

Burlingame receives \$300,000 CDBG grant for downtown rehabilitation

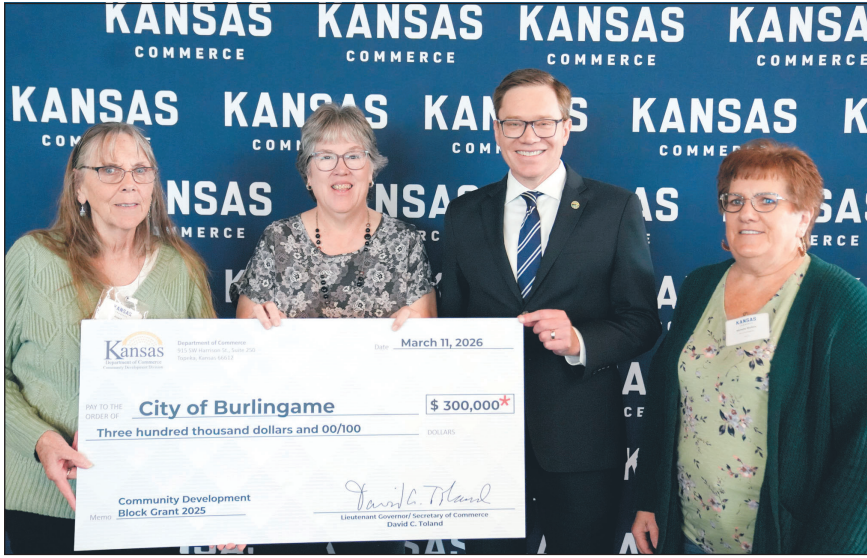
BURLINGAME — The City of Burlingame has been awarded a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to support rehabilitation of a downtown commercial building.

The grant, announced by the Kansas Department of Commerce, will help fund improvements to the building at 105 E. Santa Fe Ave., home to Coach's Hometown Gym, owned by Austin Masters.

Funding comes through the state's Community Development Block Grant Commercial Rehabilitation program, which assists communities with restoring or redeveloping commercial properties in order to strengthen local economies and revitalize downtown districts.

Project plans call for renovations to the building that will improve the facility and allow continued operation and development of the gym. The work is intended to enhance the appearance and functionality of the structure, while supporting a business that provides recreational opportunities for the community.

The CDBG Commercial Rehabilitation program focuses on projects that address deteriorating or underutilized buildings and promote economic development in smaller Kansas communities. By helping communities invest in existing



Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland presents, from left, Burlingame Councilwoman Anne Baer, Burlingame City Clerk Patty Atchison, and Mayor Michelle Mullinix with a \$300,000 CDBG grant.

structures, the program aims to stimulate local investment, retain businesses, and encourage additional downtown activity.

Burlingame officials said the project will contribute to ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the city's historic downtown area, while supporting a local business that draws residents and visitors to the community.

Community Development Block Grants are funded through the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered in Kansas by the Department of Commerce. The program provides funding to cities and counties for projects that benefit local residents and improve community infrastructure, housing, and economic development opportunities.

The Burlingame project is among several commercial rehabilitation grants awarded across Kansas in 2026.

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"Might you have some suggestions we could use to improve our student numbers and to bring teachers to our district?" Flory asked Brady. His reply was about ideals of prospective housing sites for incoming teachers.

"As a mom in the district, I do not like how the district is currently configured," said Board Member Kylie Hastings. "I dislike that I must send my children to three different schools as we do now. I would have to believe that reducing the number of schools we send our children to during the entirety of their education would do only to improve the possibility of increasing enrollment numbers."

"Nobody wants to see school closures," Flory

said. "During my time attending town hall meetings this past summer, I heard an overwhelming desire for the junior high to be closer to the high school to increase the resources available. Such a possibility is still being considered."

"I feel a responsibility to make sure this building (Scranton Attendance Center) not stand idle as we move our operations away," Hastings said when Brady questioned what would happen to the current district preschool and staff offices. "We are working toward assuring, as best we can, this building is still a positive asset to the City of Scranton as we move away."

"I do want to talk about Allen County Community College (ACCC)," Flory said. "They went to their board last night and, essentially, they are willing to match our initial proposal of financial obli-

gation. Within the agreement we are working toward, we would allow that they take over the operation of this building and, if they find having an outreach facility in Scranton is not viable, the building will be returned to the district."

"What I am hearing is that if they make improvements over the next 10 years, and find it unviable, the ownership of the Scranton Attendance Center is returned to the district at no cost to the district, including the accrued capital outlay costs," Black said, to which Flory affirmed, under the current agreement her offices and the ACCC officials are working toward, that such was the case.

"Could we investigate the pros and cons of a lease with ACCC, rather than a purchase of the building by the community college?" Hastings

asked. "I just do not want to leave an opening that the building might fall into any sort of disrepair."

"I will talk to our attorneys and see what they believe would be most beneficial to the district, community, and this property," Flory said.

The meeting moved to discussion of enrollment.

"We are opening our enrollment in July, and we will need to get a thousand students enrolled within a month," Flory said. "We are going to try to minimize the process of enrollment to make this quicker and easier for the students and their parents. It will be summer and our patrons will not be in school mode as they are when classes are in session. The easier we make it for them, the more likely our families will be to finish the enrollment process as soon as they can."

