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The first was a \$1000 request from Steve Richey. In past years, the Legion requested \$1200.

“If they (American Legion) need more, they can come back and request it,” said council member Steve Maher. “We will be glad to listen to them.”

City hears vicious dogs concern ~ Frank and Karla Thomas addressed the Erie City Council Monday night – shortly after the council approved opening the city meetings to the public.

They were added to the agenda to discuss “vicious dogs” in their neighborhood. The location of the vicious dogs was across the Thomas’ home (in the 100 block of South Lincoln) and Frank Thomas had discussed the matter with the mayor prior to the meeting.

The couple outlined several incidents with the dogs, including times when they were “attacked” by the dogs. The local police have been involved as well.

SEVEN YEARS AGO

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ~ Courtney Gard, daughter of Jason and Megan Gard, received the Kansas Masonic Foundation Legacy scholarship in the amount of \$1000. This is her third year receiving the scholarship.

Courtney is attending the University of Kansas and majoring in Physical Therapy.

RESIDENT RESUMES CAT FIGHT-WITH ERIE ~ The Erie City Council met Monday and wrapped up action in 45 minutes, but not without a fur ball or two in the process. Arlene and Betty McKinney have a long-standing issue with the city’s current policies regarding feral cats, and cats in general. Arlene McKinney voiced frustration that for five years she has been fighting cats in her yard, particularly her flower bed and porch and she wants the city to take action. She added that this year it is even worse than normal.

WALNUT MAYOR RESIGNS ~ The events of the Walnut City Council meeting June 10 caught many by surprise. Mayor Darin Anderson resigned his position, saying “I think it is best to move on.”

Many members of the city council appeared to be caught completely off guard by Anderson’s decision.

With the position of city mayor vacant, the council appointed council president Karen Crapson to fill the void.

TEN YEARS AGO

IN BUSINESS SINCE 1956 ~ An open house Saturday at Beard Propane was well attended. The business opened in 1956. The all-day event included a free punch of pulled pork sandwiches and numerous door prizes. As Mark Nine ‘said,’ “Tanks a lot!”

15 YEARS AGO

POLITICAL SIGNS NOT ALLOWED ON HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY ~ By law, all right of way on state highways is to be used exclusively for public highway purposes. Only regulatory, guide signs and warning signs are allowed on the state highway system. KDOT has jurisdiction over all interstant Kansas and U.S. routes on the state’s 9,600-mile system.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING BEGINS PROCESS ON RAILROAD CROSSINGS ~ The Board of County Commissioners of Neosho County met in special session at the intersection of Neosho

County 150th Road and the Union Pacific

Railroad crossing just west of 150th and Queen Road with Commissioner Chairman Nicholas Galemore and Commissioners Donnie Yarnell and Hugo Spieker.

CUSD 101 Superintendent John Wyrick spoke first, stating his concerns about the railroad crossing in the immediate vicinity of the new CUSD 101 high school and noting the school administration had contacted both Union Pacific Railroad and KDOT officials.

Wyrick said there will be approximately 180 students attending the high school, and the district’s main concern is with the safety of the students who will use this road traveling to and from school.

20 YEARS AGO

PICK A COLOR, ANY COLOR ~ Members of the Lucky 13 and Best Yet 4-H Clubs painted fire hydrants in Erie as a community service project. Pictured are Kelly Oliver, Maggie Vogts, Samantha Vogts and Sara Dyson. The hydrants are color-coded to signify different water pressure.

35 YEARS AGO

COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER SECURITY EVALUATION ~ Consideration was given recently by the Board of County Commissioners to have an evaluation taken on the Neosho County Courthouse and possibly the judicial center in Chanute. The commissioners made Maintenance Supervisor Herb Ford aware that Montgomery County had a security evaluation done on their courthouse by a firm out of Wichita.

PRIDE COMMITTEE DISCUSSES PLANS FOR ABILENE TRIP, FOURTH OF JULY ~ The Erie PRIDE Steering Committee met and the plans were discussed for the bus trip to the Eisenhower Museum at Abilene and the annual Fourth of July fireworks display and entertainment. It was announced that the Erie Chamber of Commerce will be funding the Fourth of July fireworks.

ATTENDING BOYS’ STATE ~ Noah Clevenger, Kelly Kusel and Jason McGowen of Erie attended the 53rd session of the American Legion Boys’ State last week on the KU campus in Lawrence.

There was a total of 735 delegates to the week-long event where the boys set up and ran their own city, county, and state governments.

Gary Manly of Manhattan and formerly of Erie was selected first vice-president of the Statemen’s Club, the alumni organization of Boys’ State.

LOCAL TEACHER ATTENDING SEMINAR TO DEVELOP CURRICULUM ~ Librarian LeNoir Rowland, CUSD 101, is attending a two-week seminar in Topeka to develop Kansas history curriculum for education all over the state. The program is sponsored by the Kansas State Historical Society and the Kansas State Department of Education.

Ten teachers from across the state are attending an intensive seminar in Topeka. This curriculum development project is in response to 1988 legislation requiring the teaching of Kansas history in all Kansas schools between the seventh and 12th grades.

60 YEARS AGO

DAVID M. RICHEY TO RECEIVE COMMISSION ~ David M. Richey, of Erie, will be commissioned an Air Force Second Lieutenant and receives his Bachelors of Science degree at graduation ceremonies June 9 at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Lt. Richey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion E. Richey, of Erie, will be assigned to Webb AFB, Texas, for pilot training.

Lt. Richey is a member of the academy’s seventh graduating class. Cadets must complete 186 1/2 semester hours of college work during their four years.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 105 BECOMES A PART OF HISTORY ~ The last annual meeting of Common School District No. 105 was held in the multi-purpose room of Erie High School. Patrons of the district, only a handful being present, voted to disorganize Common School District No. 105. The district will operated in the future as Unified School District No. 414, effective July 1 of this year.

