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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.

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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  
Petitioner

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION CITY OF WAKEENEY, KANSAS

The Governing Body of the City of WaKeeney, Kansas, has heretofore, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, declared it advisable to impose a sales tax, the revenue from which will be applied to pay the costs of parks and recreation, public safety and other improvement projects and activities in or to benefit the City and its residents, including but not limited to hike/bike trail improvements, swimming pool and park improvements and maintenance, financial support for the public golf course and dirt racetrack, funding for police and fire vehicles and capital improvements, and improvements to school district facilities for outdoor activities. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City that a special question election has been called and will be

held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following proposition: **Shall the following be adopted?** Shall the City of WaKeeney, Kansas, be authorized to levy a one-half percent (0.5%) city-wide retailers' sales tax, the revenue from which will be applied to pay the costs of parks and recreation, public safety and other improvement projects and activities in or to benefit the City and its residents, including but not limited to hike/bike trail improvements, swimming pool and park improvements and maintenance, financial support for the public golf course and dirt racetrack, funding for police and fire vehicles and capital improvements, and improvements to school district facilities for outdoor activities, with collection of such sales tax to commence on April 1, 2027; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., as amended? To vote in favor of the question

submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes." To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."  
☐ YES  
☐ NO  
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The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on November 3, 2026, the election day. The voting places in the City, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows: Voters Residing In City of WaKeeney Will Vote At V.F.W. Hall, 400 N Railroad Ave, WaKeeney, KS  
The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the Trego County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117.  
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Oct. 1

COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 8, 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.

Health Department Administrator Tia Mattheyer, Maddy Ghumm, and Rodney Meyers came into the meeting.

The Commissioners said the pledge of allegiance.

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

The Commissioners viewed the Register of Deed's fee report for August.

The Commissioners viewed and Chairman White signed the County Clerk's fee report for August.

The Commissioners received a thank you from Project Prom for last year's donation.

Commissioner White moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to approve the minutes of August 31, 2026. Motion carried.

At 5:15 pm, the Commissioners held the 2027 Rural Fire RNR and Budget Hearing. Present for the hearing were Tia Mattheyer, Rodney Meyers, Maddy Ghumm and Don Tilton.

Commissioner Hager moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to approve Resolution 26-9 to exceed the RNR for the 2027 rural fire budget. Motion carried. Commissioner White moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to approve the 2027 rural fire budget as published. Motion carried.

At 5:30 pm, the Commissioners held the 2027 County RNR and Budget Hearing. Present for the hearing were Tia Mattheyer, Rodney Meyers, John Newman, Mark Nimz, Maddy Ghumm, and Don Tilton.

Commissioner Hager moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to approve Resolution 26-10 to exceed the RNR for the 2027 county budget. Motion carried. Commissioner White moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to approve the 2027 county budget as published. Motion carried.

John Newman and Mark Nimz left the meeting.

Don Tilton with Mapes and Miller presented the 2025 county audit to the Commissioners.

Health Department Administrator Tia Mattheyer met with the Commissioners. Tia informed the Commissioners that the health department is partnering with the hospital to have a health fair on September 28 and will need to be open at 6:00 am. Tia informed that the health department will be a part of "A Walk in September" on September 24, 2026.

Commissioner White reported to the Commissioners that he had a report from a citizen in Ogallah of an incinerator fire which is legal in Ogallah.

Tyler Stapp, hospital administrator, met with the Commissioners via telephone and Maddy Ghumm met with the Commissioners. Tyler presented information to the Commissioners on the cost-based model of the hospital taking over the ambulance service. Tyler requested that the county cover the cost of this model. The Commissioners asked Tyler to meet with them next week.

Commissioner White moved and Commissioner Hager seconded to go into executive session at 6:27 pm for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried. Present for the executive session were Commissioners White, Brock and Hager and County Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel. The executive session ended within the allotted time.

County Clerk Lori Augustine returned to the meeting.

The Commissioners called a special meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm.to meet with the hospital board to discuss non-elected personnel.

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

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

September 10, 2026

Chairman Jerry White called the special 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.

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with the hospital board to discuss non-elected personnel.

Maddy Ghumm, Bernita Augustine, Jim Moeder, Pat Moeder, Tia Mattheyer, Scott Pfannenstiel, Jordan Gabel, and Michelle Tomanek came into the meeting.

The Commissioners said the pledge of allegiance.

Hospital Board Member Mary Jo Hafliager met with the Commissioners.

Commissioner White moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to go into executive session at 5:01 pm for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried. Present for the executive session were Commissioners White, Brock and Hager, County Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel and hospital board member Mary Jo Hafliager. The executive session ended within the allotted time.

Commissioner Hager moved and Commissioner White seconded to go into executive session at 5:07 pm for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried. Present for the executive session were Commissioners White, Brock and Hager, County Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel and hospital board member Mary Jo Hafliager. The executive session ended within the allotted time.

Commissioner Hager moved and Commissioner White seconded to go into executive session at 5:22 pm for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried. Present for the executive session were Commissioners White, Brock and Hager, County Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel and hospital board members Mary Jo Hafliager and Christine Hober. The executive session ended within the allotted time.

Lori Augustine, Michelle Rauch, Maddy Ghumm, Tia Mattheyer, Pat Moeder, Scott Pfannenstiel, Jim Moeder, and Bernita Augustine returned to the meeting.

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

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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
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