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WHEREAS, DVACK provides vital advocacy and support services to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, from January through December 2025, DVACK served 132 survivors of domestic violence across 19 counties, who also experienced sexual violence in their relationships including, but not limited to, 96 survivors from Saline County, and 4 survivors from out of state, with 55 survivors receiving safe shelter services; and

WHEREAS, DVACK also supported 89 survivors whose primary victimization was sexual assault across 12 counties, including, but not limited to, 63 survivors from Saline County, and 2 survivors from out of state, with 21 survivors provided safe shelter; and

WHEREAS, these numbers do not just serve as a statistic, but represent individuals whose lives have been impacted by violence, and who show resilience, strength, and courage in their healing journeys; and

WHEREAS, communities play a vital role in preventing sexual violence by fostering education, awareness, and a culture of respect, while ensuring survivors have access to trauma-informed care and support.

All residents are encouraged to support survivors, promote prevention efforts, and work collectively to end sexual violence in our community.

In the action item portion of the meeting, commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 2026-2228 that makes certain findings and determinations regarding the need for housing in Concordia, and sets forth the legal description for the proposed RHID in the 1100 block of E. 11th Street.

Housing remains a stated priority of the city commission, and per the development agreement with TransEquity, executed on May 15, 2025, the City intends to support a new housing development project located in the 1100 block of E. 11th Street.

This housing development will require the construction of new public infrastructure (street, storm sewer, water, sanitary sewer, and sidewalks) to support the construction of 11 new single-family-attached homes (22 housing units) by TransEquity.

The State of Kansas has made available an economic development tool with which to establish a funding stream to pay for public im-

provements to support new housing developments in Kansas. The Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID) Act was established through K.S.A. 12-5241 et seq. The RHID captures the incremental increase in real property taxes created by a housing development project for up to 25 years. This increment is used to repay eligible improvement costs incurred by a developer, including construction of public infrastructure.

The City had previously used the RHID tool with the St. Joseph Subdivision.

For this proposed development, the developer will provide the initial cash investment and will be reimbursed from the captured property tax increment; this is commonly known as the “pay-as-you-go” method. The City will not issue bonds for these RHID improvements.

Several steps and approvals were necessary to establish the RHID. First, a Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) had to be prepared. The HNA for Concordia was prepared by City staff and used information gathered from the 2022 Concordia Housing Study and Market Analysis.

The second step was for the City Commission to adopt a resolution making certain findings. After publication, the resolution and HNA are sent to the Kansas Department of Commerce for consideration and agreement by the Secretary. If the Secretary agrees, the developer may proceed with the next step, which includes holding a public hearing and adoption by the city commission of a Redevelopment Plan with comprehensive feasibility analysis.

After the Redevelopment Plan is adopted, the project may begin.

In 2022, the City and CloudCorp commissioned a housing study and market analysis, revealing a need for 245 moderate-income homes and 12 high-income homes. Since that time, one new home has been constructed, and two new homes are currently under construction, while more than 10 dilapidated homes have been demolished.

The city commission approved Resolution No. 2025-2211 on September 17, 2025, authorizing the preparation and submission of an application to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) for Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credits (KHITC). These tax credits were awarded to TransEquity in February 2026.

TransEquity will also work through the platting process. City staff have worked with their civil

engineer regarding the proposed design of infrastructure improvements to support this development, and to ensure it meets current zoning and subdivision regulations.

Approval of Resolution No. 2026-2228 established certain findings and determinations, and indicated the intent to establish an RHID, which will allow TransEquity to take the next steps in developing new homes in Concordia.

Commissioners then approved the Certificate of Final Inspection, performed by Campbell and Johnson, on the Fort Kearney Street extension, and approved the Certificate of Final Inspection, performed by Campbell and Johnson, at the St. Joseph Subdivision.

The City's Public Works Director, Shane Kisby, and the City's Public Utilities Director, Jeremy Arnold, stated that the Fort Kearney Street Project (ST & WL-2025) included the installation of a public water main extension and a public street extension within the Fort Kearney Street right-of-way. Construction of the public water main extension began on December 11, 2025, with a Final Inspection on December 22, 2025. Installation of the public street extension began on February 23, 2026, and was completed with a Final Inspection on March 3, 2026.

