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Notice of Special Question 2026 City of Ellsworth

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION
CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS

The Governing Body of the City of Ellsworth, Kansas (the "City"), has heretofore, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted on August 24, 2026, declared it advisable to conduct a special question election relating to the imposition of a one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) City-wide special purpose retailers' sales tax. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City that such special question election has been called and will be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall a special purpose retailers' sales tax in the amount of one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) (e.g., \$0.25 on a \$100.00 purchase) be levied in the City of Ellsworth, Kansas to take effect April 1, 2027, or as soon thereafter as such tax may be levied by the Kansas Department of Revenue, with revenue from such tax used for the purpose of funding City public facility improvements, including but not limited to ball fields and the City gymnasium, and the payment of any City bonds or other obligations incurred to finance such improvements, as determined in the sole discretion of the governing body of the City; and provided that such retailers' sales tax shall expire on the date ten (10) years after it is first levied, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, as amended?

To vote in favor of the question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes." To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."

YES
NO

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on November 3, 2026, the election day. The voting places in the City, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

Voters Residing In	Will Vote At
CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS	ELLSWORTH AMERICAN LEGION HALL 645 E 15TH ST., IN ELLSWORTH, KS 67439

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

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U.S. Bank v. Stonebraker EW2025CV28

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

U.S. Bank National Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Estate of Evan Stonebraker, Deceased; Robin Furniss; Brandy Bogey; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant)
Defendants.

Case No. EW-2025-CV-000028
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Ellsworth County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Ellsworth County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Ellsworth Ellsworth County, Kansas, on October 1, 2026, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

Lot 29 in the Re-Subdivision of the Stelling Addition to the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County, Kansas, less the North 82.78 feet of Lot Twenty-Nine, in the Re-Subdivision of the Stelling Addition to the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County, Kansas, commonly known as 905 Stelling St, Ellsworth, KS 67439 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Kenny Bernard, Sheriff
Ellsworth County, Kansas
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2026 Notice of General Election

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ELLSWORTH COUNTY
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2310, 2311(a)(5), KAR 7-23-4, notice is hereby given that the books for registration of voters for the ELLSWORTH COUNTY ELECTION will be open at the **County Clerk's Office** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311(d) notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of October 2026, all registration books for the General Election will close at the end of regular business hours. Registration books will remain closed until the 4th day of November 2026. Any person may apply to be registered in person or by mail at the County Election Office, 210 N. Kansas Ave, Ellsworth, KS 67439.

I, the undersigned, Election Officer of the County of Ellsworth, having secured a certified list of the candidates for the various offices of this State and in accordance with the provisions of law, hereby publish so much thereof as is applicable to this County and I have added thereto the names and the address of the candidates by the several political parties as the same appear on file in my office. The name of the candidates and their address follows:

NATIONAL OFFICES UNITED STATES SENATE Adam Hamilton Democratic Roger Marshall Republican David C. Graham Libertarian UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 1 Lauren Reinhold Democratic Tracey Mann Republican Steven Jacob Libertarian STATE OFFICES GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR Cindy Holscher / KC Ohaebosim Democratic Ty Masterson / Jeffrey Klemp Republican SECRETARY OF STATE Jennifer Day Democratic Pat Proctor Republican Scott E. Morgan United Kansas ATTORNEY GENERAL Chris Mann Democratic Kris Kobach Republican STATE TREASURER Juan C. Luengo Democratic Steven Johnson Republican Eric Lund Libertarian COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE Dinah Sykes Democratic Daniel Hawkins Republican Ric Koehn Libertarian STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 109TH DISTRICT Troy L. Waymaster Republican DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, 20TH DISTRICT, 1ST DIVISION Carey Hipp Republican STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER, DISTRICT 7 Ann Zimmerman Democratic Alana McWilliams Republican	COUNTY OFFICES ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 1ST DISTRICT Todd Heitschmidt Republican TOWNSHIP OFFICES TOWNSHIP CLERK Ash Creek Michael Olson Republican Black Wolf Bryon Wilson Republican Carneiro Cade Heinrich Republican Clear Creek Sarah Goss Republican Columbia No Candidate Ellsworth Travis L Holt Republican Empire Monte Hudson Republican Garfield Virgil Huseman Republican Green Garden Brandon Westerman Republican Langley Logan Windholz Republican Lincoln Tammy Kruse Republican Mulberry Jennifer Walker Democratic Noble Carmel Dlabal Republican Palacky Russell Ehler Democratic Sherman Eric Bohl Republican Thomas No Candidate Trivoli Tara Rush Republican Valley Kevin F Schultz Republican Wilson Bernard Habiger Republican SUPREME COURT JUSTICE Eric S. Rosen Position 4 Larkin E. Walsh Position 6 COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE Lesley Ann Isherwood Position 2 Amy Fellows Cline Position 3 Kim R. Schroeder Position 5 Lori Ann Bolton Fleming Position 7 Jacy J. Hurst Position 13
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I hereby further give notice that the General Election will be held on Tuesday the 3rd day of November 2026, at which time the candidates from the above list may be elected by the various political parties in this State and County, and that said General Election will be held at the following polling places, their address and their Precincts of this County:

Ellsworth American Legion Hall 645 E. 15th St., Ellsworth -East Ellsworth 1, East Ellsworth 2, West Ellsworth, Canren, Ash Creek, Black Wolf, Columbia, Ellsworth Township, Venango, Buckeye, Garfield, Langley, Sherman, Thomas, Trivoli
Holyrood Lutheran Parish Hall 209 S. County Rd., Holyrood -Valley, Palacky
Kanopolis City Library 221 N. Kansas Ave., Kanopolis -Kanopolis, Carneiro, Clear Creek, Mulberry
Lorraine City Office 238 S. Main St., Lorraine -Green Garden, Lincoln
Wilson Senior Center 511 25th St., Wilson -Wilson, Noble
Advance voting will begin October 14, 2026, in the Ellsworth County Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Advance voting will end November 2, 2026, at Noon.

On Election Day, November 3, 2026, the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of September 2026.

Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Election Officer

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H&B FUSC Rate Increase 10-1-26

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NOTICE TO H&B COMMUNICATIONS
TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS

Beginning October 1, 2026 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) anticipates increasing the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) from 38.8% to 42% on your monthly Interstate Access Charges. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has recently increased the amount needed to maintain the federal universal service fund. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for customers in all areas of the United States and to provide schools, libraries, and healthcare facilities discounted communications services. The FUSC surcharge factor recovers the costs associated with H&B Communications' contributions to the Federal Universal Fund program .

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Estate of Ella R. Erskine, Deceased

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS
(Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.)

In the Matter of the Estate of Ella R. Erskine, Deceased
Case No. EW-2026-PR-0000020

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Deborah E. Harrison, daughter of Ella R. Erskine, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Ellsworth County, Kansas:

A undivided one-eighth (1/8) interest in the East Half (E/2) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Sixteen (16) South, Range Nine (9) West of the 6th Prime Meridian, Ellsworth County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before October 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court of Ellsworth County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Deborah E. Harrison
Petitioner

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Submission
deadline for
legals:
Noon on Fridays

Wilson Communications FCC FUSC Legal Notice

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NOTICE TO ALL WILSON TELEPHONE COMPANY CUSTOMERS

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has recently increased the amount needed to maintain the federal universal service fund. Due to this adjustment, after October 1, 2026, you may see a change in the amount on your bill going to the Federal Universal Service Fund. This amount may continue to change quarterly, depending on actions taken by the FCC. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone services rates affordable for all customers in all areas of the United States.

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Shanelec Notice of Hearing & To Creditors

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter, September 17, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GAIL K. SHANELEC, Deceased Case No. 2026 PR 19

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 21, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Daniel J. Shanelec, an heir, legatee, and devisee, and the executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Gail K. Shanelec, deceased, dated May 8, 2020, praying that the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record, that he be appointed as executor without bond, and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 15, 2026, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., of such day, in this court, in the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the later of four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice is given, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

DANIEL J. SHANELEC
Petitioner

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2027 Kanopolis Recreation Budget Hearing

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2027

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The governing body of
Kanopolis Recreation Commission
will meet on October 5, 2026 at 5:15 pm at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Ellsworth County (home county)

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025	Current Year Estimated 2026	Proposed Budget Year 2027
General	124	500	3,309
Totals	124	500	3,309

Lease Purchases:	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
January 1,	0	0	0

Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988	0.111
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate	0.111

0
Recreation Commission Secretary

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