

LEGAL NOTICES

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS

JOE GERSTNER OIL, LLC) Plaintiff)

vs.)

Case No. TR-2026-CV-000018)

ANN M. KNIPP as TRUSTEE OF THE WALZ IRREVOCABLE) HOMESTEAD TRUST DATED JANUARY) 12, 2021; LEROY H. WALZ as TRUSTEE OF THE LEROY H.) WALZ IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED) MARCH 21, 2017; WAYNE WALZ BLACKBURN, DELORES WALZ) BLACKBURN ELLIOTT; DIANN WALZ BLACKBURN LANGLEY) CLARENCE WIESNER; DOROTHY SHUBERT; LAWRENCE L.)

SHUBERT; HOMER E. EM-MERTON; MARGARET EMMERTON) KELLY P. FOWLER; THE WALZ FAMILY TRUST; LAURA MCGEE;) JEFF MCGEE; ANN M KNIPP; MARK KNIPP) and all the unknown heirs, ex-ecutors, administrators, de-vicees, trustees,) creditors and assigns of such of the Defendants that may be de-ceased; the) unknown spouse of the Defendants; the un-known executors,) administra-tors, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such) of the Defendants as are part-ners or in a partnership; the guardians,) conservators, and trustees of such of the Defen-dants as are minors) or in any-wise under legal disability; and trustees, members,) creditors, shareholders and assigns of such of the Defendants) as are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations or associations) Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SUIT
THE STATE OF KANSAS
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
DEFENDANTS AND ALL
OTHER PERSONS WHO
ARE OR MAY BE CON-

CERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Trego County, Kansas, praying to quiet title to all oil, gas and other minerals in and under that may be pro-duced located in Graham County, Kansas, in so far as it encompasses the following: East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E/2 NW/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Twenty-one (21) West, Trego County, Kansas and you are hereby re-quired to plead to said Petition on or before the 20th day of August, 2026 in said Court at WaKeeney, Trego County, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Joe Gerstner Oil, LLC Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Collyer Township
Trego County

ll meet on August 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM at Trego County Commissioners' Room, 216 N Main St, WaKeeney, KS 67672 for the purpose of hearing a answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Trego County Clerk's Office, 216 N Main St, WaKeeney, KS 67672 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,908		1,400	0.040	2,000	1,326	0.076
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Fire Protection							
Special Machinery							
Totals	1,908	0.000	1,400	0.040	2,000	1,326	0.076

*Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate*** 0.040

*Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate*** 0.040

Less: Transfers	0	0	0
Net Expenditure	1,908	1,400	2,000
Total Tax Levied	0	701	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Total Assessed Valuation	18,405,748	17,589,749	17,546,873
Township Assessed Valuation Only			16,764,746

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1

G.O. Bonds	2024	2025	2026
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

John Mailinowsky
Township Officer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
USD 208 Recreation Commission

will meet on July 29, 2026 at 6:00 PM at 512 Caroline Ave, WaKeeney, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at 512 Caroline Ave, WaKeeney, KS and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Trego County (home county)

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024/2025	Current Year Estimated 2025/2026	Proposed Budget Year 2026/2027
General	274,757	298,796	356,950
Employee Benefit Fund	45,239	47,953	51,304
Totals	319,996	346,749	408,254

Lease Purchases:

July 1,	2023	2024	2025
	0	0	0

Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988 2.891

Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate 2.762

Kyle Level
Recreation Commission Director

KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

The following officials are locally-elected representatives for WaKeeney City Council, Collyer City Council, USD #208 School Board, Trego County elected positions, and State & US officials

WAKEENEY CITY COUNCIL

WAKEENEY CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH, 6:15 P.M. AT WAKEENEY CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETINGS ARE ALSO LIVE STREAMED ON THE CITY OF WAKEENEY FACEBOOK PAGE

IRENE DIRKS
MAYOR
TERM TO 2028

BRENT DEINES
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2030

CURTIS FLAX
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2028

COURTNEY BERNING
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2030

DAVID ANDERSON
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2030

SHANE PFEIFER
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2028

USD 208 BOARD OF EDUCATION

USD 208 BOE MEETS THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 5:30 P.M. AT TREGO GRADE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

