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Help Wanted

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, Coffey County, Kan., is accepting applications for one (1) full-time position of Heavy Equipment Operator. Applications and job descriptions may be picked up and returned to the Coffey County Highway Department, 1510 S. 6th Street, Burlington, KS. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to proceed to a structured interview and if an applicant is made a conditional offer of employment, he or she will be asked to submit to a drug screening. Coffey County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Veteran's Preference Employer. Coffey County considers applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, the presence of a non-job-related medical condition or disability, or any other legally protected status. Coffey County will not refuse to hire a disabled applicant who is qualified to perform the requirements of the job with reasonable accommodations, during the application/interview process. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. 8-2tc

COFFEY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT is accepting 10 temporary seasonal employees. Applications and job descriptions may be picked up from and returned to the Coffey County Highway Department located at 1510 South Sixth Street, Burlington. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to proceed to a structured interview and if an applicant is made a conditional offer of employment, he or she will be asked to submit to a drug screening. Coffey County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Veteran's Preference Employer. Coffey County considers applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, the presence of a non-job-related medical condition or disability, or any other legally protected status. Coffey County will

not refuse to hire a disabled applicant who is qualified to perform the requirements of the job with reasonable accommodations. Applicants may request reasonable accommodations, during the application/interview process. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. 8-4tc

Bids

THE KEYWEST TOWNSHIP is taking bids for mowing for the 2026 year. We ask that it's mowed every two weeks and weed eating done once a month. Mowing generally starts in April. Please call 620-794-0631 with any questions. Bids are due by March 6. They can be dropped off at the Farm Bureau Office in Burlington. 7-3tp

POTTAWATOMIE TOWNSHIP in Coffey County is seeking sealed bids from all interested personnel for the mowing and trimming of both Prairie View and Glendale cemeteries for the 2026 season and extending to 2027, etc., if mowing is performed satisfactorily. For questions or concerns contact David Poire at (620) 340-3338, David Kunkel at (620) 341-0744, or Pete Foltz at (785) 448-0199. All bids should be submitted on a per mowing basis to David Poire, 2017 20th Road, Waverly, KS 66871 by March 7. 6-4tc

Meetings

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, AL-ANON, (620) 364-6761, (620) 203-8294, 364-6534, (580) 235-6254. Tuesdays 7:30 p.m., 207 S. Sixth, Burlington. tfn/nc

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, SUNDAYS, 6 p.m. Waverly Community Building. tfn/nc

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Notices

KURTZ FARM EQUIPMENT Consignment/Auction at Westphalia, Kan., Saturday, March 14. To consign call (785) 448-4152. 8-1tc

LOOKING FOR LAND to lease or buy during 2026 deer season. Will pay top dollar. References available. Not an outfitter. Fully insured. (715) 495-3241. 3-8tp

LOOKING TO BUY HEDGEPOST!
Call Jeff Smith for details at 620-496-8956
Smith Postyard located in Yates Center and Mapleton, KS

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SB 360

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employers are facing annual increases nearing 10 percent. At the same time, we expanded benefits, including adding a health savings account and a buy-up plan option.

PBM reform does not increase costs. It reduces them. Other states have proven this. Our own experience in Kansas proves it.

Some lawmakers have told me they are hesitant to "get in the middle" of private business negotiations. That argument collapses when a monopoly exists. When markets fail, government has a responsibility to step in - not to control prices - but to restore competition.

Today, pharmacy is not a free market. It is a monopoly.

A current bill in Kansas, SB360, would require transparency, no spread pricing, no hiding of rebates, and would pay non-PBM owned

pharmacies at least their cost or NADAC (national average drug acquisition cost) with a mark up or professional fee of \$10.50. It would save local access and at the same time save employers and taxpayers millions. Yet, the opponents are scaring everyone about a "\$10.50 pill tax?" Those opponents know better. Kansas deserve better.

And who are those opponents? Insurance and PBMs, of course.

On behalf of Kansas patients, employers, employees, and taxpayers, I urge lawmakers to enact meaningful PBM reform. End anticompetitive practices. Protect patient choice. Ensure fair reimbursement. And restore a marketplace that works not just for corporate middlemen, but for the people they claim to serve.

—Mike Burns is the Board President of Pharmacy Buying Association and the CEO of Au-Burn Pharmacy, Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County will accept sealed proposals to provide engineering services to study and report on options for either rehabilitating or replacing the bridge carrying Reaper Lane over the Neosho River at the town of LeRoy.

