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Career Spotlight: Whisman Visits Attica, Chapparral

As part of the Harper County Transition to Career program, Juliana Whisman from The Arts Center visited with students from Chapparral Jr/Sr High School and USD 511 Attica Public Schools. Whisman shared her journey, how the Arts Center was founded, and the meaningful impact it continues to have on students and community. The The Arts Center provides incredible opportunities for students to explore creativity, build confidence, and develop valuable skills like teamwork, problem-solving, and self-expression.

COUNTY

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I think, it has come down to ‘well now maybe do we have enough?’ ‘Do we want them?’ but maybe we can do some things differently. So are you also able to help appease both sides?

“If there are people that have concerns, it is not just ‘hey we are going to get this big PILOT money.’ It is not just about the money.”

Alba said it is not his job to tell the county if these renewable energy projects were good or bad for the community, but that it was his job to give them information to make the decisions for themselves.

“I don’t live here,” said Alba. “My family doesn’t live here. This is your county.”

McCurley asked if there were any long term battery storage systems in the state of Kansas, and Alba told the

commissioners “not yet” but there was going to be an influx of battery development across the state. Alba said by attaching the battery component it makes the process more profitable.

“What would be the difference in what you are doing versus someone from the county as far as negotiating and trying to do that for the county?” asked District 1 Commissioner Brian Waldschmidt. “What is your cost going to be?”

Waldschmidt said there are attorneys that do the same thing.

“The attorneys will not negotiate that for you,” said Alba. “They are going to help your contracts stay legally strong but they are not going to tell you the has to be.”

Waldschmidt again asked what the cost would be for the county if they chose to enlist Alba’s services. Alba said the preliminary fee

would be \$25,000 because there is a lot of prep work involved.

“When you get to negotiations, this is what is important, I charge \$100,000 that you are not supposed to pay. You are supposed to enter into an agreement with that developer and they are going to cover my fees to you.

“You wouldn’t even be considering consulting services if this wasn’t even coming into your community, right? It’s the truth. It is not your jobs to be subject matter experts on this industry, it’s not. Your job is to know your community. Your job is to know your neighbors.”

McCurley asked if the \$100,000 was per project and Alba said yes although some projects will more than likely drop off.

“This is just where I am at. I am just one person. I am not interested in any of these projects,” said Mc-

Curley. “I have had enough of the wind, the solar, the batteries, all of that. The board differs very much on that. There is not enough money in the world to make me put another one of these in Harper County.”

“And I disagree,” said Waldschmidt. “This place is falling apart. This place is dying. You don’t have to agree with me but it is dying and there are not a lot of people lined up to say ‘let’s bring some money to your community’ there is just not.”

District 3 Commissioner Darrin Struble said he talked to someone who told him that they didn’t really think it was the commissioners’ job to decide what they did with their land. He also said he spoke with someone who told him they need to have a solar farm.

The commissioners took no action on the matter during Monday’s meeting.

MINUTES

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executive session with Mr. Daugaard and Mr. Williams for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of

an individual. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:45 pm.

Goodman motioned and Traffas seconded to go into executive session with Mr. Daugaard and Mr. Williams for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters

of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of an individual. 7-0, motion carried.

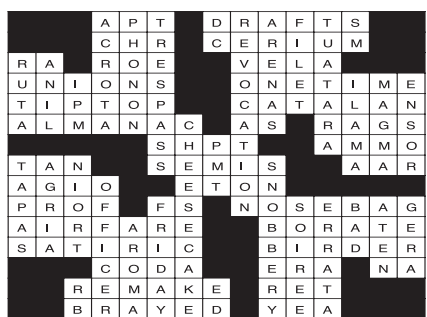
Meeting to resume at 9:00 pm. Traffas motioned and Casper seconded to extend the executive session for 5 minutes. 7-0, motion

carried. Meeting to resume at 9:05 pm.

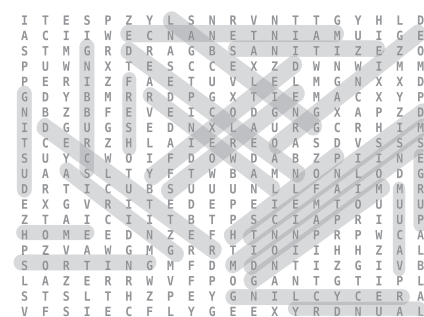
Traffas motioned and McDaniel seconded to adjourn the meeting. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:06 pm.

Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board

PUZZLE ANSWERS



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Harper County Planning and Zoning Committee will hold a meeting on March 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Harper County Senior Center, Harper, Kansas.

The meeting will include discussion of wind energy, so-

lar energy, battery farms, and AI data centers. The purpose of the committee is to develop proposed guidelines for corporations seeking to locate within Harper County and to discuss information that will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of County Commissioners.

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