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fulfilled, but have gone above and beyond what was agreed upon in this contract,” she said. “I don’t feel the issue lies with whether or not I’ve done my job.”

She further expressed that her deadlines, state-required reporting, and the regulations and laws she is required to follow have not changed, regardless of the amount of time spent in the office. She added that it took her four years to complete the training, testing and hours required to obtain her license and that continuing education hours are required by the state once the license was obtained.

Of the 12 Northwest Kansas counties, all but two employ multiple appraisers who have similar agreements and compensation. One county has recently hired both an appraiser and an analysis firm to fulfill the duties of that office.

Appraisers and Taxes

County appraisers do not set or raise property taxes. Appraisers are responsible for determining the fair market value of property such as homes, land and commercial buildings; updating assessments on a regular

basis, according to changes in property condition, improvements, market trends and other factors; and ensuring that assessments are equitable, that similar properties should have similar assessed values. While assessed values are determined by the appraiser, the tax rate is set by local taxing authorities such as county commissions, city councils and school districts. There is an appeals process for property owners who believe their assessed value is too high.

The meeting recessed to allow time for amendments to be made to the resolution. When the meeting resumed, Commissioner Lincoln Pochop read it aloud in full.

Commissioner Pochop moved to approve Resolution 2025-06 as amended, seconded by Commissioner Mark Mosley. The motion carried.

Resolution 2025-06 is published in full on page 9 of this newspaper.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Present were Commissioners Solko, Mosley and Pochop, County Attorney Rohr, County Clerk Rachel Finley, Deputy County Clerk Renee Sagel,

County Appraiser Baumfalk, County Treasurer RayeAnn Wright, Register of Deeds Janice Bohme, Gwen Maris, Stacey Mentlick, Corey Castens, Deb Minkler, Dale Luedke, Tyrel Prideaux and Jared Holste. Others attended remotely via GoToMeeting.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, July 1 in the Rawlins County Courthouse courtroom.

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meeting in Hoxie. She expects to be working with Rawlins County Economic Development on a mental health collaboration aimed specifically on bullying.

The board held a series of executive sessions to discuss strategic planning. No action was taken following these sessions.

Chairman Harlan Holste conducted the meeting. Board members present were Matt Wolters, Cedric Green, Loren Erway, Rosalie Ross, Karen Fikan and

Scott Ross. Members Dan Fields and Dr. Tamara Robbins were absent. The next regular meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 28 in the education room of the hospital.

ACE Foundation introduces Nex-Gen intern

The ACE Foundation is proud to welcome their first intern, Ella Eidson, this summer. Einson was selected via an application process and decided upon by members of the board. She comes from small town Marshall, Mo. and has moved to Atwood in the hope of starting a potential career for herself further west. Eidson is studing animal science and agricultural business at The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. There, she is heavily involved in the equine program, as a competitor on both the UNL Western Equestrian Team and UNL Horse Judging Team.

“I am here to explore what this town has to offer me in terms of career opportunities and connections,” Eidson said. “I am excited to contribute my skills and experiences to Atwood’s growth and success.”

On July 7-9, Eidson is organizing an outer space themed youth camp for fifth and sixth graders. Through this youth leadership project, she plans to share her

leadership experiences and the importance of teamwork, responsibility and community connection.

Eidson realizes the importance of teaching children from a young age the positive effects they can have on their community and their future.

“Cultivating leadership skills in kids early on is key,” Eidson said. “It’s about growing resourceful and empathetic individuals to continue to legacy of the county built by the present generation.”

Strategic Doing

As part of Rawlins County Strategic Doing, the ACE Foundation is committed to supporting the Nex-Gen Internship program. This year, 18 Rawlins County entities participated in the program, posing many opportunities for youth. Through the Nex-Gen Internship program, students gain professional skills and broaden their perspectives on career options.



Ella Eidson

Local businesses benefit by networking with youth, bringing fresh ideas to the workplace, and “interviewing” students for potential future jobs – all of which contribute to youth retention to small, rural communities.

Outer Space Camp

Questions about registration for the youth camp can be directed toward JoEllyn Argabright, executive director of ACE Foundation, at info@acefdn.com or 785-626-8865.

Police Report

Police Chief Brian Withington made the following report to the Atwood City Council during their regular meeting June 19.

His monthly report included no accidents, 1 rape, 1 battery, 2 Domestic Violence batteries, 1 criminal trespassing, 1 criminal

damage, 1 violation of PFA order, 3 driving while suspended, 1 violation of restrictions on driver’s license, 1 no insurance, 1 illegal tag, 1 unlawful display of registration, 1 expired tag, 1 prohibited parking and 1 dog bite.

The department made 8 non-custodial arrests, issued 10 citations, gave 10 warnings and made 11 traffic stops.

In other activity, they made 2 business checks, served 2 papers and gave 2 agency assists.

HAPPY 4th of July

Enjoy July 4th at Lake Atwood

7 AM: County Challenge Race
4:30 PM: Line up kids bike races
5 PM: Races begin by age group
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State of Kansas
Recreation Commission
2025/2026

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The governing body of **Chevlin Recreation Commission** will meet on July 7, 2025 at 5:45 PM at Chevlin High School Library for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at 312 W. 2nd St., Bird City, Kansas, 67731 and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Cheyenne County (home county) Rawlins County

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2023/2024	Current Year Estimated 2024/2025	Proposed Budget Year 2025/2026
General	27,093	36,257	62,500
Totals	27,093	36,257	62,500

	2022	2023	2024
Lease Purchases: July 1,	0	0	0

Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate

0.953
0.953

Chevlin Recreation Commission
Recreation Commission Secretary

Atwood City Ordinance #853

Fireworks can only be shot off between the hours of 10 a.m. to midnight June 27 through July 5.

Have a Happy 4th of July!