LEGAL NOTICES

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TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS
2026 LEVIES BY TAX UNIT
(PER $1000.00 TANGIBLE VALUATIONS)

Twp & City Name Tax Unit ID #	State	County	City	Twp	SCHOOL DISTRICTS USD 208	USD 106	USD 388	USD 395	RECREATION COMMISSIONS USD 208	USD 106	USD 388	NWKS Library	Extension District	Rural Fire	Tax Unit Total Levy
Collyer Twp(TW003)															
030	0.000	69.491		0.076	51.517				2.675			1.393	2.203	3.515	130.870
031	0.000	69.491		0.076		47.374				2.000		1.393	2.203	3.515	126.052
Ogallah Twp (TW006)															
010	0.000	69.491		0.275	51.517				2.675			1.393	2.203	3.515	131.069
011	0.000	69.491		0.275			60.664				6.989	1.393	2.203	3.515	144.530
012	0.000	69.491		0.275		47.374				2.000		1.393	2.203	3.515	126.251
013	0.000	69.491		0.275				64.942				1.393	2.203	3.515	141.819
WaKeeney Twp (TW008)															
020	0.000	69.491		0.000	51.517				2.675			1.393	2.203	3.515	130.794
021	0.000	69.491		0.000		47.374				2.000		1.393	2.203	3.515	125.976
CITIES															
001 (Collyer)	0.000	69.491	33.144	0.076	51.517				2.675			1.393	2.203		160.499
002 (WaKeeney)	0.000	69.491	56.238	0.000	51.517				2.675				2.203		182.124

I, Lori Augustine, County Clerk of Trego County, Kansas, do hereby certify that this levy sheet includes a complete list of 2026 tax levies on all tangible property in Trego County, as well as assessed valuation for each District, and the related Kansas Statute for each levy. Copies of budgets are available in my office.

LORI AUGUSTINE
TREGO COUNTY CLERK

CITY OF WAKEENEY COUNCIL M EETING

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY 6 OCTOBER 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, Dan LaMotte, and Shane Pfeifer

BEING ABSENT: None

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

GUESTS: Kathleen Fabrizius, Colton Peterson, Lili Peterson, Cody Presley, Sheriff Ed Pritchard, Alex Baker, Brandon Payne, Josiah Kozak, David Rameriz, Mary Ruth Hendricks, John Shubert, Travis Phillips, Monique Phillips, Cade Peterson, and Abraham Pfannenstiel

Kathleen Fabrizuis, Trego County Emergency Manager, was present before the city council to present the FEMA regional hazard mitigation plan update to the city. A motion was made by Courtney Berning and seconded by Shane Pfeifer to approve Resolution #10062026. Motion carried. Kathleen was thanked for attending and took her leave.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Travis Phillips presented his monthly departmental report. Chief Phillips presented to Officer Peterson a badge promoting him to Seargent upon his two years of service with the city.

CITY ATTORNEY: Abraham Pfannenstiel relayed a message from the county commissioners concerning the former Jay Bros property on S. 13th Street.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Hardy Howard presented a public improvement easement for a tract of land adjacent to Block 5 of the Ruskin Heights Addition for alley and utility access. In exchange for the easement Ordinance #1475 and Ordinance #1476 were presented adjusting the area of annexation for Mike and Nicole Kriegshauser at 808 N. 8th Street. A motion was made by Courtney Berning to approve ordinance #1475. Brent Deines seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Shane Pfeifer and seconded by Courtney Berning to approve annexation ordinance #1476. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brent Deines and seconded by Courtney Berning to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado 2500 WT from Ghumm's Auto's for $68,000. Motion carried. It was noted the purchase of a 2025 Chevy Silverado 2500 WT in April 2026 was never completed as the dealer as unable to hold the vehicle for the city.

At this time an ordinance making appropriation for the payment of claims for the month of September 2026 was read, whereupon Brent Deines motioned to approve claims in the amount of $563,918.79 Shane Pfeifer seconded. Motion carried. Warrant numbered #21093 was reviewed prior to approval.

MAYOR: Irene Dirks presented a Trustee's Deed from Nishi & Bernard T. Giefer to the City of WaKeeney for property in Block 33 of the downtown district. A motion was made by Courtney Berning and seconded by Shane Pfeifer to accept the donation of the North Twelve (N/12') of Lot Thirteen (13), Block 33, City of WaKeeney, Trego County, KS. Motion carried.

A committee of local interested citizens has been formed concerning the ½ cent sales tax proposal that will be voted on in November.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

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IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS
SITTING AT WAKEENEY
In the Matter of the)
Estate of)
Duane Buchholz, deceased)
Case No. TR-2026-PR-000021
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS
TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on November 6, 2026, a Petition has been filed in this Court by Gail A. Jensen, executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Duane Buchholz," deceased, dated December 4, 2025, requesting the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

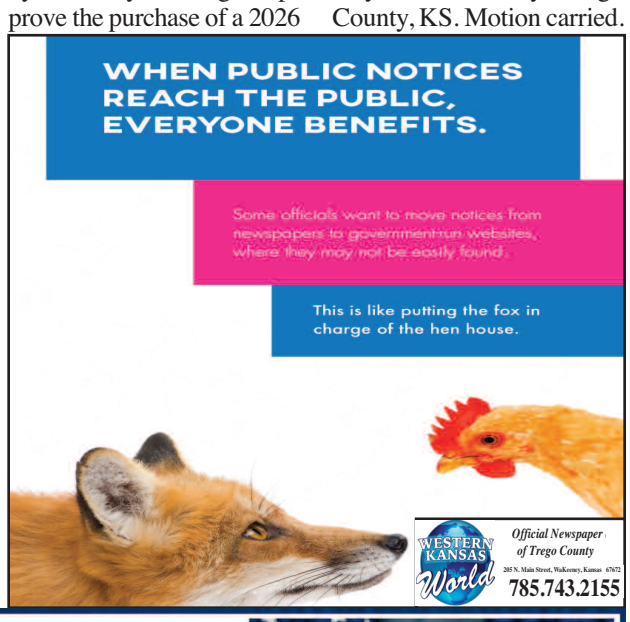
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before November 30, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the District Court, in the City of WaKeeney, Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the case will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the indemnity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Gail A. Jensen
Petitioner

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Nov. 26

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With sincere gratitude,
Richard Hanks



Paid political ad by Richard Hanks for Trego County Magistrate Judge, Tim Miller, treasurer.



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Email to 23rdtjphillips@gmail.com
or Call 785-743-8668

Paid Political Adv.
Travis Phillips, Candidate

Monique and I would like to thank all who came out and expressed their voices through their votes. You have given me the opportunity to continue to serve you, and I will do my very best to make our community proud and confident in their choice. I am beyond grateful for the community we live in and call home. Thank you doesn't seem like a big enough word sometimes so I will show you my thanks in action as I serve as your Magistrate Judge.
Sincerely,
TRAVIS PHILLIPS

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
- Becky Windholz — Board Member — Term to 2028
- Eric Kinderknecht — 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

Voters in Trego Co.

US House Kansas District 1
Senate District 40
House of Representatives District 118

US Senate

- Jerry Moran — Senator — Hays: 785-628-6401
- Dr. Roger Marshall — Senator — Salina: 785-829-9000

US House of Rep.

- Tracey Mann — US House, KS-1 — Dodge City office: 620-682-7340

KS Senate

- Rick Billinger — Dist. 40 — Email: rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov

KS House of Rep.

- Jim Minnix — Dist. 118 Represent. — Email: Jim.Minnix@house.ks.gov

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