

USD 112 discusses building for Holyrood

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C LAFLIN — The Central Plains USD 112 Board of Education held a special meeting to discuss the acquisition of a modular building for Central Plains Elementary School at 6 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Central Plains Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria. The meeting was requested at the regular Sept. 8 meeting to inform board members of the bids and expected expenses so they could decide on the expenditure and still allow the building to be on track to be in place for the 2026-27 school year.

After discussion on layouts, groundwork and bids, the board entertained two motions.

“At this point in time, I would entertain a

motion to go forward with a box modular bid for the addition for the Central Plains Elementary School,” Board President Tamara Dody said.

The motion passed 7-0.

“From the discussion, I believe I would entertain a motion to accept a motion for Option No. 2 for the three-year financing with the option for early payoff,” Dody said.

A motion was made, and with no further discussion, it was approved 7-0.

“That will give us what we need to move forward and get the developmental stage of that done,” Superintendent Bobby Murphy said. “We’ll come back at the October board meeting with Option No. 2. We’ll have the interest rate percentage on there

as well, and have what it will look like with a couple of options and what the price would be with an early payoff as well, and at that time, we can make a decision on what we want to put down, if we want to put something down.”

While the rates on the building will be available for the board to make a decision on at the October meeting, all bids on groundwork and other incidentals will follow.

“There is no way I’ll have all the bids on the prework to you guys by October,” Murphy said. “I would hope that by November I would have all the bids to you guys by then, because each one of them will have to be a separate motion.

“My hope is by the first of November, we have all those laid out for you guys so we’ll know what direction we

are going, and that gives us December, January, February, March. We have the timeline in there to try and get those things done.”

Murphy said if this option is approved at the November meeting, the modular building should be in place by the end of June.

“I think on the timeline he gave us, we should be able to hit it the end of June for delivery and hookup. So, we’ll have the whole month of July and maybe a little bit of August to get wiring run, things put together so it’s ready for the August date we start

school next year,” Murphy said.

The next meeting of the USD 112 school board will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 13 in the CPJSHS cafeteria, where, on the agenda, will be the final discussion on the acquisition of a modular building for the school.

Notice of 2025 Sales Tax Election

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION
ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Ellsworth County, Kansas (the “County”) that a special question election has been called and will be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the County the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?
Shall Ellsworth County, Kansas, be authorized to: (1) impose a one-quarter percent (0.25%) retailers' sales tax (the “Sales Tax”) for the purpose of financing costs to construct, furnish and equip (a) law enforcement center improvements, including secure walkway and access from the jail to the courthouse, new vehicular Sallyport and booking area, dispatch improvements, and new generators, and (b) courthouse improvements, including HVAC improvements, relocation of register of deeds space, and clerk space improvements, and to make all other related improvements (the “Project”), with the County retaining the entirety of the Sales Tax revenue for such purposes, and with collection of such Sales Tax to commence on April 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to expire upon the payment of all costs incurred in the financing of the Project (including the retirement of any bonds issued and payable from such sales tax); and (2) issue sales tax/general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”) in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000 to pay the costs of the Project, related interest costs during construction and issuance costs; provided that prior to such bond issuance the County receives a comprehensive feasibility study that indicates the revenues received from the Sales Tax will be sufficient to retire the Bonds without the necessity of levying any ad valorem taxation; all pursuant to the authority of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, as amended?

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EACH QUALIFIED VOTER TO NOTE THAT YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS:

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word “Yes.”
To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word “No.”

