

NEWS IN BRIEF

RURITANS BBQ SUPPER

The Pottawatomie Ruritan Club is sponsoring a BBQ supper on Saturday, August 9, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Lane Fire Station. Choice of smoked beef, turkey & pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad & drinks will be servced. Adults \$12. Sandwich \$7. Children 6 & under \$6.

KEIM BENEFIT SET

A dinner followed by an auction will be held Friday August 8th at the Amish Community Building (18363 NW 1800 Rd, Garnett) for Chris Keim, who was recently injured in an accident. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The menu is grilled chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, mixed vegetables, and dinner rolls. Dessert will be homemade pies and home-made ice cream. Donations for the auction would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at 7th Street Grocery (22800 1700 Rd Garnett KS) or next door at Midwest Surplus! See a partial list of auction items in today's paper on page 12.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET AUGUST 7

The monthly meeting of the Anderson County Historical Society will be held on Thursday, August 7 at the Community Building in the North Park. The meeting will start with a potluck dinner at 6:30, p.m. The program will follow at 7:15 p.m. Dennis Peters will be presenting the program on the former town of Berea. Everyone is welcome.

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

Bingo at American Legion Post 48 Garnett will be held every Tuesday, starting time at 6:30 p.m.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION JULY 21, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on July 21, 2025 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: Michael Blaufuss, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road & Bridge

Ethan Lickteig, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. He gave an update on ditching. Ethan presented bids for a new gooseneck trailer to haul pipe. Bids were from Bob's Trailer Sales for \$13,500, Neil Manufacturing for \$17,000, and Stone Farm Sales for \$13,950. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to purchase a 2024 Elite 32' trailer from Bob's Trailer Sales for \$13,500 and a spare tire for \$285 to be paid out of the Road & Bridge fund. All voted yes. Vernon Yoder, Noxious Weed Supervisor, entered the meeting. Vernon gave a retirement date of December 31, 2025. Discussion was held on a replacement

EMS

Troy Armstrong, EMS Director, met with the commission. Due to a recent carbon monoxide call and first responders being hospitalized, he would like the county to purchase CO detectors that would be affixed to the EMS first in bag or standard fire belt. The cost for each \$107.10 and a quantity of 10. The total cost to the county is \$1,071.00. The detectors are from Amazon sold by Pro-Safety, Inc. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to purchase 10 clip-on carbon monoxide detectors from Amazon for \$1,071 to be paid out of the ambulance reserve fund. All voted yes.

County Clerk

Julie Wettstein, County Clerk, met with the commission. She presented a bid from Rytter Hardwood Floors for a counter extension in the office. The new counter will look like the original counter to match the historical aspect of the building. The bid was for \$3,450. She would like to pay for it out of the election reserve fund due to most of the usage will be for the election season for early voting. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to hire Rytter Hardwood Floors to construct a counter in the clerk's office for \$3,450 to be paid out of the election reserve fund. All voted yes.

Special Alcohol Monies

The County Clerk inquired about the special alcohol money that is received from the State of Kansas on a quarterly basis. In the past, it was split to 1/3 to fund the DARE program and 2/3 sent to Southeast Kansas

Mental Health to help fund programs for prevention and prevent abuse. The Sheriff's office no longer conducts the DARE program as it has been taken over by the school district. She asked if the county wanted to send the full amount to SEKMH or how the Commissioners wanted to allocate the funds. The Commissioners agreed to not distribute any more funds to SEKMH and will research other ways to utilize the funds that fall in line with KSA 79-41a04.

Insurance Renewal

Rhonda Fernandez, PIC Consultants, met with the commission. She reviewed the health insurance renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield which reflected an 18% increase in premium. All other insurances offered remained relatively the same as the previous year. Discussion was held on self-funding and how it is beneficial to the county. It helps keep premiums in the county instead of sending the monies to BCBS to pay for claims. The Commissioners agreed to move forward with the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal with a \$10,000 increase in the stop-loss.

Executive Session

Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to enter into executive session for attorney-client privilege for 5 minutes. All voted yes. Commissioners, James Campbell, and Julie Wettstein were present. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to re-enter into open meeting. No action taken. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM due to no further business.

GARNETT CITY COMMISSION JULY 21, 2025

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on July 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with the following individuals present, Mayor, Mark Locke; City Commissioners Nate Wiehl and Jody Cole; City Manager Travis Wilson; City Clerk, Trish Brewer; City Attorney Terry Solander; and citizens of Garnett.

City Staff present: Donnie Dilley, Darin Wilson, Jessica Mills, Monica Hill

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Locke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Invocation, Vernon Yoder, Mt. Ida Church

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No citizens to be heard.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

A. Commissioner Cole – Stated how wonderful the cemetery looks.

B. Commissioner Wiehl – Expressed his sorrow for the family's loss over the weekend and thankful responders were able to be tended promptly.

