

# CVA Donates \$3,410.30 to FFA Foundation at State Convention

Central Valley Ag (CVA) proudly presented a donation of \$3,410.30 to the Kansas FFA Foundation during the 97th Kansas FFA State Convention in

Manhattan, Kansas, as part of its “Fuel up For FFA” campaign. The donation, raised during National FFA Week in February, reflects CVA’s

ongoing commitment to supporting youth in agriculture. Throughout the week, CVA pledged a portion of fuel sales at CVA fuel sites to benefit local FFA chapters and the Kansas State FFA Foundation.

“Supporting our next generation of agricultural leaders is a fundamental priority at CVA,” said Jeff Ingalls, Senior Vice President of Energy at CVA. “FFA has a lasting impact on the lives of young people, and we’re proud to invest in their future through this donation.”

The funds presented to the Kansas FFA Foundation will help further the organization’s mission of developing premier leadership, personal growth and career success for Kansas FFA members.

“We are grateful for Central Valley Ag’s continued partnership and belief

in agricultural education,” said Beth Gaines, executive director of the Kansas FFA Foundation. “This generous donation will directly sup-

port opportunities and programs for our members across the state.”

CVA’s “Fuel Up for FFA” campaign has raised

\$15,758.45 since its inception, reinforcing the cooperative’s dedication to community involvement and agricultural education.

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Mike Argo, Energy Advisor at Central Valley Ag, presents a donation check to the Kansas FFA Foundation during the 2025 Kansas State FFA Convention, reinforcing CVA’s commitment to supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders.

## •Budget

County Commissioners recess into a five-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss the performance of an employee of the Road & Bridge Department. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle and carried 3-0. The executive session began at 8:59 a.m. and the open meeting will resume at 9:04 a.m. in the commissioner’s room. No action taken.

Mike Riemann moved to increase Jacob Stanton from \$16.50/hr. to \$18.50/hr. and Jon Weston from \$21.50/hr. to 24.00/hr. as both will move to leadership positions. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle and carried 3-0.

Tony Perez and Donna Schmitt, Sheriff’s Department, presented a budget for FY2026. A total budget of \$2,196,647 was requested which a decrease from the prior year.

Melinda Latham, Appraiser, presented a resolution for rehire. Mike Riemann moved to approve Resolution 25-16. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle and carried 3-0.

Michael Rezkalla, Barb

Wise, and Jonathan Sapaugh with Pawnee Mental Health were present with a budget for FY2026. A budget of \$58,427.25 was requested which is an increase of 5% from 2025.

Tami Eck, Register of Deeds, presented a budget for FY2026. A budget of \$130,873 was requested which is a decrease from the prior year.

Kyle Peterson and Vickie Mears, Mitchell County Historical Society, presented a budget for FY2026. A total budget of \$77,000 was requested which was a \$3,000 increase from 2025.

Shelia Nelson-Stout, Barb Wise, Susan Sprague, and Kendra Krier, OCCK, were present with the FY2026 budget. A total budget request of \$58,500 was requested which is the same as the year prior.

Missy McGinnis, EMS, requested an executive session. Mike moved the meeting of the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners recess into an executive session for 20 minutes for the preliminary acquisition of land dealing with the Becker Auto building with McGin-

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nis, EMS employees, Garry Clark, Kris Jones, the commissioners, and Weston. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle and carried 3-0. The executive session began at 10:51 a.m. and the open meeting will resume at 11:11 a.m. in the commissioner’s room. No action taken.

The commissioners requested McGinnis put together an estimate for what it would cost to get EMS moved into the Becker building before any further discussion.

Clerk’s Comments – Weston stated what was still needed to be able to complete the 2026 budget.

Commissioner’s Comments – None

Announcements – None  
Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. on motion by Mike Riemann and seconded by Cole Eberle. The motion was carried 3-0.

Tom Claussen, Chairman

Mike Riemann, Board Member

Cole Eberle, Board Member

ATTEST: Heather A Weston, Mitchell County Clerk

## •Wheat

well as the conditions during the growing season along with disease and insect concerns and issues at the tour. If you missed the tour, you can simply go to our Post Rock Extension District website and view the recorded tour at [www.postrock.ksu.edu/crops/test-plot](http://www.postrock.ksu.edu/crops/test-plot). “The variety plots provide a visual demonstration of how crop varieties perform in a particular area of the state along with yield potential of that variety,” Wick explains. “This is known as “seeing is believing!”

“Producers who observe the demonstrations and the latest methods or practices, then may apply them to their own situations,” added Wick. Producers can then compare the yield data from the many K-State Research and Extension experiment fields across the state of Kansas, to this local yield data, in

selecting the most adaptive and productive wheat varieties.

