

City council, school board minutes from the county

City of Linn

The Linn City Council met Feb. 3. Present were mayor Alan Ohlde, council members Ashley Holle, Kylie Scheele, Mike Savage, Kevin Richardson and Kyle Schmitz. Also in attendance was Lisa Voelker, EMS Director. Ned Peters was not in attendance.

Lisa Voelker reported that they had 6 runs in January. There will also be a County Wide Ambulance Meeting February 6, 2025 at 3 p.m. at the Washington City Hall and another meeting on February 10, 2025 at Washington City Hall at 9:30 a.m. with Thomas Moore. They are always looking for more ambulance workers.

There were 3 delinquent water bills this month.

Old business: The council voted to renew the CD for \$418,000 for 6 months at the rate of 4.1%.

New business: The council voted to hire CP Concrete to complete the concrete work by the Family Medical Clinic to resolve the drainage issue for \$4,812.50 and repair door threshold.

The council of the city of Linn met March 3. Present were mayor Alan Ohlde and councilmembers Ashley Holle, Kyle Schmitz, Mike Savage and Kevin Richardson. Council member Kylie Scheele was absent. Also present was city clerk Teresa Penning, ambulance director Lisa Voelker, and water director Ned Peters.

The Council agreed that Caleb Osborne of McGee Roofing could go door to door in Linn to sell roofs and roof repairs.

The Council approved Katie Meyer's request to have a city-wide garage sale on April 5, 2025.

Ned Peters gave the Water Report.

Lisa Voelker gave the Ambulance Report.

Ohlde reported that the city can remove the barriers near Neil Schaefer's house.

Teresa gave the Clerk's Report. There were no lifeguard or pool manager applicants. Two CD's were renewed at 3.35%. The Dog Clinic will be March 19 from 5-6 p.m. at the Firehouse. City Clerk office hours will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Teresa will send out a short newsletter with the water bills to communicate city news. The Kansas Rural Water Association Annual Conference will be March 25-27 in Wichita. The council

voted to pay Teresa's expenses for attending the conference.

Unfinished business: The council voted to hire Kevin Richardson as city maintenance director and Jayne Lehman as city treasurer.

No action was taken regarding the fire whistle.

The council discussed updating the sign by the car wash.

The council discussed planning the 150th Celebration to be held in 2027. The council would welcome volunteers to help plan this event.

Ashley reported that the locks and door threshold was repaired on the medical clinic.

The council approved the installation of keypads by Ackerman Lock & Key for the City Building.

New business: Kyle will coordinate with Jim Nutsch to spray for weeds on city property.

The council voted to hire Zach Hiltgen as a summer mower.

The council voted to approve the insurance renewal from the Moore Agency.

Kyle volunteered to contact Parrack Trash to schedule 2 dumpsters for April 6 for the city-wide clean up.

USD 223

The USD 223 Board of Education met Feb. 10. Present were Doug Beikman, Travis Hynek, Steve Jueman, Dusty Kruse, Gretchen Oehmke and Kellan Tegtmeier. Danielle Wurtz was absent. Also present: Lee Schmidt, Superintendent, Tim Mueller, Transportation, Maintenance and Food Service Director, Cory Jensen, Hanover Principal, Jeff Edwards, Linn Principal, Austin Lawrence, Information Technology Director; clerk Becky Bruna; staff Addison Bott, Emily Weiche, Julie Jueman; and students Addison Herra, Liz Olson, Ella Oehmke, Josie Oehmke, Sofia Uffman, Camryn Beikmann, Hannah Zarybnicky.

Camryn Beikmann, Linn FBLA President and Addison Bott, Linn FCCLA President spoke on behalf of Linn Student Organizations to thank the board of education for their continued support. They reported on current events and projects for each chapter. Tim Mueller reported on the maintenance, transportation, and food service for the district. Cory Jensen reported on activities at Hanover Public Schools. Austin Lawrence reported on technology projects in the district. Hannah Zarybnicky, Hanover FBLA President spoke on behalf of Hanover FBLA to thank the board of education for their continued support and reported on current events and projects for each chapter. Mr. Schmidt reported on educational focuses and capital outlay projects and purchases. Under old business the board discussed sending the architect plans to contractors for the expansion of bathrooms to the existing press box at Linn's Football Field. It was the consensus of the board to send the project out for bids. The board discussed plans for the Hanover site facilities. Under new business the board reviewed proposed 2025-2026 district calendar and approve the 2025-2026 district calendar as presented. The board discussed allowing the Hanover FBLA Chapter to depart Sunday night for State FBLA in Topeka and approved it. The board reviewed the certificate of deposit bids for \$200,000. The board approved the high bid from Citizens State Bank for the certificate of deposit on \$200,000 at 4.25% AYP for a 12 month term and 4.33% AYP for a 6 month period. The board had 5 executive sessions for non-elected personnel. The board approved Lee Schmidt's superintendent contract extension for the 2026-2027 school year; Cory Jensen's Hanover Principal contract and Jeff Edwards' Linn Principal contract extension for the 2026-2027 school year. The board approved a \$40/month cell phone stipend for the school

secretaries starting in the 2025-2026 school year.

