

For The Record

Sumner County Sheriff's Report

NAME	Age	HOMETOWN	LOCATION OF ARREST	AGENCY	CHARGES	COURT	DATE OF ARREST
Breit, Kenneth Ryan	49	Moore, Oklahoma	2022 E. 16th St., Wellington, KS	WPD	Warrant Arrest by LEO	Cleveland County, OK	4/14/2025
Wiens, Bradley Allen	27	Wellington, Kansas	610 E. Hillside, Wellington, KS	SUSO	Failure to Appear	SUCO	4/14/2025
Wilson, Chico Lamont	49	Wellington, Kansas	816 E. 4th St., Wellington, KS	SUSO	Failure to Appear	SUCO	4/14/2025
Heath, Rachele Dawn	69	Newton, Kansas	141 W. Elm St., Wichita, KS	SUSO	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Opiate	SUCO	4/15/2025
Davis, Justin Curtis	36	Wellington, Kansas	814 W. 50th St. S, Mayfield, KS	SUSO	Failure to Appear	SUCO	4/16/2025
Mendez-Ballesteros, Mauro	38	Hinton, Oklahoma	N I-35 TPKE MP 32, Mulvane, KS	KHP	Failure to Appear	Kingman Municipal	4/16/2025
Elliot, Joseph Lee	51	Wellington, Kansas	11th & Poplar, Wellington, KS	WPD	Probation Violation	SUCO	4/17/2025
Parker, Joshua Royce	36	Ninnekah, Oklahoma	1101 W. Dry Rd., Newkirk, OK	SUSO	Failure to Appear	SUCO	4/17/2025
Frazier, Zachary John	27	Derby, Kansas	141 W. Elm St., Wichita, KS	SUSO	Probation Violation	SUCO	4/18/2025
Strickland, Heidi JO	44	Wellington, Kansas	610 E. Hillside, Wellington, KS	SUSO	Failure to Appear	SUCO	4/18/2025
Cortier, Jeremy Wayne-Edward	38	Wellington, Kansas	1323 N. A St., Wellington, KS	WPD	Criminal Threat; Disorderly Conduct	SUCO	4/19/2025
Williams, Derell Jaha	20	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	NB I-35 MP 17, Wellington, KS	KHP	Criminal Use of Weapon: Poss of Firearm by person addict/use controlled substance; Possession of Marijuana; No Drug Tax Stamp for Marijuana or Controlled Substance; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Criminal Carry of Weapon	SUCO	4/19/2025
Witham, Angelique Renee	22	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	NB I-35 MP 17, Wellington, KS	KHP	Possession of Marijuana; No Drug Tax Stamp for Marijuana or Controlled Substance; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	SUCO	4/19/2025
Phipps, Sarah Jo	38	Wellington, Kansas	281 W. 80th St., Wellington, KS	SUSO	Domestic Battery	SUCO	4/20/2025

Belle Plaine Police Department Report

Call Date/Time: 04/13/2025 07:24:48 PM
 Occurrence #: 25-190
 Officer: Fred Simpson - 066
 Citizen reported that individual that was trespassed from property had returned. After investigation and search by officer and deputy, person of interest was not on the property.
 Location: 400 Blk W Sumner Ct, Belle Plaine

Call Date/Time: 04/13/2025 05:44:20 PM
 Occurrence #: 25-189
 Officer: Fred Simpson - 066
 Citizen reported that she believed to have seen and individual who was trespassed from property. Officer advised to call 911 to report if person returned.
 Location: 400 Blk W Sumner Ct, Belle Plaine

Call Date/Time: 04/13/2025 09:39:44 AM
 Occurrence #: 25-188
 Officer: Bill Berry - 060
 Officer spoke to resident regarding a complaint against his neighbor.
 Location: 300 Blk W 6th Ave, Belle Plaine

Call Date/Time: 04/14/2025 05:14:46 PM
 Occurrence #: 25-192
 Officer: Craig Divoll - 061
 Officer took a report from a concerned family member of an incident which concerned them about the treatment of a child by their Mother.
 Location: 100 Blk E 7th Ave, Belle Plaine

Call Date/Time: 04/14/2025 09:57:42 PM
 Occurrence #: 25-193
 Officer: Craig Divoll - 061
 Officer assisted a citizen with getting a welfare check done in another jurisdiction on an elderly sibling from which he had no contact for a couple days. All was found to be okay.

Location: 400 Blk N Lincoln St, Belle Plaine

Call Date/Time: 04/15/2025 12:16:15 PM
 Occurrence #: 25-194
 Officer: Craig Divoll - 061
 Officer investigated an incident involving a USD 619 employee, which appeared to be intoxicated while working in the Elementary School with Special Ed Students.
 Location: 600 Blk N Merchant St, Belle Plaine

Call Date/Time: 04/17/2025 03:38:01 PM
 Occurrence #: 25-195
 Officer: Bill Berry - 060
 Officer took a Juvenile Complaint report.
 Location: 400 Blk N Main St, Belle Plaine

Call Date/Time: 04/18/2025 12:54:16 PM
 Occurrence #: 25-196
 Officer: Craig Divoll - 061
 Officer performed a Welfare check on an elderly citizen who had reportedly fallen the previous day, to be found after they had been on the floor for an extended period of time. Citizen was found to be okay.
 Location: 500 Blk W 8th Ave, Belle Plaine

Call Date/Time: 04/18/2025 01:33:24 PM
 Occurrence #: 25-197
 Officer: Craig Divoll - 061
 Officer investigated a dog bite, a juvenile was taken to the hospital for treatment of minor wounds, most of which were consistent with

scratches rather than bite marks.
 Location: 800 Blk N Elm St, Belle Plaine

Call Date/Time: 04/19/2025 04:13:53 PM
 Occurrence #: 25-198
 Officer: Fred Simpson - 066
 Traffic stop revealed automobile had incorrect temporary plate. Investigated to confirm that the vehicle was not stolen and was purchased from owner on title. Officers confirmed driver had purchased from legal owner and released.
 Location: 800 Blk N Oliver Rd, Belle Plaine