☐ YES
☐ NO

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on November 4, 2025, the election day. The voting places in the District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:
Voters Residing In Will Vote At

East Ellsworth 1 & 2, West Ellsworth, Canren, Black Wolf Township, Garfield Township and Sherman Township Those portions of Ash Creek Township, Columbia Township, Lincoln Township, Noble Township, Thomas Township and Trivoli Township that are within the boundaries of Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327	ELLSWORTH AMERICAN LEGION HALL - 645 E 15TH ST, IN ELLSWORTH
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That portion of Ellsworth Township which is West of the section line running North and South on 17th Rd.	
City of Kanopolis, Clear Creek Township, Empire Township (Buckeye & Venango) Those portions of Carneiro Township Langley Township and Mulberry Township that are within the boundaries of Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327. That portion of Ellsworth Township which is East of the section line running North and South on 17th Rd.	KANOPOLIS CITY LIBRARY - 221 N KANSAS AVE, IN KANOPOLIS
City of Holyrood/Valley Township, Palacky Township	LUTHERAN PARISH HALL - 209 S COUNTY RD, IN HOLYROOD
City of Lorraine/Green Garden Township, Lincoln Township	LORRAINE CITY OFFICE – 238 S MAIN ST, IN LORRAINE
City of Wilson, Columbia Township, Noble Township, Wilson Township	WILSON SENIOR CENTER – 511 25th ST, IN WILSON
Ash Creek, Thomas Township	AMERICAN LEGION HALL – 645 E 15th ST, IN ELLSWORTH
Langley Township, Empire Township – Venango	MARQUETTE SENIOR CENTER – 102 N WASHINGTON AVE, IN MARQUETTE
Carneiro Township, Mulberry Township	KANOPOLIS CITY LIBRARY - 221 N KANSAS AVE, IN KANOPOLIS
Langley Township, Trivoli Township	KANOPOLIS CITY LIBRARY - 221 N KANSAS AVE, IN KANOPOLIS

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the County Clerk/Election Officer at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following additional information is provided by the County with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6,122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the County. Certain portions of this information are based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the bonds due to changing market conditions and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates are based on recent bond issues for similar types of financings all as shown below.

Projected Summary of Project Costs			
Sources of Funds		Uses of Funds	
Bonds to be Issued	\$3,200,000	Project Costs, Land Acquisition and Architect/ Engineering Fees and Testing, etc.	\$3,407,001
Premium/Interest Earnings	331,731	Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	124,730
Total	\$3,531,731	Total	\$3,531,731

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Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments			
Estimated Annual 0.25% Sales & Use Tax Revenues: \$290,000*			
*Based on 2024 sales tax data for the County, including use tax			
Principal Repayment Term:	21 years	Average Interest Rate:	4.37%
Total Interest Cost to Maturity:	\$2,016,833	Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments:	\$260,841
Ad Valorem Taxation Based on 100% of Estimated Sales & Use Tax Collections:		0.00 mills	
Ad Valorem Taxation Based on 90% of Estimated Sales & Use Tax Collections:		0.00 mills	
Ad Valorem Taxation Based on 80% of Estimated Sales & Use Tax Collections:		0.23 mills	

ELECTION INFORMATION

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk/Election Officer of Ellsworth County, Kansas, whose address is Ellsworth County Courthouse, 210 N. Kansas Avenue, Suite 6, Ellsworth, Kansas 67439.

DATED: September 24, 2025.
(Seal) Shelly Vopat, County Clerk/Election Officer
Ellsworth County, Kansas

Name Change Request

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter, September 18, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR

Notice is hereby given that Trinity Dutton, the undersigned, filed a petition in the District Court of Ellsworth County, Kansas, on the 09/04/2025 praying for a change in the name of the minor child(ren) from SJA to SDD. Notice is hereby given to any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file objections to such name change within 41 days of the filing of said petition. Dated this 11th day of September, 2025. Trinity Dutton

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Probate: Beverly Ann Mlynar

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Ellsworth County, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Terry M. Ranker, et al.

Defendants,

Case No.EW-2025-CV-000010

Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved

Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Ellsworth County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Ellsworth County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on October 21, 2025 at the time of 10:00 AM at the Ellsworth County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:
LOT 17 AND 18, BLOCK 34, CITY OF HOLYROOD, ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS., Parcel ID No. 027-162-10-0-40-16-003.00-0. Commonly known as 107 W Concord Ave., Holyrood, KS 67450 (“the Property”) MS214364 to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Ellsworth County Sheriff

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR PennyMac Loan Services, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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