

NEWS

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HARPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
September 28 Meeting

The Harper County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman McCurley called the meeting to order with Commissioners Struble and Waldschmidt. Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk, was also present.

Commissioner Struble moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$77,085.41; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve 9/14/2026 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve 9/21/2026 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve 9/24/2026 special meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve payroll funding in the amount of \$172,357.29; the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:34 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 8:45 a.m. in this room; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. DeLacerda remained in the meeting. The regular meeting resumed at 8:45 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mike Bennett and Janet Slankard, Public Works, met with the Board. Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to accept the bid from Wichita Tractor for a Landpride RC4715 15' mower for \$22,700.00; the motion passed 2-1 (Struble opposed).

The Board approved a travel request and the group discussed current and future maintenance and repairs needed throughout the county. The Board approved the department to price and purchase small amounts of fuel as needed until a new contract is in place.

Sheriff Tracy Chance entered the meeting.

At 9:02 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 9:15 a.m. in this room; the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff

Chance and Ms. DeLacerda remained in the meeting. The regular meeting resumed at 9:15 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Sheriff Chance advised that a draft has been drawn up and is being reviewed for a year to year contract to house Barber County inmates, and the group discussed the potential impact of the Barber County data center on law enforcement activity and resources.

Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk, met with the Board. Multiple Personnel Status Forms were reviewed and approved, the upcoming Employee Appreciation event was discussed, along with the final draft of the Special Use Application, Review and Approval Criteria for Solar Energy document.

Members of the local 4-H chapter were present to meet with the Board and request the Board proclaim that October 4-10 will be recognized in Harper County as National 4-H Week. The Board approved the request.

Jenni Carr, Harper County Extension, met with the Board and gave an update on recent and future activities. They took forty exhibits to the State Fair, and are working on a project to share agents with neighboring counties to help fill the void created by a staffing shortage.

At 9:48 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to recess for five minutes; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 9:53 a.m.

Richard Raleigh, County Counselor, entered the meeting.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to recess the regular meeting and convene the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Public Hearing; the motion passed unanimously.

There were no additional attendees at the hearing, and no public comments submitted. Mr. Raleigh advised that he is in the process of collecting executed Interlocal Agreements from participating entities, and will submit them to the State Attorney General's Office when received. Upon approval from the Attorney General, we will begin accepting applications for the program. Commissioner Struble moved to adopt the submitted NRP policy; the motion passed unanimously.

At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner Struble

moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

The group discussed the recent request from the Anthony landbank to allow them to submit a silent initial bid on desired properties in the tax sale, and the fairness of that procedure.

At 10:09 a.m., Commissioner McCurley moved to recess for five minutes; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

At 10:14 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt 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 10:45 a.m. in this room; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. DeLacerda remained in the meeting. At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to extend the meeting for five minutes; the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mike Bennett, Public Works re-entered the meeting.

At 10:55 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 11:05 a.m. in this room; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bennett and Ms. DeLacerda remained in the meeting. The regular meeting resumed at 11:05 a.m. with no binding action taken.

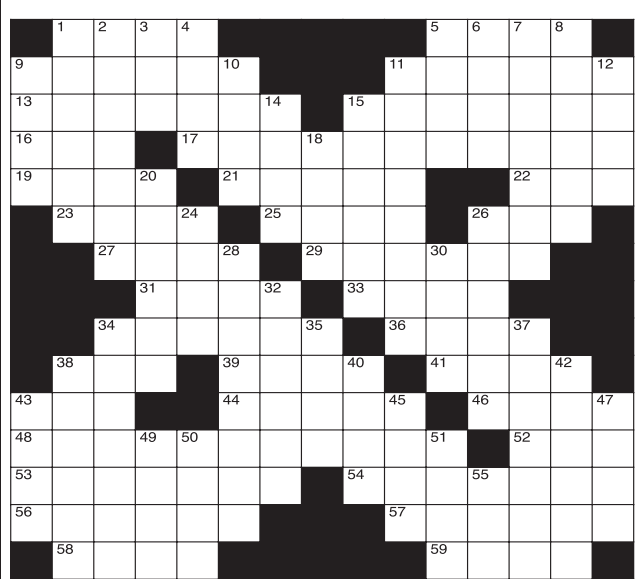
The group discussed a recent bridge repair.

Richard Raleigh reentered the meeting. The group discussed the landbank's request to be allowed to submit a silent bid for desired tax sale properties, again. Mr. Raleigh updated the Board on his recent communication with the County Counselor in Crawford County related to how the City of Pittsburg handles this process. He also noted related Kansas State Statutes. No decision was made.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the commissioner room at the Harper County Courthouse.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Difficult
- 5. Coarsely ground corn
- 9. A group of similar things ordered one after another
- 11. Loved Romeo
- 13. Something to solve
- 15. Pelvic areas
- 16. Informal debt instrument
- 17. Ineffective
- 19. A device attached to a workbench
- 21. Related on the mother's side
- 22. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
- 23. Astronomer Sagan
- 25. C. Utah city
- 26. Turkey
- 27. Informal terms for money
- 29. Awakens
- 31. Those who favored Prohibition
- 33. Blabbed
- 34. Looked through
- 36. Rhode Island rebellion
- 38. A type of "cast"
- 39. One's duty
- 41. Where golfers begin
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Semitic Sun god
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 48. Removed someone's head
- 52. A place to stay
- 53. Unwise
- 54. Most unnatural
- 56. "Dennis" is a notable one
- 57. Ointments
- 58. Examination
- 59. Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brave
- 2. A state of excitement
- 3. Jest at
- 4. Sandwich store
- 5. Chapter of the Koran
- 6. Dismounted from a horse
- 7. Small vehicle
- 8. Irked
- 9. A disreputable man
- 10. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 11. A list of woes
- 12. Weight unit
- 14. Alone, single
- 15. Broadway legend Bernadette
- 18. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 20. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 24. A body of traditions
- 26. Students seek one
- 28. Hydrophilic amino acid
- 30. Nasal mucus
- 32. Branch of U.S. Congress
- 34. Swinish
- 35. Russian assembly
- 37. Grant an exemption to
- 38. Set up in advance
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Felt
- 43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 45. Witnesses
- 47. Strong insects
- 49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland
- 51. Cheerless
- 55. Unhealthy

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