# **Commission discusses budget**

Call to Order - The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Thursday, July 17, Chairman Claussen and members Mike Riemann and Cole Eberle along with Heather Weston, County Clerk, were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Forum** – None Consent Agenda - The consent agenda was approved on motion by Mike Riemann. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle

and carried 3-0. The consent

agenda consisted of the

Agenda for July 17, 2025. David Dohe, EM, expressed his concerns with the county budget remaining revenue neutral and the impacts that it could have in

Commissioner Riemann requested that budgets turned in next year have an itemized listing of contractual and commodities for each department.

Cole Eberle moved to approve the proposed budgets for Mitchell County, MCO #1, Tipton Rural Fire #2, and MC Rural Fire #3 for publication. The motion was seconded by Mike Riemann and carried 3-0. The levies proposed are below:

Mitchell County 88.983

MCO Fire #1 - 5.774 Tipton Rural Fire #2 -

MC Rural Fire #3 -

The hearing dates for the Mitchell County and Fire Districts budgets will be August 25, 2025 during the reg-

ular scheduled commission meeting. Mitchell County and MCO Fire #1 will remain revenue neutral. Tipton Rural Fire #2 and MC Rural Fire #3 have levies exceeding the Revenue Neutral

Clerk's Comments -None

Commissioner's Comments - None

**Announcements** - None Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m. on motion by Cole Eberle and seconded by Mike Riemann. The motion was carried 3-0.

Tom Claussen, Chairman Mike Riemann, Board Member

Eberle, Board Cole Member

ATTEST: Heather A Weston, Mitchell County Clerk

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Announcements - A special budget meeting will be held Thursday the 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. on motion by Cole Eberle and seconded by Mike Riemann. The motion was carried 3-0.

Tom Claussen, Chairman Mike Riemann, Board Member

Eberle, Board Cole Member

ATTEST: Heather A Weston, Mitchell County Clerk

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produced written agreements with neighbors. Lindsey made a motion to approve the following building permit applications: #25-21 a new fence for Michelle Jarosz at 317 N. Hobart Street, #25-22 a new 18x30 metal building with concrete for Rye Roberts at 204 E. Main Street, #25-23 a new fence for Lacy Porter at 309 N. Vallette Street, and #25-24 a greenhouse for Russell Ingle at 220 W. Allen Street. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The council reviewed Jason Cherek's updated plans and building permit application are fine with his building

#### changes. **Swimming Pool**

The council read the Pool Manager's report. Devon told of an incident with the chemicals that happened last month. He said he visited with the manager and all the lifeguards and things have improved since.

## **Employee Report**

Devon informed council they are busy. They have started on the curb and gutter along the south side of Kansas Street. He mentioned they spent a lot of time on the ballfield this summer. He said the season is over, but the field will need some dirt and more work for next year.

## Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the June utility connect report. The clerk mentioned

needing to get a new computer. The council asked her to get bids for the next meeting.

The clerk has received several complaints about stray cats in town. The council asked her to contact the Pet Connection in Beloit and see if they can help. The council instructed the clerk to ask residents not to feed stray cats.

## Council Report

It was mentioned that Roy Winkel rebuilt and installed the crown on the Statue of Liberty in the

It was noted that the mayor's seat will be a writein position on the ballot this

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

(These are unofficial minutes, until approved at the next council meeting.) Jerri Senger, City Clerk

# **News from the Past**

#### 90 Years Ago July 25, 1935

Township elections from committeemen of the Wheat Production Control Association will be held Monday night, July 29, at 8:30 p.m.

Less than 500 bushels of wheat or one-third car load was delivered at the Bailey-Lynch Elevator this year. This wheat tested from 49-

A wedding of much interest occurred Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Miss Lulu Tritt when she became the wife of A. L. Smyth of Appalachia, Va. where the two were school-mates together in their childhood.

Saturday has been selected as the formal opening day of the new K-T Station.

#### 80 Years Ago July 26, 1945

Miss Lucile Koster, acting postmaster for Cawker City, has been notified that the Cawker City Office has been advanced to a second class rating.

A new shoe stamp. Airplane stamp 4 in War Ration Book 3 will be valid August 1. Airplane stamps 1, 2, and 3 are good indefinitely.

