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six affirmative votes. (Action 26152)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TGS/Tyler Flavin: *Student Activity Report:* Upper elementary and TJH students have started summer conditioning and weight training. Team camps have begun. Summer school is in its second week, with twenty students signed up. *Building Report:* State and local reporting for the year is nearly complete. Class rosters and schedules are being worked on. A form was sent to potential preschool parents. The data collected shows an estimated 40 students in preschool next year. The TGS Building Leadership Team is collaborating to create a New Teacher Onboarding document to help new staff members transition to our district. The summer food service team is serving an average of 100 student lunches per day. The summer cleaning crew is cleaning, painting, waxing, and completing repairs.

TCHS/Shea Rothchild: *Student Activity Report:* The Student Advisory Council submitted a grant proposal to Heartland Community Foundation in hopes of securing funding to bring a student/parent/staff engagement assembly program to TCHS next year. Unfortunately, the group did not receive the funding, so they will start looking into other options when school begins. *Building Report:* The TCHS Building Leadership Team met on May 13. Discussion included: The implementation of the cell phone policy; Confirmation of the course schedule for next year; The implementation of a new state assessment and ACT prep platform. The course schedule for next year is complete. We will continue to offer a live-instruction Spanish course via Zoom. We possibly have 8-10 students interested in Vocal and Performing Arts. Our Chronic Absenteeism Rate was down again this year, getting us closer to our goal of 10% or lower, which is below the state average of 19.5%. The TCHS attendance rate for 2024-2025 was 94%.

District/Matt Smith: Reviewed the vehicle mileage report. Reviewed the unencumbered cash balances. The TGS Booster Club requested a letter of support for the ADA accessible playground project. Mr. Smith attended a Funding Task Force meeting. There will be a special USD 208 BOE meeting on June 26 at 5:30 p.m. to develop board goals and to complete the board self-evaluation process. The state BOE meeting began with a focus on device use in schools.

Athletics/Jeremy Samson: A league meeting was held to finalize next year's schedules and calendars.

NEGOTIATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION It was moved by Carey Fose, seconded by Seth Albers, to go into executive session at 5:46 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss negotiated items, pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA, and to resume the open meeting at 5:56 p.m., in TGS Room 120. Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 26153) The open meeting reconvened at 5:56 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION Cannot complete until all board members have completed the evaluation and are present at a meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF DISTRICT PERSONNEL

EXECUTIVE SESSION It was moved by Seth Albers, seconded by Becky Windholz, to go into executive session at 5:59 p.m., with the superintendent, TCHS principal, and TGS principal present, to discuss individual employee performance, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and to resume the open meeting at 6:04 p.m., in TGS Room 120. Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 26154) Kasandra Bliss left the meeting at 5:59 p.m., and Miki Smith began keeping record of the meeting. The open meeting reconvened at 6:04 p.m. It was moved by Carey Fose, seconded by Mike Kriegshauser, to approve the following nominations and resignations: ***Resignation:*** Pam LaMotte from TGS Title I Paraprofessional (8/10/26) ***Nominations:*** Michelle Renner to At-Risk/Reading Interventionist (26-27); Sage Level to TCHS Co-Cheer Coach (26-27); Mackenzie McCoy to TCHS Dance Line Coach (26-27); Amelia Dirks to TCHS Head Boys Tennis Coach (26-27); Brandy Schoenberger to TJH Co-Cheer Coach (26-27); Lauren Garner to TJH Co-Cheer Coach (26-27); Darin Keyser to TCHS Head Golf Coach (26-27); Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 26155)

Clayton Wilson left the meeting at 6:05 p.m. It was moved by Becky Windholz, seconded by Carey Fose, to approve the nomination of Kizmin Wilson to TJH Head Track Coach (26-27). Motion carried with five affirmative votes. (Action 26165) Clayton Wilson entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY The board reviewed the presented cell phone policy, as is required to implement per Kansas HB 2299. Some unclear wording discussion was held. Changes will be made to the policy and sent to the board prior to the July meeting. No action was taken.

FOOD SERVICE PROCUREMENT PLAN It was moved by Seth Albers, seconded by Mike Kriegshauser, to approve the 2026-2027 USD 208 Food Service Procurement Plan as presented. Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 26157)

STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK Revisions to the Student-Parent Handbook are still in progress and will be available prior to the July meeting. No action was taken.

ACTIVITY HANDBOOK Revisions to the Activity Handbook are still in progress and will be available prior to the July meeting. No action was taken.

STAFF HANDBOOK Revisions to the Staff Handbook are still in progress and will be available prior to the July meeting. No action was taken.

