



By Kim Baldwin, McPherson
County farmer and rancher

It could've been . . .

My sister called me out of the blue last week. As her name and face appeared on my cell phone screen, I immediately wondered what was wrong. She's a busy mom shuttling three boys around to practices after school on most weeknights. I was making sure my kids had their homework done, the TV had been turned off, and I was getting everyone ready for bed.

My sister and I don't normally call one another unless it's the weekend. If it's a week-day conversation, it's mostly through text.

I answered. She just wanted to make sure I was home. She couldn't remember if I was traveling that week. My schedule increases during the winter months to attend in-person meetings. Sometimes within driving distance, but mostly beyond.

And that's when she told me. A news alert about a plane originating from Wichita had come across her phone.

A passenger jet. A helicopter. Washington, D.C., A collision.

She was checking on me.

The next morning, I briefly turned on the news. It was all too much. Too close.

I wondered who was on that flight from Wichita and if I knew any of the passengers. Winter meeting season is in full force, and a lot of people I know fly from Wichita to our nation's capital during this time of the year.

Perhaps those on that plane had walked similar steps to mine when routinely entering the airport in Wichita. Riding the escalator up to go through security. Contemplating grabbing a chicken sandwich or filling up a water bottle before heading to the gate. Hearing "Welcome to Wichita" over the intercom. Gate agents asking passengers to tag their bags. Receiving a welcoming smile from the flight crew while boarding. Texting a loved one with a "See you soon".

It was all too much. An incredible, incomprehensible sadness nobody should have to face. Yet so many are. A terribly sad accident.

Over the course of the next 24 hours, I turned off the TV. I turned off the radio. I stayed off social media. I couldn't bear the noise. So much noise. The finger pointing. The blaming. The complete lack of decency. The disregard for so many hurting.

It's all so much. So much chatter. So much noise. So much.

And so I sit. And I pray. I pray for those now facing the unthinkable. And I pray in silence. Avoiding all of the noise. Not adding to the noise. Because that's what I'd want for my family if it had been me.

It wasn't, but it could have been me.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12 (Jessica Lynn Properties LLC Short Term Rental Renewal)

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-757, and amendments thereto The Board of County Commissioners of Wabaunsee County, Kansas have considered the following recommendation of the Wabaunsee County Planning and Zoning Commission and;

WHEREAS, the Wabaunsee County Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to K.S.A. 12-757, as amended, following published notification; and,

WHEREAS, good and proper written notification was provided to all landowners within the prescribed distance set out in the Wabaunsee County Zoning Regulations and K.S.A. 12-757(b) and,

WHEREAS, the Wabaunsee County Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing on the request of by Jessica Lynn Properties LLC for establishing a short term rental at 390 Lakeshore Dr, Alma, KS on described property as follows:

Lots Three (3) and four (4), Block Fifty-three (53), being a portion of the platted section of what is known as Wabaunsee County State Park, Wabaunsee County, Kansas

All in Wabaunsee County, Kansas.

WHEREAS, the Wabaunsee County Planning and Zoning Commission has by a majority vote of a quorum of its membership recommended that the Governing Body of Wabaunsee County, Kansas, approve said Conditional Use permit as proposed subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) holder shall maintain a list of all individuals using the rental structure, including name, address, and telephone information and the dates and times they stayed.
- 2) CUP holder shall maintain liability insurance on the rental structure and show proof upon request by the Zoning Administrator. Aggregate policy limits shall be \$1,000,000 for liability.

3) CUP holder shall provide guidance to renters on appropriate land usage and parking and how to avoid trespassing on neighbors' areas.

4) CUP holder shall provide all contiguous neighbors with the CUP holder's contact information including home or mobile phone number. CUP holder shall also designate a point of contact who is a resident of the lake and provide such information to contiguous neighbors and the Zoning Administrator upon request.

5) CUP holder shall abide by all State, County, Lake, or applicable City rules and shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that renters do the same.

6) CUP holder will monitor burn bans in effect and if a ban impacts a time when renters are present, the CUP holder shall take reasonable steps to secure any firepit or fire area to ensure it is not used.

7) This CUP shall be effective for two years from the date of approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Wabaunsee County, Kansas, in due and regular session, met on the 3rd day of February 2025 and after public discussion voted to approve the conditional use permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WABAUNSEE, COUNTY KANSAS, that:

The above described property hereafter is granted the conditional use permit requested as described above and on the conditions stated.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective upon publication in *The Wabaunsee County Signal-Enterprise*.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Wabaunsee County, Kansas this 3rd day of February 2025.

James W. MacGregor,
Chairman
Nancy L. Hier, Vice-Chair
Boyd Ivan Davis, Member

Attested by:
Abby Amick, County Clerk

MOVING?

