

Legals

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in effect for the City of Oakley.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

SECTION 4: Charter Ordinances Nos. 27 and 28 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This is a charter ordinance and shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after its final publication, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and a referendum held on the ordinance, as provided in Article XII, Section 5, Subdivision (c)(3), of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case the ordinance shall become effective if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECT VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF, ON THE 20th DAY OF APRIL, 2026, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THE SAME DAY.

/s/ Russ Kahle
Mayor

Attest:
/s/ Leann M. Hughes
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
- GMD 4 Open Board Position
The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4, based in Colby, Kansas, is accepting applications to fill an open position on its Board of Directors (Position #5), representing Thomas County.

Eligible applicants must reside within the district boundaries and own at least 40 contiguous acres of land in Thomas County.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest no later than May 25, 2026, to:

GMD No. 4
P.O. Box 905
Colby, KS 67701

The letter must include the applicant's home address and the legal description of the land owned in Thomas County.

The Board is scheduled to consider applicants at its meeting on June 3, 2026. Applicants are encouraged to attend. If the meeting is postponed, notice will be provided via email and posted on the district's website at www.gmd4.org.

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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 30
A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF OAKLEY, KANSAS, FROM CERTAIN PORTIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1697 AND REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NOS. 27 & 28.

Be It Ordained By the Governing Body of the City of Oakley, Kansas:

SECTION 1: The City of Oakley, Kansas, is a city of the third class, and by the power vested in it by Article XII, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself, from, and make inapplicable to it, that portion of K.S.A. 12-1697, which authorizes the levy of a transient guest tax at not to exceed the rate of two percent (2%) upon the gross receipts derived from or paid by transient guests for sleeping accommodations exclusive or charges for incidental services or facilities in any hotel, motel or tourist court.

SECTION 2: In place of that portion of K.S.A. 12-1697 referred to above, the governing body of the City of Oakley, Kansas, hereby levies a transient guest tax at not to exceed the rate of six and one-half percent (6.5%) upon the gross receipts derived from or paid by transient guests for sleeping accommodations exclusive of charges for incidental services of facilities in any hotel, motel or tourist court. All other provisions of K.S.A. 12-1697 shall remain

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS APRIL 6, 2026

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Monday, April 6, 2026. Those present were Commissioners Cody Younkin, Brett Ayers and Tom Johnson. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairmen Cody Younkin.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to approve the County Engineer's/Road Supervisor's Annual Report to the State of Kansas. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson to sign the Highway ROW Permit Agreement from American Warrior, Inc. to run a 3" PVC line to transport saltwater from the Fairchild Lease, located in the NE ¼ of Section 17, to the wood tank battery located in the NW ¼ of Section 16, all in Township 14 South, Range 35 West. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Dustin Little met with the Board and requested executive session. At 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to go into the executive session for five minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Ayers seconded. All voted in favor. The Board returned to open session at 8:35 a.m. with no action taken.

The Board discussed the previous request from Register of Deeds Joyce Bosserman asking for approval for her deputy to attend two evenings of seminar in Colby. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the request.

The minutes from the March 16, 2026 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Younkin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The minutes from the March 31, 2026 special meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Younkin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated March 23, 2026 as follows: Fire Special Equipment \$45,000.00 for a total of \$45,000.00. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated March 31, 2026 as follows: General \$51,542.78; County Health \$678.07; Road & Bridge \$35,357.88;

Noxious Weed \$17,368.92; Fire \$28.75; Prairie Dog \$15,190.00; EMS \$12,544.22; Logansport Township Road \$9,634.85 and Payroll Clearing \$1,985.22 for a total of \$144,330.69. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the 24.5 hours of overtime for the Road Department in March.