MATERIAL FEE 2026-2027 It was moved by Seth Albers, seconded by Mike Kriegshauser, to approve the following 2026-2027 Material Fee rates: Grades 7-12: Full Pay: $104.00; Reduced Pay: $52.00; Free: $0.00; Grade PreK-6: Full Pay: $52.00; Reduced Pay: $26.00; Free: $0.00. Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 26158)

FOOD SERVICE MEAL PRICES 2026-2027 It was moved by Becky Windholz, seconded by Mike Kriegshauser, to approve the following lunch program prices for 2026-2027: K-12 Student Breakfast: $2.55; K-8 Student Lunch: $3.45; 9-12 Student Lunch: $3.60; Adult Breakfast: $4.00; Adult Lunch: $5.25. Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 26159)

BUDGET CLOSEOUT It was moved by Carey Fose, seconded by Seth Albers, to authorize the superintendent and board clerk to pay invoices and transfer funds as needed to close the 2025-2026 budget year. Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 26160)

KASB WORK COMP FUND AGREEMENT It was moved by Mike Kriegshauser, seconded by Seth Albers, to approve the KASB Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. Member Participation Agreement and the $28,958.00 invoice for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 26161)

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWALS It was moved by Carey Fose, seconded by Eric Kinderknecht, to approve the following Certificate of Deposit 6-month renewals with an investment date of 6/15/26 and maturity date of 12/15/26: $200,000 CD at Solutions North Bank at 3.50% APY; $200,000 CD at Lyons Federal Bank at 3.758% APY; $200,000 CD at Outdoor Bank at 3.46% APY. Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 26162) Ashley Conness entered the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

PERSONNEL

EXECUTIVE SESSION It was moved by Eric Kinderknecht, seconded by Carey Fose, to go into executive session at 6:52 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss individual employee performance, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and to resume the open meeting at 7:07 p.m., in TGS Room 120. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes. (Action 26163) The open meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m. It was moved by Becky Windholz, seconded by Clayton Wilson, to go into executive session at 7:07 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss individual employee performance, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and to resume the open meeting at 7:22 p.m., in TGS Room 120. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes. (Action 26164) The open meeting reconvened at 7:22 p.m. It was moved by Clayton Wilson, seconded by Eric Kinderknecht, to go into executive session at 7:22 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss individual employee performance, pursuant to the non-elected

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personnel exception under KOMA, and to resume the open meeting at 7:37 p.m., in TGS Room 120. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes. (Action 26165) The open meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m. It was moved by Clayton Wilson, seconded by Becky Windholz, to go into executive session at 7:37 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss individual employee performance, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and to resume the open meeting at 7:52 p.m., in TGS Room 120. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes. (Action 26166) The open meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m. Kasandra Bliss entered the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and began keeping record of the meeting. It was moved by Clayton Wilson, seconded by Mike Kriegshauser, to go into executive session at 7:53 p.m., with the superintendent and TGS principal present, to discuss individual employee performance, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and to resume the open meeting at 8:03 p.m., in TGS Room 120. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes. (Action 26167) Becky Windholz left the executive session at 7:53 p.m. Becky Windholz was invited back into the executive session at 7:55 p.m. The open meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m. It was moved by Seth Albers, seconded by Mike Kriegshauser, to go into executive session at 8:04 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss individual employee performance, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and to resume the open meeting at 8:09 p.m., in TGS Room 120. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes. (Action 26168) The open meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m. It was moved by Clayton Wilson, seconded by Seth Albers, to go into executive session at 8:09 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss individual employee performance, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and to resume the open meeting at 8:14 p.m., in TGS Room 120. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes. (Action 26169) The open meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m. It was moved by Seth Albers, seconded by Clayton Wilson, to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss individual employee performance,

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TREGO COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 30, 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.

Economic Development Director Cheryl Gibson and Health Department Administrator Tia Mattheyer came into the meeting.

The Commissioners said the pledge of allegiance.

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

County Clerk Lori Augustine informed the Commissioners that the transportation bus has received a grant from Dan G Hansen Foundation to cover the local match (up to $24,000) for a replacement van. Lori also informed the Commissioners that the air tour that was scheduled for October 2 has been canceled.

Commissioner Hager moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to go into executive session at 5:04 pm for five minutes for proprietary information. Motion carried. Present for the executive session were Commissioners White, Brock, and Hager, Economic Development Director Cheryl Gibson, County Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel and County Clerk Lori Augustine. The executive session ended within the allotted time.

Commissioner Brock moved and Commissioner Hager seconded to go into executive session at 5:09 pm for five minutes for proprietary information. Motion carried. Present for the executive session were Commissioners White, Brock, and Hager, Economic Development Director Cheryl Gibson, County Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel and County Clerk Lori Augustine. The executive session ended within the allotted time.

