

selecting court justices on the ballot

Amendment to
allow election of
justices going to
voters in August

Sherman Smith
The Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA - Kansas voters will decide next year whether to rewrite the state’s constitution to turn the Kansas Supreme Court into an elected office. The House on Wednesday narrowly endorsed a Senate resolution to place the question on the August 2026 bal-

lot, rejecting concerns that the change from a merit-based selection system for justices would result in a more politicized court. Republicans have pursued the change for years in response to rulings that require lawmakers to fully fund public schools and that established a right to terminate a pregnancy. But they defend the change as a way to empower voters. “They think the voters should have a bigger role in the selection process,” said Rep. Lindsay Vaughn (D-Overland Park) during debate Wednesday.

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“To that, I find it ironic that we have chosen to place this constitutional amendment on the ballot of a low-turnout election. And I think that’s because that’s not what this is really about. This is about injecting politics into our court system.” Vaughn said the inevitable surge in campaign spending for the high court would “invite mis-

information” and that “justice should not be for sale.” Rep. Susan Humphries (R-Wichita) responded: “We all know elections are not for sale,” which was met with a smattering of laughter from her colleagues. The highest bidder, she pointed out, doesn’t win every race. Campaign finance matters, she con-

ceded, but is “vastly overstated” because voters can evaluate the merit of candidates. And she pointed out that most Kansans, if asked, don’t know how justices currently are selected. The House declared an emergency to take final action on Senate Concurrent Resolution 1611 without waiting the customary day between the debate and a vote. The House then approved the resolution by an 84-40 margin, meeting the minimum two-thirds threshold needed for pas-

sage. The Senate passed the resolution 27-13 on March 6. In the House, four Republicans joined Democrats in opposition: Rep. Jesse Borjon of Topeka, Rep. Angel Roeser of Manhattan, Rep. Mark Schreiber of Emporia, and Rep. Sean Willcott of Holton. Rep. Adam Smith, a Weskan Republican who chairs the House Taxation Committee, initially voted against the resolution but flipped his vote to ensure it would pass. (See JUSTICES on page 23)

Scott Co. LEC Report

Week of March 11-17
Police Department

March 11: 12:58 p.m. A non-injury vehicle accident occurred at 606 Elizabeth Street.
March 14: 6:47 p.m. A theft report was taken at 1218 Court Street.
March 15: 12:01 p.m. A non-injury vehicle accident occurred at 111 Elizabeth Street.
Sheriff’s Department
March 12: 10:57 a.m. A non-injury vehicle occurred at 1012 W. Road 230.
March 13: 8:15 a.m. A non-injury vehicle accident occurred at 9th and Main Streets.
March 17: 8:51 a.m. A theft report was taken at 100 K4 Highway.

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SCOTT COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 2025		
GENERAL FUND		
SALARIES	\$	82,862.68
COMMODITIES		6,786.56
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		108,650.16
CAPITAL OUTLAY.....		16,675.30
OTHER.....		180.04
SHERIFF FUND		
SALARIES		59,009.45
COMMODITIES		7,341.94
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		6,982.01
CAPITAL OUTLAY		0.00
OTHER.....		0.00
COUNTY HEALTH FUND		
SALARIES		20,437.55
COMMODITIES		4,254.55
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		2,009.61
CAPITAL OUTLAY		356.63
OTHER.....		1,954.45
NOXIOUS WEED FUND		
SALARIES.....		4,955.32
COMMODITIES		887.19
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.....		1,117.98
CAPITAL OUTLAY		0.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND		
SALARIES.....		49,115.29
COMMODITIES		22,204.60
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.....		8,592.37
CAPITAL OUTLAY		0.00
FIRE DISTRICT FUND		
SALARIES		1,250.00
COMMODITIES		3,518.13
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.....		3,312.59
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-1,265.03
TREASURER'S SPECIAL FUND		
SALARIES		4,889.43
COMMODITIES		0.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		1,519.33
CAPITAL OUTLAY.....		0.00
OTHER		3,036.43

PERRY NOWAK
Chairman

MARIE ALLEN
Scott County Clerk

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIANCES
NOTICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING
REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Scott City Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 221 West 5th Street, Scott City, Kansas, to consider the following agenda item(s):

1) Review and reconsider the Comprehensive Plan for the development of the City.
2) Election of officers of the Planning Commission.
3) Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by Four B Farms requesting that the property at 260 N. Kansas Road be allowed to operate as an RV Park.

A complete legal description is available for public inspection at City Hall. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at such hearing. Any person appearing at the hearing has the right to appeal the reasonableness of the zoning decision to the district court.

Dated: March 20, 2025

Les Spangler, chairman
Scott City Planning Commission

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of: Gary Wayne Allaman, deceased

Case No. SC 2023PR000010 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of March, 2025, a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in this Court by Troy Charles, duly appointed and qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Gary Wayne Allaman, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined, and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys fee and expenses

are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of Receipts, the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Administrator of the Estate of Gary Wayne Allaman, deceased, and the Petitioner and the surety on Petitioner's bond be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 4th day of April, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., in the District Court, Scott County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Troy Charles
Petitioner

Allan L. Hurlburt
S. C. No. 09249
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 505
Sharon Springs, Ks. 67758
(785) 852-4246
Attorney for the Petitioner

Register of Deeds

Richard and Maria Kathman to Wyatt Anderson and Tallee Davis, south 42 ft. of Lot 4 and north 38 ft. of Lot 5, Blk. 3, Eastridge Subdivision.

Shirley Hueftle Trust to Steve and Nancy Schneider Trust, SW4 of 25-18[32; W2 of 12-17-32; NE4 of 10-18-32; and N2 and SE4 of 3-18-32.

Vicki Berry to Lorenzo and Eva Mesa, Lot 5, Blk. 6, East Acres Addition.

Winderlins Inc., to Ty Buckner, E2, less a tract, in 12-20-33.

Thomas D. Aldag and Lori J. Aldag, joint revocable trust, to Marshal Hutchins and Odalis Guadalupe Ordaz Landeros, Lot 5, Blk. 4, Eggleston Addition.

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