

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION

The Board of Washington County Commission met Aug. 25. Present were Scott Zabokrtsky, 1st District Commissioner, Arthur Schottel 2nd District Commissioner and Raleigh Ordoyne, 3rd District Commissioner, and Diana Svanda, county clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. The consent agenda was approved and consisted of Public right of way, Cemetery #6, and payroll change notice.

Randy Hubbard, Emergency Management, received a quote on the Tahoe. The truck will be sold to Road & Bridge. The board went into executive session under non-elected personnel for 15 minutes to discuss employee performance and to include Randy Hubbard.

Denae Jueneman, county treasurer, reported on levy sheets.

Jimmy Workman and Eric Helms, Road & Bridge, presented fuel bids. The board approved Sapp Brothers as low bid. Payroll change notice was submitted. Jimmy has four employees that will attend safety training. Highland Twp has been bladed and school bus signs are being put up. The board went into executive session under non-elected personnel for 15 minutes to discuss employee performance and to include Jimmy and Eric.

Ryan Kern, ED/Tourism director, reported that Nov. 20 Washington county will host the tourism meeting.

Steve Pierson, Joe Meier and Bob Rollman attended the public budget hearing. Steve asked about the levy for River Valley Extension and NCK Libraires. Steve also wanted to know if the commissioners ever talk with the House of Representatives. Joe commented that taxes are out of control. Bob talked about the pictures that were taken of his house and also asked about unnecessary spending within the county. Beverly Finlayson, deputy appraiser, was asked to come in and explain how they value a house. Raleigh gave everyone a list of levies and reported that the county levy has gone down every year except this year because of ambulances. Dan Thalman asked what would happen if we did not follow the state rules. Bev reported that the state will come in and fix it for you. Raleigh asked if there were any more questions and thanked them for coming in.

The board approved Resolution 11-2025 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and also approved the 2026 county budget.

David Lamb, KCAMP, discussed what KCAMP has to offer.

Tiffany Hayman, county health director, asked for an executive session under non-elected personal for 10 minutes to discuss employee performance.

Raleigh requested an executive session under non-elected personal for 15 minutes to discuss employee performance and to include Randy Hubbard.

The board adjourned at 11:32 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 2.

-- Unofficial minutes written by Svanda

The commissioners met Aug. 18 with everyone present and Traci Stigge, deputy county clerk. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

The consent agenda was approved and consisted of payroll and bills totaling \$288,738.19.

Jimmy Workman and Eric Helms, Road & Bridge, reported they are only going to clean the ditch out for the city of Haddam. They also reported on work that has been completed around the county and what they are currently working on. Cloud County came up last week to look at the road groom. Jimmy is going to let them borrow it for a week because they are interested in purchasing one. Four employees are going to attend a workplace safety class in Salina, and Foley will be doing a skid steer training on Tuesday.

Denae Jueneman, county treasurer, presented information about cash balance and roll over for the last several years. The board went into executive session under non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance for 15 minutes to include Denae and Traci. No action taken.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, asked about the budget and when it will be approved. There was a discussion about the amount of inmates currently being held in the jail.

Elizabeth Baskerville-Hiltgen, attorney, joined the meeting. The board went into executive session under non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance for 15 minutes to include Elizabeth. No action taken.

Tiffany Hayman, county health director, joined the meeting. The board went into executive session under non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance for 10 minutes to include Tiffany. No action taken.

The board adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

-- Unofficial minutes written by Stigge

Harold Tegethoff

Harold L. Tegethoff was born Feb. 26, 1936, in Morrowville, to George M. and Ursula (Scheetz) Tegethoff. He died Aug. 18, 2025, at Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community, Buhler.

He was raised on the farm, and attended Fairbury Junior College, Fairbury, Neb., while working at a windmill factory. He attended Kansas State University, changed his major to education, and completed his Bachelor of Education at Emporia State University.

His junior high mathematics teaching career began at Hutchinson USD 308 Central Junior High in 1960. He continued teaching until his retirement in 1994 from Hutchinson High School and part-time at Hutchinson Community College. While teaching, he commuted to Emporia where he completed his Master of Education degree.

In 1975, he married Linda Johnson Nerad in Wichita. Together they raised her two daughters, Denise and Michelle. One of his joys was helping to raise Michelle's five-year-old son, Robert Lounsbury III, during the six months she was deployed to Italy and Sarajevo while serving in the United States Air Force. Harold and Robert enjoyed their daily visit to Fraese Drug Soda Fountain where Harold continued to meet with his coffee buddies. The coffee buddies were solving the world's problems, but more than that, they were a valuable support group to each other.

He was a member of Church of the Holy Cross, Hutchinson. His deep Catholic faith led



him to begin a Perpetual Adoration prayer hour on Sunday nights, in 1989. Harold treasured his quiet time with the Lord. He was a member of the Thursday morning Cursillo men's prayer group and frequently attended daily mass as well as Saturday Mass.

He will be remembered for his thoughtful kindness. After his retirement, he was the homemaker in charge of vacuuming and all household chores, while Linda continued working another 17 years. Harold always appreciated Linda's home cooking and even insisted on doing the dishes as an expression of his gratitude.

