

Legals

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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 274,  
LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS (OAKLEY)

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 274, Logan County, Kansas (Oakley) (the “District”), has heretofore, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, declared it advisable to make and finance certain improvements to District facilities 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.* Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the District that a bond election has been called and will be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 274, Logan County, Kansas (Oakley) (the “District”) be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$27,995,000 (the “Bonds”) to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip: (a) a new Oakley Elementary School and Oakley Middle School facility and related building improvements to connect existing buildings to the additions for ADA compliance; (b) improvements and additions for a new physical education classroom, and locker rooms, ADA compliant restrooms, and concessions area for the football facility; (c) improvements and renovations to Oakley High School, including classroom, ADA compliant restroom renovations and expansion, and safety and security improvements; (d) parking, transportation and site improvements; and (e) all necessary improvements, renovations, and actions 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.*?

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

☐ YES  
☐ NO

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 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:

<u>Voters Residing In Precinct</u>	<u>Will Vote At</u>	<u>Location</u>
Logan County-USD 274	Logan County EMS Building	703 W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Oakley, KS
Gove County-USD 274	VFW Hall	92 S. Oak, Grinnell, KS
Thomas County-USD 274	Colby Event Center	1200 S. Franklin, Colby, KS
Sheridan County-USD 274	4-H Building	925 9 <sup>th</sup> Street, Hoxie, KS

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 at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Capital Improvement Fund (“CIF”) has been established in the treasury of the State of Kansas to assist school districts with making principal and interest payments on voted general obligation bond issues. The amount of CIF funding each school district receives is based on a formula prescribed by statute and implemented by the State Board of Education (“Bond State Aid”). Based on the current formula, the District expects to receive Bond State Aid in the approximate amount set forth below to assist with making the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. No assurance can be given that Bond State Aid will continue at this or any amount in future years.

The following additional information is provided by the District 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 District. 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, any changes in assessed valuation of the District, changes in the amount of state financial aid received by the District and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The projected rates of property taxation to be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds are based upon the current assessed valuation of the District, the assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates from recent bond issues for similar types of financings and the current level of Bond State Aid the District would receive with respect to the Bonds, all as shown below.

Projected Summary of Project Costs			
<i>Sources of Funds</i>		<i>Uses of Funds</i>	
Bonds to be Issued	\$27,995,000	Project Costs (including architectural/engineering services)	\$27,995,000
Interest Earnings	<u>1,000,000</u>	Interest During Construction Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	<u>700,000</u> <u>300,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,995,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,995,000</b>
Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments			
Principal payments over 25 years		Average Interest Rate	5.50%
Total Interest Cost to Maturity	\$24,525,673	Assessed Valuation (2025)	\$64,923,196
Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments			\$2,100,827
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid			\$0
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds			\$2,100,827
Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments			
Total (without any Bond State Aid)			34.750 Mills
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)			34.750 Mills

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Logan County, Kansas, whose address is Logan County Courthouse, 710 W. 2nd Street, Oakley, Kansas 67748.

DATED: Sept. 18, 2025.

(Seal)



*Crystal Rucker*  
Crystal Rucker, County Clerk  
Logan County, Kansas

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IN THE DISTRICT  
COURT OF LOGAN  
COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the  
Estate of  
Patrick A. Porter,  
Deceased

Case No. LG-2025-  
PR-000016

NOTICE OF  
HEARING

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

THE STATE OF  
KANSAS TO ALL  
PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 15, 2025, a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition states that the undersigned are heirs, devisee and legatee, Executor named in the Last Will and Testament

of the decedent dated October 25, 2010, and the Petition requests that the Will be admitted to probate and record; that Cheryl Goetz be appointed as Executor and be granted Letters Testamentary without bond.

You are further advised that the Petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before

October 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. on said date, in this court in the city of Oakley at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Cheryl Goetz  
Petitioner

/s/Harry Joe Pratt,  
#11860  
Attorney for Petitioner  
PRATT LAW OFFICE,  
LLC  
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION  
CITY OF OAKLEY, KANSAS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City of Oakley, Kansas (the “City”) 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 City the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Oakley, Kansas, be authorized, pursuant to the authority of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, to impose a one percent (1%) general purpose Citywide retailers’ sales tax (the “Sales Tax”), the revenues to be derived therefrom to be used for the purposes of: (1) assisting Unified School District No. 274, Logan County, Kansas (Oakley) (the “District”) in the repayment of a portion of the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds to be issued by the District in an amount not to exceed \$27,995,000 (the “District Bonds”) to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip educational facilities and improvements in the District, and (2) provide for mill levy relief; provided that the collection of the Sales Tax shall commence on April 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and shall expire when all costs associated with the District projects, including the repayment of the District Bonds issued to finance or refinance such costs, shall have been paid; provided further that the imposition of such Sales Tax shall be subject to the following conditions: (i) approval by the electors of the City of this proposition; and (ii) approval by the electors of the District at an election to be held on November 4, 2025 of a proposition authorizing the issuance of the District Bonds?

