

# Appraiser’s Office to conduct property re-inspections

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The Linn County Appraiser’s Office is required to annually reinspect a portion of the properties in the county. This work is required by Kansas State law, K.S.A. 79-1476, whereas Kansas counties are on a six-year cycle of re-inspecting all parcels within their respective county. This reinspection process typically runs throughout the summer and into the fall.

Linn County Appraiser’s Office personnel will be driving County vehicles, as well as wearing badges and apparel identified with the Linn

County logo as well. Staff will be checking the listings, measurements and characteristics of all buildings on each property visited. The listings of vacant land will also be reviewed. They will also interview the property owner or resident, if available. If no one is home, staff will proceed with collecting exterior data. Please keep in mind that our field personnel are not appraising the property, they are only verifying data on file and recording changes, if necessary.

This reinspection work is in addition to other routine work such as the review of recent sale properties, parcels having new construction, torn

down or destroyed buildings, as well as neighborhood reviews throughout the entire county.

We appreciate the cooperation of the residents as we proceed with our work. If any property owner has questions or wishes to inquire about the inventory of their property, they may contact the County Appraiser’s Office at 913-795-2523 or visit our Online Parcel Search on the Appraiser’s Office website at [www.linn.kansas.gov/parcel/](http://www.linn.kansas.gov/parcel/).

Please see the attached map of Linn County for re-inspection reference.



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Becky Grant helps one bicyclist get the wheels going during Pleasanton Elementary’s bicycle safety day Monday. Kids learned about traffic signals, hand signals, safe use of their bicycles and more.

## AUTO AID: PLEASANTON ASKS FOR EXTENSION

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ings and the increase in cost to homeowners in the city if the fire department does not pass the ISO test. She said the city is currently at a 5, a 7 rating would increase homeowner insurance rates from 10-15 percent, an 8 15-20 percent, 9 20-30 percent and a 10 could increase insurance costs by 30-50 percent. These rates don’t include commercial insurance that could increase from 20 to 50 percent.

Randall said, “We’re shooting ourselves in the foot; we’re taking a risk in getting the fire department up to where it should be.”

Councilman Bill Skipper then told the audience he found outlets for turnout gear, breathing apparatus and more at no cost from other departments trading equipment out.

More discussion of mill levies came when the council discussed if the department closed and the county took over, homeowner’s mill levies would increase an average of \$20 per year.

Young said the city’s mill levy would have to increase by one-mill, approximately \$8,660 to support the department, finance and keep it running.

Councilwoman Kimberly Herring then said, “I’ve talked to several people; let’s see if the county will give one year of automatic aid to get it back

up. If not, dissolve it – give it a fair shot. If it’s not working in a year – dissolve it.”

Councilman Aaron Portmann then made a motion to go to the commissioners and ask for one year of automatic aid to get the fire department back up and running. He said, “Dissolving it is not in my motion. We can reexamine it at that point.”

Paletta, who is also the commissioner’s county counselor, said, “We’ll negotiate with the county to get a one-year automatic aid and allow the county to have incident command.”

She continued that the Pleasanton Fire Department would have to take county training, have their gear up to standard and respond to calls aiding the county when necessary.

The motion passed 4-1 with Randall voting no.

Paletta later explained on her role as dual counselor that her “interest is liability. Money is the interest of the city council.” Her’s is to mitigate liability by “having a fully-staffed, trained department with access to water and equipment with automatic aid from the county.”

She again reiterated that the county will take incident command on fire or emergency scenes with the intent to maintain integrated response rates from the city and county.

Congratulations graduates, PHS, JLHS and PVHS! Stay healthy and good luck on your new ventures, we’re rooting for you! Linn County News

## MEALS:

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prepackaged distribution of meals for the week. Child must be present to receive a meal box. Meals will be provided to all children without charge, and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

In addition, the Linn County Children’s Coalition has provided funds to purchase fresh fruit to be distributed with each weekly meal distribution.

The Kansas Food Bank is also continuing their partnership with the Mound City Library and the Parker Library for meal distributions in those cities.

For additional information please contact the Kansas Food Bank at 316-265-3663 or the local distribution site.

## AUTO AID 2: COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS PLEASANTON FD

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state statute for mutual aid.

Following questions on the difference between an automatic aid agreement and a mutual aid agreement, Hegwald explained that an automatic aid agreement requires that the rural fire station be called out, in addition to the city fire department, for every call out where a mutual aid agreement allows the county rural fire to follow standard operating guidelines for callouts within the city.

“On a structure fire the SOG is to call out the three closest departments,” he stated.

Hegwald then explained that if the city chooses to dissolve their fire department; the city then has to request that the county absorb their area into their coverage before July 1 in order to dissolve by January 1, 2026.

Commissioners then discussed several items in correlation to the possible dissolution of the city fire department and Commissioner Alison Hamilton asked for a copy of the standard operating guidelines for calls.

“Our only option is to wait and see,” said Hegwald.

In other matters, the commissioners:

- Approved the hiring of April Umphenour as Appraiser I in the Linn County Appraisers office.
- Approved the hiring of Easton Anderson as a probationary firefighter for Station 920 in Pleasanton.
- Heard from Carrie Spoon with the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission regarding the grant that was acquired in 2023 for the STARS program. Spoon noted that STARS was not able to provide the required surveys due to parents not returning them and therefore the grant needs to be turned back. Commissioners approved a motion to decline the grant and return the funds.
- Economic Development Director Chasity Ware requested permission to recall and terminate the original request for pricing for a new website design and to draft a new one and have it out by May 21. Commissioners approved a motion to recall and terminate the original RFPs and then approved a motion allowing Ware to draft and put out a new one.
- Tabled a discussion on placement of a new sign for the Historical Society at the Courthouse that will replace the existing sign.
- Commissioners heard questions from Rogene McPherson during public comment on the closure of the Centerville Nutrition Site. Commissioner Jason Hightower noted the closure is only temporary until a new site manager is found and meals are still being served, they are being delivered to patrons’ homes.
- Heard from Gabe Pfefferkorn with Pfefferkorn Engineering on the right-of-way for County Road 1095 and an agreement with KDOT. Paletta will review the agreement and bring back a recommendation next week.
- Following the executive session commissioners approved allowing Jessie Walton to allow overtime for Public Works on a week-by-week basis.

## FFA CHAMPS: STATE AG MECHANICS

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performance across multiple challenging technical areas.

The competition required students to complete a comprehensive written examination, precision welding skills, complex field surveying, electrical measurements using digital multimeters and advanced engine diagnostics.

“Winning the state competition is credited to our team’s hard work,” said Kimball Uphoff, who earned top individual honors. “This competition tests our learning in several

areas of agricultural mechanics.”

Following closely behind Uphoff was his teammate Mitzner, who was second place individually. The two led the state-wide competition with less than 10 points separating them.

Prairie View FFA will travel to Indianapolis in October to compete against agricultural mechanics teams from across the United States, carrying the hopes and pride of their school and community.

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