Sumner County Commission Minutes

County Commissioners March 24, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.
 The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission room of the Sumner County Courthouse. Those present were Chairman Jim Newell, Commissioner John Cooney and Commissioner Steve Warner. Also present was County Clerk Debra A. Norris. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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mental updates, including roof replacement on the shop. Director Finch also presented bids for chip sealing of 10.4 miles, four (4) miles east of Mulvane to the Butler County line and 6.4 miles of 90th Ave N from Conway Springs to the Argonia Road. Director Finch received three (3) bids, from APAC (\$226,969.60), Vance Brothers, Inc. (\$292,864), and Circle C Paving (\$231,362.56). The county will supply the rock for the project, \$260,000 with funding coming out of project money. He hopes to have this project completed this summer. After review, the Commission authorized accepting the bid from APAC.

advising Director Buresh to move forward with the copier lease with Galaxie. The Commission reviewed the Reno County billing contract for juvenile detention services. Effective 3/18/2025 the cost for youth detention services will increase by 10% therefore the new daily service will be \$165.00. The Commission unanimously approved Chairman Newell to sign the contract.

Horsch expressed concerns about the newly activated wind turbines. Also present was Planning and Zoning Director Jon Bristor. Erma Ratliff and Mason Teeter, representing KanOkla, provided fiber installation updates. At 10:15 a.m., upon unanimous vote, the Commission entered into executive session for 10 minutes with Economic Development Director Stacy Davis to discuss data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trust, and individual proprietorships. At 10:25 a.m., the Commission reconvened in open session. No binding action was taken.

that research indicate that height restriction is probably not feasible. Lengthy discussion occurred as to assuring that adequate regulations are in place to properly limit solar projects in size and overall County development. Staff is to report to the Commission with recommendations to address those concerns. Based upon that understanding, the Commission unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2025-07 amending the regulations. Counselor Pfalzgraf and Director Bristor provided additional updates of a Pilot program regarding a natural gas power plant by Evergy. Counselor Pfalzgraf and Director Bristor are going to look over the existing project and modify it to this new agreement. Director Bristor presented the Commission an application by LH Fireworks LLC to permit the sale of fireworks in the unincorporated portion of the County. After review, the Commission unanimously approved the issuance of a permit to LH Fireworks, LLC for the sale of fireworks.

The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved minutes of March 17 and 18. Planning and Zoning Director Jon Bristor discussed wording on zoning regulations. County Counselor Doug Pfalzgraf was also present. At 9:30 a.m., upon unanimous vote, the Commission entered into executive session for 30 minutes with County Counselor Pfalzgraf and County Advisor Jack Potucek for an attorney/client privileged matter. Clerk Norris was asked to remain in the meeting. At 10:00 a.m., the Commission reconvened in open session with no binding action taken.

The Commission reviewed an earlier request to help fund improvements to the County Fair Building. After discussion, the Commission felt a need to forward \$20,000 from capital improvements for the building, as it belongs to the County. There being no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Director Finch also presented an agreement with Cook, Flatt and Stroble Engineers, PA. This agreement is to reallocate money left over from a previous bond project. The improvements for two (2) miles of 90th Ave N on the west side of Argonia Road. This road in in disrepair, with increased traffic due to a bridge being out in Harper County this last year. This road, although not part of the detour, did still catch a lot of extra traffic further degrading the road. Director Finch would like to cement treat with three (3) inches of asphalt. He hopes that \$300,000 a mile will cover it and plans to have the project completed this year. The agreement presented would be to get the process started. After discussion, the Commission unanimously signed the agreement.

Due to the resignation of Greg Hill as Falls Township Treasurer, a recommendation was received from the remaining board members to fill the vacancy with Anna Jones. Clerk Norris did make contact with Ms. Jones and she is interested in serving in the position. The Commission unanimously appointed Anna Jones to serve as the Falls Township Treasurer. County Advisor Jack Potucek provided general review and updates. The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved current year abatement orders for \$715.00 and prior year abatement orders for \$4,216.58.

County Advisor Jack Potucek provided general reviews and updates. There being no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 10:57 a.m. I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners for the above date. Jim D. Newell, Chairman Debra A. Norris, County Clerk

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County Advisor Potucek provided general review and updates. Sumner County Humane Society Director Jodi Hearlson and board member Tracy Thomas provided updates of the humane society services provided to the entire county. Services are provided to county only, per policy of various grants. They advised they recently celebrated 5 years at their current location. The facility licensed through the State of Kansas, dictates the number of animals allowed. They must comply with policy and procedures required by the state during inspections. They are considered a no kill shelter; animals must be spayed or neutered and microchipped when adopted out. No taxpayer funding is used to run the facility, relying solely on volunteers, donations, business sponsorships and grants. A request was made of the Commission to consider funding in 2026 budget preparations. An invitation to tour the facility and see the programs offered was extended to the Commission.

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8AM APRIL 26, 2025
 203 W. 4TH AVE BELLE PLAINE KS 67013

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County Commissioners April 7, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.
 The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission room of the Sumner County Courthouse. Those present were Chairman Jim Newell, Commissioner John Cooney and Commissioner Steve Warner. Also present was County Clerk Debra A. Norris. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved minutes of March 31 and April 1. Dale Schmidt and Dennis

County Advisor Jack Potucek provided general reviews and updates. There being no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 11:17 a.m. I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners for the above date. Jim D. Newell, Chairman Diana Aufdengarten, Deputy County Clerk

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