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS Probate Division

In the Matter of the Determination of Descent of COLLEEN KAY PETERSON,

Case No. OS-2026-PR-000010

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-named Court by Jedediah R. Peterson and Jeremiah G. Peterson, praying for the finding and determination of the descent of certain real estate property belonging to the above-named decedent, described as follows:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 14 South, Range 17 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Osage County, Kansas, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) along the South line of said Southeast Quarter,

300.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 28 minutes 28 seconds East, 383.04 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 365.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 28 minutes 28 seconds West, 383.04 feet to the South line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 90 degrees 00 seconds West along the South line of said Southeast Quarter, 365.00 feet to the point of beginning, in Osage County, Kansas.

Commonly known as 6984 East 149th Street, Overbrook, Kansas.

and any and all other properties or interests, both real and personal, therein within the State of Kansas owned by said decedent at the time of her death, and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 13th day of April 2026, at 9:15 a.m. of said day in said Court, in the City of Lyndon, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Jedediah R. Peterson 6984 E. 149th St Overbrook, KS 66524 Co-Petitioner

Jeremiah G. Peterson 1211 7th St Long Beach, MS 39560 Co-Petitioner

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Nonrenew a Teacher's Contract for Brian Bartlett for the 2026-2027 school year, both for reduction in force due to low enrollment.

The board unanimously approved Shelby Succi to fill the USD 454 District 1, Position 4 board vacancy.

Taylor Montgomery reported on job application training and student recognition. Shelley Banzhaf reported on attendance, PLC work, site council and upcoming activities, including state assess-

ments, the school carnival, and kindergarten roundup.

Jamie Bowman reported on the March 9 Three Lakes Educational Cooperative meeting.

In other action, the board:

- approved payment of warrants and the treasurer's report as presented.

- approved the updates to board policy as it relates to graduation requirements.

- approved the administrative contracts of Taylor Montgomery and Shelley Banzhaf for the 2026-2027 school year.

REAL ESTATE AUCTIONS Tuesday Evening, April 7 • 7 p.m.

Selling: 150 Acres +/- w/136 acres +/- tillable Located 2 miles North of Melvern, Ks. then 3 1/2 miles East on 293rd to Paulen Terrace, to Northwest corner; (Ratner Rd. & 293rd is NE corner) Railroad Row cuts diagonally across property from SW to NE; NW 1/4 - 36 - 17 - 16 E, less row, Osage Co. Ks.

Auction held at: Superior Real Estate & Land Group office at 115 W. 17th Street • LYNDON, Ks.
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industrial developments. Commissioners also discussed state-level incentives designed to attract data center investment in Kansas and the possible implications for local governments.

After discussion, the commission adopted Resolution 2026-03, establishing a moratorium on accepting applications for data center development in unincorporated areas of Osage County. The moratorium is scheduled to remain in place until March 10, 2027, providing time for county officials and the planning commission to research the industry and consider whether additional zoning regulations or development standards should be adopted.

Commissioners noted that no data center project has currently been proposed in Osage County. Any such proposal would be required to go through the county's planning and zoning process, which includes review by the planning commission and public hearings before the county commission could consider final action.

In other business, commissioners reviewed information about Civic Review, an online system designed to manage county permits and applications. The platform would allow residents

to submit forms electronically while enabling county staff to track and manage applications through a centralized system.

The software could be used for building permits, zoning applications, address changes, Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) applications, and other county forms. Commissioners discussed gathering information from other counties that currently use the system before deciding whether to move forward with adoption.

The commission also held a conference call with representatives of a consulting firm assisting the county in recruiting candidates for a county controller position. Discussion focused on clarifying the job description and outlining responsibilities related to financial oversight, payroll administration, budgeting coordination, and financial reporting.

Additional actions taken during the meeting included approving the purchase of 14-gauge culverts for \$11,250 for the road and bridge department, and approving personnel changes within the department, including two resignations and the hiring of a new employee.

Commissioners also discussed a payroll issue involving delayed W-2 forms that contributed to the resignation of a long-time county employee.

REAL ESTATE AUCTION Thursday, April 9 • 6 p.m.

OLIVET, KANSAS SPATZ COMMUNITY BUILDING, Corner of Cochran and B Ave.

- TRACT 1**
3.1 acres in Southwest corner of Olivet
Open field
 - TRACT 2**
Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 in block 11, Olivet.
Older home that has lots of potential with water meter.
Outbuildings.
 - TRACT 3**
Cochran and A Ave.
2.66 acres of timber just South of Tract 2
 - TRACT 4**
410 Glasgow
Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in Block 17, Olivet, KS.
Open field, outbuildings, fallen down house.
- TERMS:** \$1,000.00 as earnest money for each tract day of auction. Balance of Purchase price at closing, within 30 days. Purchaser to pay half of owners policy of title insurance and half of closing fee imposed by Title Company. All properties sold AS IS.

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The City of Osage City Kansas

- City Council**
7 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
City Council Chambers (221 S. 5th St.)
- Parks & Recreation**
6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month
131 W Market St. Suite C
- Planning & Zoning**
7 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
City Council Chambers
- Public Building Commission**
Each January and as needed
City Council Chambers
- Tree Board**
5:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
Osage City Library
- Industrial Committee**
Noon on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
City Council Chambers
- Fair Board**
7 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
Fair Pavilion Building

The next regular meeting will be 7 p.m. March 24.

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