

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS MAY 18, 2026

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Monday, May 18, 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 2-0.

Aimee Zimmerman with Logan County Hospital attended the meeting and presented three invoices received on the new hospital project and asked for approval. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to approve the invoice from HFG for \$51,803.44; Nabholz Construction Company for \$187,897.73 and Midwest Energy for \$116,500.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Carol Johnson and a few other residents met with the Board to discuss strategic planning for Oakley. She handed out some questions she had regarding the Western Vista Building Complex and voiced her concerns. She also questioned the timeframe of the minutes being published.

Joe Glassman and Ian Lenser with Glassman Corporation met with the Board to go over the bid they submitted to replace the HVAC system. The bid was for \$1,696,014.00 plus the following alternates: \$30,138.00 for warm up electric strip and \$377,014.00 to replace

piping and fittings. At 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to go into the executive session for 30 minutes to interview a candidate for the Noxious Weed Director position. Commissioner Ayers seconded. All voted in favor. The Board returned to open session at 10:00 a.m. with no action taken.

Shyanne Pruitt, Shawn Plummer and Rhonda Sperber from the Logan County Senior Living Center met with the Board to give an update on operations. Discussion was held regarding the audit. It was the consensus of the Board to do the compilation audit this year and then discuss next year's audit later.

Judge Greg Jirak met with the Board to discuss purchasing some panels to update the soundproof in the Jury Room. He estimated the total cost to be around \$3,000.00 with labor. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to approve the purchase. Motion carried 3-0.

Brenda Cress with S&T Telephone joined the meeting by zoom and went over what they offer to replace the phones at the courthouse.

Jack Huner with Forerunner Technologies joined the meeting by zoom and went over what they offer to replace the phones at the courthouse.

The Board reviewed the bids received to replace the phones at the Courthouse as follows:

Nex-tech for Avaya IP500 Office Business Phone System for \$36,495.95 or a Cloud Phone Services for \$967.43 per month for a 60 month agreement and 29 handsets/new cabling installed; S&T Telephone for Harmony Business Cloud Phone System for \$959.00 per month for a 36 month agreement and 29 handsets/new cabling installed; Forerunner Technologies for a Yealink Business Cloud Phone System for \$625.73 per month plus a one-time fee of \$1,409.80 for programming/setup for a 12 month agreement for 27 devices. It was moved and seconded by Commissioner Ayers and Johnson to approve the quote from S&T Telephone for Harmony Business Cloud Phone System for \$959.00 per month for a 36-month agreement and 29 handsets/new cabling installed. Motion passed 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to hire Scott Waterman for the Noxious Weed/Prairie Dog Director position and waive the probation period since he's already employed in a different department. Motion carried 3-0.

It was the consensus of the Board to do the \$500.00 upgrade to the Noxious Weed Star Program.

The Board reviewed bids received from Imagine IT to replace a few computers as follows: County Attorney's Office for a Lenovo ThinkPad E16 Gen 3 Notebook for

\$2,245.14 with labor and warranty; District Court for a Lenovo ThinkCentre M90 Desktop Computer for \$2,139.00 with labor and shipping; Register of Deeds for a Lenovo ThinkCentre M90 Desktop Computer for \$2,139.00 with labor and shipping. It was moved and seconded by Commissioner Ayers and Johnson to approve the bid for the County Attorney and Register of Deed computers. Motion carried 3-0. The District Court wanted to hold off on their bid.

The minutes from the May 4, 2026 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated May 8, 2026 as follows: General \$136,402.77; County Health \$2,272.27; Road & Bridge \$14,365.81; Noxious Weed \$536.00; Fire \$137.22; EMS \$7,878.71; Treasurer Tech Fund \$357.12; County Bond & Interest \$976,550.90 and Payroll Clearing \$1,882.99 for a total of \$1,140,383.79. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Johnson and Ayers to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business discussed it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Ayers and Johnson respectively to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 1, 2026.

Fort Hays State University announces spring 2026 graduates

HAYS, Kan. (June 5, 2026) - Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,732 graduates during its spring commencement ceremonies Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

Graduates who requested privacy are included in the count but omitted from this listing.

Students are listed by their hometown, degree, and major.

H O M E T O W N , STATE; NAME, DEGREE, MAJOR/ CONCENTRATION

Grinnell, KS
Jordan Ostmeyer, Bachelor of Science in

Agricultural Business
Bailee Rehmer, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Oakley, KS

Savanna Baumgart, Master of Science in Education
Kaylie Bockwinkel, Bachelor of Science in Education
Liberty Booker, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
Breanna Broeckelman, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Tanner Charles, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business

Winona, KS
Terran Homburg, Master of Science in Education
Nathaniel Nichols, Bachelor of Arts
Nathaniel Nichols, Bachelor of Science in Education



Hoe & Tell
By Shirley Buller
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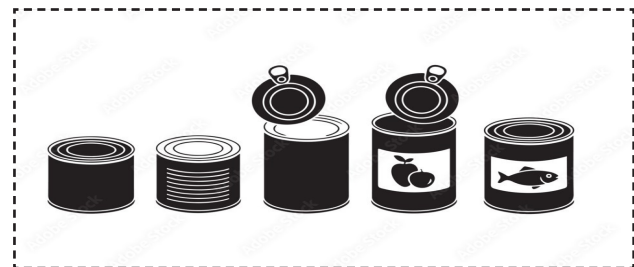
We've had a little over five inches of rain since that first drop over a week ago. Grass is green, weeds are thriving and just about everyone is in a better mood. It is surprising what a good rain can do for this country. The first daylilies are announcing that summer is soon here, and I am picking a bud every morning to spark up my breakfast table. It just lasts a day, but the forms and colors make sure that every flower outdoes the last one. A few fireflies have drifted through the flower beds soon after dark, reminding me of last summer's parade of fireflies. The first baby robins of the season have fledged, drinking at the bird bath. There is no sign of a red breast, just a speckled mess of brown and black spots on a white background. It will be another year before they have any color to brag about.

Most of the gardens and flower beds are planted by now, and as we settle into a routine of summer care, we pull weeds, deadhead spent blooms and try to keep some law and order in amongst the volunteers that remind us they want a spot to fill up too. Strawberry pickers are complaining about pill bugs and black beetles, both determined to beat you to your crop

of fresh berries. Pick strawberries everyday, and don't let ripe fruit stay in the patch very long.

Blackberries are setting on thickly and if every flower turns into fruit, we are going to be jamming and pie baking in a month or so. Keep coleus and other foliage fillers pinched so the plant stays short and full. Pinch sages and monarda to keep another round of color filling the beds. Heliopsis needs a lot of deadheading, cutting back the growth to keep the plant shorter than it would like, but blooming for the next three months. Pinch dahlias and zinnias to encourage new flowers. Peppers and tomatoes are setting on, and the cabbage needs cutting soon. Fresh coleslaw is delicious and getting a fresh cabbage on the table within an hour of cutting makes for some good eating.

Fertilize buffalo and bermuda lawns now, keeping a close eye out for chinch bug damage. We use 38 Plus to spray for chinch bug, but there is other chemicals labeled for control also. Read the labels carefully when shopping. I get a lot of calls for chemical counsel concerning turf bugs and diseases and it is almost impossible for me to keep up with new counsel as labels change so often. That is why you need to shop at garden centers and stay away from box stores when buying fertilizers and weed, insect and disease control.



Research Participants Needed!

Study Information
The University of Kansas is studying public trust in self-driving cars. Participants must be aged 18+. The survey is expected to take 5-10 minutes. Take the survey online: tinyurl.com/KUselfdrivingsurvey

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