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KDOT Warns Kansas Residents of Text Scams

PRESS RELEASE

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) are alerting the public to a sophisticated "smishing" (SMS phishing) scam targeting residents by using fraudulent text messages.

Scammers are impersonating the DMV and toll authorities and sending urgent texts that demand immediate payment for "unpaid traffic tickets" or "outstanding tolls." These messages often threaten license suspension to pressure victims into clicking malicious links.

State of Kansas agencies emphasize the following:

KDOT does not manage tolls and

will never request payment via text.

The Kansas DMV (KDOR) will never text you to demand payment for fines or notify you of suspensions.

Official notifications from KDOR are sent via the U.S. Postal Service, not via unsolicited text messages.

To protect yourself from potential fraud, do not click on links within suspicious texts, as doing so can expose your sensitive personal and financial data to scammers. If you believe you may actually owe a fine, verify the claim by contacting the relevant organization directly through official channels rather than using a link provided in a text. Additionally, you can check the status of your driver's license for free on the KDOR website

at www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/DLStatus/login.aspx. Finally, use your phone's "Report Spam" feature before deleting the message to help prevent future attempts.

Kansas is one of several states currently being hit by this coordinated effort. Staying informed of the facts and remaining skeptical of unsolicited texts is your best defense against persistent scammers.

If you have already provided financial information to a fraudulent website, contact your bank or credit card company immediately to freeze your accounts. Report the incident to the Federal Trade Commission at reportfraud.ftc.gov or the Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov.

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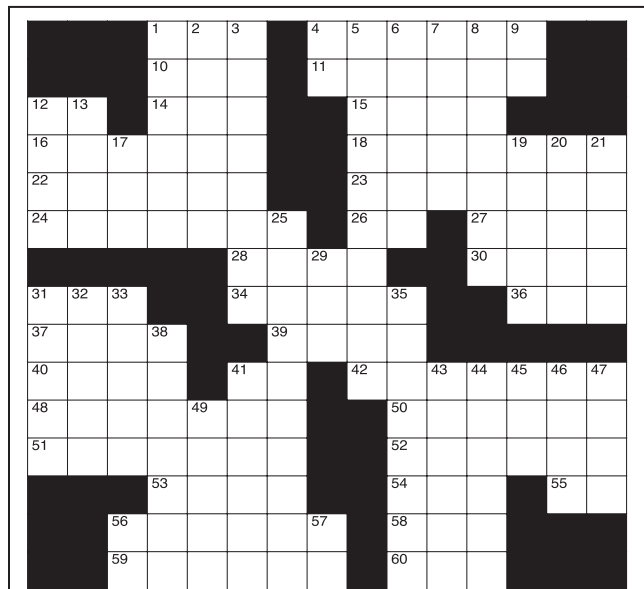
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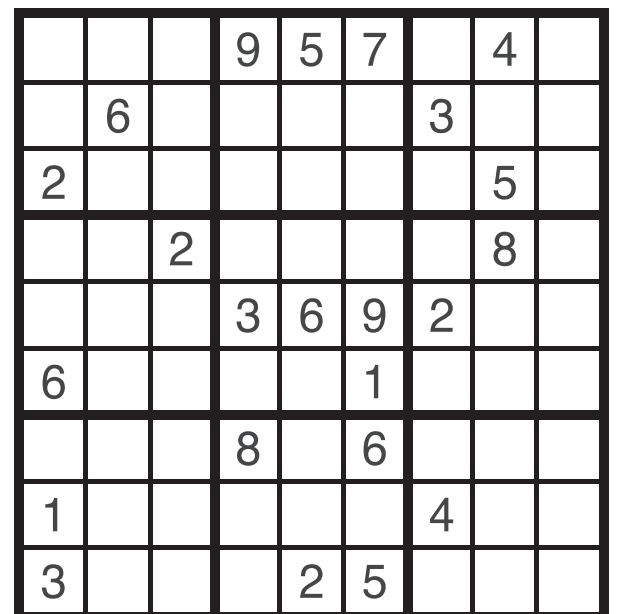


CLUES ACROSS

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| <p>1. Inclined to do
4. Sketches
10. Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
11. Atomic #58
12. Dorm official
14. Small Eurasian deer
15. Southern constellation
16. Workers' groups
18. Former
22. Excellent
23. Romance language related to Spanish
24. Reference
26. Equally
27. Dirty towels
28. A cargo (abbr.)
30. Ammunition
31. You get one in summer</p> | <p>34. Slang for trucks with trailers
36. Swiss river
37. Exchange rate
39. British School
40. College teacher
41. Foreign Service
42. Horse gear
48. Cost to fly
50. A salt or ester of boric acid
51. Mocking
52. One who bird-watches
53. Concluding passage
54. A major division of geological time
55. Sodium
56. A way to produce
58. Soak
59. Laughed loudly and harshly
60. Affirmative</p> |
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CLUES DOWN

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| <p>1. Moth species phalonia
2. Quantum of energy
3. Break the law
4. Location of White House
5. Official cancellation of a decision
6. Where rockers work
7. Cut of beef: __ mignon
8. Nocturnal burrowing reptile
9. Atomic #62
12. Genus of evergreen shrubs
13. Flowering plant of the legume family
17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
19. Tropical fruit
20. Hot fluid beneath the earth's crust
21. James __, painter
25. Popular dessert</p> | <p>29. Payment (abbr.)
31. Cuisine style
32. Genus of true flies
33. City in western France
35. Arrogance
38. One holding a position of command
41. Weekday
43. An evening party
44. Print errors
45. Not good
46. Egyptian Sun god
47. East German town
49. Olfactory property
56. Atomic #37
57. "Pollock" actor Harris</p> |
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HARPER COUNTY COMMISSION March 9 Minutes

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 Harding, 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 Meeting 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 recom-

mendation 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 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.

ATTEST:
APPROVED:
Ami Delacerda,
County Clerk
Melinda McCurley,
Chairman

PUBLIC NOTICE

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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnsongrass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quackgrass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Harper County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the

noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowner's expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,

2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1,500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds.

Additional information may be obtained from the Harper County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502.



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