We would also like to thank our many agribusiness sponsors for their continued support of our KSU/Post Rock Extension District Wheat Demonstration Plot Program!!! These include Ag Mark, LLC; Central Valley Ag; CPI; Lang Diesel, Inc.; Kansas Wheat Alliance; Midway Coop, Inc.; Phillips Seed Farms; Randall Farmers Coop Union; Sims Fertilizer & Chemical; Star Seed Inc.; and

Trinity Ag Cooperative, Inc. The yield reports for each of the locations will be posted on our Post Rock Extension District website ([www.postrock.ksu.edu/crops/test-plots](http://www.postrock.ksu.edu/crops/test-plots)) and also available at each of our offices following harvest.

If you would like to be a cooperator for any of the Post Rock Extension District wheat demonstration plots, simply give Sandra a call at any of our offices of the Post Rock Extension District in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center.

## •State

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**4x800**-Osborne (Gentrie Riner, Camrun Taylor, Leavie Riner, Addison Poore) 9:49.08

**High jump**-Jessa Losew, Hutch CC 5-8

**Pole vault**-Lillie Weiser, Onaga 10-6

**Long jump**-Sevy Wurtz,

Clifton-Clyde 18-2  
**Triple jump**-Havana Olander, Little River 37-9.5  
**Shot put**-Natalee North, Ellis 40-7.75  
**Discus**-Natalee North, Ellis 138-1  
**Javelin**-Jesse Hoover, Washington 154-7

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RESOLUTION NO 25-17  
COMMISSION REDISTRICTING

Now on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2025, the Board of Commissioners, Mitchell County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Tom Claussen presiding. Others present were members Mike Riemann and Cole Eberle.

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 19-204(a), the Board of County Commissioners of Mitchell County, Kansas on the day of the organization of the board or as soon thereafter as may be possible, shall meet and divide the county into three commissioner districts as compact and equal in population as possible, and number them. Such districts shall be subject to alteration at least once every three years.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Mitchell County, Kansas, finds the current district boundaries no longer adequately represent the population distribution within the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Mitchell County, Kansas, have define the boundaries of the three commission districts as such:

**Commission District 1** –Lulu Township, Asherville Township, Logan Township, Eureka Township, Salt Creek Township, and east side of Beloit Township and Beloit City as shown by the map in attachment A  
**Commission District 2** –Plum Creek Township, Bloomfield Township, and the west side of Beloit Township and Beloit City as shown by the map in attachment A  
**Commission District 3** –Solomon Rapids Township, Turkey Creek Township, Center Township, Round Springs Township, Blue Hill Township, Hayes Township, Walnut Creek Township, Glen Elder Township, Cawker Township, Carr Creek Township, Pittsburg Township, and Custer Township

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Mitchell County hereby adopts the following new commissioner district boundaries, as described in Attachment A to this resolution, in accordance with K.S.A. 19-204a and amendments thereto. Resolution 25-17 is entered into the official minutes of the June 2, 2025 board meeting.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2025.

Board of Commissioners  
Mitchell County, Kansas

County Attorney:

Mark J. Noah

Attest:

County Clerk

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Chairman

Member

Member

## Q & A from the Canopy

By Landen Cleveland  
Game Warden Mitchell & Osborne counties  
KDWP LE Division



### PWC Operation

Whenever we in the “water enforcement biz” use the term PWC while speaking with the public we usually get a funny look. But who wants to say Personal Watercraft over and over? I know I don’t! Before I became a Game Warden, I always referred to them as Jet Ski’s and I have heard others reference a PWC as a Waverunner. To be clear, those are names set by the manufacturer. For instance, Jet Ski is what Kawasaki calls their PWCs and Waverunner is what Yamaha calls their PWCs. So, lets set some PWC ground rules for this article. PWCs are boats and must follow all operational and equipment requirements that all other boats do. But wait, there is more. PWC’s also have additional regulations specific to them. Let us start with the required equipment and work our way to operational requirements. Things you will need to legally operate a PWC are, a charged fire extinguisher, valid registration, a horn or whistle, and a legal PFD. The reason I say legal PFD is because inflatable PFDs cannot be used on a PWC. Why? Because PFDs that auto inflate would not be a good idea on a machine that is designed for you to get wet on. And an inflatable that is not auto inflate

doesn’t work if you are knocked unconscious. To summarize, a legal PFD for a PWC is a type 1,2,3, or 5 excluding inflatables. And everyone on board the PWC must wear one at all times. Those are the equipment requirements for PWCs. Now onto the operation requirements. You cannot drive a PWC at night, so don’t even think about it! You will get a ticket, and you will have to ride to the nearest boat ramp with me, and neither of us will have fun that night. PWCs can only be operated between sunrise and sunset with no exceptions. If your PWC has a lanyard engine cut off, which most if not all do. You must wear it attached to your person, clothing, or PFD. This next part is what usually gets PWC operators in trouble. A PWC must be operated at no wake speeds (less than 5 MPH) within 200ft of any dock, boat ramp, swimmer, inflatable crafts, bridges, moored or anchored boats, sewage pump out facilities, or non-motorized boats. These are the rules for operating a PWC on Kansas waters. If you would like to read the statute pertaining to this, it is KSA 32-1110. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at: [landen.cleveland@ks.gov](mailto:landen.cleveland@ks.gov).

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