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Digital Press Installation Nearing Completion

By Faith BroKar

As previously announced, our newspapers will soon transition to in-house printing with the installation of our new digital press.

The equipment is scheduled to be fully operational in the coming weeks, marking an important step forward for our publications. Bringing production in-house will allow for faster turnaround times, greater flexibility in scheduling, and improved efficiency as we continue

servicing our communities.

Readers may notice slight changes in paper style and format once the transition is complete. These updates are part of our commitment to modernizing operations while maintaining the same trusted local news coverage you rely on each week.

We appreciate your continued support as we prepare for this exciting upgrade and look forward to sharing more details soon.

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Stegman Takes First: Moves on to State



These kids competed at the Regional level of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship that was held February 22, 2026 in Ulysses, Kansas. Eli Stegman won first place earning him the right to advance to the State competition! It will be held on March 1, 2026, in Salina, Kansas.

From left to right: Callie Anderson – 13-year-old girls – 3rd place, Eli Stegman – 9-year-old boys – 1st place and Cole Hatstrup – 11-year-old boys – 3rd place

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Editor's Note

If you have news that you would like to be featured in an issue of the Sentinel, please call the office at 620-659-2080 (leave a message) or reach me by email at edcsentinel@hotmail.com.

If you need to bring something to the office but I am not there, you may leave it in the dropbox outside the office door. The location of the office is at 221 E 6th St, Kinsley. Thank you!

Word of God

We love because he first loved us.

~ 1 John 4:19

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Weather Forecast

From Weather Channel

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec. %
Thurs. 26	67	39	12
Fri. 27	76	40	14
Sat. 28	65	24	16
Sun. 1	43	23	13
Mon. 2	46	30	12
Tues. 3	55	34	11
Wed. 4	52	39	13
Thurs. 5	60	42	13

Edwards County Commissioners Meeting Minutes December 29, 2025

The Edwards County Board of Commissioners met with Billy Brokar and Lyle Schuette present. Gina Schuette, County Clerk, was also in attendance.

Vice Chairman Brokar called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Mr. Schuette moved to approve the December 1, 2025 minutes as presented. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Schuette moved to enter into executive session at 8:35 AM for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and to review payroll reports and to reconvene at 8:45 AM. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 AM with no action being taken.

The Board approved the following warrants and vouchers:

COUNTY GENERAL	\$116,655.16
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$105,876.02
NOXIOUS WEED	\$2,033.66
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$12,646.26
COUNTY HEALTH	\$8,276.16
NOXIOUS WEED CAPITAL	
OUTLAY	\$15,873.53
EDWARDS COUNTY 911	\$472.71
MOTOR VEHICLE	
SPECIAL	\$6,047.29
TOTAL VOUCHERS & WARRANTS:	\$267,880.79

Lana Sexton, County Treasurer, joined the meeting.

Ms. Sexton explained the current tax sale, partial payment and redemption procedures. A discussion followed.

Richard Neilson, County Works Director, joined and Ms. Sexton left the meeting.

A discussion followed regarding the local appointment to the Iroquois Board of Directors. The appointment was tabled, and no action was taken at this time.

In regard to the 2025 Caterpillar 140-13L Motor Grader that was purchased on November 17, 2025, Mr. Neilson presented the lease purchase agreement.

Mr. Schuette made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-12 which is a Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement between the County and Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed

with all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY RESOLUTION TO LEASE, PURCHASE AND /OR FINANCE

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Kansas (the "State") authorize EDWARDS COUNTY (the "Governmental Entity"), a duly organized political subdivision, municipal corporation or similar public entity of the State, to purchase, acquire and lease personal property for the benefit of the Governmental Entity and its inhabitants and to enter into any necessary contracts; and the Governmental Entity wants to lease, purchase and/or finance equipment ("Equipment") from Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation and/or an authorized Caterpillar dealer ("Caterpillar") by entering into that certain Governmental Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Caterpillar; and the form of the Agreement has been presented to the governing body of the Governmental Entity at this meeting.

RESOLVED, that: (I) the Agreement, including all schedules and exhibits attached to the Agreement, is approved in substantially the form presented at the meeting, with any Approved Changes (as defined below), (II) the Governmental Entity enter into the Agreement with Caterpillar and (III) the Agreement is adopted as a binding

obligation of the Governmental Entity; and that changes may later be made to the Agreement if the changes are approved by the Governmental Entity's counsel or members of the governing body of the Governmental Entity signing the Agreement (the "Approved Changes") and that the signing of the Agreement and any related documents is conclusive evidence of the approval of the changes; and that the persons listed below, who are the incumbent officers of the Governmental Entity (the "Authorized Persons"):

Billy L. Brokar Vice Chairman, Edwards County Board of Commissioners

Lyle D. Schuette Member, Edwards County Board of Commissioners

be, and each is, authorized, directed and empowered, on behalf of the Governmental Entity, to (I) sign and deliver to Caterpillar, and its successors and assigns, the Agreement and any related documents, and (II) take or cause to be taken all actions he/she deems necessary or advisable to acquire the Equipment, including the signing and delivery of the Agreement and related documents; and that the Secretary/Clerk of the Governmental Entity is authorized to attest to these resolutions and affix the seal of the Governmental Entity to the Agreement, these resolutions, and any related documents; and that nothing in these resolutions, the Agreement or any other document

imposes a pecuniary liability or charge upon the general credit of the Governmental Entity or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the payments payable under the Agreement are special limited obligations of the Governmental Entity as provided in the Agreement; and that a breach of these resolutions, the Agreement or any related document will not impose any pecuniary liability upon the Governmental Entity or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the payments payable under the Agreement are special limited obligations of the Governmental Entity as provided in the Agreement; and

that the authority granted by these resolutions will apply equally and with the same effect to the successors in office of the Authorized Persons.

Adopted this 29th day of December, 2025 by the Board of Edwards County Commissioners.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EDWARDS COUNTY, KANSAS

S:/Billy L. Brokar, Vice Chairman

S:/Lyle D. Schuette, Member

ATTEST:

S:/Gina L. Schuette, Edwards County Clerk

Mr. Neilson gave a work in progress report which includ-

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