Send your change of address to:

The Wabaunsee County Signal-Enterprise,
P.O. Box 158, Alma, KS 66401,
or email: wab.co.signal@gmail.com

The United States Postal Service (USPS) suggests filling out a change of address form a month in advance to accommodate for their new forwarding process.

After mailing in the form, you will receive a confirmation letter that will need to be taken into any post office within 20 days, along with a valid ID for the process to be completed.

You may also do the change of address on the USPS website at www.usps.com.

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**WABAUNSEE COUNTY TREASURER
QUARTERLY STATEMENT
December 31, 2024**

COUNTY		
COUNTY GENERAL	\$	431,868.46
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY	\$	23,614.01
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	\$	-
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$	950,646.76
CLERK TECHNOLOGY	\$	11,320.78
TREASURER TECHNOLOGY	\$	10,406.99
ROAD & BRIDGE IMPACT FEES	\$	143,328.10
ROAD MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	\$	634,970.61
BRIDGE BOND/INTEREST	\$	134,176.93
NOXIOUS WEED	\$	203,457.10
EQUIPMENT RESERVE GENERAL FUND	\$	64,774.93
COUNTY HEALTH	\$	7,352.16
COUNTY HEALTH DONATIONS	\$	2,725.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$	315,364.38
ELECTION	\$	69,614.67
APPRAISER	\$	35,721.62
GRANTS	\$	180,406.43
911 COORDINATING COUNCIL FUND	\$	107,692.78
PARK & RECREATION	\$	885.68
COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE	\$	29,944.58
CO. ATTY. WORTHLESS CHECK	\$	354.67
SHERIFF FEDERAL FOREFEITURE	\$	309.57
SHERIFF COUNTY FORFEITURE	\$	61,692.12
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	\$	2,126.77
PROSECUTORS TRAINING	\$	8,975.07
REGIONAL LIBRARY	\$	2,561.33
REGIONAL LIBRARY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$	393.03
MENTAL HEALTH	\$	1,804.15
PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY	\$	24,907.26
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	20,968.75
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	44,052.33
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$	253,019.94
VIN INSPECTION	\$	373.58
CONCEALED CARRY FEES	\$	3,546.97
OFFENDER FEES	\$	10,422.44
COPS GRANT	\$	97,041.35
MUNICIPALITIES FIGHT ADDICTION	\$	38,236.59
HERITAGE TRUST	\$	876.00
STRAY ANIMAL FUND	\$	2,242.49
TOTAL	\$	3,932,176.38

OTHER		
TOWNSHIPS	\$	-
ALMA CITY RHID	\$	10,134.47
CEMETERIES	\$	84.56
WATERSHEDS	\$	1.65
FIRE DISTRICT	\$	39.08
LAND BANK	\$	41,567.38
TOTAL	\$	51,827.14

AMBULANCE DISTRICTS		
AMBULANCE DISTRICT 2	\$	63,321.77
AMBULANCE DISTRICT 2 TRUST	\$	1,103.73
TOTAL	\$	64,425.50

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS		
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT-MH	\$	26,766.63
FLINT VIEW IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$	738.00
SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1-OPERATING	\$	57,774.58
SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1-GENERAL	\$	57.11
TOTAL	\$	85,336.32

MAINTENANCE FUNDS		
CURRENT TAX	\$	10,427,357.92
CONTINGENCY BOND	\$	87,900.00
RV TAX	\$	5,528.99
MV TAX	\$	295,634.34
REAL ESTATE REDEMPTIONS	\$	45,430.19
DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAX	\$	2,340.40
CMV	\$	544.18
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$	(17.32)
DRIVERS LICENSE	\$	292.75
SALES & COMPENSATING USE TAX	\$	56,913.43
MINERAL TAX	\$	827.44
RETURNED CHECK	\$	(136.56)
SALES TAX FEES	\$	29.50
COUNTY & TWP RD FUND	\$	8,018.36
TOTAL	\$	10,930,663.62
GRAND TOTAL	\$	15,064,428.96

ACCOUNTS		
STOCKGROWERS STATE BANK CHECKING	\$	12,791,738.35
CASH ON HAND	\$	800.00
TOTAL	\$	12,792,538.35

IDLE FUND INVESTMENTS		
FARMERS AND DROVERS BANK	\$	300,000.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HARVEYVILLE	\$	300,000.00
BANK OF THE FLINT HILLS	\$	339,057.14
FLINT HILLS BANK	\$	300,000.00
STOCKGROWERS STATE BANK	\$	1,032,833.47
TOTAL	\$	2,271,890.61
TOTAL ACCOUNTS & IDLE FUNDS	\$	15,064,428.96

Karen J Callaway
KAREN J CALLAWAY, WABAUNSEE COUNTY TREASURER

I, BEING COUNTY CLERK OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KANSAS, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING WAS SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 8TH DAY OF October, 2024.

Abby L Amick
ABBY L AMICK, WABAUNSEE COUNTY CLERK
TERM OF OFFICE 2029

