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CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE 2027 BUDGET, ADVANCE ROAD VACATION

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Chase County commissioners approved the county's 2027 budget and directed the county attorney to move forward with the proposed vacation of a portion of Coyne Creek Road during their meeting Monday.

Commissioners voted unanimously to exceed the county's revenue-neutral rate of 60.557 mills. The revenue-neutral rate is the tax rate that would generate the same amount of property tax revenue as the previous year, exclud-

ing taxes collected from new construction.

The commission also voted 3-0 to adopt Resolution 2026-09, formally authorizing the county to exceed the revenue-neutral rate. Commissioners then unanimously approved the 2027 Chase County budget and the budget for Chase County Fire District No. 1.

After concluding the budget hearing, commissioners returned to their regular meeting and revisited a request to vacate a north-south portion of Coyne Creek Road.

Commissioners dis-

cussed concerns about eliminating public roads because restoring a vacated road can be difficult. However, they said the section under consideration primarily serves neighboring landowners and is not easily passable by vehicles.

"I'm not a big fan of vacation, obviously, just because it's harder to put it back — get it back — than it is to get rid of it," one commissioner said. "But I believe that that is one of those places where it's really not that far around, and there's really nobody

that's using that access other than the landowners there anyways."

Commissioners also discussed reports of people from outside the area using the property for drinking and parties. They noted that the affected land can be accessed from both the east and west.

The commission unanimously authorized the county attorney to begin the process required for the road vacation. Additional legal steps will be necessary before the county can formally vacate the road.

In other business, commissioners signed a letter supporting the America the Beautiful Act, Senate Bill 1547. The proposed federal legislation concerns funding for deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs on public lands.

Commissioners also discussed replacing Christmas lights at the Chase County Courthouse. The existing glass

bulbs have sustained damage, prompting officials to consider more durable LED lights.

The commission entered a 15-minute executive session to discuss nonelected personnel. No action was taken after commissioners returned to open session.

Commissioners also approved warrants dated Sept. 14 and minutes from their Aug. 31 meeting.

LEGALS

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NEWS FROM THE TWIN CITIES

By GAYLE INGALLS
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"A positive attitude and a sense of humor go together like biscuits and gravy." ~ Dolly Parton

I sure am enjoying my yellow mums I got from the CCHSJS Junior class. They were selling them as a fund raiser. They are beautiful and full. Now, I'm just ready for lower temperatures, which we have been experiencing every once in a while. Friday night lights was a beautiful night for a football game. The high school team came away with a second W!! Keep it up fellows. The band did an excellent job. It's so fun to listen to them. Also, the cheerleaders and dance teams do great work as well. Friday night, we were also entertained by the Cheer Clinic Squad and the High School Cheerleaders in a half time display of cheers and a dance. It was a great treat. Marvin and Vicki Adcock were in Emporia on Friday night watching their grand-

son, Ben Collins, who plays for the Emporia High Football team. He's quite the player. He was also picked as a candidate for Homecoming. Go Ben!

How 'bout those Wildcats??? Great game on Saturday. Many from the area were at the game. Great start for KSU. Keep it going!

There was another great example of the caring community we live in at the Benefit on Sunday for Velvet Swigert. Thanks to all who helped get this together, furnished food and prizes, worked and all of those who attended. This will help Velvet and her family with medical bills and costs.

There are many activities going on this weekend in Chase County. Main street, Cottonwood Falls is where the action will be! From 1 to 4pm, you can spend the afternoon exploring vendors, handmade crafts, boutiques, and delicious food trucks. There will be performances from talented musicians throughout the day. From 5-9pm the grand finale as a

favorite band, Brickhorse, takes stage for a street dance under the Kansas sky. Bring your friends, lawn chairs, and enjoy the day.

Please keep those who are in the hospital and those having tests and procedures in your prayers. God bless you all.