Charles S. Cook of Concordia has organized a ceramics plant which will be located two miles southeast of Concordia. The clay bed from which the plant will operate covers an area of about 20 acres and extends to a depth of a hundred feet. It fires to an attractive buff color and is quite valuable. Fifteen men will be employed the year 'round.

#### 70 Years Ago July 28, 1955

On August 1, two changes will be made in filling station management in Cawker City.

Johnny Luikart who has been at the Standard Station will take over the Co-op Station.

Cawker Cookies played Tipton on the local diamond Tuesday evening. The game was a win for Cawker 6-5 with Gary Helvey and Jerry Staley pitching and Larry Schlaefli on the catchers mound.

Cawker Midgets dean extra inning game Monday night 4 to 3. Hake pitched and Schlaefli caught.

> 60 Years Ago July 29, 1965

The nation's track spotlight was focused on Wichita last Friday night as the U. S. National Track and Field Team warmed up for a duel meet with Russia and Kiev, July 31 to August 1.

Two Cawker City Explorer Scouts who recieved their God and County Awards July 18 in a service at the Methodist church are: Joe Silsby and Artie Austin.

Pictured are the smiling faces of the Aides at the Senior Citizens Home: Opal Stoeber, Ruth Robinson, Viola Smith, Lois Loyd, Ruth Nusbaum, Venda Reling, Irene Kepferle, Bessie Bock.

Senior Citizens at the Home in Cawker City enjoy domino games every day. Pictured are: Mrs. Kate Hoch, John Parks, Alfred Hobbie, Ed Henry, and Cliff Chatman.

#### 50 Years Ago July 24, 1974

Beginning Tuesday, July 15, 1975, CROP, the world church affiliated organization started convassing for grain from farmers throughout Mitchell County.

The Businessmen's Fellowship are hosting a Fellowship dinner at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Beloit, Saturday, July 24 at 7 p.m. The meeting will feature two well known speakers: Dr. Charles Jarman and Bill Robinson.

Wouldn't you like to have a necklace like this one worn by Martin dockstaders. This 61-inch bull snake was found by the Dockstaders while fishing at the lake recently. They planned to take it to the Park Ranger and then release it some place in the

#### 40 Years Ago July 25, 1985

Visitors present at the

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

July 19th City Council meeting were: Gail Thille, Bobby McGee Jr., Hunter, Ks.; City Building Inspector Mike Peterson from Concordia, Ks., John Cyr from the Regional Planning Commission, City Attorney Tracy Thul, and employees Dan Diel Jr., and the Clerk,

Wayne Musgrove.

David Stover and Galen Zimmerman, two of our fine Waconda East students, will be leaving for Wichita July 30 to attend a five day band camp at Wichita State University with one hundred and thirty other high school band students from across Kansas.

Cawker City is in great need of E.M.T. candidates. The Community Club and the City Council have made financial provisions to aid indiviuals pursuing this goal.

Glenda Miller and Cindy Paquette are spending the summer as seasonal Park Attendents at the Glen Elder State Park and Resources Office.

#### 30 Years Ago August 3, 1995

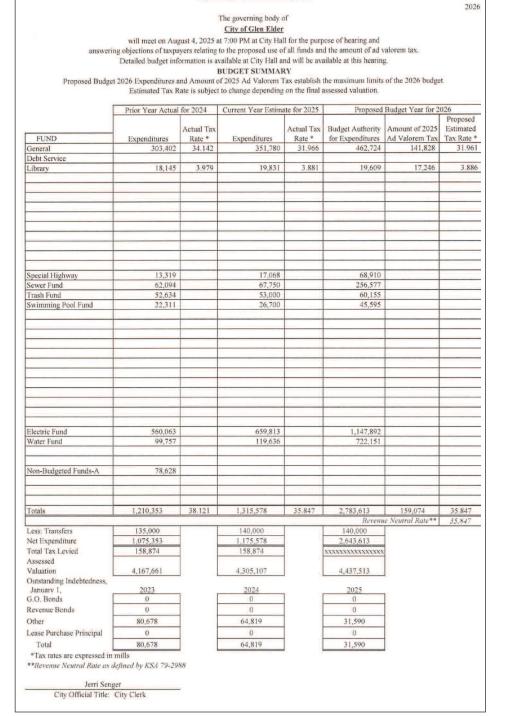
Spruce-up of Cawker City will be holding the final phase of the beautification of Cawker City on Saturday, August 5. Kay Thull presents a do-

nation check to Vern Shoemaker, Chairman of the Library Board.

