



NOT JUST WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE- Drivers are being asked to avoid the area around the Hwy 169/Hwy 166 intersection under the railroad trusses. A semi hauling an empty grain bin found itself stuck beneath the bridge Tuesday. Officials noted that the impact knocked the truss off its mounts and crews would need to re-position it on the bridge and complete the required safety protocols before opening up the area to through traffic. Coffeyville's Public Works Department estimated that it would take a week to repair and asked drivers to detour to 8th and Patterson. Courtesy Photo

CCC Trustees hear public during budget hearing

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The Coffeyville Community College Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting and annual budget hearing on Monday, Aug. 25.

Two members of the public attended to voice their concerns about the proposed budget. First to speak was Max Williams. "First of all, I want you to know that I love CCC, don't get me wrong," Williams began.

He said all three of his children attended the college and said it is one of the best aspects of the community.

"But you guys are getting a little pricey," Williams said. "In that budget, are there other items in there where we could do some cutting? It seems like it's kinda high."

Chief Financial Officer Travis Young said the total budget is \$27 million.

President Marlon Thornburg responded to William's question, saying, "We go through a process every year. We go through and try to trim the budget back as much as we possibly can." Thornburg said that through the process, they go through each financial

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Journal office to close Monday for Labor Day

The Journal office will be closed Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Please join with our employees on this holiday of rest. We look forward to helping you during our normal business hours beginning Tuesday, September 2. Have a safe and blessed holiday!

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Coffeyville Commissioners move to approve Tiny Home overlay zone

BY BREA SANFORD
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The Coffeyville Commission met for their regular meeting Tuesday evening. Mayor Deborah Maples called the meeting to order and after the roll call, Father James Schibi of Holy Name Catholic Church gave the invocation. Once the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the Commissioners approved the agenda as presented and the meeting began. The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously, approving the following items:

- City Commission meeting minutes of the August 12 meeting.
- 2025 Appropriation Ordinance No. AO-25-16 in the amount of \$5,531,286.37
- 2025 Appropriation Ordinance No. AO-25-16A (Ishams/Liebarts) in the amount of \$19.99. Vice Mayor Vannoster abstained from voting for this item.

Moving on to public comments, Alecia Melton with Touch of Life Ministries came forward to speak to the Commission, giving them a quick update on the progress coming along at the warming center. Melton did note that due to personal hardships, she is not able to keep up with the utility costs for the shelter. Melton shared that they are still offering recovery classes three nights a week and will be moving on to elementary budgeting classes for those who make it through the recovery course. She asked the Commis-

sioners for a \$1000 credit on the Center's utility bill to help ease the burden a bit. City Manager Ben Brubaker spoke up, telling Melton that it would be best if she set up a time to talk with him outside of the meeting to discuss different avenues that may be able to be taken to help the Center.

In Old Business, the Commissioners approved the following:

- The second reading of Ordinance G-25-02, an Ordinance repealing Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 4, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coffeyville relating to the Coffeyville Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees.

- The second reading of Ordinance S-25-07, an Ordinance to vacate an easement within the City of Coffeyville at Patterson Square

- The second reading of Ordinance G-25-04, an Ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coffeyville by adding new sections 8-2 through 8-8, for the purpose of regulating abandoned and vacant commercial buildings within the city.

In New Business, the Commissioners approved the following items:

- An Ordinance amending the Model Zoning Ordinance of the City of Coffeyville by adding a definition for tiny homes and adding new sections to Chapter 29.010, to create a Zoning Overlay District for said tiny homes. Amber Dean, Director of Community

Development spoke to the Commission on this matter, sharing that the new overlay zone would cover Overlook to the west to Englewood Avenue, the 1400 Block of West 1st and West 2nd between Buckeye and Wilkie Way and where the substation is on West 1st, stating that in these areas "tiny homes would not fit." Dean explained that people are waiting to submit applications to build tiny homes in the area.

- The Environmental Review Certification and the authorization to post the notice of intent to release funds for the Brown Street Sanitary Sewer Renovation Project. Again, Dean spoke to Commissioners on this matter, explaining that the project is going to be funded in part by a CDBG grant, but first the Notice of Intent has to be published and allow to "sit" for 15 days before the City can submit the RROF and environmental certification to the Kansas Department of Commerce, who will then release the CDBG grant funds. This project will rehabilitate 4,254 linear feet of gravity sewer main and 14 manholes.

- An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 2, Section 2-156 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coffeyville, relating to the investment of idle funds. Director of Finance, Martin Cummings spoke

Grant applications open to expand apprenticeship programs

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced \$550,000 in grant funding is available to support the expansion of registered apprenticeship programs across Kansas.

The Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship grant will be divided into two distinct opportunities aimed at attracting and retaining more skilled employees. The first is a continuation of the established registered apprenticeship sponsor funding, available to state educational institutions, joint-labor organizations, businesses, nonprofits and workforce boards

to support projects that expand their reach. The second is a new opportunity for small businesses to help them adopt registered apprenticeship programs.

"We have been intentional with our approaches to increase the reach and impact of registered apprenticeship programs in Kansas for one simple reason - they work," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "In the last three years, we've made extraordinary progress - with employer participation increasing from 280 companies to more than 1,000. These grants will help ensure even more employers can take advantage of the power of apprenticeships, and their ability to attract and

retain talent."

The existing program offers grant awards up to \$150,000 which can be used to support technical instruction, outreach, staffing, partnerships and administrative costs. In addition, small business grants of \$7,000 also will be available to companies with fewer than 10 employees that register at least one apprentice by the end of the grant period. Both applications must be completed by September 20, 2026.

"This grant opportunity has played a key role in expanding high-wage and high-demand registered apprenticeship programs across Kansas," Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship Director

Shonda Anderson said. "We've been extremely successful in expanding not only union-based apprenticeships but adding new industries such as agriculture, healthcare and manufacturing. We want to ensure businesses of all sizes get access to these opportunities."

The Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship grant program is one of many tools offered by the Kansas Department of Commerce to support workforce development for high-wage, high-demand occupations statewide. To apply or learn more about the office, the program and other resources offered, visit www.kansascommerce.gov/workforce/kansasregisteredapprenticeship/

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	High	Low	Precip	Wind
Saturday.....	82°	64°	8%	7mph
Sunday.....	82°	62°	36%	7mph
Monday	82°	61°	24%	6mph
Tuesday.....	82°	58°	24%	8mph

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