Directory of Area Churches

Matfield Community Church

Matthew Regier, Pastor
620-877-7091
Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Saffordville United Methodist Church

Pastor David L. Siler
Home: 620-699-3321
Cell: 620-794-6772
dsiler@greatplainsumc.org
Worship Service - 9:45 am
Sunday School - 10:30 am

Flint Hills Community Church

office@flinthillschurch.net
620-273-6777
1998 KS HWY 177,
Cottonwood Falls
www.flinthillschurch.net
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Elmdale United Methodist Church

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Cottonwood Falls
www.flinthillschurch.net
dsiler@greatplainsumc.org
Nursery available
Sunday School - 10:30 am

Cottonwood Falls Faith Methodist Church

Rick Branson, Pastor
Worship Service, 11 a.m.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Father Andrew Seiler
Mass: Sunday & Thursday,
8:30 a.m.; and Tuesday
12:15 p.m.

Fire on the Prairie H2O Church. TV

313 Broadway
Cottonwood Falls
Bible Study, Tuesday
6:30 p.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Strong City Grace Lutheran Church

Elder Paul Jones
273-8685
Worship Service,
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Chase County Days

Chase County Days begins at 1 p.m. Sept. 19 in downtown Cottonwood Falls. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. enjoy local vendors, handmade crafts, and food trucks while enjoying live performances from talented musicians throughout the day. Then from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. there will be a street dance with the band Brickhorse.

Fall Festival

St. Anthony's Church in Strong City will hold its fall festival on Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, dessert and drink. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children, ages 10 and under. A raffle and silent auction will be held. All are welcome.

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AUCTIONS

09/19/2026 at 10am AVERY LIVE AUCTION: (271 Thunder Rd, Wakefield) – Antiques, Toys, Guns, Pedal Cars & Horses, Furniture, Outdoor)
9/28 & 9/29/2026 2 DAYS OF ONLINE ONLY AUCTIONS: 401 Maple, Cottonwood Falls, KS (975+ Lots – Pottery, Antiques, Toys, Tools, Household, Glassware)
THIS AUCTION HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED – MORE DETAILS COMING SOON: 09/29/2026 at 6pm MOCK LAND AUCTION: 76.92+/- ac in Lyon Co – Hay, Recreation & Improvements (The Estate of Linda K. Mock)
10/03/2026 at 10am MARKOWITZ LIVE AUCTION: (204 East St, Olpe) – Antiques, Toys, Furniture, Religious, Tools, Outdoor)
10/06/2026 at 4pm ADKINS LIVE AUCTION: (313 Cherry, CWF) – Tools, Lawn & Garden, Furniture, Outdoor, Appliances)
10/10/2026 LIVE WEBCAST AUCTION: Chase Co – (Guns & Vehicles – Maore Details Coming Soon)
10/13/2026 at 6pm ANDRES RE AUCTION: 12.34+/- ac in Marion Co – Ranch style home, improvements, Wildlife located at 1661 90th, Peabody, KS - AUCTION OPEN HOUSE on Friday, 9/25 from 4-6pm & Sunday, 9/27 from 2-4pm

REAL ESTATE

NEW LISTING: 330 Pine, CWF (2 bed, 1 bath) - \$59,500.00
NEW LISTING: 232 Broadway, CWF (Commercial Building) - \$249,500.00
UNDER CONTRACT: 521 Elm, CWF (2 bed, 1 bath) - \$147,900.00
UNDER CONTRACT: 313 Cherry, CWF (2+ bed, 2 bath) - \$184,900.00
NEW LISTING: 411 Main, Florence (Commercial Bldg) - \$99,500.00
NEW PRICE: 348 State, CWF (City Lots) - \$17,000.00
NEW LISTING: 1961 US HWY 50, SC (6 Ac Flint Hills) - \$47,400.00
NEW PRICE: 314-316 N Cottonwood Ave, SC (Commercial Bldg) - \$71,900.00
SOLD: 115 Main St, Cedar Point (Drinkwater & Schriver Mill on 2.6ac) - \$85,000.00

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