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

☐ 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 City, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

<u>Voters Residing In Precinct</u>	<u>Will Vote At</u>	<u>Location</u>
City of Oakley	Logan County EMS Building	703 W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Oakley, KS

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 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 City with respect to the effect of this ballot proposition. Passage of this ballot proposition would authorize the City to impose an additional one percent Citywide retailers’ sales tax for the purposes described in the ballot question, so long as the election to be held on November 4, 2025 on the question of authorizing the District Bonds is also approved.

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Logan County, Kansas, whose address is Logan County Courthouse, 710 West 2nd Street, Oakley, Kansas 67748.

DATED: Sept. 18, 2025.

(Seal)



*Crystal Rucker*  
Crystal Rucker, County Clerk  
Logan County, Kansas

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NOTICE OF  
GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2018(c,e), notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to fill position(s) listed below.

Per K.S.A. 25-2311(a)(5) the last day to register to vote is Tuesday, October 14, 2025. A person can register to vote at the Logan County Clerk’s Office, Department of Motor Vehicle, or online.

All registered voters of ALL Districts may begin voting in ADVANCE at the Logan County Courthouse, 710 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CDT through noon on Monday, November 3, 2023.

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-105, notice is hereby given that the voting locations are as follows: Logan County U.S.D. #274 Voters: Logan County EMS Building, 703 W. 3rd, Logan County U.S.D. #275 Voters: Winona Fire Station, Logan County U.S.D. #241 Voters: Winona Fire Station, Logan County #466 Voters: Logan Co. EMS Building, 703 W. 3rd, Logan County #467 Voters: Winona Fire Station. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

I, Crystal Rucker, Logan County Clerk/ Election Officer do find the following named person(s) are entitled to a place on the official ballot for the City/ School General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Crystal Rucker  
Logan County Clerk/  
Election Officer, Logan  
County, Kansas

Oakley City Mayor  
(Vote for 1)

Russ Kahle, 910 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Oakley, KS 67748

Oakley City Council  
(Vote for 2)

Kile B. Zerr, 304 E. South 6<sup>th</sup> St., Oakley, KS 67748

Tom Wiens, 401 Willow Ave., Oakley, KS 67748  
Doug Reed, 616 Hoeb,

Oakley, KS 67748  
Brian Joseph, 217 S. Hudson, Oakley, KS 67748  
Winona City Mayor  
(Vote for 1)

NO FILINGS  
Winona City Council  
(Vote for 2)

NO FILINGS  
Russell Springs  
Mayor (Vote for 1)

NO FILINGS  
Russell Springs City  
Council (Vote for 5)

Austin Zerr, 421 Hiltz, Russell Springs, KS 67764  
U.S.D. #274 BOE (Vote for 3)  
Chad Lauber, 702 Freeman Ave., Oakley, KS 67748  
Carrie Evins, 239 US 83, Oakley, KS 67748  
Christopher Crotts, 440 Royal Ave., Oakley, KS 67748  
Stephanie Mizell, 212 Center Ave., Oakley, KS 67748  
U.S.D. #274 BOE (Vote for 2) 2-yr unexpired term

Darlene Chaput, 408 Elm Ave, Oakley, KS 67748  
Jodee Reed, 616 Hoeb, Oakley, KS 67748  
U.S.D. #275 BOE (Vote for 4)  
Austin Zerr, 421 Hiltz, Russell Springs, KS 67764  
Angela Moore, 368 County Road 11, Winona, KS 67764  
Mark Hanson, 1608 County Road 160, Wallace, KS 67761  
Kori Moser, P.O. Box 6, Winona, KS 67764  
Golden Prairie  
District #12 Extension  
(Vote for 2)

NO FILINGS  
Special Question City of Oakley

Shall the City of Oakley, Kansas, be authorized, pursuant to the authority of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, to impose a one percent (1%) general purpose Citywide retailers’ sales tax (the “Sales Tax”), the revenues to be derived therefrom to be used for the purposes of: (1) assisting Unified School District No. 274, Logan County, Kansas (Oakley) (the “District”) in the repayment of a portion of the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds to be issued by the District in an amount not to exceed \$27,995,000 (the “District Bonds”) to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip educational facilities and improvements

in the District, and (2) provide for mill levy relief; provided that the collection of the Sales Tax shall commence on April 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and shall expire when all costs associated with the District projects, including the repayment of the District Bonds issued to finance or refinance such costs, shall have been paid; provided further that the imposition of such Sales Tax shall be subject to the following conditions: (i) approval by the electors of the City of this proposition; and (ii) approval by the electors of the District at an election to be held on November 4, 2025 of a proposition authorizing the issuance of the District Bonds? YES or NO

Special Question USD  
#274

Shall Unified School District No. 274, Logan County, Kansas (Oakley) (the “District”) be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$27,995,000 (the “Bonds”) to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip: (a) a new Oakley Elementary School and Oakley Middle School facility and related building improvements to connect existing buildings to the additions for ADA compliance; (b) improvements and additions for a new physical education classroom, and locker rooms, ADA compliant restrooms, and concessions area for the football facility; (c) improvements and renovations to Oakley High School, including classroom, ADA compliant restroom renovations and expansion, and safety and security improvements; (d) parking, transportation and site improvements; and (e) all necessary improvements, renovations, and actions 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.*? YES or NO