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Legal Notice

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Resolution No. 2025-02

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2025

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS,

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. Lincoln County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,222. As of July 1, 2024, the County population was 2,920 as certified by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Section 3. Lincoln County Commissioners hereby obligate Lincoln County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. Lincoln County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. Lincoln County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by Lincoln County and the State of Kansas shall be \$15,000 over a term of five years.

Section 7. Lincoln County shall allocate \$6,000 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. Lincoln County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis submitting a new Resolution to the State of Kansas by January 30th each year. Lincoln County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of October each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 21st day of January 2025 by the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners, Lincoln County, Kansas.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

/s/Debora Smith, Chairman

/s/Leon Hart, Vice-Chairman

Attest:

Vacant, Member

/s/Dawn M. Harlow, County Clerk

Chamber/

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Founded in 2004, Tara Kubick started her Farm Bureau Financial Services FBFS agency in Lincoln after moving to the area so her husband could start his business, Marine Specialty in Wilson, KS. Her business, located at 146 E. Lincoln Ave., provides home, auto, farm and business insurance, as well as risk management and retirement planning services. Kubick values educating clients and helping them gain knowledge.

"I really enjoy providing insurance education so when my clients decide to purchase an insurance product, they are doing so with the knowledge and understanding of what's best for them and their situation. This industry is not a one size

fits all," Kubick said.

Kubick's knowledge and service help her business stand out, and her FBFS agency has quickly become a welcome addition to Lincoln and the surrounding communities.

"While a lot of things are out of our control, I like to think we provide exceptional customer service to our clients to help handle their needs. Farm Bureau Financial Service has innovative products, such as our "one deductible per occurrence" policy on claims. The Farm Bureau brand has been in the insurance industry for almost 100 years and will continue to be there for client well into the future," Kubick said.

Like any business, Kubick's FBFS agency has experienced both growth and challenges over the years, especially in the beginning stages, but after steadily building her business for over 20 years, she continues to look to the future with Farm Bureau in mind.

"This is an ever-changing industry, and we are always educating ourselves to keep pace with the insurance environment. I look forward to continuing to provide exceptional service while taking care of clients in Lincoln County and around the state. I will also continue to build relationships in the community by supporting various organizations with my time and contributions."

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ficer Felicia Strahm with Public Works Director Hlad requested approval to hire Troy Andersen. Debora Smith moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Troy Andersen as an equipment operator for the highway department at Grade 14, Step 16, at \$17.22 per hour contingent upon passing pre-employment testing, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Strahm presented the Noxious Weed Licensed Sprayer job description and the new pay grade schedule for the board to approve. Debora Smith moved to approve the Noxious Weed Licensed Sprayer job description and that it be placed on the grade and step scale at grade 30, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the new Grade Scale for the county, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Strahm suggested

that the board call County Attorney Scott Wright concerning his request to give an additional two-step salary increase above what was already approved for County Attorney office staff. The board declined to call and related that they approved an up to two-step salary increase for county employees for 2025 and would not approve anything over that and that it would be on him if he desired to provide more than the two steps. Strahm discussed the available Transportation Bus open position. Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing Transportation Bus applicants, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b) (1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the board, HR Felicia Strahm, Coun-

ty Clerk Dawn Harlow, and commissioner elect Kenny Meitler, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 10:40 a.m. Time out: 10:45 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:45 a.m. with no action taken.

Strahm updated the board on the status of open positions remaining available. The board requested that Strahm schedule EMS Director Brandon Cochran on the agenda for the next meeting. Strahm provided the cost of running employment advertisements on the KRSL Russell radio. The board approved advertising for the administrator and EMS position on all stations for four weeks at \$500.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting at 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2025.

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to prevent disease. Tomato plants should be set in the ground slightly deeper than they grew in the original flat or pot. Place the stem of tall, spindly plants mostly below the soil surface and cover to the first leaf to keep them from breaking in spring winds. Tomatoes need consistent moisture

so plan to water regularly. Deep watering encourages root development and increases tolerance to heat and drought later in the season. Water the roots of the plants and try to keep water off the leaves to help minimize disease.

Tomatoes and all garden plants benefit from mulching for many reasons. Organic mulch such as straw help provide even soil moisture, weed suppression, and reduce the spread of leaf disease. Tomatoes need nu-

trients to be productive but be careful not to overdo it. A soil test is the best way to determine nutrient needs.

Tomatoes will ripen on or off the vine when fruits are full sized and start to show a slight tinge of color. Harvesting early may help prevent cracking, fruit rot, and insect damage. Red pigments do not develop in temperatures over 95 degrees, therefore ripening off the vine is helpful.

Tomatoes are a fun plant to grow and can be used in

so many recipes or eaten fresh right out of the garden. If you have tomato questions or troubles with your garden this season, call your local extension office for more resources.

Post Rock Extension District of K-State Research and Extension serves Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, and Smith counties. Cassie may be contacted at chiesen@ksu.edu or by calling Beloit (785-738-3597). Find us online at www.postrock.ksu.edu

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Resolution to Levy Tax for Capital Outlay Fund

Unified School District No. 299, Lincoln County, State of Kansas,

RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that:

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy in an amount not to exceed 8 mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing, maintaining and equipping of school district property and equipment necessary for school district purposes, including: (1) Computer software; (2) performance uniforms; (3) housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board; (4) architectural expenses; (5) building sites; (6) undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects; (7) school buses and (8) other fixed assets, and with respect to any redevelopment district established prior to July 1, 2017, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1771, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 calendar days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for that purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the board of education of the above school district.

CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 299, Lincoln County, Kansas, on the 13th day of January 2025.

Angela Faller

Clerk of the above Board of Education

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Appendix 4-A: Notice of Annual Meeting (for the election of one supervisor)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

—Lincoln— COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Lincoln County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 8th day of February 2025 at 6:00 p.m., an annual meeting of the Lincoln County Conservation District will be held at the Lincoln Jr /Sr High School Commons Area, 701 North Street, Lincoln KS 67455

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE:

The supervisors of the Lincoln County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO:

The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors there present, of one supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of __ Carl Nielsen is expiring.

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By Chairperson

Lincoln County Conservation District

Attest

Nancy Kubicki, Read

District Secretary / Manager

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