The Commissioners advised Cheryl to draft a letter to the business that is declaring bankruptcy stating the loan needs to be paid.

Health Department Administrator Tia Mattheyer returned to the meeting.

County Treasurer Renee Neff met with the Commissioners. Renee informed the Commissioners that .78% taxes are unpaid. Renee informed the Commissioners that her office is doing the commercial tags from Ellis County due to the fact that Ellis County has been compromised. Renee updated the Commissioners on the tax foreclosure list of properties. Renee updated the Commissioners on the transaction fee collected by her office on motor vehicles. Renee would like to increase the fee to $5.00. The Commissioners are okay with this increase. Renee informed the Commissioners that she has been asked to be on a committee. Renee requested and was granted permission to add a transaction fee of $5.00 to process driver's licenses.

Health Department Administrator Tia Matthyer informed the Commissioners that The Workforce Grant deadline is November 30, 2027. She will be spending that money this year so her budget will need to be amended.

Commissioner White moved and Commissioner Brock seconded to approve the minutes of September 22, 2026. Motion carried.

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

CITY OF WAKEENEY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY 15 SEPTEMBER 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 (via phone), Courtney Berning, Brent Deines, Dan LaMotte, and Shane Pfeifer **BEING ABSENT:** None

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

GUESTS: Travis Phillips, Dusty Billinger, Abraham Pfannenstiel, John Shubert, Colton Petterson and Ryan Gasper

A revenue neutral rate hearing for the city 2027 budget was held as published at 6:15 PM. After receiving no public comment, a motion was made by Brent Deines and seconded by Shane Pfeifer to approve Resolution #09152026 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion to approve exceeding the revenue neutral rate was made by Courtney Berning and seconded by Shane Pfeifer. The roll call vote was recorded as: Anderson YES, Berning YES, B. Deines YES, LaMotte YES, Pfeifer YES Motion carried.

A public hearing for the city 2027 city budget was held. After receiving no public comment, a motion was made by Courtney Berning and seconded by Shane Pfeifer to approve the city's 2027 budget as published. Motion carried.

Ryan Gasper, was present before the city council to request approval of a conditional use permit for the construction of a 40' x 40' metal building at 513 Caroline Avenue (Block 89) currently zoned as residential. After discussion, a motion was made by Brent Deines and seconded by Courtney Berning to approve the CUP permit. Motion carried. Ryan was thanked for attending the meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Phillips reviewed his departmental report. E-bikes, scooters and other electric transportation modes were again discussed at length. Chief Phillips will bring sample ordinances and reference materials for review before a decision is made on how these devices will be regulated in the city going forward.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Hardy Howard discussed with the governing body the final chip seal map for 2026, replacement of the water system telemetry controls, downtown TA project, and the Assistance to Firefighters FEMA grant.

MAYOR: Irene Dirks discussed the upcoming ½ cent sales tax election informational flyer.

A motion was made by Brent Deines and seconded by Shane Pfeifer to adjourn into an executive session for a period of 20 minutes. The executive session was held in regard to non-elected personnel discussion, exception K.S.A. 75-4319(a)2 with the Mayor Dirks, City Council, City Administrator Howard, Chief of Police Phillips, City Attorney Pfannenstiel and Police Officer Colton Petterson. Motion carried. The meeting was reconvened within the allotted time.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

(Minutes are unofficial until council approval)

Area Police Reports

Trego Co. Sheriff

From Oct 11- Oct. 17, 2026, the Trego Co. Sheriff's office reported the following activity report:

17 traffic stops
7 assist other agency
5 transport subject
2 animal complaint
1 paper service
6 VIN inspection
2 community event
1 traffic complaint
1 warrant service
2 offender registration
3 arrest

Report submitted by Dawn Chase, Head Dispatcher, Trego Communications



WaKeeney Police

From Oct. 11-Sept. Oct. 17, 2026, the WaKeeney City Police Department offered the following activity report:

87 total calls for service
4 animal complaints
1 ATV permit
1 business checks
1 civil standby
1 civil complaint
2 code enforcement acts
1 funeral escort
1 community event
3 case follow-ups
2 foot patrols
3 medical assists
7 miscellaneous calls
3 motorist assists
1 parking complaint
2 calls of road debris
1 report of suspicious
1 report of theft
1 traffic complaint
42 traffic stops
2 transport persons
1 VIN check
1 felony warrant arrest
2 welfare check

Thanks to our community for the support you give the WPD. We appreciate you all. -Chief T.

Report submitted by WaKeeney Police Department