PUBLIC NOTICE

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CITY/SCHOOL **ELECTION** NOVEMBER 4, 2025

MIDWAY EXTENSION DISTRICT #15

Vote for 2 or Fewer Chadd M. Stevenson, Bunker Hill

CITY OF BUNKER HILL MAYOR - Regular Term Vote for 1 or fewer No filings

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vote for 5 or Fewer Timothy Steven Hamlin, Bunker Hill David Newacheck, Bunker Hill Larry Philbern, Bunker Hill Ashley Vopat, Bunker Hill

CITY OF DORRANCE MAYOR - Regular Term

Vote for 1 or fewer Doug Guenther, Dorrance COUNCIL MEMBERS Vote for 2 or Fewer

No filings CITY OF GORHAM

MAYOR- Regular Term Vote for 1 or fewer Neil Unrein, Gorham COUNCIL MEMBERS Vote for 2 or fewer

Scott Stoffel, Gorham CITY OF LUCAS MAYOR- Regular Term

Vote for 1 or fewer Trent Leach, Lucas COUNCIL MEMBER Vote for 2 or Fewer

Kevin Cain, Lucas Jeffrey Edd Shirley, Lucas

CITY OF LURAY COUNCIL MEMBERS Vote for 3 or Fewer

Benjamin R. Gruver, Luray LaDana Seirer, Luray Alvin R. Webber, Luray

CITY OF PARADISE MAYOR - Regular Term

Vote for 1 or fewer No filings COUNCIL MEMBERS Vote for 5 or Fewer No filings

CITY OF RUSSELL

MAYOR- Regular Term Vote for 1 or fewer Jim A. Cross, Russell

Kathryn J. Wallert, Russell COUNCIL MEMBERS WARD 1 - Vote for 1 or Fewer Caleigh Befort, Russell

WARD 2 - Vote for 1 or Fewer Chuck Bean, Russell Annette Rupp, Russell WARD 3 - Vote for 1 or Fewer Blaine Stoppel, Russell

WARD 4 - Vote for 1 or Fewer Dustin Madden, Russell CITY OF WALDO

MAYOR - Regular Term Vote for 1 or fewer No filings OUNCIL ME Vote for 5 or Fewer No filings

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407 Three At Large Positions Available

Vote for 3 or Fewer Joyce Ellis, Russell

Shari Pittenger, Russell Nancy M. Schmitt, Russell Mandy K. Trout, Russell

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 399 Three At Large Positions Available Vote for 3 or Fewer

Bret Somers, Natoma UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112 District 2, Position 2

Vote for 1 or Fewer No filings

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299 Vote for 1 or Fewer for each Position Member 1, Position 5

Danelle Palmer, Luray Member 2, Position 4 Randi Stoppel, Sylvan Grove Member 2, Position 6

Kylo Heller, Sylvan Grove

USD 407 BOND QUESTION

Shall the following be adopted? Shall Unified School District No. 407, Russell County, Kansas (Russell), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,500,000, to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip: (a) improvements, renovations and additions to Simpson Elementary School, including new music rooms and storm shelters, building improvements, and ADA improvements; (b) improvements, renovations and additions to Bickerdyke Elementary School, including new commons areas and storm shelters, HVAC, plumbing and electrical improvements, building improvements, and ADA improvements; (c) improvements and renovations to Russell Junior-Senior High School, including HVAC, plumbing and electrical improvements, building improvements, and security and ADA improvements; and (d) all improvements related thereto (the "Project"); and pay costs of issuance and interest on the Bonds during construction of the Project, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 et seq., K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 et seq.?

VOTING PLACES ARE: UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION The Voting places and the territory each

is to serve are as follows:

GORHAM SENIOR CENTER 99 Clifford St. Gorham All of Big Creek Township, Winterset

Township, Gorham City BUNKER HILL FIRE STATION 850 Elm, Bunker Hill

All of Fairfield Township, Bunker Hill

City, Center Township SOUTH ROOM 4-H BUILDING 702 Fairway Drive

All of Wards 1, 2, and 3 NORTH ROOM 4-H BUILDING

702 Fairway Drive All of Ward 4, Russell Township, Lin-

coln Township, Grant Township WALDO SENIOR CENTER 610 Iva Ave, Waldo

That part of U-407 in 12-14 and 12-15, Paradise Township, that part of U-407 in 12-13, Waldo Township

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 399 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The voting places are to be served as follows:

WALDO SENIOR CENTER 610 Iva Ave, Waldo

That part U-399, Waldo Township, Waldo City, that part of U-399 in Paradise Township, Paradise City

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The voting place to be served is as fol-

BUNKER HILL FIRE STATION 850 Elm St., Bunker Hill All of Plymouth Township, Dorrance City

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The voting places to be served are as

LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTER All of Fairview Township, Lucas City WALDO SENIOR CENTER

610 Iva Ave, Waldo All of Luray Township, Luray City, that part of U-299 in 11-13, Waldo Township

The hours of voting in all precincts of the County will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025. Advance voting begins in the Office of the Russell County Clerk October 20, 2025. The deadline to apply for advance ballots to be mailed is October 28, 2025.

Dated this 28th day of August 2025 in Russell Kansas.