C. Mayor Locke – Expressed his thankfulness on the quick response of City staff during the

Water Boil Advisory, due to a main line break.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes for July 8, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting

B. Approval of semi-monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$264,288.81.

Commissioner Wiehl motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0)

NAY

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentation of the 2024 Financial Audit by Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips.

Niel Phillips presented.

B. Austin Masters, Project Manager/Technical Assistance Provider for Midwest Assistant Program

Presented options available to the City.

C. Consideration of Ordinance 4278: Regulating the Location

and Use of Shipping Containers.

Commissioner Wiehl motioned to approve Ordinance 4278 as presented. Second Mayor Locke. Motion passed (2) AYE (1) NAY

D. Consideration of Special Use Permit for Kyle Meeker

Commissioner Wiehl motioned to approve the Special Use Permit for Kyle Meeker Case# SUP 25-01 as presented. Second Mayor Locke. Motion passed (2)

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Anderson County - 2025 2nd Quarter Expense Report

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, July 31, 2025.)

SECOND QUARTER 2025 EXPENSE REPORT

Solid Waste		District Court		County Clerk	
Contractual	\$ 34,922.79	Contractual	\$ 28,789.24	Personal Services	\$ 37,793.88
Commodities	5,581.03	Commodities	706.56	Contractual	2,192.79
Capital Outlay	1,163.44	Capital Outlay	4,772.00	Commodities	291.83
Total	\$ 41,667.26	Total	\$ 34,267.80	Total	\$ 40,278.50
County Sheriff		Rural Fire		Road and Bridge	
Personal Services	\$ 140,541.81	Personal Services	\$ 14,420.67	Personal Services	\$ 216,360.44
Contractual	8,628.21	Contractual	18,340.45	Contractual	43,251.48
Commodities	11,007.93	Commodities	9,902.43	Commodities	420,294.44
Capital Outlay	2,700.27	Capital Outlay	6,398.78	Capital Outlay	207,159.86
Total	\$ 162,878.22	Total	\$ 49,062.33	Total	\$ 887,066.22
Civil Defense		County Attorney		Dispatch	
Personal Services	\$ 7,064.46	Personal Services	\$ 43,978.38	Personal Services	\$ 88,647.55
Contractual	23,043.51	Contractual	13,871.55	Contractual	7,542.28
Commodities	1,211.65	Commodities	487.61	Commodities	633.10
Capital Outlay	719.51	Capital Outlay	5,129.37	Total	\$ 96,822.93
Total	\$ 32,039.13	Total	\$ 63,466.91		
Jail		Reappraisal		Noxious Weed	
Personal Services	\$ 144,524.76	Personal Services	\$ 61,117.04	Personal Services	\$ 15,979.86
Contractual	48,706.72	Contractual	32,045.39	Contractual	1,769.77
Commodities	29,277.06	Commodities	428.72	Commodities	158,545.40
Capital Outlay	839.31	Capital Outlay	1,144.51	Capital Outlay	135.39
Prisoner Care Reimb	(49,281.90)	Total	\$ 94,735.66	Chemical Reimb	(94,445.00)
Total	\$ 174,065.95			Total	\$ 81,985.42
Direct Election		Diversion		Jail/Sheriff Reserve	
Personal Services	\$ 3,762.96	Contractual	\$ 533.22	Contractual	\$ 17,867.56
Contractual	153.76			Commodities	11,872.94
Total	\$ 3,916.72			Capital Outlay	89,338.61
911		Equipment Reserve		Total	\$ 119,079.11
Contractual	\$ 2,626.58	Commodities	\$ 209.85		
		Capital Outlay	3,300.00		
		Total	\$ 3,509.85		
Courthouse General		Register of Deeds		MTR Vehicle Operation Fund	
Personal Services	\$ 19,640.23	Personal Services	\$ 19,948.38	Personal Services	\$ 52,345.89
Contractual	26,626.91	Contractual	34.93	Contractual	31.01
Postage	3,759.45	Capital Outlay	129.95	Commodities	158.62
Commodities	4,811.33	Total	\$ 20,113.26	Total	\$ 52,535.52
Total	\$ 54,837.92				
County Treasurer		Quonset Hut		Sanitation	
Personal Services	\$ 95,317.81	Contractual	\$ 131.92	Personal Services	\$ 1,846.14
Contractual	1,367.96	Rent	(670.00)	Contractual	\$ 1,805.44
Commodities	225.00	Total	\$ (538.08)	Rent	(2,650.00)
Capital Outlay	341.06			Total	\$ (844.56)
Total	\$ 97,251.83				
Mental Health		Employee Benefits		Service Program for the Elderly	
Fund Distribution	\$ 32,334.44	Contractual	\$ 408,427.46	Fund Distribution	\$ 18,257.76
Prosecuting Attorney Training		Economic Development		Welda Sewer Bond & Interest	
Contractual	\$ 83.18	Appropriation	\$ 28,450.00	Principal	\$ 7,100.00
Wireless 911		Solid Waste General		Interest	11,851.13
Contractual	\$ 105.00	Personal Services	\$ 51,240.61	Total	\$ 18,951.13
Zoning		County Commission		Coroner	
Personal Services	\$ 3,010.62	Personal Services	\$ 16,443.36	Contractual	\$ 3,681.03
Contractual	550.39	Contractual	85.72		
Total	\$ 3,561.01	Commodities	317.92	Intellectual Disabilities	
VIN		Total	\$ 16,847.00	Fund Distribution	\$ 16,089.21
Contractual	\$ 4,392.55	Health		Jail Commissary	
Commodities	2,531.51	Fund Distribution	\$ 44,500.00	Contractual	\$ 3,375.45
Total	\$ 6,924.06	Juvenile Detention		Commodities	6,374.84
Special Alcohol		Contractual		Total	\$ 9,750.29
Fund Distribution	\$ 3,047.69	Ambulance		Veterans Memorial	
Conservation District		Fund Distribution	\$ 244,059.20	Contractual	\$ 725.00
Fund Distribution	\$ 17,798.20	Historical Society		Capital Outlay	16,844.00
		Fund Distribution	\$ 13,310.20	Total	\$ 17,569.00
Special Bridge		Fair Building		Welda Sewer Maintenance	
Personal Services	\$ 23,822.40	Fund Distribution	\$ 3,167.27	Personal Services	\$ 2,123.10
Pipe Reimb	(2,295.95)	RF Improvement		Contractual	392.70
Total	\$ 21,526.45	Contractual	\$ 3,450.00	Commodities	47.97
Special Machinery		Capital Outlay	16,650.00	Transfer to Bond	18,951.13
Contractual	\$ 1,500.00	Total	\$ 20,100.00	Total	\$ 21,514.90
Capital Outlay	(50,106.00)				
Total	\$ (48,606.00)				
MFAF Opioid		Sheriff's K-9 Program			
Contractual	\$ 233.04	Contractual	\$ 916.38		
Commodities	2,040.00	Commodities	372.36		
Total	\$ 2,273.04	Capital Outlay	449.98		
		Total	\$ 1,738.72		

