

# LEGAL NOTICES

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Neosho County Resolution No. R-25-I

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2025 WAGE AND COMPENSATION STUDY AND ESTABLISHING AN ONGOING PAY SCALE MAINTENANCE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Neosho County, Kansas recognizes the importance of maintaining competitive and equitable compensation practices to attract, retain, and reward qualified employees; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive Wage and Compensation Study was conducted in 2024-25 to evaluate current pay structures, internet equity, and market competitiveness for all county positions; and

WHEREAS, the study has been completed and reviewed, and the implementation recommendations presented in the wage study workbook have been determined to be in the best interest of the County and its workforce:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Neosho County, Kansas, that:

**1. Adoption of Wage Study**

The Board hereby approves, and adopts the 2025 Wage and Compensation Study process (the wage comp book system), with the final implementation rate to be determined during the approval, and passing of the 2026 budget.

**2. Implementation of New Pay Structure**

The updated pay plan, including all adjustments to position classifications and pay grades as outlined in the study, shall be implemented effective January 1, 2026.

**3. Ongoing Pay Scale Maintenance**

The adopted pay plan shall be subjected to annual review and maintenance, with a projected pay scale maintenance of 1% each year, unless otherwise specified by the Board of County Commissioners.

**4. Authority to Administer**

The Board of County Commissioners, and Human Resources are authorized to take all reasonable steps to implement, and maintain, the updated compensation plan, including communication with department heads, employees, updates to payroll systems, and continued review of market conditions.

**5. Repealer**

Any previous resolutions or actions inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed or suspended to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

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/s/ Commission Chair, Nicholas Galesmore

/s/ Commission Member, Gail Klaassen

/s/ Commission Member, Paul Westhoff

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ATTEST: County Clerk, Chasity Foreaker



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Residents gather for a candlelight vigil Tuesday night at Everyg Plaza in downtown Topeka to remember the city's child victims of homicide.

## Abuse

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Multiple studies also find abuse in one-quarter to one-third of family foster homes; the rate in group homes and institutions is even worse. This is, of course, far more abuse than DCF acknowledges. But, as we've recently seen, DCF has a system that virtually guarantees a lot of abuse in foster care will be overlooked.

Even that isn't the worst of it. All the time, money and effort wasted on thousands of false reports, needless investigations and needless foster care placements is, in effect, stolen from finding children like Zoey Felix.

Two key steps can start Kansas down the road to making all children safer:

Become laser-focused on ameliorating the worst harms of poverty. Small amounts of additional help can go a long way. Kansas can afford it. Because foster care is so much more expensive than better alternatives, Kansas actually spends on child welfare at one of the highest rates in the nation.

Provide every family with high-quality defense from the moment DCF shows up at the door. That means a lawyer with a reasonable caseload, a social worker and sometimes a parent advocate who's been through the system herself. No, it's not to get "bad parents" off; it's to craft alternatives to the cookie-cutter "service plans" doled out by DCF. This approach has been proven to safely reduce foster care with no compro-

mise of safety. The federal government will pay half the cost in many cases, and the rest is likely to be covered by reduced foster care expenses.

Reducing needless placements does not guarantee fewer tragedies like the death of Zoey Felix, but it's an essential prerequisite. Failing to reduce needless placements guarantees such tragedies will repeat over and over.

**Editor's Note:** Richard Wexler is executive director of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform. Through its opinion section, Kansas Reflector works to amplify the voices of people who are affected by public policies or excluded from public debate.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Scott A Craig, et al., Defendants.

Case No. NOC24CV49  
K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure  
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Neosho, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered **NOC24CV49**, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand **at 10:00am, on 9/23/2025, at the front door of Neosho County Courthouse**, the following described real estate located in the County of Neosho, State of Kansas, to wit:

NORTH HALF OF LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4, ALL IN BLOCK 8, BURTON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CHANUTE, NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS

SHERIFF OF NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS

Respectfully Submitted,  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS - SITTING AT CHANUTE

SOUTHEAST KANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, Plaintiff  
vs.  
KAYLA O'NEAL a/k/a KAYLA LAIR, and THE NEOSHO, LLC., Defendants

Case No. NOC-2025-CV-000008

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued and delivered to me for execution by the District Judge of the County of Neosho, and State of Kansas, in a certain action pending in said court, wherein Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission, is Plaintiff, and Kayla O'Neal a/k/a Kayla Lair and The Neosho, LLC, are Defendants, I will at the front door of the Neosho County Courthouse, 100 S. Main Street, Erie, Kansas, on September 16, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash in hand and as one entire tract or parcel, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Neosho, State of Kansas, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Lot Two (2), Block Three (3), JONES' SECOND ADDITION to the City of Chanute, Kansas; thence East 24.75 feet; thence South 65 feet; thence West 24.75 feet to the West line of said lot; thence North to the point of beginning, Neosho County, Kansas,

Together with and including all buildings, all fixtures including but not limited to all plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilating, refrigerating, incinerating, and air conditioning apparatus.

Commonly known as 209 West Main Street, Chanute, Kansas, 66720.

Greg Taylor, Sheriff of Neosho County  
State of Kansas

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS

THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF KANSAS  
PROBATE DEPARTMENT - SITTING IN ERIE

In the Matter of the Estate of LARRY WAYNE RENSING, deceased

Case No. NOE-2023-PR-300014

Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the  
Kansas Statutes Annotated

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION  
FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by KIMBERLY D. HOOD, administrator of the Estate of LARRY WAYNE RENSING a/k/a LARRY W. RENSING, deceased, praying for final settlement of the estate, approving her acts, proceedings and accounts as administrator, allowance of administrator fees, attorney fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, legatees and devisees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Estate of LARRY WAYNE RENSING a/k/a LARRY W. RENSING, deceased.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 9th day of September, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., in the District Court of Neosho County, Kansas, Neosho County Judicial Center, Magistrate Courtroom – Upper Level, 102 South Lincoln, Chanute, Kansas 66720, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

KIMBERLY D. HOOD,  
Petitioner

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To a child unable to read, this is how it feels to look at written words. We salute teachers in our community for helping kids make sense of their world.

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