

# Commissioner Waldschmidt Declines To Sign Two Resolutions Passed In February

**Official Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting Submitted By Harper County Clerk's Office March 9, 2026**

The Harper County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session. Chairperson McCurley called the meeting to order with Commissioners Struble and Waldschmidt. Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk, & Shonda Larson, Finance Director, were also present.

Commissioner Struble moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$130,595.05; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve meeting minutes from 2/23/2026 & 3/2/2026; the motion passed unanimously.

Janet Slankard and Mike Bennett, Public Works, met with the Board. The group reviewed road maintenance requests, completed projects, and discussed grader delivery. Mr. Bennett advised that he will look into maintenance needed on the roads used as a detour when the Highway 160 bridge was

closed for repairs. Jennifer Wolff, Dept on Aging/Public Transportation, gave a department update, presenting historical data from 1991 for the Harper and Attica Sr. meal programs. She has helped multiple residents enroll with various property tax relief programs available, and continues to help facilitate the Tuesdays Together monthly programs. Ms. Wolff also advised that an AARP Driver Safety course has been scheduled for May, to be held at Patterson Health Center, open to the Public.

Heather Struble, Health Department, presented estimates for a new vehicle for use by the Attendant Care Providers for home visits. Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve an Inordinate Spending Request in the amount of \$23,399, plus a \$399 dealer fee to Jeff Bryan Chevrolet; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCurley advised the Board that she attended a meeting at Patterson Health Center with Ms. Struble and Jan Hard-

ing, Director of EMS, to discuss utilization of funding from the Regional Partnership Grant Program.

Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk, met with the Board. Several Personnel Status Forms were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Struble moved to approve Gas Adds/Abates resulting in a reduction of \$2.00 in taxes; the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve a Personal Property abatement resulting in a reduction in taxes of \$36.28; the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Waldschmidt declined to sign the two resolutions passed by the Board February 23, due to not agreeing with the decision, and having voted against the resolution.

At 9:20 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to enter Executive Session. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 9:30 a.m. in this room; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. DeLacerda remained in the meeting. The regular meeting resumed at 9:30 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Commissioner Struble suggested looking into additional fuel contracts due to rising prices, the Board asked Mr. Bennett to contact Hampel Oil. Janet Slankard returned to the meeting for approval to go out for bid for fuel during the period of 4/1 - 9/30.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to recess the Regular Meet-

ing and convene the Harper County Board of Canvassers; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. DeLacerda presented the unofficial results of the March 3rd City of Harper special election and provisional explanations. Commissioner Struble moved to accept the County Election Official's recommendation to count 7 of the 9 provisional ballots; the motion passed unanimously. At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner McCurley moved to recess the Canvass and reconvene the regular meeting.

Janet Slankard, Public Works reentered the meeting for details on the request for bid for fuel.

Richard Raleigh, County Counselor, met with the Board to discuss the potential NRP program renewal. The Board decided to administer the Anthony, Attica, and Harper individual plans, but not designate specific eligible parcels in the county at this time.

Mr. Raleigh advised that Board that the owner of Flat Ridge 4 and Flat Ridge 5 have expressed their preference to select an alternate engineering firm to draft the decommissioning agreements. The Commissioners requested Mr. Raleigh relay their preference to follow the agreement in place to the owner.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to recess the regular meeting and reconvene the canvass; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeLacerda presented the final results. Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to accept the results as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

At 10:32 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to

## COOKING CORNER ELSHA'S FAVORITE DISHES

### Easter Bunny Dirt Cake

**Ingredients**

- 33 Oreos (13 oz. package - divided)
- 1/4 cup Unsalted Butter, melted
- Whipped Cream:
  - 16 oz Heavy Whipping Cream
  - 1/2 cup Powdered Sugar
  - 2 teaspoons Vanilla
- Cream Cheese Layer:
  - 16 oz Cream Cheese, softened
  - 1/4 cup Powdered Sugar
- Puttting Layer:
  - 1 (3.4 oz) box Instant Vanilla Pudding mix
  - 1 (3.9 oz) box Instant Chocolate Pudding mix
  - 4 cups cold Milk
- Toppings:
  - 6 Marshmallow Peeps Rabbits
  - 1/2 cup shredded sweetened Coconut mix with a drop of green food coloring
  - Mini Chocolate Eggs
  - Jelly Beans



**Instructions**

The dessert starts with crushed Oreos mixed with butter to form a base. A sweet cream cheese and whipped topping layer is spread over the crust, followed by a smooth pudding mixture. The final layer is another whipped cream layer. I recommend chilling it until you are ready to serve it. Then decorate the top with Oreo crumbs for dirt and shredded coconut, dyed green, for grass! Finish with the marshmallow Peeps rabbits, mini chocolate eggs, and jelly beans! Store covered in the refrigerator for up to four days.

adjourn the canvass and reconvene the regular meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. The next regular meeting will be

held on Monday, March 16th at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the Harper County Courthouse.

Approved: Melinda McCurley, Chairman  
Attest: Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Update to Change of Value Notice**

On Friday, April 3rd, 2026, updates to the Change of Value notice will be mailed. Typical increase due to market conditions is 3%.