The St. Joseph Subdivision Project (ST-2023) included installation of public water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer infrastructure, along with public streets within the limits of 11th Street, Highland Drive, Sunflower Circle, and St. Joseph Circle right-of-way, and adjoining publicly recorded city easements within the St. Joseph Subdivision development. Construction began on February 26, 2024, and was completed following a Final Inspection on September 22, 2024.

In accordance with Section 8-1101 of the City of Concordia Subdivision Regulations, all improvements to be dedicated to the public or considered for public acceptance require completion of a Final Inspection. Construction observation and final inspection for both projects were performed by Campbell and Johnson, P.A.

Commissioners then met in two executive sessions totaling 35 minutes with City Attorney Justin Ferrell. No action was taken.

Commissioners then met in a third executive session with Ferrell and City Manager Amy Lange for 15 minutes. No action was taken.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

POLICE DEPT.

On Sunday, April 5,

At 6:23 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of East 10th Street for a report of criminal damage to property.

At 5:31 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 500 block of West 11th Street for a report of an animal bite. This incident was forwarded to Animal Control.

At 5:42 p.m., officers were dispatched to the police department for a civil standby.

At 12:34 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Washington Street for a report of criminal trespass.

On Saturday, April 4,

At 11:40 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 300 block of East 1st Street for a report of criminal trespass.

At 7:14 p.m., officers spoke to an individual regarding a child custody dispute.

At 5:39 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of East College Drive regarding a theft. This incident is still under investigation.

At 1:23 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 300 block of East 1st Street for a report of unlawful use of a financial card.

On Friday, April 3,

At 5:34 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of East 5th Street for a report of an active domestic disturbance. Upon investigation, Allyson Chadwick of Concordia was arrested for Aggravated Battery- Domestic. Daniel Blackwood was arrested for Criminal Damage to Property- Domestic. Both Chadwick and Blackwood were transported to Cloud County Corrections for processing.

At 5:09 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of East 10th Street for a report of aggravated battery.

At 2:42 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 block of West 9th Street for a report of criminal damage to property.

At 1:51 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of East 10th Street for report of criminal damage to property. Upon investigation, Jakob Glascock of Concordia was arrested for an active failure to appear warrant out of Reno County, original charge larceny, and for criminal damage to property. Glascock was transported to Cloud County Corrections for processing.

At 10:36 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of 5th Street and Kansas Street. Upon investigation, the driver, Matthew Collard of Concordia, was cited for driving while suspended, no proof of insurance and failure to stop at a stop sign. Collard was released from the scene.

On Thursday, April 2,

At 8:07 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 300 block of West 10th Street for a welfare check.

At 7:09 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of West College Drive for a report of an animal bite. This case was forwarded to Animal Control.

At 4:27 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 800 block of East 5th Street for a report of criminal threat.

On Wednesday, April 1,

At 7:33 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of West 10th Street for a report of criminal threat.

At 6:34 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 block of West 7th Street for a report of a burglary. This incident is still under investigation.

At 2:58 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 600 block of West 6th Street for a report of a non-injury accident.

At 7:42 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of East 7th Street for a non-injury accident.

On Tuesday, March 31,

At 9:55 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Kemp Street for a report of criminal damage to property. No case needed.

On Monday, March 30,

At 5:35 p.m., officers located an individual named Sarah Dick of Concordia, who was known to have an active warrant out of Cloud County. Dick was arrested and transported to Cloud County Corrections, where she was booked in on her Cloud County Warrant, original charges of Abuse of a Child, and three (3) counts of Aggravated Endangerment of a Child.

At 10:26 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of West 10th Street for a report of a non-injury accident.

At 9:34 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 block of West 18th Street for a civil standby.

SENIOR CENTER

Menu

Thurs., Apr. 9—TUNA MELT, chips, pasta salad, fruit, cake.

Fri., Apr. 10—HAM & EGG CASSEROLE, hash browns, fruit, pudding.

Mon., Apr. 13—BBQ BEEF SANDWICH, fries, green beans, fruit, cookie.

Tues., Apr. 14—FRIED CHICKEN, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, brownie.

Wed., Apr. 15—SANDWICH BAR, chips, baked beans, fruit, jello.