He is survived by: his wife of almost 50 years, Linda; stepdaughters, Denise Avery (Robert Scott Avery) and Michelle Hurst; grandchildren, Christopher P. E. Avery (Marie Moses), Catherine R. Avery (Jacob Gonedridge), and Robert L. Lounsbury III; great-grandsons, Christopher J.P. Avery and Emmitt Avery; great-granddaughter, Alice Lounsbury; brother, Robert Tegethoff; and seven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Wilma Brandt.

Parish Rosary was Aug. 23 with Mass of Christian Burial following, both at Church of the Holy Cross, 2631 Independence Road, Hutchinson, with Father Jerome Spexarth officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Church of the Holy Cross or the Hutchinson Community College Endowment Association (Harold & Linda Tegethoff Scholarship), in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

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GayLynn Jones

GayLynn Lindsley Jones, 49, of Washington, died Aug. 12, 2025, at her parents' home after a battle with cancer.

A funeral service will be 10:30 a.m., Satur-

day, Aug. 30, at the Morrowville Christian Church with Pastor Ron Brown officiating.

Burial will be in the Washington City Cemetery.

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Jimmy Parrack

Jimmy J. Parrack, 76, of Washington, died Aug. 24, 2025, at Ascension Via Christi Hospital In Manhattan.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at Ward Funeral Home in Washington, with the family receiving friends from 5

to 7 p.m.

A funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, at the Washington Christian Church in Washington.

Burial will be in the Washington City Cemetery.

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Cheryl Diederich

Cheryl Nadine Diederich, 74, of Greenleaf, died Aug. 20, 2025.



A graveside funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Kimeo, with Father David Metz officiating. Granddaughter Kylee Philgreen will sing "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone.)"

She was born to Harold and Velma (Hamil) Dolezal on Aug. 24, 1950, in Belleville.

She married John on May 12, 1978, in Washington. She worked at Twin Valley Development Services for 23 years.

Survivors include her husband, John; daughters, Denise, Tammy and Amy (Terry) Larson; son, Jeffery; grandchildren, Jordan (Bonnie), Kylee (Connor), Lily, Alexy, Summer, Rondre, Madison, Avery, Annie and Zane; six great grandchildren; and sister, Judy (George) Kappel.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Harold and Velma Dolezal; brother, Dale Dolezal; and grandson, Jude Larson.

A memorial fund has been established and will be designated later. Contributions may be sent in care of Ward Funeral Home, PO Box 157, Washington, KS 66968.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

On Aug. 8 in the 100 Block of E 9th Street Shane Anthony Price was arrested on a Clay County warrant for Probation Violations. Price was transferred to Clay County Sheriff's Office.

On Aug. 12 in the 1800 block of K-9 Tammy L. Bray, of Washington, was issued Citations for No Proof of Insurance and Improper Driving on Laned Road.

On Aug. 15 in the 1300 block of K-148 Benjamin D. Sullivan, of Elkhorn, Neb., was issued a Citation for Speeding.

On Aug. 17 in the 1500 block of K-148 Mycaha A. Antons, of Beatrice, was issued a Citation for Speeding.

On Aug. 17 in the 1500 block of K-148 Robin R. Whitley, of Lincoln, Neb., was issued a Citation for Speeding.

On Aug. 20 in the 1100 block of K-15 David E. Leija Castillo, of Lincoln, Neb., was issued a Citation for Speeding.

On Aug. 23 in the 1500 block of K-148 Richard W. Haraldson, of Beatrice, Neb., was issued a Citation for Speeding.

On Aug. 25 in the 2000 block of Quivira Road Lathen R. Block, of Steele City, Neb., was issued Citations for Suspended Driver's License and Failure to Indicate prior to 100 feet.

ACCIDENTS

On Aug. 18 on 5th Road just east of Quivira Road Mathias J. Diederich, of Greenleaf, was driving an orange 2004 Pontiac Grand

Prix and was struck by a deer. No injuries were reported and damages were estimated at more than \$1,000.

MEALSITE MENU

Clifton Senior Center
- 785-455-3525 -

Monday, Sept. 1: Closed
Tuesday, Sept. 2: Tuna noodle casserole, peas, pears, no bake cookies.
Wednesday, Sept. 3: Meat loaf roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed corn, fruit cocktail, pudding.
Thursday, Sept. 4: Corn dog, french fries, broccoli, apple-sauce, muffin.
Friday, Sept. 5: Taco salad with tortilla chips, orange in orange Jello.

Grain bids

Price per bushel

Central Valley Ag The Junction	
Wheat	\$4.26
Milo	\$2.79
Soybeans	\$9.77
Corn	\$3.49
Palmer Grain	
Wheat	\$4.30
Milo	
Soybeans	\$9.75
Corn	\$3.49
Farmers Cooperative	
Wheat	\$4.35
Milo	\$3.07
Soybeans	\$9.68
Corn	\$3.64
Grain bids are from market closing on Monday	

Weather record

Precipitation taken at 7am
daily by the Washington
Municipal Power Plant

Date	2024	2025
	Hi	Lo
Tues., Aug. 19	88	63
Wed., Aug. 20	69	48
Thur., Aug. 21	79	51
Fri., Aug. 22	80	54
Sat., Aug. 23	75	46
Sun., Aug. 24	82	47
Mon., Aug. 25	85	59

Week's precip: .18"
Total for Aug.: 2.34"
Average Aug. total: 4.26"

Total for 2025: 18.25"
Avg. total through Aug.: 24.44"

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