

LEGALS

(First published in the Western Kansas World Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of SYLVIA KINDERKNECHT, deceased. Case No.

TR-2026-PR-000017
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Eric Kinderknecht, son and one of the heirs of Sylvia Kinderknecht, deceased, requesting descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Trego County, Kansas:

An undivided one-fourteenth (1/14) interest in and to: South Twenty-six feet (S.26') of Lot two (2) and all of Lot Three (3), except the South One Foot (S.1') of said Lot

Three (3), Block One (1), Ruskin Heights Addition to the City of WaKeeney, Trego County, Kansas, all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before Sept. 28, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the City of WaKeeney in Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause shall be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Eric Kinderknecht
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Sept. 24

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of LINDA WEIGEL, deceased. Case No.

TR-2026-PR-000018  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Bruce L. Weigel, son and one fo the heirs of Linda Weigel, deceased, requesting descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in

Trego County, Kansas: An undivided one-fourteenth (1/14) interest in and to: South twenty-six feet (S.26') of Lot Two (2) and all of Lot Three (3), except the South One Foot (S.1') of said Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Ruskin Heights Addition to the City of WaKeeney, Trego County, Kansas, and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death by assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before Sept. 28, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the City of WaKeeney in Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause shall be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Bruce L. Weigel  
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IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS
SITTING WAKEENEY
HALF A DAY, LLC)
324 North 9th Street)
WaKeeney, Kansas 67672))
Plaintiff.)
v))
Case No.
TR-2026-CV-000022
R-3 MECHANICAL LLC.)
2522 Ehrich Street)
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904) and) Reuben P. Boyd)
9985 Kings Canyon Drive)
Peyton, Colorado 80831)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF PETITION
To R-3 Mechanical LLC, Reuben P. Boyd, and all other concerned persons:

You are notified that a civil lawsuit has been filed in the District Court of Trego County by Plaintiff praying for relief against Defendants for Defendants' alleged breach of contract.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition within 21 days after the first publication of this notice. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Plaintiff.

Half A Day, LLC
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(First published in the Western Kansas World Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026)

IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS

SITTING AT WAKEENEY
In the Matter of the) Guardianship and Conservatorship of)
Case No.

TR-2008-PR-000037
VAL G. STRADAL)

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on August 24, 2026, a Petition has been filed in this Court by Christi Coker-Sumner, the guardian and conservator of Val G. Stradal, praying that the guardianship and conservatorship of Val G. Stradal be amended.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition before September 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in the City of WaKeeney, Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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CITY OF WAKEENEY COUNCIL MINUTES

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

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

BEING ABSENT: None

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

GUESTS: Cheryl Gibson, Cory Sherfick, Tia Mattheyer, Mary Ruth Hendricks, John Shubert and Travis Phillips

Cory Sherfick, with the Trego County Health Department, came before the city council to request assistance with a suicide awareness walk on Thursday, September 24th at 9:00 AM on Main Street. A motion was made by Courtney Berning and seconded by Shane Pfeifer to allow Wa-

Keeney PD to provide traffic control for the event. Motion carried. Cory and Tia were thanked for attending and took their leave.

Cheryl Gibson, Trego County ED returned to the city council with a lease agreement between the city and Trego County for a tract of city owned property in Block 57, north of the recycling center. A motion was made by Brent Deines and seconded by Shane Pfeifer to approve the lease agreement drafted by the city / county attorney. Motion carried. Cheryl was thanked by the council.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Travis Phillips presented his monthly departmental report. Also discussed was a 9/11 memorial stair climb to honor the first responder victims from that terrible day. The event will be held at Custer Field on the campus of TCHS at 5:30 AM on September 11th. E bikes and other electric scooters were again discussed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Hardy Howard presented the bid results from the KDOT TA letting from August 18th. A motion to

approve the Authority to Award Contract to APAC – KS Shears for \$1,589,670 with city matching funds of \$354,000 was made by Brent Deines and seconded by Shane Pfeifer. Motion carried.

At this time an ordinance making appropriation for the payment of claims for the month of August 2026 was read, whereupon Shane Pfeifer motioned to approve claims in the amount of \$466,469.83 Brent Deines seconded. Motion carried. Warrants numbered #21046 and #21061 were reviewed prior to approval.

MAYOR: Irene Dirks requested the approval of Dan LaMotte to the council seat vacated by Curtis Flax. A motion was made by Courtney Berning and seconded by Shane Pfeifer to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

In other city business, a motion was made by Shane Pfeifer and seconded by Brent Deines to appoint Will Hirsh to the Planning and Zoning Board vacant position. Motion carried.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 18, 2026

Chairman Jerry White called the meeting to order on this date at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Kurtis Brock and Jared Hager, County Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel, and County Clerk Lori Augustine.

Rodney Meyers, Health Department Administrator Tia Mattheyer, Hospital Administrator Tyler Stapp, Jon Antrim and Tim McClure came into the meeting.

The Commissioners said the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Hager moved and Commissioner White seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

County Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel met with the Commissioners. Abraham informed the Commissioners that Franklin Township is appealing the decision of the district court to pay Trego County \$25,000.

County Clerk Lori Augustine presented a letter of support to Dane G Hansen for the transportation bus grant. The Commissioners signed this letter of support.

Lori also presented that EMPG grant for the Commissioners' approval. Chairman White signed this EMPG grant application.

The Commissioners viewed and Chairman White signed a 2025 tax year abatement #2026000072; a 2024 tax year abatement #2026000073 and a 2023 tax year abatement #2026000074.

Commissioner White moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to approve the minutes of August 11, 2026. Motion carried.

Jon Antrim and Tim McClure met with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners directed complaints to Jon and Tim. They also discussed the lack of transfers. Jon informed the Commissioners that they are applying for a grant to have two ambulances in the northwest portion of Kansas to run transfers. Tim updated the Commissioners on their procedures to get their employees familiar with the county roads and areas of the county.

Economic Development Director Cheryl Gibson came into the meeting.

Commissioner Hager moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to go into executive session at 5:45 pm for five minutes to discuss proprietary. Motion carried. Present for the executive session were Commissioners White, Brock and Hager, County Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel, County Clerk Lori Augustine and Cheryl Gibson. The executive session ended within the allotted time.

Tia Mattheyer and Rodney Meyers came back into the meeting.

Commissioner White moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to approve a microloan in the amount of \$5,900.00 to Amanda Zerr dba Chroma Quilting.

Commissioner Hager moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Lori Augustine, County Clerk; Jerry White, Chairman; Kurtis Brock, Member; Jared

Hager, Member

August 25, 2026

Chairman Jerry White called the meeting to order on this date at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Kurtis Brock and Jared Hager, and County Clerk Lori Augustine.

Rodney Meyers, Health Department Administrator Tia Mattheyer, Economic Development Director Cheryl Gibson came into the meeting.

The Commissioners said the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Brock moved and Commissioner Hager seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hager moved and Commissioner White seconded to appoint Cheryl Gibson as the county's representative to the NEK-CAP Board. Motion carried.

Public Works Mel Rohr met with the Commissioners. Mel reported fuel prices from Frontier Ag and Mittens. The Commissioners approved Mel purchasing the fuel from Mittens.

Mel presented information to the Commissioners from Foley for an SIS service subscription program that will cost the county \$1,499.00 each year. The Commissioners approved participating in this program.

Economic Development Director Cheryl Gibson met with the Commissioners. Cheryl presented the lease agreement between Trego County and City of WaKeeney to lease some land for the pop up building. Commissioner White moved and Commissioner

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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
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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 APOINTED

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