Thurs., Apr. 16—GLAZED HAM, scalloped potatoes, roll, corn, cheesecake.

Includes choice of milk, iced tea, coffee or water.

Available for Meals on Wheels, to-go/pick-up, as well as in-house.

Meals start around 11:45 a.m., and to-go/pick-up meals are ready by 11:30 a.m.

All ages are welcome to dine in or pick up a meal.

Ages 60 and above—\$5, ages 59 and below—\$6.

Activities

Thurs., Apr. 9—Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Fri., Apr. 10—Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Cards 1 p.m., Puzzles anytime.

Mon., Apr. 13—Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Tues., Apr. 14—Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Home Health BP 10:30 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Wed., Apr. 15—Coffee Club 9 a.m., Hearing Aids 9 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Thurs., Apr. 16—Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Come down to the Concordia Senior Center at 109 W. 7th St.

For more information, call 785-243-1872.

County Commission discusses infrastructure projects

BY OLIVIA BERGMEIER

The Cloud County Commission met at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 6, for a shorter-than-usual meeting with only a few appointments on the agenda. Cloud County Clerk Shella Thoman also attended the meeting.

In routine business, the commission approved one tax abatement for a refund of \$132.40 and approved the commission signing a letter of support for development inquiries for the east development area, which is located east of Concordia.

A few county residents also attended the meeting, including Rhonda Brogan, Ray Crowninshield and Ryan McMillan. Brogan approached the commission to ask about property taxes and the procedure in which the county calculates tax valuations. Crowninshield had a similar question about procedure, but his conversation focused on county ordinances and policies.

After some discussion with each resident, the meeting continued with McMillan discussing Trail Road with commissioners. McMillan brought forward his bid from Campbell and Johnson, which was about \$30,000 less than Kirkham Michael's bid for the same road work.

Cloud County Highway Administrator Rod Michaud also attended the meeting to discuss road and bridge projects and activities. According to Michaud, the department began the summer working hours for its employees, which includes 10-hour workdays four days a week until October.

Michaud also updated the commission on the closure of a section of Key Road between 190th and 200th roads for a short period to do bridge work. He then spent some time discussing equipment, inventory and equipment condition with commissioners to prepare for the upcoming budget considerations.

Commissioners then held a 10-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege with general counsel Mike Montoya by telephone. Thoman also attended the executive session, but no action was taken after.

The commission then adjourned at 10:54 a.m., and the next Cloud County Commission meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 13, at the Cloud County Courthouse, 811 Washington Street, in Concordia.

EMS/FIRE DEPT.

On Wednesday, April 1,

At 2:51p.m., Medic Five (M-5) was dispatched for an advanced life support (ALS) long-distance transfer from North Central Kansas Medical Center (NCKMC) to St. Francis Via Christi in Wichita.

At 6:52 p.m., Medic Two (M-2) was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Republic County Hospital.

At 10:16 p.m., M-2 was dispatched for an advanced cardiovascular life support (ACLS) long-distance transfer from NCKMC to Salina Regional Health Center (SRHC).

On Friday, April 3,

At 1:21 a.m., Medic 2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center.

At 7:34 a.m., Medic 5 was dispatched for a basic life support, long-distance transfer. One patient was transported to Wesley Medical Center.

At 5:39 p.m., Medic 2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center.

At 8:26 p.m., Medic 2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. There was no patient transport.

On Saturday, April 4,

At 4:19 a.m., Medic 2 was dispatched for a trauma emergency. One patient was transported to Salina Regional Health Center.

At 1:48 p.m., Medic 2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center.

At 5:16 p.m., Medic 5 was dispatched for an advanced cardiac life support, long-distance transfer to Wesley Medical Center.

At 11:55 p.m., Medic 2 was dispatched for a trauma emergency. There was no patient transport.

On Sunday, April 5,

At 1:18 p.m., Medic 2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems.

At 6:19 p.m., Truck 2 was dispatched to assist with a grass fire.

At 8:00 p.m., Truck 2 was dispatched to assist with a grass fire rekindle.

On Monday, April 6,

At 7:30 a.m., M-2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to the NCKMC.

At 10:10 p.m., M-2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

On Tuesday, April 7,

At 12:50 a.m., M-2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 2:00 a.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. No transport was needed.