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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DEPARTMENT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIE ELAINE OLDRIDGE, Deceased.

Case No. BR-2026-PR-000001
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION

The State of Kansas to all persons concerned:

You are hereby notified that Tarasa Gardner, Executor of the Estate of **MARIE ELAINE OLDRIDGE**, will offer for sale at public auction personal property of the estate including various personal property items. The auction will take place online between August 25, 2026, and September 9, 2026. All interested persons should take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

TARASA GARDNER, Executor
Dennis P. Wetta, #15027
Garrison A. T. Matthews, #28975
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BROWN COUNTY, Kansas

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Commerce Bank Plaintiff,

vs.
Pamela S. Teston; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Pamela S. Teston; State of Kansas, Department of Health and Environment; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant), Defendants.

Case No. BR-2026-CV-000033
Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Brown County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Lots 16 and 17 in Block 1 in C.K. & N. Addition to the City of Horton, Brown County, Kansas, commonly known as 325 W 12th St, Horton, KS 66439 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the September 23, 2026, in the District Court of Brown County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Real Estate Transfers

Pierson, Deanna M. to Guy, Grace
.. L 3 (+13), Lange's Addition to city of Robison

Lakeview Loan Servicing to Secretary of Veterans Affairs NE/4 NE/4 of 30-2-17

Mellenbruch, Eldon D. to Pearson, Paul, NE/4 NE/4 of 32-2-16

Berger, Laurence A. to Hutchinson, Amanda M., Lot 8, Price's addition to City of Everest Oslin, Cassie to Precision Farms, LLC, SW/4 SW/4 of 8-1-16
Precision Farms, LLC to Grimm, Douglas G, SW/4 SW/ 0f 9-1-16

Grimm, Douglas G. to Precision Farms, LLC, NE/4 NE/4 of 29-1-16
Dynamic General Contracting LLC to Brayla Group LLC, SE/4 NW/ 4 of 30-2-17

Schmidt Dennis Ray Estate to Koonz, Donald P., L 27 (+1), Knapp, Moon, Davis-Kan, City of Hiawatha Morris, Phyllis S. to Merz, Eric S. L 15 B 20 (+2), Original Town, City of Horton

Morris, Phyllis S. to Beck, Ronald A. Jr. L 15 B 90 (+2), Original Town, City of Horton

Knudson, Makenzi P. to Shumaker, L I B 90 (+10), CKN Addition to City of Horton

Haverkamp, James D. to Page, Katherine, L 33 B 27 (+5), Kansas City Addition to City of Horton

Thomas, Jennifer R. to Thomas, Robert Jr., NW/4 SE/4 of 29-2-17

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Click n' Close, Inc. f/k/a Mid America Mortgage, Inc.

Plaintiff,

vs.
Austin Roberts; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Austin Roberts; State of Kansas, Department of Revenue; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant)

Defendants.
Case No. BR-2025-CV-000060
Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Brown County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Brown County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the 1st Floor of the Courthouse at Hiawatha Brown County, Kansas, on September 8, 2026, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

Lot 5, and the West Half of Lot 6, and the West 15 feet of the East Half of Lot 6, Crestview Heights Addition to the City of Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas, commonly known as 512 Navajo St, Hiawatha, KS 66434 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

John Merchant, Sheriff
Brown County, Kansas
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Brown County Commissioners Meeting

Unofficial minutes by Clerk Nicole Lee

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met July 31, in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Lucas Heinen, Commissioner Richard Tesoriero, and Commissioner William Pollock. Also present was Brown County Clerk Nicole Lee. Commissioner Heinen opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer led by Commissioner Heinen.

COUNTY PERSONNEL / PUBLIC COMMENT

Villas of Beautiful Maples
City of Hiawatha Administrator Brad Scott was present to discuss the proposed RHID for the Villas of Beautiful Maples project. Also present were Becky Shamburg, Tom Martin, Brian Sheford, Dave Middendorf, Kylie Gatz, and Ian Schuetz.

The Commissioners will submit a list of questions regarding the project before deciding on Brown County's participation.

MIDWEST MOBILE

Midwest Mobile Radio Service President Ernie Miller was present to discuss buying back the Key Loader machine that Emergency Management had purchased to encode the radios for the Sheriff's Department. Miller stated that they would purchase it back in the form of credit on the account for the Sheriff's Department monthly maintenance fee. Also present for the discussion were Emergency Management Coordinator Brandon Roberts, Sheriff John Merchant, and Undersheriff Robbie Parker.

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to sell back the key loader encryption machine back to Midwest Mobile for an account credit of \$7,557.69 that will be used to pay the monthly maintenance fee. Seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:47 p.m. Commissioner Heinen made a motion to recess into a 10-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing pay and performance of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of the employees, with the meeting to be called back to order in the Commissioner's Room at 1:57 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. Brown County Sheriff John Merchant and County Clerk remained present. The meeting returned to regular session at 1:57 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to extend the executive session for an additional 5 minutes until 2:02 p.m.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried. The meeting returned to regular session at 2:02 p.m. with no action taken.

MINUTES 07-27-2026

Motion by Commissioner Tesoriero to approve July 27, 2026, minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried.

NOXIOUS WEED

The Commission reviewed the 2026 Noxious Weed Management Plan for approval. The Commission requested more information. No action taken.