Bridge No. 165 (NBI 00000000160470) is a 4-span floorbeam superstructure (102'-2@125'-102' SSGC) and a 24' roadway width. It was constructed in 1968 and is a 2-girder bridge with Non-redundant Steel Tension Members. It is currently load posted for 13-23-39 tons.

The engineering study will determine if the existing bridge can be rehabilitated to carry legal vehicle loads and remove NRSTM status, say by adding two additional girders and removing the floor beams. The study should include the feasibility of a widened replacement concrete deck. Assuming rehabilitation is feasible, a cost estimate should be provided and construction duration estimated.

The study shall also include a preliminary Type-Size-Location determination for a replacement bridge on an offset alignment. A preliminary cost estimate for a new bridge should be prepared to allow comparison with the cost estimate for a rehabilitated bridge, if appropriate.

Proposals shall be received at the Highway Department at 1510 S. 6th St., Burlington, Kansas, 66839 until 2:00 p.m., March 11, 2026. Envelopes should be plainly marked on the outside "Bridge 165 Preliminary Study". The proposal should include a proposed fee schedule for required services. It is anticipated that a cost-plus-net-fee contract with a not-to-exceed contract amount will be utilized for this engineering study, although an alternative contract type may be considered. Coffey County reserves the right to select a consultant it deems most qualified regardless of proposed fee schedule.

The proposal should comment on the appropriateness of the attached Scope of Services. Required or recommended services not included in the attached Scope of Services should be discussed in the proposal.

Coffey County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and the right to waive any or all informalities or irregularities therein.

Any questions should be addressed to the Ryan Durst, Road and Bridge Superintendent, Coffey County Highway Department, 1510 S. 6th St., Burlington, KS 66839 or by calling (620) 364-2441.

DATE: February 23, 2026

(SEAL)

ATTEST:
/s/ Angie Kirchner,
COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Wade H. Bowie, II
COUNTY ATTORNEY
(Feb. 25, March 5)

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INVITATION TO BID

Issue Date: Feb 23, 2026
Bid Date: March 18, 2026

Coffey County will receive bids for Mowing Four Parcels: Old Highway 50 Park, Rock Creek Cemetery, Hope Cemetery (1/2 Mile South of 22nd Rd & Emmer) and Strawn Monument (16th Rd & Fauna) at the County Clerk's Office, 110 S. 6th Street, Burlington, Kansas 66839, until March 18, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m. then be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid meeting will be available on March 12, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Highway Department to describe the details of the scope of services at each location.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Awarded bid is subject to contractor providing valid proof of General Liability insurance up to \$1,000,000 per occurrence with a \$2,000,000 aggregate. Ad-

ditionally, proof of valid Worker's Compensation insurance or completion of a notarized waiver for injuries may be required.

Coffey County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all technicalities.

All bids shall be submitted on the enclosed bid sheet. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the identification "MOWING BIDS" on the outside of the envelope.

If you mail your bid, please, mail the bid to the following address, with "MOWING BIDS" as identification on the envelope.

Ryan Durst
Coffey County Highway Department
1510 South 6th St.
Burlington, KS 66839

(SEAL)

ATTEST:
/s/ Angie Kirchner
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Wade H. Bowie II
County Attorney
(Feb. 26, March 5, 12)

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-970

A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS TO THE NEED FOR HOUSING WITHIN COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS AND SETTING FORTH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED AS A REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, 12-5241 et seq., as amended (the "Act") authorizes counties within the state of Kansas (the "State") to designate reinvestment housing incentive districts within such county; and

WHEREAS, prior to such designation the governing body of such county shall conduct a housing needs analysis to determine what, if any, housing needs exist within its community; and

WHEREAS, after conducting such analysis, the governing body of such county may adopt a resolution making certain findings regarding the establishment of a reinvestment housing incentive district and providing the legal description of property to be contained therein; and

WHEREAS, after publishing such resolution, the governing body of such county shall send a copy

thereof to the Secretary of Commerce of the State (the "Secretary") requesting that the Secretary agree with the finding contained in such resolution; and

WHEREAS, if the Secretary agrees with such findings, such county may proceed with the establishment of a reinvestment housing incentive district within such county and adopt a plan for the development or redevelopment of housing and public facilities in the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County, Kansas has performed a housing needs analysis dated December 2022 (the "Needs Analysis"), a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk; and

WHEREAS, based on the Needs Analysis, the Governing Body of the County proposes to commence proceedings necessary to create a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Governing Body hereby adopts and incorporates by this reference as part of this Resolution the Needs Analysis, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk, and based on a review of said Needs Analysis makes the following findings and determinations.