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City of Mahaska

The Mahaska City Council met Feb. 12. Present were Marcus Daniels, Cal Livingston, Wiley Kerr, Kirk Gallion, Doug Lambert and Dale Kearn.

There were communications from Washington County Clerk and Granite Re. Inc. - water tower.

Old business: Roof/ceiling repairs continued at the Mahaska Community Center. Mahaska annual pancake supper will be Feb. 23.

New business: Valve for ag water needs replaced. Part needs to be ordered. New tire chains needed for road grader.

City of Barnes

The Barnes City Council met Jan. 8. Present were mayor Shannon Height and councilmembers John Diederich, Nik Sedivy, Seth Wurtz and clerk Kim Perkins.

Height advised she had received a message asking that the snow be cleared away more from the recycling trailer so they can move it to empty it. The council advised one of them would take care of it.

The council approved the \$2,500 donation to the Barnes Fire Department per ordinance.

The Barnes City Council met Feb. 10. Present were mayor Shannon Height, councilmembers John Diederich, Marilyn Rogers, Nik Sedivy, Seth Wurtz, treasurer Shelley Parker, clerk Kim Perkins and visitor Deb Kruse.

Deb Kruse discussed the Kansas Department of Commerce Towns Grant Program that supports rural communities of 5,000 or less. Applicants can request funding for eligible, one-time project expenses of up to \$10,000. Deb asked the council for permission to apply for the grant. The council voted approval.

The council voted to purchase a 12ft snowblade from Jenkins Iron & Steel for \$7,100.

Clifton-Clyde USD 224

USD 224 Board of Education met March 3. Present were AJ Goeckel, Shawn Taddiken, Kirstin Wernecke, and Cade Winter. Audra Walter arrived at 5:31 p.m. Bill Genereux and Grant Knoettgen were absent. Also present was Samantha Goodwin, Superintendent Art Baker, Principal Eric Sacco, and Clerk Denise Cyr.

Samantha Goodwin was present to discuss the open forensics position and her future plans for the program if she is hired as the coach.

Mr. Baker commented on the meeting he attended in Topeka with KASB, KSDE, area administrators, and two 334 board members concerning the process of disorganization of USD 334.

Mr. Sacco reported on 5th grade DARE beginning, parent-teacher conferences, and gave an update on STAR-BASE. The 5th grade has not been able to attend as the program runs under the Department of Defense and has been postponed this year. The director from the Salina STAR-BASE came to the middle school last Friday and conducted some activities with our 5th graders.

The board approved calendar option 2 as the 2025-2026 school district calendar.

The board reviewed summer maintenance projects.

The board conducted the first reading of the revised handbooks. The handbooks will be approved at the April board meeting.

The board approved KASB Waiver of Conflict for Multiple Representation during the Disorganization of USD 334.

The board went into executive session to discuss job performance, staff resignations, hiring of staff, and supplemental contracts pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA.

The board accepted the resignation of Lana Moore as CCMS Assistant Volleyball Coach.

The board approved the hire of Michael Cyr as CCHS Assistant Track Coach and Samantha Goodwin as the CCHS Forensics Coach.

The board approved the reassignment of Alexandra LeDuc from part-time substitute teacher for elementary art to a full-time elementary teacher beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

The board approved the certified personnel for 2025-26 as presented.

City of Morrowville

The Morrowville City Council met Jan. 13. Present were mayor Steve Talkington, Elizabeth Romeiser, Russ Slater, Ed Miller and Steve Wright.

There was no new or updated information available on street sign repair, culvert repair, meter replacement, shingling the concessions stand and street repairs. All are seasonal.

The new snow blade has been attached to the truck and needs a few more repairs done and will be in good working condition.

Talkington reported he had the City of Washington clean out a main sewer line east of Highway 15.

Russ has not had time to finish filling out the tax exemption papers for city property being taxed.

The installation of a readout meter at the Cougars Den is not going to be an easy fix. It would be better if someone would be willing to read it as it is.

The council voted to pay membership dues to North Central Regional Planning Commission.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of SANDRA L. KRAMER, deceased

Case No. WS-2024-PR-000002
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Timothy Kramer, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Sandra L. Kramer, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; that the account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will and Valid Settlement Agreement be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney fees 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 Executor of the Estate of Sandra L. Kramer, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the District Court, Washington, Washington 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.

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