Members elected April 6 to serve on the board of education of USD No. 414 were Marion E. Richey, Tom Burress, Richard Houghton, Wm. C. Weir, E. L. Howard and Glenn Womeldorff.

85 YEARS AGO

CHANGE IN COYOTE SETUP: Those Who Collect Bounty Must Have Witness to the Killing ~ County commissioners this week passed a resolution providing that persons desiring to collect a bounty on coyotes must have a witness for the killing thereof.

“A bounty of \$1 will be paid on coyotes delivered at the county clerk’s office provided that said coyote be in such condition that it can readily be recognized as a coyote and that the person offering said coyote for bounty shall state the exact location where it was captured and have one witness vouch for the fact, and that said bounty be paid at the next regular meeting of the board of county commissioners following the delivery of the coyote,” the resolution stated.

DORIC THEATRE IMPROVED: To Be Air Conditioned and Completely Redecorated ~ The Doric Theatre here, owned by A. W. Pugh, who also operated another theatre in Columbus, is being extensively on the interior.

Improvements at the Doric will include improved acoustics, a new air conditioning unit and new interior decorations.

110 YEARS AGO

IS THE ALFALFA KILLED? Opinions See to Differ; Neosho Back in its Bank ~ The old Neosho has gone back into its bank and left ruin all along its course through Neosho County.

In the Chanute district, the Rosenthal and the Isett-Blackburn levees were the only ones that held. At Rollin the Delos Johnson levee gave way and at Shaw the Nation levee crumbled before the waters.

Locally, the Streeter levee, protecting less than 200 acres of land, was the only dike that stood the test. And down in the St. Paul and South Mound districts the DeGarmo levee was the only one that did not break.

ONLY A FEW SOLDIERS LEFT: L. T. Baker Asks ‘Why Not Younger Generation Decorate Graves’ ~ GALESBURG - Now since the soldiers have grown old and feeble and have passed up the Decorated Day program of placing flowers on the graves of the old veterans, why not organize camps all over the state and the counties and take this matter up and see to decorating the graves of our brothers with flowers, they who nobly defended their country and flag and gave their lives for the preservation of the Union.

This was the first Decoration Day at Galesburg managed by the sons and daughters of veterans.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NEOSHO COUNTY RESOLUTION R-25-H

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MORATORIUM ON CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL REQUESTS TO USE NEOSHO COUNTY ROADS, RESOURCES, AND/OR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COMMERCIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Neosho County, pursuant to K.S.A. 19-101 et seq., has the authority to determine their local affairs; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners of Neosho County, Kansas approved agreements allowing for and authorizing the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Neosho Ridge Wind Project in Neosho County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, before approving additional special requests to use Neosho County roads, resources, or infrastructure for commercial renewable energy projects, the Board of County Commissioners would like to evaluate the potential cumulative effect of such uses in Neosho County; and

WHEREAS on July 3, 2024 The Board of County Commissioners enacted a one-year moratorium on the approval of any request or requests to use Neosho County roads, resources, or infrastructure for the purposes of the construction of any commercial renewable energy project, other than such use as is contemplated or may be required for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Neosho Ridge Wind Project. Said moratorium is reflected in Neosho County Resolution R-24-K;

WHEREAS, over the past twelve months the Board of County Commissioners has continued to hear public comments on the issue of renewable energy and review information obtained by its own actions or presented by the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Neosho County Commissioners deems it to be appropriate going forward to continue to consider the regulation of commercial renewable energy projects in Neosho County through a uniform process applicable to all future potential commercial renewable energy projects, excepting the Neosho Ridge Wind Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS, that a one-year moratorium on the approval of any requests to use Neosho County roads, resources, or infrastructure for the purposes of the construction of any commercial renewable energy project, other than such use as is contemplated or may be required for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Neosho Ridge Wind Project, is hereby adopted. Said moratorium term shall be one year from the effective date of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, except as provided hereafter, during the term of such moratorium on consideration of special requests to use the roads, resources, and/or infrastructure, construction of any commercial renewable energy project within the unincorporated areas of Neosho County, Kansas is prohibited.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purposes of this resolution, the term “commercial renewable energy project” shall include all electricity generation facilities comprised of multiple wind turbines and/or solar panels generating electrical power for sale and off-site use. This prohibition includes any construction activity to install roads, turbine foundations, solar panels, transmission poles and/or wires, or other infrastructure intended to be used for the purposes of a commercial renewable energy project. This prohibition does not include any soil testing, wind and/or sunlight measurement, weather tests, or other activities in preparation for the commencement of construction of a commercial renewable energy project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, during the term of this moratorium, the Board of County Commissioners intends to continue working to determine the viability of enacting a comprehensive plan and a zoning ordinance as authorized by Kansas statutes, either limited or broad, or other potential regulatory options, for Neosho County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners intends to discuss and debate the overall merits of a comprehensive plan and a zoning ordinance and/or other regulatory options for Neosho County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that violations of this resolution shall be punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 per day. In addition, Neosho County may require the cessation and abatement of any violation. In addition to the fine provided for herein, this resolution may be enforced by an action for injunction to prevent or abate any violation or threatened violation, which shall be enforced by the Neosho County Attorney or Neosho County Counselor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall not apply to the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Neosho Ridge Wind Project, which has been previously approved and authorized by the Neosho County Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED in regular session on this 3rd day of June, 2025.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS

By: /s/ Nick Galemore, Chairman, County Commissioner
By: /s/ Paul Westhoff, County Commissioner
By: /s/ Gail Klaassen, County Commissioner

ATTEST

By: /s/ Chasity Foreaker, County Clerk



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