I, Julie Wettstein, Anderson County Clerk

do hereby certify that the above is a list of the claims approved by the Anderson County Commission during the second quarter of 2025.

Julie Wettstein
Julie Wettstein, Anderson County Clerk

Notice of budget hearing for the City of Colony

(Published in the Anderson County Review on Thursday, July 31, 2025.)

Notice of Budget Hearing	
The governing body of City of Colony, Kansas	
will meet on August 27th, 2025, at 7:00 PM, at the Colony Community Room, 339 Cherry, Colony, Kansas for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.	
Detailed budget information is available at Colony City Hall and will be available at this hearing.	
Budget Summary	
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.	
FUND	
Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025
Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*
General	174,018
Special Purpose Funds:	
Library Board	4,875
Special Highway	0
Business Funds:	
Sanitation	25,938
Sewer Utility	185,140
Water Utility	153,285
Non Budgeted Funds A	0
Totals	543,256
Less: Transfers	0
Net Expenditure	543,256
Total Tax Levied	47,587
Assessed Valuation	2,120,256
Outstanding indebtedness, Jan. 1.	2023
General Obligation Bonds	919,155
Revenue Bonds	-
Other Debt	-
Lease Purchase Principal	-
Totals	919,155

* Tax rates are expressed in mills.

** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Phillip Wettstein
City Clerk

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING	
The governing body of City of Garnett	
will meet on August 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.	
Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.	
BUDGET SUMMARY	
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FUND	
Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025
Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *
General	2,336,214
Debt Service	370,394
Library	222,194
Airport	111,027
Public Safety	1,113,907
Special Highway	450,000
Special Parks and Recreation	16,000
Tourism	32,727
Economic Development	54,676
Parkside #1	204,974
Parkside #2	225,181
Park Plaza North	323,869
Electric	3,939,722
Gas	1,527,384
Sanitation	367,691
Wastewater	582,797
Water	1,515,706
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	
Totals	13,394,464

Revenue Neutral Rate**	
Less: Transfers	1,599,755
Net Expenditure	11,794,709
Total Tax Levied	1,179,024
Assessed Valuation	31,925,812
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1.	2023
G.O. Bonds	425,000
Revenue Bonds	615,000
Other	2,324,443
Lease Purchase Principal	189,882
Total	3,554,325

Revenue Neutral Rate**	
Less: Transfers	3,305,800
Net Expenditure	12,209,172
Total Tax Levied	1,209,217
Assessed Valuation	33,427,853
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1.	2024
G.O. Bonds	395,000
Revenue Bonds	525,000
Other	2,060,229
Lease Purchase Principal	126,078
Total	3,106,307

Revenue Neutral Rate**	
Less: Transfers	3,309,055
Net Expenditure	13,758,077
Total Tax Levied	1,179,024
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