#### **NEWS**

# BOCC...

monthly basis rather than a weekly basis, and that a transfer request involving lots would come their way two weeks prior to the presentation of the cases connected with those lots.

On another 3-0 vote, the board authorized Christy to sign, on behalf of the governing body, two Quit Claim deeds covering the conveyance of Lots 7 and 27 in Block I of Westshore Estates; Lots 350-352 and Lots 369-372 in Unit II of Lakewood Hills; and Lot 99, Lots 104-108, and Lots 117-119 in the Park Woods section of Lakeside Vil-

Later in the meeting the board voted unanimously to let Christy sign four Quit Claim deeds. Those deeds convey Lots 176 and 177 in the Park Woods section of Lakeside Village from the Land Bank to Matt L. Salter and Marilyn M. Salter; Lots 72-74. Lots 76 and 77, and Lots 86-90 in Block S of Lake Shore Estates from the Land Bank to Neil Ditty: Lot 31 in Block W of Lake Ridge Estates from the Land Bank to Erik M. Monhollon and Lacey D. Monhollon; and Lot 1 in Block C of the Indian Ridge subdivision from the Land Bank to Spencer Dean

Voting 3-0, the board OK'd Resolution 2025-024 and Resolution 2025-025.

Resolution 2025-024 adjusts the pay of Geographic Information Systems coordinator Kirk Webb, increasing the level of compensation to \$3,846.15 every two weeks. That adds up to \$100,000 a year.

Resolution 2025-025 accomplishes the very same thing for the benefit of Information Technology Administrator Scott Ribordy.

Webb and Ribordy are now heading up the Geographic Information Systems/Information Technology Department following the retirement

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Photo by Rick Nichols

Stephanie Cox, R.N., a Public Health nurse for Jefferson County, was the recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation during last week's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. She is pictured here with County Commissioners Doug Walbridge, left, David Christy, center, and Richard Malm.

of Chief Information Officer Chris Schmeissner last week. Schmeissner had been with the county for more than 25 years.

County Counselor-designate Jonathan Ehrlich reminded the commissioners about one of the resolutions they passed last year, Resolution 2024-010, and then proceeded to suggest to the  $trio \, that \, the \, move \, had \, just \, come$ in handy.

Adopted March 18, 2024, the resolution declares Jefferson County to be a "non-sanctuary county" and states that the county "will continue to steadfastly assist federal agencies in the deportation of illegal immigrants and undocumented aliens."

A check of the website for the sheriff's office early last week by the paper didn't identify any inmates in the county jail who appeared to have been arrested with the help of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or some other federal agency.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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In addition, there was no press release announcing the detainment of someone who is suspected of being in the United States illegally.

**Employee recognized** 

The board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Stephanie Cox, R.N., in recognition of her 15 years of service to the county. Cox, an employee of the Health Department, is a Public Health nurse.

Cox was joined at the meeting by Public Health Director Beth Brown, R.N.

The commissioners were prepared to award Certificates of Appreciation to two other county employees, Benjamin James and Elizabeth Wilson, but neither one of them was able to attend the meeting.

James has been employed by the county for 20 years and works for the Road and Bridge Department.

Wilson has worked for the county for five years and is with Auxiliary Services.

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

#### **Cards of Thanks**

#### **CARD OF THANKS**

Thanks to all who participated, helped with the lineup, and announced the entries for this year's Jefferson County 4-H

The cooler weather was a blessing!

> Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce





## GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Jefferson County Service Organization



Funded in part by KDOT Public Transit Network **Program** 

Hours: M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

### **Immunization clinics** this week, next week

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Reeves, beef; Caliber Beecham,

goat; and Chase Terry, sheep.

was Eli McCloy, Jolly Juniors.