Section 2. The Governing Body hereby finds and

determines that there is a shortage of quality housing in the County despite the best efforts of public and private housing developers.

Section 3. The Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the shortage of quality housing can be expected to persist and that additional financial incentives are necessary in order to encourage the private sector to construct or renovate housing in the County.

Section 4. The Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the shortage of quality housing is a substantial deterrent to the future economic growth and development of the County.

Section 5. The Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the future economic wellbeing of the County depends on the Governing Body providing additional incentives for the construction or renovation of quality housing in the County.

Section 6. Based on the findings and determinations contained in Sections 2 through 5 of this Resolution, the Governing Body proposes to establish a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District pursuant to the Act, within boundaries of the real estate legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto and shown on the maps depicting the existing parcels of land attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "District").

Section 7. The Clerk is

hereby directed to publish this Resolution one time in the official County newspaper, and to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Secretary for the Secretary's review and approval.

Section 8. The Chairman, Clerk, other County officials and Gilmore & Bell, P.C. are hereby further authorized and directed to take such other actions as may be appropriate or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect after its adoption and publication once in the official County newspaper.

ADOPTED by the Coffey County, Kansas Board of County Commissioners, on February 17, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS,

By:
/s/ Mark A. Petterson,
Chairman

/s/ Steve McCurry,
Vice Chairman

/s/ Michael Abendroth,
Member

/s/ Todd Barker,
Member

/s/ Wayde Thomsen,
Member

(SEAL)

ATTEST:
/s/ Angie Kirchner
Coffey County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Wade H. Bowie, II
Coffey County Attorney

Full-Time Daycare Aides

The USD #244 Burlington Early Learning Center is looking for several full-time Daycare Aides who are caring, dependable, and energetic.

The job responsibilities include, but are not limited to supervising and engaging children in age-appropriate activities, maintaining a safe and clean environment and supporting children's social and emotional development.

If you have a passion for working with young children, are reliable with a positive attitude, and thrive in a fun and active work environment, we'd love to hear from you!

If you are interested, please apply online by going to the USD #244 website at <https://www.usd244ks.org>, and click on the word 'Careers' in the upper left-hand corner. If you have questions, please contact Lacey Johnson (lajohnson@usd244ks.org) 620-364-8478 ext. 3510.



Full-Time Assistant Maintenance Director

USD #244 is looking for an energetic team member to be a full-time Assistant Maintenance Director. This will be a 12-month position with benefits. The successful candidate will be responsible for the following:

- Assists the Maintenance Director in the maintenance and operations of all school buildings to attain a condition best suitable for the health and safety of students and faculty
- Completes repairs as assigned.
- Completes maintenance tasks as assigned
- Promote a caring, helping attitude toward staff, students, and patrons, and convey that attitude in all that he/she does.
- Observe and follow school district guidelines at all times
- Communicate and work effectively and cooperatively with members of the school district and community
- React to change and frequent interruptions in a productive and positive manner meeting deadlines as assigned
- Maintain a positive work attitude and show enthusiasm for work
- Operate all equipment and machinery appropriately as required
- Work to implement the vision and mission of the district.
- Respond to information requests in a cooperative, courteous, and timely manner
- Keep student and personnel information and records confidential
- Implement and follow all health and safety policies, including all precautions of the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan
- Perform other tasks and assume other responsibilities as assigned by the Maintenance Director

Requirements and conditions:

- Requires physical exertion to manually move, lift, carry, pull, or push heavy objects or materials, a maximum of 60 pounds
- Requires stooping, kneeling, crawling, bending, turning, and reaching.
- Requires climbing and balancing.
- Must work indoors and outdoors year-round
- Must occasionally work in noisy and crowded environments, with numerous interruptions.
- Must work in and around dust, fumes, and odors

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

If you have questions, please contact Craig Marshall at 620-364-8478 or cmarshall@usd244ks.org and apply on the USD #244 Job Board by visiting www.usd244ks.org and clicking the Careers button in the top right hand corner.

