

USD #106 Recreation Little League team



Pictured above are l. to r.:Kason Müller, Evan Briand, Kevin Kraus, Abram Cole, Truxton Flax, Cooper Tillitson, Blaine Spangler, Gianna Cole, Abel Flax, Wyatt Roths, Delevan Tillitson and coach Joe Spangler.

USD #106 Recreation T-Ball team



Pictured above are back row, l. to r.: coach Kylee Kraus, Jordan Burke , Michael Kraus, Benjamin Flax, Mark Kraus, Taryn Kraus, Hallie Scheiber, and coach Holly Kraus; front row, Clint Flax, Adrya Cole, MaKenna Miller, Barrett Flax, Mirren Flax and Jameson Kraus.

Thanks to coaches and umpires for their work this summer. Thanks also to the Rec Commission for organizing, keeping the facilities in great shape and providing equipment.

Out of county rates to go up significantly

In the past few months, I have spent a lot of time thinking about the cost of sending an out-of-county newspaper.

Let’s face it, the News’ advertisers primarily target our in-county subscribers, as they are the ones who have the opportunity to support their businesses. So, does it make financial sense for us to send a newspaper to out-of-county subscribers when there is no profit to be gained? Here are the facts!

- 1. The US Post Office charges the news office 71¢ to deliver each week.
- 2. Currently, the newspaper costs me 28¢ to produce.
- 3. If you are an in-state subscriber, it costs me another 9¢ per issue for Kansas Sales Tax.
- 4. Total all these figures up, it costs the NEWS office \$1.11 per week.

Here’s the score
Post Office 71¢ Russell news 28¢ Sales Tax 9¢
If you take the current \$60 per year price and divide it by 52 issues. I get \$1.15 per week.

So my score I figure is a whopping **4¢**.
This is only for the out-of-county subscribers!
After careful consideration on August 1, 2025, anyone wanting to use the US Post Office to deliver you a newspaper, it will cost you \$80.00 annually.
My advice is to try our email version of the newspaper. It costs \$35 for the entire year, and it comes to you every Wednesday morning in color!

To view a sample copy for FREE, email me at nessnews@gbta.net
This seems drastic, and it is, but postal rates have gone berserk in the past few years. When I began the newspaper in 1996, they were working for me. Now, I’m working for them!

Bazine City council minutes

Regular Meeting
July 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:
Council President, Mike Tyrell called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members present, Scott Corsair, Jeff Werth, Cindy Fuentes-Ummel, and Bev Hall. Others present were City Superintendent Richard Hall and City Clerk Debbie LeDoux. Mayor Pat Showalter was absent.

C O M M U N I C A - TIONS: Communications were presented and acknowledged

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Scott Corsair. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Code violations were discussed. Main issue is grass & weeds not being mowed.
- 2. The Street Project was discussed. Scott Corsair will be meeting with Hale Sloan and Allen Morgan on Thursday to discuss repairs that need to be done and finalize the amount still owed to Morgan Brothers. Discussion was also held regarding the City putting in a culvert and constructing an entry point up to the Foss family field on Austin Street between Ave A and the railroad tracks.
- 3. The updates to the Code Book are completed. City Clerk will get Ordinance #328 regarding Codification of the Code Book to Ness County News for publication and will get updates put in the Code Book.
- 4. Discussion was held regarding the salary package approved at the June 9th Council meeting for Richard Hall. It was agreed that the \$50,000 annual salary would be less than his current hourly wage would amount to in a year. Jeff Werth made a motion to amend his previous motion to increase Richard’s salary

to \$55,000.00 per year to be paid bi-monthly and the City will request to affiliate with KPERS to provide a retirement plan. He will still receive two weeks paid vacation and holidays off except for necessary testing or if there is an emergency. The City will also continue to pay for his health insurance. Scott Corsair seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. The proposed budget has not been received from AdamsBrown, LLC. After discussion of what is expected with the budget, Jeff Werth moved to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Bev Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A hearing will tentatively be scheduled for September 19, 2025. Notice will be published as soon as a date is selected.
- 2.City Clerk, Debbie LeDoux, presented quotes received for playground safe mulch. She had quotes

for wood mulch, recycled tire mulch and what is referred to as virgin-rubber mulch called Jelly Bean Rubber Mulch. Jeff Werth moved to order the Jelly Bean mulch at a cost of \$13,650.00 for the amount needed to cover the park playground area at the recommended depth. Cindy Fuentes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. It was decided to pay half the cost when ordered and the remainder after delivery. The Council is hoping to have the mulch in place by the Bazine Picnic. The City will have a fund raiser or ask for donations to help with the cost.

VOUCHERS: Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to approve vouchers presented. Bev Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:00 p.m., Jeff Werth moved to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Fuentes-Ummel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



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Wednesday, July 30
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Waring Township, Ness County** will meet on August 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Brownell City Building for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at 21591 Y Rd, Brownell, KS 67521 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	12,146	0.530	34,650	5.677	118,159	21,772	5.792
Fire Protection	8,364	5.278	41,179				
Special Machinery							
Totals	20,510	5.808	75,829	5.677	118,159	21,772	5.792
Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	0		41,179		0		
Net Expenditure	20,510		34,650		118,159		
Total Tax Levied	21,772		21,772		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	4,121,713		3,836,389		3,758,870		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					3,326,786		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	8,917	0	0
Total	8,917	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Eric Weeks
Treasurer

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