Kristopher Jones was named Champion in Woodworking with his Oak wood shelf. He is a member of the Cloverleaf 4-H Club and is from Glen Elder.

Matt Bock and Melodie Bock both recieved purple ribbons with their lisauthus flowers at the Mitchell County Fair. Melinda Boc also receives a blue ribbon with her flower. They are all members of the Waconda Winners 4-H Club.





# **·EMS**

ees, Clerk Heather Weston, and the three commissioners. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle and carried 3-0. The executive session began at 8:46 a.m. and the open meeting will resume at 9:01 a.m. in the commissioner's room. No action taken.

Commissioner Eberle contacted Compliance One about the concerns the EMS staff addressed last week. After discussion, wording in the policy will be changed.

# Council

Phillips to conduct the 2025 audit for no more than \$7,800.00. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Grants

The clerk informed the council all the required documents for the KCC 40101(d) Electric Grant have been submitted.

The clerk stated the TOWNS Grant items can now be ordered and asked for approval of the new wayfinding signs. After some discussion the council felt it best to include the Dream Big 2.0 sign committee on the approval of the wayfinding signs to be put up. The clerk was instructed to wait until next month to

order the signs. Since the money for the Dream Big 2.0 has not been spoken for yet, the council would like to invite all the committees to the August 4th council meeting. The council would like to hear the progress the committees are

#### making. Mural Update

Artists Greg Holdren and Joyce Benedick were present. Greg asked the council what theme ideas they wanted painted on the interactive mural. Several ideas were mentioned. The council asked the clerk to contact Emily and have her send the public's ideas from last fall's chili cook-off to Greg and Joyce.

#### Updated Ordinance & Resolution

The city attorney presented the council with Resolution #25-10, updating the dates for discharge and sale of fireworks this past weekend. Carolyn Fobes informed the council on Friday, July 4th fireworks were discharged in the street, by the folks in the Airbnb across the street. She said their fireworks were hitting her house. After becoming concerned she walked out towards the folks and they discharged fireworks in her direction. Carolyn said she had to get out of the way of the fireball and sparks. The council instructed her to call law enforcement if that happens again. Carolyn mentioned they did not pick up the firework debris from the street afterwards.

The city attorney said he repealed the ordinance section prohibiting pit bulls in town, but kept the vicious dog section. He also updated the registration fees as requested by the council;

Mitchell County Department representatives were present to discuss the budget for the county. The outcome of the discussion was that the commissioners wanted to stay revenue neutral. A special budget meeting will be held Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. to approve the proposed budget for publish-Clerk's Comments

None

Commissioner's Comments – None

\$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, \$10.00 for intact male & female dogs, and \$50.00 per dog for all dogs over the two per residence limit that have permission from the governing body. These new fees also apply to hunting guide dogs. Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #767 repealing the old pit bull section and setting new registration fees for dogs. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried

### with five ayes. Building Permit Ordi-

The attorney presented the ordinance updating the requirement setting a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the next governing body's meeting. The council discussed their frustration with residents moving in structures or starting to build before they get an approved building permit. They discussed enforcing penalties when this occurs. Landen made a motion to table ordinance #768 relating to building permit applications, until the August meeting. Lindsey seconded

#### that motion. Verizon Tower Lease

Verizon has plans to update their antenna on the water tower. The council instructed the clerk to contact Verizon. The council first wants a building permit application, and wants to renegotiate the lease contract.

# 2026 Budget

The clerk went through a draft of the 2026 Budget. The proposed budget will not exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 35.847. The council asked for some changes to be made to the budget. The official budget hearing will be at the August 4, 2025 meeting.

Region F Mitigation Plan The council reviewed Resolution #25-9, allowing the City of Glen Elder to adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region F Hazard Mitigation Plan. Angie explained why adopting this resolution is important to get future FEMA funds. Angie made a motion to approve Resolution #25-9. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

# **Building Permits**

Lindsey said she visited with Jarosz about their permit application. Everything looks fine as they are on their own property. The other two property owners have updated their plans and