BROWN COUNTY RESIDENT

Brown County Resident Annette Hoskins shared her opinions on the City of Hiawatha's proposed RHID, experience with appealing her 2025 and 2026 property valuations with the Appraiser's Office and BOTA, and mass appraisals.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Secretary Tami Lehmkuhl presented the Commission with the Road and Bridge Superintendent Jerry Hisle's list of potential locations that contractors could help repair damage caused by the June 3-4, 2026 storms. The Commission discussed getting a price list for services from local contractors to help with repairs.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to approve J & B Contractors to remove and replace the tube at the entrance of Hiawatha Country Club with the County providing two 24" by 30" tubes. Seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to purchase four solid tires from McLaren Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$6,550 for the County's recently purchased 2023 Case backhoe. Seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 07-31-2026

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The July 31, 2026, claims were approved as follows: Motion by Commissioner Pollock to approve the accounts payable as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried.

001 General \$104,336.24
103 Road & Bridge 22,483.30
123 Historical Society 5,000.00
125 Employee Benefit 43,367.47
127 Election 18,938.24
129 Extension Council 10,666.67
131 Mental Health 7,442.92
133 Developmental Services 2,845.16

141 Conservation 7,500.00
143 Appraiser 237.26
145 Ambulance 50,833.33
147 Noxious Weed 1,402.72
155 Divisions 538.90
165 ACC 411.46
167 JJCR 1,611.85
201 Services for Elderly 5,920.57
211 Solid Waste 101,766.97
TOTAL \$385,303.06

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to adjourn at 3:03 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 3, 2026 at 8:10 a.m.

WORK SESSION

The Brown County Commissioners convened at 3:05 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse for a work session with Chairman Heinen, Commissioner Tesoriero and Commissioner Pollock present, along with County Clerk Nicole Lee. The discussion topic was a list of questions regarding the City of Hiawatha's RHID. No action was taken. The work session adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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BROWN COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT		As of July 31, 2026		\$11,565,105.92
County General	\$2,133,987.12	Mission TWP Road	\$2,077.32	
Road & Bridge	\$2,723,190.56	Morrill TWP Road	\$1,302.39	
Unclaimed/Uncashed Funds	\$426.37	Padonia TWP Road	\$1,087.45	
Special Machinery	\$197,722.14	Powhattan TWP General	\$2.38	
Health	\$29,738.55	Powhattan TWP Road	\$1,539.84	
Historical Society	\$21,776.03	Powhattan TWP Fire	\$2.87	
Reserve Insurance Fund	\$90,046.74	Robinson TWP Road	\$1,022.40	
Employee Benefits	\$1,444,525.17	Walnut Twp Road	1,450.87	
FSA Account	\$6,356.01	Washington TWP Road	\$1,795.92	
Election	\$110,486.14	Cemetery Dist 2	\$188.78	
Extension Council	\$35,488.23	Cemetery Dist 10	\$638.58	
Mental Health	\$24,821.42	Watershed Dist 5	\$2,744.12	
Brown County Developmental Serv.	\$12,473.21	Watershed Dist 78	\$1,627.66	
Capital Improvement	\$1,906,887.46	USD 113 General	-\$40.93	
Technology Fund	\$24,524.03	USD 113 Cap Outlay	\$121.24	
Clerk Tech Fund	\$16,763.57	USD 113 Bond & Int 1	-\$7.98	
Treasures Tech Fund	\$29,035.21	USD 113 General Supp	-\$48.90	
Dept Homeland Security	\$107,500.00	Sabetha City Gen	-\$335.80	
Conservation	\$5,816.98	Sabetha City Library	-\$84.99	
Appraisers Costs	\$124,740.72	Sabetha City Bond & Int	-\$156.64	
Ambulance	\$215,442.96	Sabetha City Lib Empl B	-\$18.68	
Noxious Weed	\$138,421.85	Sales Tax	\$1,122.28	
Alcohol	\$36,412.36	Payroll	\$305.58	
Sheriff Drug Forfeiture	\$53,198.95	Prosecuting Atty Train	\$4,709.85	
Spec Parks & Recs	\$3,047.04	Judgement Fees	\$46.00	
Worthless Check	\$2,703.25	Zeiner Estate Holding	\$3,417.62	
Diversion Fund	\$23,093.71	Mortgage Reg-Hert. TST	\$472.00	
Co Atty/ Drug Forfeiture	\$10,819.72	Juvenile Probation	\$18,767.66	
911 SB50	\$13,201.15	Cirrent Tax	\$570,790.58	
Comm Corr Reimbursement	\$23,397.03	County Redemptions	\$75,241.91	
Adult Comm Corrections	\$261,737.76	Delinquent Personal Tax	\$2,346.88	
JAR Juvenile Reimburse	\$4,994.17	Escrow Accounting	\$52,320.13	
JJA Core	\$155,912.89	RV Tax	\$5,847.68	
JJA Prevention	\$44,400.00	MVT Current Tax	\$282,755.23	
Opioid Abatement Fund	\$48,325.22	Vehicle Rental Excise Tx	\$134.05	
Services For Elderly	\$68,361.91	Commercial Vehicle Tax	\$3,786.50	
Solid Waste	\$90,893.99	Commercial Special	\$8,527.29	
Accounts Payable	\$2,000.00	Motor Vehicle Tax	-\$682.27	
Tax Sale Fees & Collect	\$186,637.52	MVT Sales Tax	\$83,521.16	
Hamlin TWP Road	\$955.94	Special MVT	\$14,854.64	
Hiawatha TWP Road	\$1,614.91	Drivers License	\$292.00	
Irving TWP Road	\$1,317.95	Cash Long & Short	-\$131.13	
Election Registration	\$100.00	Insufficient Funds	-\$11,543.56	

State of Kansas, County of Brown:
I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 5th day of August, 2026.
Brown County Treasurer
Brown County Clerk

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Roger Ploeger
Treasurer