Kristi A. Whitman County Election Officer Russell Kansas

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Sept. 15...Mammo Night at 4-7 pm

Call (785) 483-3131, press 6 to schedule Sept. 17...Take 30: With Mackenzie Hartman @ the RRH Classroom 9am-9:30 am - Topic: Lab

Sept. 26...Health Fair - Specialty Clinic Lobby 6:30 am to 9:30 am by apt. Call 785-483-3131 and press 9 for apt.

Sept. 29...RRH County Board Meeting at 5:30 pm RFH Classroom

Invest in the future of LOCAL health care for the Russell Count Area. Donate to the RRH Fund: Make checks out to RRH Fund and mail to RCACF, Box 172, Russell, KS 67665

Or donate on-line by scanning this code



Sept. 1st-Labor Day Walk-In Services & Physicians Clinic CLOSED

> Applying for a position? Email resume to: hr@russellhospital.org Wound Clinic: 785-498-8050 Physician's Clinic Walk-In Services: M-F 8am-Noon & 1pm - 5:30pm aturdays: 8am-Noon. Call (785) 483-3333

Occupational Therapy & Direct Access Testing at the lab now available. **Outpatient Services and Swing Bed** services offered.

Call 785-483-3131 for details AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP: M-F 9am -1pm Cash or Check Please

Russell County Commission meet

(From the Unofficial and Unapproved minutes of the Russell County Commission Meeting held on August 18, 2025.)

At 9:00 a.m., Duke Strobel made a motion to open the meeting and approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025, meeting. Steve Reinhardt seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Others present at the meeting were County Attorney Dan Krug and County Clerk Kristi Whitman.

The Commissioners had their review. County Clerk Kristi Whitman stated the State of Kansas is changing the process of issuing Cereal Malt Beverage licenses. The applicant will first send the application to the State for approval, then the applicant will bring the approved application and stamps to the County if approved by the State. The Commission briefly discussed allowing alcohol on government property. Duke Strobel stated he and Public Works Director Justin Mermis will be meeting with Fairview Township about the County possibly grading the township roads. There have been numerous calls about increased property valuations and the Gorham Fire #3 2026 budget.

Sheriff Andrew Van Der Wege asked the Commission to declare three Sheriff's Office vehicles as excess property. Duke Strobel made a motion to declare three vehicles, a 2020 Dodge Charger, a 2018 Dodge Charger, and a 2018 Dodge Ram Pickup as excess property to be sold on Purple Wave. Dean Haselhorst seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Justin Mermis, Public Works Director, gave an update on the Road and Bridge Department. Small Structure #2219/ Michaelis Bridge that had a half tank installed is done and open. Small Structure #2239/ a limestone structure needs a plate and the walls sured up. Small Structure #2273 at $178^{\rm th}$ and $179^{\rm th}$ needs to have the bridge taken out and culverts put in. Patching is almost done. The chip seal distributor truck needs some fixing. Justin asked the Commission to start thinking about the landfill hours for the winter. The grader by Lucas needs to be replaced.

The Commission opened the meeting for public comment on Historical Society funding. The Commission heard from representatives from the Russell Historical Society, Bunker Hill, and Luray. The Commission would like entities in the County that have historical societies and/ or museums to communicate with each other about funding. No decisions were

Chris Venters, EMS Director, stated appointments to the EMS Region I needed to be signed by the Commission.

This will need to be done again in January of 2026. The new roof on the EMS building is complete. Chris gave an update on the Medicare CMS bonuses and reimbursements from the State. He is planning on applying for a Dane G. Hanson grant. This year, the Medicare re-validation needs to be done, so Chris will need to meet with the Commissioners at a future meeting. Chris will get a cost estimate for housing an ambulance in Lucas.

Ryan Lichter, Assistant Director 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services, gave the quarterly update of juvenile services provided to Russell County.

At 10:35 am, Duke Strobel made the motion to enter into a 25-minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for contract discussions with County Attorney Dan Krug in attendance. Alan Kuntzsch seconded. The motion passed unanimously. At 11:00 am, the meeting resumed with no action taken.

Checks were approved and signed to be deducted from the following funds: 100 GENERAL \$47,697.59

110 ROAD & BRIDGE \$12,975.62 130 NOXIOUS WEED \$1,084.72 \$82.45 140 4-H 150 CVB \$3,012.13 155 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

\$2,719.24 190 AMBULANCE \$6,716.45 210 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

\$69,816.34 260 COUNTY HEALTH \$4,591.52 300 LUCAS FIRE #2 \$7,680.47 310 WAL-PAR-NAT FIRE #3 \$1,563.03\$ 320 DORRANCE FIRE #4 \$562.13 \$878.59 328 RUSSELL CO FIRE #5 330 APPRAISER \$3,067.94 340 SPECIAL R&B \$1,966.25 360 SOLID WASTE \$3,537.72 380 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE

\$5,732.66 451 CONCEALED CARRY \$6,179.94 453 OFFENDER REGISTRY \$13,147.06

718 CITIZEN'S REVIEW BOARD \$1,104.00 Tax Corrections 2025000048 was

signed with a tax decrease of \$6,081.06. At 11:00 am Duke Strobel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Krug seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned. The Commissioners will meet at 11:00 am for a Work/Study Session with no minutes being taken and no decisions being made.

The next regular meeting for the Russell County Commissioners will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, beginning at 9:00 am in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse.

NOTICE

All Russell County Offices, including the Landfill will be closed Monday, September 1, 2025, for the Labor Day Holiday. The Russell County Commissioners will have their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Commission Chambers, Courthouse, 401 N Main St, Russell, KS.

