19. The Clerk's office will be closed March 19th until 2:00 pm.
- Sanborn Institute continued education for Travis Boyer in Manhattan from March 30 to April 2.
- Sanborn Academy continued education for Clerk Marsicek in Manhattan from April 1 to April 2.

Permission for Faye Jones and Melissa Miller to attend the Governor's Public Health Conference in Wichita from March 29th to April 1st was approved by the commissioners.

Ken Robbins presented for

review the Highway, Transportation, Bridge, and Solid Waste information.

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

- Robbins announced that the R&B department has changed to summer hours as of March 8th.

- Robbins reported that the extreme wind conditions have caused debris on the county roads including rows of pumpkin vines and tree branches.

- Work pulling shoulders will begin on 60 Rd between Ash Rd and Elm Rd.

- Robbins announced that the citywide clean up in Cuba will April 13th.

- The transmission in the bus has been replaced.

- Republic County met with Cloud County R&B to work on the proposed paving projects in the two counties.

- Robbins thanked the commissioners for the transfer of windfarm funds to cover the proposed Special Highway projects for 2026.
- David Ball, Weed super-

visor, presented for signatures the 2025 weed report for the State of Kansas. Ball explained that there are a variety of noxious weeds in Republic County and spraying the weeds with different chemicals assists with removal of the weeds.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the weed report. Commissioner Eitzmann seconded the motion which Commissioner Jackson made unanimous.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, presented a written report for review on the fire in the western part of Republic County on Thursday, March 12th.

With no other business, Commissioner Eitzmann made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 23, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners' boardroom.

## Weather

<p>Weds 25   Day 93° ☀️ 5% WSW 14 mph Sunny skies. Record high temperatures expected. High 93F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.</p>	<p>Night 61° ☁️ 2% SSW 10 mph Mostly clear. Low 61F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.</p>
<p>Thurs 26   Day 79° ☁️ 2% NW 26 mph Partly cloudy skies with gusty winds developing during the afternoon. High 79F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph, becoming N and increasing to 25 to 35 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.</p>	<p>Night 32° ☁️ 9% NNE 26 mph Windy with increasing clouds. Low 32F. Winds NNE at 25 to 35 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.</p>
<p>Fri 27   Day 55° ☁️ 1% NNW 17 mph Sun and a few passing clouds. Much colder. High around 55F. Winds NNE at 10 to 20 mph.</p>	<p>Night 30° ☁️ 0% ESE 10 mph Partly cloudy. Low near 30F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>Sat 28   Day 62° ☁️ 0% S 19 mph Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 62F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.</p>	<p>Night 45° ☁️ 0% S 16 mph A few clouds from time to time. Low near 45F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.</p>
<p>Sun 29   Day 78° ☁️ 0% S 18 mph Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 78F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.</p>	<p>Night 52° ☁️ 2% SSW 12 mph Mainly clear skies. Low 52F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>Mon 30   Day 85° ☁️ 2% SSE 16 mph Partly cloudy skies in the morning will give way to cloudy skies during the afternoon. High near 85F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.</p>	<p>Night 56° ☁️ 13% S 14 mph Considerable clouds early. Some decrease in clouds late. Low 56F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.</p>

## Markets at closing on Monday

Wheat: \$5.32  
Corn: \$3.93  
Milo: \$3.43  
Soybeans: \$10.50



## PUBLIC NOTICE

First published Belleville Telescope on March 26, 2026

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No. RP-2026-PR-000006  
JOSEPH A. FINLEY, deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

TO THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 19, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Joseph C. Finley, surviving son of Joseph A. Finley, deceased, requesting that Joseph

C. Finley be appointed as Administrator, without bond; and that Joseph C. Finley be granted Letters of Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before Monday, April 20, 2026, at 9:00 A.M., in this Republic County District Court, Belleville, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree

will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

DANIEL K. DIEDERICH #11540  
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Joseph C. Finley PETITIONER

On March 23, 2026, the City of Belleville, Kansas, adopted Ordinance No. 1089, relating to the sale and setting of natural gas rates for residential and commercial customers, within and outside the Belleville City limits. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at www.cityofbellevillekansas.com or at City Hall, 1819 L Street, Belleville, Kansas. This summary is certified by Julie Effenbeck, City Attorney.

Julie Effenbeck, City Attorney

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