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in counties with 10,000 or fewer residents. It was suggested to exclude certain areas of the county, with the option to amend the program at a later date. Ms. Cooperrider advised that two businesses are currently waiting on the program's approval, and encouraged the Board to move forward with requesting AG approval of the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner McCurley voiced support for the plan, and her concern that gaps in Economic Development Incentives offered in the county could be detrimental to gaining new business and expanding current businesses. Mr. Raleigh agreed to work with the Board to determine which areas to either include to exclude and update Ms. Cooperrider as soon as possible. Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk, met with the Board

for a brief Department update. Personnel Status Forms and a six-month evaluation were reviewed and approved. At 9:33 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to enter Executive Session. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 9:38 a.m. in this room; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. DeLacerda remained in the meeting. The regular meeting resumed at 9:38 a.m. with no binding action taken. Catherine Rohrer, SCK-CCA Director, updated the Board on the FY 2027 Comprehensive Plan, which includes utilization of the Blue Path app to monitor adult and juvenile offenders, along with training plans and general budget information. Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to sign the FY 2027 Community Corrections and Juvenile

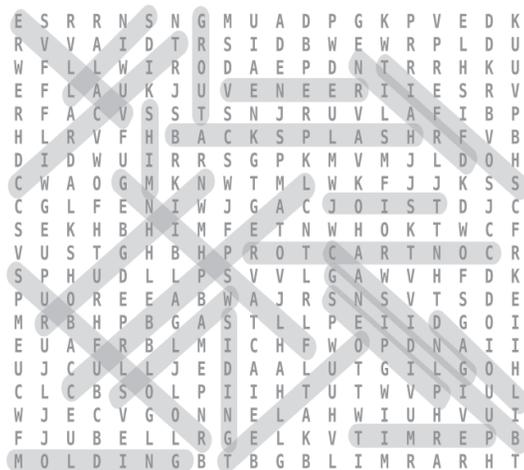
Corrections Comprehensive Plans; the motion passed unanimously. At 10:16 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to recess for five minutes; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 10:19 a.m. Joe Pennycuff, County Appraiser, entered the meeting and presented windfarm data requested by Commissioner McCurley. Mr. Pennycuff also updated the Board on the Planning and Zoning meeting held last Tuesday, advising that a variety of opinions were represented by the Committee and attendees. Mr. Pennycuff noted that he had been contacted by an individual who had helped Kingman County draft their windfarm contracts. Commissioner McCurley expressed her preference to not work with this individual, but engage a neutral party, rather than someone with close ties to the wind industry. Mr. Pennycuff

noted that representatives from NextEra, Bedrock, and Invenergy were present. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/24/2026. The Board continued discussion about potential areas to exclude from the NRP/AVRP program. It was also noted that vendors from outside of Harper County were being used in the construction of the new homes in the RHID areas. Richard Raleigh, County Attorney, returned to the meeting to discuss two resumes submitted for the County Attorney position from attorneys practicing in neighboring counties. He will forward both to the Republican Committee for review. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 16 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the Harper County Courthouse.

PUZZLE ANSWERS



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HARPER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
4TH ANNUAL WILDLIFE HABITAT WORKSHOP
 DISTRICT OFFICE – 819 W. FANNING DRIVE ANTHONY, KS. 67003
 THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2026 - 6:00 PM
 DREW RICKETS, K-STATE EXTENSION WILDLIFE SPECIALIST
 SCOTT STOUGHTON – KDWP GAME WARDEN

COYOTE BIOLOGY AND PREDATOR MANAGEMENT FOR WILDLIFE AND LIVESTOCK
 CALL ROBIN @ 620.842.2224
 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS MEAL PROVIDED

Harper County Conservation District
Predator Calling Contest
March 27th-28th, 2026
 Registration Deadline: 7:00 pm Friday, March 27, 2026
 Hunt Start: Friday, March 27 (After mandatory rules meeting 7:15pm)
 Final Turn-In: 7:00pm Saturday, March 28 (Rules meeting/turn-in at Conservation District Office)

Point System Scoring
\$200 per team
 (Up to 4-person team)
Side Pots \$20 per category
 Heaviest Coyote, Smallest Coyote, Heaviest Coon

80% Payouts
 1st, 2nd, (70/30 split 15 or less teams)
 3rd place (70/20/10 split with 16 or more teams)
 Side pots are 100% cash payouts.

Raffle Prizes, Sponsored by
 Free will donation meal at turn in on Saturday.
 Harper County Conservation District office
 819 W. Fanning Drive Anthony, KS 67003
 Contact for more information Robin Struble (620) 842-2224

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED HVAC ELECTRICAL PLUMBING / MUST HAVE CURRENT DL / PASS DRUG SCREEN 620-886-1185

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in The Harper Advocate on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026) 4t
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): 2026-01 HEALTH NUISANCE (TALL GRASS/WEEDS) MOWING
 The City of Harper is accepting sealed bids for the mowing of properties found to be in violation of the City of Harper's health nuisance codes, commonly referred to as Tall Grass/Weed Violations. The contract will be for the 2026 Summer Mowing Season (April – October). For a full list of requirements, bid documents can be picked up at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS 67058 or downloaded from the city's website: www.city-ofharper.com. Sealed bids will be received until March 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, and opened publicly at the regularly scheduled council meeting on March 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. The successful bidder will be coordinating efforts with the Chief of Police.

FORMER STATE SENATOR MARK STEFFEN HOSTS

★ **MEET & GREET** ★

PHILIP SARNECKI

FOR GOVERNOR

THURSDAY **MARCH 19, 2026**

3:00 - 4:30PM
HARVEST BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
 321 E Main St, Harper, KS 67058



Advertisement: Paid for by Philip Sarnecki for Governor, Julia Samaniego, Treasurer

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 Auction: **Saturday, April 25 9:00 AM**



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 Tractors Trailers Backhoes Vehicles
 Combines Tillage Equip Excavators Skid Steers
 Trucks Livestock Equip Hay Fencing

Auction Location: 12140 W K-42 Hwy, Wichita, KS

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ABSOLUTE MULTI-PARCEL • LIVE & ONLINE LAND AUCTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 AT 11:00 AM
Tract 1: 80± Acres w/Bluff Creek
Tract 2: 80± Acres w/Bluff Creek
Tract 3: 25± Acres w/Barns, House, Pond
Tract 4: 119± Acres w/Bluff Creek
LIVE AUCTION LOCATION:
Westview Lodge, 1100 W 14th St, Harper, KS
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