The 3% does not apply to remodels, new construction, or the sale of property. No monthly trend was applied.

If you have any questions please contact the Harper County Appraiser's office by phone at 620-842-3718.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**ANTHONY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT CONSTRUCT T-HANGAR**

*AIP Project No. 3-20-0002-017 & AIP #3-20-0002-018*

Sealed bids subject to the conditions and provisions presented herein will be received until **3:00 pm , Tuesday, April 21, 2026** and then publicly opened and read at Office of the City Clerk, for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary to: **CONSTRUCT T-HANGAR.**

Copies of the bid documents including project drawings and technical specifications are on file and may be inspected in the online plan room at:

<https://ebhengineering.com/plan-room/>

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to City of Anthony.

Bids may be held by the City of Anthony for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

The right is reserved, as the City of Anthony may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received.

This project is subject to the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended. The Contractor is required to comply with wage and labor provisions and to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedule of wage rates established by the United States Department of Labor.

Award of contract is also subject to the following Federal provisions:

- Access To Records And Reports (2 CFR § 200.334, 2 CFR § 200.337, Faa Order 5100.38)
- Affirmative Action Requirement (41 CFR Part 60-4, Executive Order 11246)
- Breach Of Contract Terms (2 CFR § 200 Appendix II(A))
- Buy American Preference (Title 49 USC § 50101)
- Civil Rights - General (49 USC § 47123)
- Civil Rights - Title Vi Assurance (49 USC § 47123, Faa Order 1400.11)
- Clean Air And Water Pollution Control (2 CFR § 200, Appendix II(G), 42 USC § 7401, et seq, 33 USC § 1251, et seq)
- Contract Workhours And Safety Standards Act Requirements (2 CFR § 200, Appendix II(E), 2 CFR § 5.5(b), 40 USC § 3702, 40 USC § 3704)
- Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (2 CFR § 200, Appendix II(D), 29 CFR Parts 3 & 5)
- Davis-Bacon Requirements (2 CFR § 200, Appendix II(D), 29 CFR Part 5, 49 USC § 47112(b), 40 USC §§ 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147)
- Debarment And Suspension (2 CFR Part 180 (Subpart B), 2 CFR Part 1200 Appendix II(H), 2 CFR Part 1200, Dot Order 4200.5, Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (49 CFR Part 26)
- Distracted Driving (Executive Order 13513, Dot Order 3902.10)
- Energy Conservation Requirements (2 CFR § 200, Appendix II(K), 2 CFR § 200.216)
- Equal Employment Opportunity (E.E.O.) (2 CFR 200, Appendix II(C), 41 CFR § 60-1.4, 41 CFR § 60-4.3, Executive Order 11246)
- Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Minimum Wage) (29 U.S.C. § 201, Et Seq, 2 CFR § 200.430)
- Lobbying And Influencing Federal Employees (31 U.S.C. § 1352 - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II(I), 49 CFR Part 20, Appendix A)
- Prohibition Of Segregated Facilities (2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II(C), 41 CFR § 60)
- Occupational Safety And Health Act Of 1970 (20 CFR Part 1910)
- Procurement Of Recovered Materials (2 CFR § 200.323, 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II(J), 40 CFR Part 247, 42 USC § 6901, et seq (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA))
- Rights to Inventions (2 CFR § 200, Appendix II(F), 37 CFR § 401)
- Seismic Safety (49 CFR Part 41)
- Tax Delinquency and Felony Convictions (Section 8113 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) and similar provisions in subsequent appropriations acts, DOT Order 4200.6 - Requirements for Procurement and Non-Procurement Regarding Tax Delinquency and Felony Convictions)
- Termination Of Contract (2 CFR § 200 Appendix II(B), Faa Advisory Circular 150/5370-10, Section 80-09)
- Trade Restriction Certification (49 USC § 50104, 49 CFR Part 30)
- Veteran's Preference (49 USC § 47112(c))

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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**IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS DIVISION NO. 4**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF )  
Bill G. Starks ) Case No. HP-2026-PR-07  
(Deceased)  
Filed pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Elizabeth Rae Starks, wife and one of the heirs of Bill G. Starks, deceased, praying: Descent be determined of decedent's interest in the following described real estate, in Harper County, Kansas to-wit:

One half interest in  
The East Half (E/2) of Section 30, Township 33 South, Range 7, West of the 6th P.M., Harper County, Kansas, less and except a tract described as: Commencing at the N/4 corner of said Section 30, thence South 00degrees13'57" East on the West line of said NE/4, 59.30 feet to the South line of Kansas State Highway 2 Right of Way; thence North 89degrees59'40" East on the South line of said State Highway Right of Way, 40.00 feet to the Point of Beginning: Thence continuing North 89degrees59'40" East on the South line of said State Highway Right of Way, 660.00 feet; Thence South 00degrees13'57" East parallel with said West line 645.00 feet; Thence South 89degrees59'40" West parallel with South line of said State Highway Right of Way, 660.00 feet; Thence North 00degrees13'57" West parallel with said West line, 645.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

And all other real estate and personal property, if any, 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 thereto on or before April 16, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, City of Anthony, Harper County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein to file Your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Elizabeth Rae Starks  
Executor

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