PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 270,
ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS (PLAINVILLE)

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 270, Rooks County, Kansas (Plainville) (the "District"), has heretofore, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, declared it advisable to make and finance certain improvements to District facilities pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 252018(f), K.S.A. 725457, and K.S.A. 725458 *et seq.* Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the District that a bond election has been called and will be held on March 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the following propositions:

Proposition No. 1:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 270, Rooks County, Kansas (Plainville) (the "District") be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $5,490,000 (the "Bonds") to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip: (a) improvements and renovations to Plainville Elementary School and Plainville High School, including HVAC, electrical, lighting, roof, restroom, and interior and exterior building improvements; and (b) all improvements related thereto (the "Project"); and pay costs of issuance and interest on the Bonds during construction of the Project, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 252018(f), K.S.A. 725457, and K.S.A. 725458 *et seq.*?

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word "Yes" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes" on the paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word "No" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "No" on the paper ballot.

◯ YES
◯ NO

Proposition No. 2:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 270, Rooks County, Kansas (Plainville) (the "District") be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $7,055,000 (the "Bonds") to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip: (a) improvements and renovations to Plainville Elementary School and Plainville High School, including classroom and entrance improvements; (b) improvements and renovations to Rock Gym and Cardinal Gym; and (c) all improvements related thereto (the "Project"); and pay costs of issuance and interest on the Bonds during construction of the Project, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 252018(f), K.S.A. 725457, and K.S.A. 725458 *et seq.*?

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word "Yes" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes" on the paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word "No" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "No" on the paper ballot.

◯ YES
◯ NO

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M., on March 3, 2026, the election day. The voting place in the District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

Voters Residing In:	Will Vote At:	Location:
The District	Plainville Township Hall	108 W. Jefferson, Plainville, KS

Early voting is available at the Rooks County Clerk's Office, 115 N. Walnut, Stockton, Kansas 67669, during regular business hours, beginning February 18, 2026.

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. 251117 *et seq.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Capital Improvement Fund ("CIF") has been established in the treasury of the State of Kansas to assist school districts with making principal and interest payments on voted general obligation bond issues. The amount of CIF funding each school district receives is based on a formula prescribed by statute and implemented by the State Board of Education ("Bond State Aid"). Based on the current formula, the District expects to receive Bond State Aid in the approximate amount set forth below to assist with making the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. No assurance can be given that Bond State Aid will continue at this or any amount in future years.

The following additional information is provided by the District with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6,122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the District. Certain portions of this information are based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the Bonds due to changing market conditions, any changes in assessed valuation of the District, changes in the amount of state financial aid received by the District and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The projected rates of property taxation to be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds are based upon the current assessed valuation of the District, the assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates from recent bond issues for similar types of financings and the current level of Bond State Aid the District would receive with respect to the Bonds, all as shown below.

Proposition No. 1
Projected Summary of Project Costs

Sources of Funds		*Uses of Funds*	
Bonds to be Issued	$5,490,000	Project Costs (including architectural/engineering services)	$5,490,000
		Interest During Construction	125,000
Interest Earnings	200,000	Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	75,000
Total	***$5,690,000***	***Total***	***$5,690,000***

Proposition No. 1
Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments

Principal payments over 30 years	Average Interest Rate 5.00%
Total Interest Cost to Maturity $5,263,500	Assessed Valuation (2025) $47,616,905
Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments	$358,450
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid	$0

Proposition No. 1
Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments

Total (without any Bond State Aid)	6.719 Mills
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)	6.719 Mills

Proposition No. 2
Projected Summary of Project Costs

Sources of Funds		*Uses of Funds*	
Bonds to be Issued	$7,055,000	Project Costs (including architectural/engineering services)	$7,055,000
		Interest During Construction	200,000
Interest Earnings	300,000	Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	100,000
Total	***$7,355,000***	***Total***	***$7,355,000***

Proposition No. 2
Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments

Principal payments over 30 years	Average Interest Rate 5.00%
Total Interest Cost to Maturity $7,412,292	Assessed Valuation (2025) $47,616,905
Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments	$482,243
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid	$0
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds	$482,243

Proposition No. 2
Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments

Total (without any Bond State Aid)	9.000 Mills
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)	9.000 Mills

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Rooks County, Kansas, whose address is 115 N Walnut St. Stockton, KS 67669.

DATED: _January 12, 2026_.

(Seal)

Laura Montgomery
Laura Montgomery, County Clerk
Rooks County, Kansas

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Commissioners approve five-year service plan with Foley Industries for the City's generator

The second regular meeting in January was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20th, by Mayor Bob Becker, with the following commissioners being present: Adam Bryant, Jesica Kerr, Deb Miller, and Ressa Brown. City manager/city clerk, Kayla Hilbrink, and assistant city clerk, Taylor Ghumm, were also present. Visitors were Jayne Prockish, Libby and Dean Kester, Jana Slansky, and Mitch Gibbs.