The Board reviewed the March 31, 2026 Payroll Register as follows: General \$57,553.83; County Health \$13,149.55; Road & Bridge \$23,379.46; Noxious Weed \$4,548.63; Fire \$11,900.38 and EMS \$18,814.29 for a total of \$129,346.14. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers respectively to approve the Payroll Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Craig Poe, Tracey Munk and Shelby Hubert representing High Plains Mental Health Center, discussed their annual report with the Board. They explained how the center provides comprehensive psychiatric services, and they served 110 people in Logan County last year. The Center requested 2027 budget consideration of \$19,205.10. In addition to the normal request, they requested separate county support of \$6,598.41 for the operation of their new Crisis Intervention Center that will provide immediate, stabilizing care to help individuals in a crisis. The Board agreed to consider their request.

County Treasurer Jennie Schoenberger and County Appraiser Alicia Baumfalk met with the Board. Schoenberger discussed the abatements that have been processed this year and asked if there is something that can be done prior to tax statements going out to help alleviate all the tax money being abated. Baumfalk explained how her office sends out value notices prior to tax statements every year asking residents to notify her office of any changes with personal property. After some discussion, the Board agreed that taxpayers need to pay attention to their value notices that go out every year and let the County know of any changes.

Russ Moellering, LeAnn Hughes, Russ Kahle, Cindy Mullen and Brook Plummer met with the Board to discuss joining partners with the City of Oakley for a Community Growth Coordinator and pay one-fourth of the salary for the position. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Johnson to join partners with the City of Oakley to have Brook Plummer as a Community Growth Coordinator. Motion carried 3-0.

Larry Eberle with the Western Vista Historic Byway met with the Board asking them to consider giving a \$5,000.00 yearly appropriation for their organization. The organization serves as representatives to the State Department of Tourism in managing and promoting the Byway. It was the consensus of the Board to consider his request when working on budgets for next year.

Shannon Rothchild with Nex-tech joined the meeting and gave a couple options on updating the phones at the courthouse.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Ayers to not challenge the Western Vista Building Complex tax petition. Motion carried 2-1 with Johnson opposing.

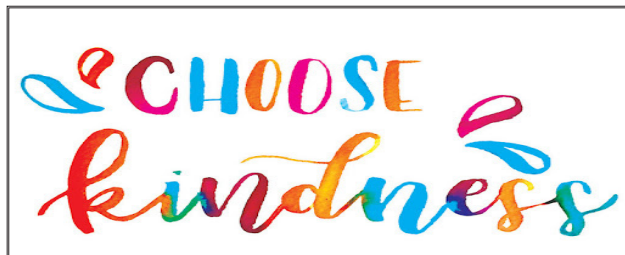
At 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to go into the executive session for 20 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Ayers seconded. All voted in favor. The Board returned to open session at 12:00 p.m. with no action taken.

Noxious Weed Director Denny Mackley and part-time employee Dayna Mackley met with the Board to discuss his retirement. After some discussion, Mackley submitted a new letter with the retirement date of May 1, 2026. The Board also received a revised letter from Dayna Mackley stating her last day will also be May 1, 2026.

There being no further business discussed it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Younkin respectively to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 20, 2026.

Western Plains Art Association Presents The Pride of The Prairie Orchestra

Western Plains Arts Association presents the Pride of The Prairie Orchestra's "Fate, Destiny, and Choice" at the Goodland High School in Goodland on May 3, 2026 at 3:00 PM central time. The Pride of The Prairie Orchestra is conducted by Beverly Rucker. Please come join us for the last program of this year. Admission to this show is with a WPAA season ticket or an individual program ticket which may be purchased at the door. Thank you to the area sponsors especially the Sherman County Community Foundation and the Dane Hansen Foundation. Also sponsored in part by the state of Kansas through the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.



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USD #274 Oakley is seeking two individuals to fill unexpired terms on the Recreation Commission Board.

One term expires September 30, 2027
One term expires September 30, 2028

Interested individuals may pick up an interest form at the District Office, 621 Center Ave., Ste. 103. Completed forms must be returned no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11th.