CLAYTON WILSON
PRESIDENT
TERM TO 2028

ERIC KINDERKNECHT
BOARD MEMBER
TERM TO 2028

BECKY WINDHOLZ
BOARD MEMBER
TERM TO 2028

SETH ALBERS
VICE PRESIDENT
TERM TO 2030

CAREY FOSE
BOARD MEMBER
TERM TO 2030

UNFILLED
UNEXPIRED 2-YR TERM
TERM TO 2028

ASHLEY CONNESS
BOARD MEMBER
TERM TO 2030

COLLYER CITY

COLLYER CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 P.M. AT THE CITY BUILDING

LARRY WALT
MAYOR
TERM TO 2028

ROBERT HARDMAN
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2028

JENNIFER RICKER
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2028

JEFF KNOP
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2030

ADAM SCHNEIDER
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2030

LANE KEITH
COUNCIL MEMBER
TERM TO 2030

TREGO COUNTY COMMISSION

TREGO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AND THE LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH, 5:00 P.M. AT THE TREGO CO. COURTHOUSE - COMMISSION ROOM, WAKEENEY

KURTIS BROCK
CHAIRMAN, DIST. 1
TERM TO 2027

JERRY WHITE
COMMISSIONER, DIST. 2
TERM TO 2029

JARED HAGER
COMMISSIONER, DIST. 3
TERM TO 2029

TREGO COUNTY OFFICIALS

EDWARD PRITCHARD
SHERIFF
TERM TO 2029

LORI AUGUSTINE
CLERK
TERM TO 2029

RENEE NEFF
TREASURER
TERM TO 2029

ABRAHAM PFANNENSTIEL
ATTORNEY
TERM TO 2029

BRENDA BROCK
REGISTER OF DEEDS
TERM TO 2029

RICHARD HANKS
DIST. MAGISTRATE JUDGE
TERM TO 2027

ADAM WILSON
APPRAISER
APOINTED

TIFFANY GILLESPIE
CLERK OF DIST COURT
APPOINTED

US SENATE

JERRY MORAN
SENATOR
HAYS: 785-628-6401

DR. ROGER MARSHALL
SENATOR
SALINA: 785-829-9000

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CITY MINUTES

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY 16 JUNE 2026

The Governing Body of the City of WaKeeney, Kansas met in a regular session at City Hall 408 Russell Avenue at 6:15 PM with the mayor presiding and the following members present:

Mayor F. Irene Dirks and Council Members Dave Anderson, Courtney Berning (via phone), Brent Deines, Curtis Flax, and Shane Pfeifer

BEING ABSENT: None

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, printed, and distributed.

GUESTS: Don Tilton, Dusty Billinger, James Wright, Abraham Pfannenstiel, Kyle Martin, Colton Peterson, and John Shubert

Don Tilton, Maper & Miller, CPAs was present before the city council to present the 2025 audit report. Don indicated a clean audit was presented and reviewed the individual fund balances that agreed with all bank and investment statements. Don was thanked by the council and took his leave.

James Wright, Member Services Manager with Midwest Energy was present before the governing body to present the final gas and electric franchise renewal agreements between the city and Midwest. A motion was made by Curtis Flax and seconded by Brent Deines to approve ordinance #1471 the electrical franchise agreement. Motion carried. A motion was made by Curtis Flax and seconded by Brent Deines to approve ordinance #1472 the natural gas franchise agreement. Motion carried. James was thanked by the governing body for attending the past several meetings and took his leave.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Hardy Howard presented resolutions #06162026A and #06162026B requesting the Trego County commissioners review and approve recent annexations for the city. A motion was made by Curtis Flax and seconded by Dave Anderson to approve resolution #06162026A. Shane Pfeifer seconded. Motion carried. A motion was made by Curtis Flax and seconded by Dave Anderson to approve resolution #06162026B. Motion carried.

City Administrator
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