The commissioners first approved the Consent Agenda, which included the Solomon Valley Manor payroll for $74,228.09, the January 7th Solomon Valley Manor warrants for $43,247.42, the January 20th Solomon Valley Manor warrants for $77,092.26, the December 31st, 2025 City of Stockton warrants for $4,100.00, the January 15th City of Stockton warrants for $113,723.01, and the January 6th regular meeting minutes.

There were no Public Comments.

Under New Business, the commissioners approved funding for the Chamber of Commerce Director for the City of Stockton for the 2026 fiscal year, to be paid quarterly.

Mitch Gibbs presented a CAT Service Agreement to the city commissioners for the regular service and maintenance of the generator. The commissioners approved the five-year service plan with Foley Industries, with the full amount of $61,434.90 to be paid from the TCR Fund.

Next, the commissioners appointed Adam Bryant to be the City's Chamber of Commerce representative.

Building permits approved were for Cory Jones (Jones Arber Pro) near South Oak Street for a new building, and for Donald Earl at 519 North 2nd Street for a carport and side roof.

The commissioners selected city employee Ian Snyder to serve as the primary delegate to the Rural Water Conference.

The December Solomon Valley Manor's fund status report was reviewed and approved by the commissioners, as was the December City of Stockton's fund status report.

During her City Manager's Report, Hilbrink stated that the City employees and inmates have been taking down the fencing and poles at Kincaid Field. All new fencing will be installed in February.

An employee slipped on the ice and injured his arm. A worker's compensation claim was filed, and surgery is scheduled for January.

The FEMA project is in the final steps of closeout.

John Pinegar has scheduled the Legislative Days for Stockton on February 2nd and February 3rd.

The annual EMS inspection was scheduled for the following week.

The auditors will be in Stockton on March 24th.

A Storm Spotter meeting is scheduled for March 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Plainville Fire Department. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

(This article is taken from the unapproved January 20th regular meeting minutes.)

County has busy morning session

By VIRGI LASKA
Sentinel-Times

At the start of the Rooks County Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 27th, the commissioners met with Sherry Robinson and Darrell Brobst regarding a closed bridge. They would like access to their farmland and were at the meeting to see what the County could do. Highway supervisor Eric Biggs said he could meet with them and look over the property to see about installing a low-water crossing for access to their fields.

Economic development director Roger Hrabe then met with the commissioners and asked them to sign a letter of support for a housing program. He also had them sign a $30.000.00 Rural Housing Preservation (RHP) grant that his department received.

Before Hrabe left the meeting, he asked for the Airport Budget funds for the year, as projects will start this spring. The commissioners told Hrabe he could access the funds when needed.

Highway supervisor Eric Biggs gave an update on maintenance of equipment and noted that all the section men came in to help with the snow removal over the weekend.

The crew is also cleaning the shop, with Biggs getting prices for entry doors and window updates. Before leaving the meeting, he informed the commissioners that they were beginning to move equipment for the Y Road project.

Noxious weed director Mike Klein was in to clarify base pay rates and starting wages for his department. He also informed the commissioners that he would retire at the end of March.

Landfill supervisor Danny Knoll attended the meeting and informed the commissioners that he is awaiting Salina Scale to come and check the landfill scale. He also brought them information about a compactor for the landfill. Osborne County purchased a used compactor a few years ago, and Knoll reviewed the machine's benefits for that county. He also discussed a bill that has not been paid and what the next steps he should take are.

Emergency management director Adam Bryant was next on the agenda and informed the commissioners that the county employees attended the CPR training that

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Gary Edward Dinkel a/k/a Gary E. Dinkel a/k/a Gary Dinkel, deceased.

Case No. RO-2026-PR-000004

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Donald Dinkel, who has an interest in determining the heirs under Kansas law of Gary Edward Dinkel a/k/a Gary E. Dinkel a/k/a Gary Dinkel, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of his 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 thereto on or before February 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the City of Stockton, Rooks County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Donald Dinkel, Petitioner

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HOUSING DISCRIMINATION HOTLINE

Do you feel you have experienced discrimination in regard to housing rental or purchase within the City of Palco? If so, please call the Housing Discrimination Hotline Number (1-800-669-9777) to discuss complaints, questions or discriminatory practices. Locally, please contact Larissa Wilson, City Clerk at (785) 737-4285.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of:
HARRY S. "PETE" CONNELLY, JR, deceased.

Case No. RO-2025-PR-000003

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Admission of Foreign Will to Probate and Record Without Administration has been filed on the 23rd day of January, 2026, in said Court by Minnette L. Connelly, petitioner, praying to admit the Last Will and Testament of Harry S. "Pete" Connelly, Jr. , deceased, to probate and record without administration, determine the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate, and construe the Will of the decedent to assign real estate.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 25 th day of February, 2026, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Stockton, Rooks County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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