Standing behind her in reserve

champion was Chace Terry,

ate division were Axton Gig-

stad, swine; Sierra Tucker,

horse; Felicity Covell, dairy

goat; Makenna Reeves, beef;

Cooper Smith, sheep; and

Sierra Tucker, Jolly Juniors,

was crowned the overall cham-

pion while Makenna Reeves,

Valley Victors, received overall

the junior division were Zoey

Eisenbarth, goat; Anna Lackey,

swine; August Weishaar, dairy

goat; Coal Davenport, horse;

Benton Houk, dairy cow; Caleb

Bolinger, sheep; and Anna Bart-

Caleb Bolinger, Winchester,

won the top spot of overall

champion with Zoey Eisen-

barth, Fairview, as overall re-

takes place on the final day of

the fair just following the dairy

county superintendent. Prior

to the announcement of the

winners, he provided each con-

testant with an old-time bottle

robin is when the kids all get

together before the competition

and get hands-on experience

New to this year's fair was a

Participants spoke in front

The senior overall cham-

from each other," Tucker said.

small animal round robin where

members showcased rabbit and

of a judge, showcasing their

pion was Carina Johnson, Win-

chester, and the overall reserve  $\,$ 

champion was Shianne Kim-

The overall champion inter-

poulty showmanship.

showmanship skills.

ball, Grantville.

"My favorite part of round

of rootbeer for their efforts.

The round robin competition

Ryan Tucker was this year's

Exhibitors competing in

Jayden Ntege, goat.

Competing in the intermedi-

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m Winchester}.$ 

ley, beef.

shows.

serve champion.

The overall senior showman

The first half of August will see the Jefferson County Health Department hold two back-toschool immunization clinics for students in the county's schools.

The first clinic was to have taken place yesterday (Wednesday) at the Health Department office, 1212 Walnut, Oskaloosa. The advertised hours were 5 to

The Health Department was to have served popcorn and snow cones and handed out some prizes.

The second clinic is set for this coming Tuesday, Aug. 12, and will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It, too, will take place at the Health Department office and include popcorn, snow cones, and prizes.

An appointment for the administration of the necessary shots can be made by calling 785-403-0025, but an appointment isn't required, as the Health Department will take walk-ins.

The Health Department accepts Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance, United Healthcare insurance and Med-

#### **Commodities to be** distributed next week

Lynn Luck, executive director of the Jefferson County Service Organization, announced that the commodities made possible through the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program will be available to qualifying households in Jefferson County this coming Monday, August 11, in Oskaloosa.

The distribution in Oskaloosa will take place at the JCSO office, 410 Liberty, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 3

The distribution at Valley Falls has been discontinued. For more information, call Luck at 785-863-2637.



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Newspapers are available Wednesday mornings. A single copy costs \$1

#### mediate showman was Shania Braxton, Grantville. Kody Bower, Fairview, was the overall reserve champion.

dent.

In the junior division, the overall champion was Delaney

Day, Grantville, and the overall reserve champion was Eli Heston, Fairview. Katie Rhodelander was this year's small animal superinten-

ASSURED TITLE 785-863-2224

## Kriegshauser picked for post

The White House announced July 17 that President Donald Trump has nominated Ryan Kriegshauser, a former Jefferson County prosecutor, to be the United States Attorney for the District of Kansas.

If confirmed by the U.S. Sen $ate, Kriegshauser \, would \, replace$ the Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas, Duston Slinkard, and serve a four-year

Slinkard assumed responsibility for the operation of the U.S. Attorney's Office following the resignation of Kate Brubacher, which was effective Jan. 19. She was appointed to the position in early 2023 by President Joe Biden and with that move became the first woman to serve as the chief federal law enforcement officer for the District of Kansas.

The District of Kansas encompasses the work done by the federal courts in Topeka, Kansas City, and Wichita in handling both criminal and civil

For a period of time a few years ago Kriegshauser was an Assistant County Attorney under County Attorney Josh Ney, who had been Kriegshauser's partner at Kriegshauser Ney aw Group, Olathe and Topeka.

Kriegshauser has served as General Counselor for the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner and as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Office of Legal Counsel and

A Republican, Kriegshauser once worked as an intern in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.).

Kriegshauser holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University in Washington and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Kriegshauser is currently an officer in the Navy Reserve but earlier served in Afghanistan with the Navy.





## PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in The Oskaloosa Independent July 24, 31, and August 7, 2025)3t

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Pursuant to KSA Chapter 60 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: DELMAR WILLIAM KRUSE To Change His/Her Name to: DELMAR HERMAN KRUSE

Case No. JF-2025-CV-000057 NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Delmar William Kruse filed a Petition in the above court on the July 15, 2025, requesting a judgement and order changing his/her name from Delmar William Kruse to Delmar Herman Kruse.

The Petition will be heard E: andrew@werringlaw.com

in Jefferson County District Court, September 17, 2025, at 1:45 p.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before September 17, 2025, in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgement and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

Delmar William Kruse Petitioner

PREPARED AND APPROVED BY: Werring Law, LLC Andrew E. Werring, #22184 Attorney for Petitioner 110 N. 5th Street Atchison, KS 66002 P: 913-367-2424 F: 913-367-7017

Proposed Budget 2026

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in The Oskaloosa Independent August 7, 2025)1tNOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Oskaloosa Township and Oskaloosa Fire District #8 Jefferson County

will meet on August 24, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Oskaloosa Fire Station 508 Jefferson Street, Oskaloosa , for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the revenue neutral rate. Detailed budget information is available at Jefferson County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Prior Year Actual 2024 Current Year Estimate 2025

	1	Actual		Actual		Amount of	Proposed	
		Tax		Tax	Budget Authority	2025 Ad	Estimated	
Fund	Expenditures	Rate*	Expenditures	Rate*	for Expenditures	Valorem Tax	Tax Rate*	
General	332,621	1.899	34,000	1.904	126,330	60,259	1.900	
Library	24,966	1.264	26,000	1.238	26,200	20,723	1.076	
Fire General	83,410	3.119	157,951	3.000	247,550	79,484	2.507	
No-Fund Warrants					32,600	15,597	0.492	
Totals	440,997	6.282	217,951	6.142	432,680		5.975 1.804	
Revenue Neutral Rate-Township General**								
Revenue Neutral Rate-Library**								
Revenue Neutral Rate-Fire District**								
Less: Transfers	0		0		0			
Net Expenditure	440,997		217,951		432,680			
Total Tax Levied	159,453		170,443		xxxxxxxxxxxxx			
Assessed Valuation:								
Township General	28,107,257		30,054,962		31,709,331	j		
Library					19,253,387	]		
Fire District	28,107,257		30,054,962		31,709,331			
Outstanding Indebtedness,								
Jan 1	2023		2024		2025			
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0			

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills \*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988 Vinnie Southiere, Township Treasurer

Lease Purchase Principal

### PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in The Oskaloosa Independent August 7, 2025)1t NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Rural Township and Rural Fire District #3 Jefferson County

will meet on September 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Buck Creek School House for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the revenue neutral rate. Detailed budget information is available at Jefferson County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing. BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026			
		Actual		Actual		Amount of	Proposed	
		Tax		Tax	Budget Authority	2025 Ad	Estimated	
Fund	Expenditures	Rate*	Expenditures	Rate*	for Expenditures	Valorem Tax	Tax Rate*	
General	9,110	0.196	5,000	0.255	10,536	3,899	0.236	
Building	50,000	0.214	1,000	0.120	49,400	732	0.044	
Fire General	48,516	3.019	51,262	2.776	80,980	51,123	3.100	
Totals	107,626	3.429	57,262	3.151	140,916	55,754	3.380	
Revenue Neutral Rate-Township General**								
Revenue Neutral Rate-Fire District**								
Less: Transfers	0		0		0			
Net Expenditure	107,626	ļ	57,262		140,916			
Total Tax Levied	48,752	ĺ	48,700		xxxxxxxxxxxx			
Assessed Valuation:								
Township General	14,209,968		15,449,004		16,491,419			
Library								
Fire District	14,209,968		15,449,004		16,491,419			
Outstanding Indebtedness,								
Jan 1	2023		2024		2025			
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0			
Other	0		0		0			
Lease Purchase Principal	0	ĺ	0		0			
Total	0		0		0			
*Tax rates are expressed in r	nills.							

\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988 Richard Williams, Township Treasurer