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Edwards County Commissioners Meeting Minutes July 27, 2026

The Edwards County Board of Commissioners met with Bo Nelson, Billy Brokar and Lyle Schuette present. Gina Schuette, County Clerk, was also in attendance.

Chairman Brokar called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Mr. Schuette moved to enter into executive session at 8:30 AM for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and to review payroll reports and to reconvene at 8:45 AM. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 AM with no action being taken.

The Board approved the following warrants:

COUNTY GENERAL	\$80,979.66
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$25,418.63
NOXIOUS WEED	\$90,044.96
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$17,421.04
COUNTY HEALTH	\$8,324.16
BOND & INTEREST (GOB/ S RD)	\$155,925.00
EDWARDS COUNTY 911	\$3,842.01
MOTOR VEHICLE SPECIAL	\$478.28
TOTAL VOUCHERS & WARRANTS	\$382,433.74

Richard Neilson, County Works Director,

joined the meeting.

Mr. Neilson gave a work in progress report which included mowing and finishing overlaying a road. Mr. Neilson added that they planned to start sealing but are going to wait for a little cooler weather.

A discussion followed regarding the dairy road. Mr. Neilson left the meeting.

Steve Brown, Noxious Weed Director, joined the meeting.

Mr. Brown gave a work in progress report. A discussion followed regarding the weed department budget and reimbursements and chemical expenses.

Mr. Brown left the meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, at 10:30 AM, Mr. Schuette moved to adjourn and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Kinsley High School 2026 Homecoming King and Queen



Congratulations to the 2026 Kinsley High School Homecoming King and Queen, Colby Craft and Coral Chamberlain.

Lil Attendants: Jace Holguin - Jace is the Son of Jaime and Kelsey Holguin. Gwen Burkhart - Gwen is the daughter of Kyle and Darleen Burkhart

Photo courtesy of Abby Heinz

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Commodities

The Edwards County Health Department will be handing out commodities on Thursday, October 22 from 2 to 4 PM by the big shed by the Health Department.

Editor's Note

If you have news that you would like to be featured in an issue of the Sentinel, please call the office at 620-659-2080 (leave a message) or reach me by email at edcsentinel@hotmail.com.

If you need to bring something to the office but I am not there, you may leave it in the dropbox outside the office door. The location of the office is at 221 E 6th St, Kinsley. Thank you!

Word of God

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord is the Rock Eternal.

~ Isaiah 26:4

More Than 150 Years of Local News in Edwards County Celebrating National Newspaper Week

By Faith Brokar

This week, October 4-10, marks National Newspaper Week, an annual celebration of the role newspapers play in the communities they serve.

The 2026 theme, "Rooted in Community, Committed to Truth," is especially fitting for the Edwards County Sentinel. Long before today's Sentinel arrived in mailboxes each week, newspapers were documenting life in Kinsley, Lewis, Offerle and communities throughout Edwards County.

In fact, the newspaper tradition here is nearly as old as Edwards County itself.

Edwards County was established and organized in 1874, with Kinsley serving as the county seat. Newspaper

publishing followed almost immediately.

Historical newspaper records show the Kinsley Reporter was being published during the 1870s, followed by the Edwards County Leader, Valley Republican, Kinsley Republican and Kinsley Graphic. By the early 1880s, another name had appeared that would become particularly familiar to generations of local residents: The Kinsley Mercury.

The Mercury began publication in 1883. The Kinsley Graphic also became a longtime fixture, with a later run beginning in 1890. At various points, Kinsley even supported multiple competing newspapers at the same time.

A Kansas newspaper directory from 1911 paints an interesting pic-

ture of just how important newspapers had become to Edwards County. At that time, Kinsley had both the Kinsley Graphic and Kinsley Mercury. Belpre had the Belpre Bulletin, while Lewis had the Lewis Press.

Other papers came and went through the years. Offerle had the Offerle News and, briefly, the Offerle Promoter. Belpre had newspapers of its

own, and the Lewis Press established a newspaper tradition in that community beginning in the early 1900s.

Together, those newspapers recorded the everyday history of Edwards County.

They reported elections and city meetings, school activities and sporting events. Their

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