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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
COUNTY CLERK’S NOTICE OF CANDIDATES TO BE
VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION

November 3, 2026
State of Kansas
County of Elk, SS:
I, the undersigned, Election Officer of the above-named County, having secured a certified list of the candidates for the various offices to be made by each of the political parties of this State and in accordance with the provisions of law, I hereby publish so much thereof as is applicable to this County and I have added thereto the names and the city of address of the candidates by the several political parties as the same appear in file in my office. The name of the candidates of the several parties and their ballot city follows:

- US SENATE**
Adam Hamilton, Stilwell, Democrat
David C Graham, Overland Park, Libertarian
Roger Marshall, St. John, Republican
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 4
Katy Tyndell, Wichita, Democrat
Drew Cranmer, Wichita, Libertarian
Ron Estes, Wichita, Republican
GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR
Cindy Holscher/KC Ohaebosim, Overland Park/Wichita, Democrat
Ty Masterson/ Jeffrey Klemp, Andover/Lansing, Republican
SECRETARY OF STATE
Jennifer Day, Overland Park, Democrat
Pat Proctor, Leavenworth, Republican
Scott E. Morgan, Lawrence, United Kansas
ATTORNEY GENERAL
Chris Mann, Lawrence, Democrat
Kris Kobach, Lecompton, Republican
STATE TREASURER
Juan C. Luengo, Olathe, Democrat
Eric Lund, Paola, Libertarian
Steven Johnson, Assaria, Republican
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
Dinah Sykes, Lenexa, Democrat
Ric Koehn, Cimarron, Libertarian
Daniel Hawkins, Wichita, Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 12
Pete Ferrell, Latham, Democrat
Marci Laffen, Sedan, Republican
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 13 DIV 1
Janette L. Satterfield, El Dorado, Republican
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 13 DIV 4
Chad M. Crum, Augusta, Republican
MEMBER STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 9
Heather Guernsey, Chanute, Democrat
Destry Brown, Fort Scott, Republican
COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1
Mary Powell, Longton, Republican
TOWNSHIP CLERK ELK FALLS
Kay Koehn, Elk Falls, Republican
TOWNSHIP CLERK GREENFIELD
No Candidate
TOWNSHIP CLERK HOWARD
No Candidate
TOWNSHIP CLERK LIBERTY
No Candidate
TOWNSHIP CLERK LONGTON
No Candidate
TOWNSHIP CLERK OAK VALLEY
No Candidate
TOWNSHIP CLERK PAINTERHOOD
John Cannon, Howard, Republican
TOWNSHIP CLERK PAW PAW
No Candidate
TOWNSHIP CLERK UNION CENTER
No Candidate
TOWNSHIP CLERK WILDCAT
No Candidate
STATE OF KANSAS OFFICIAL JUDICIAL BALLOT
Supreme Court Justices
Shall the following Supreme Court Justices be retained in office?
Eric S. Rosen, Topeka, Position 4
Larkin E. Walsh, Leawood, Position 6
Court of Appeals Judges
Shall the following Court of Appeals Judges be retained in office?
Lesley Ann Isherwood, Wichita, Position 2
Amy Fellows Cline, Wichita, Position 3
Kim R. Schroeder, Hugoton, Position 5
Lori Ann Bolton Fleming, Weir, Position 7
Jacy Hurst, Lawrence, Position 13
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 usual polling places of this County, To-Wit:

PRECINCT VOTING LOCATIONS:
Cox Bldg. 100 W. Washington in Howard: Howard City, Howard Twp, Liberty Twp, Painterhood Twp, Paw Paw Twp, Union Center Twp
Longton Senior Center 406 Kansas: Elk Falls City, Elk Falls Twp, Longton City, Longton Twp, Oak Valley Twp
Moline Community Bldg. 115 N Main St: Grenola City, Greenfield Twp, Moline City, Wildcat Twp
IN-PERSON ADVANCE VOTING will begin October 19, 2026 and continue until noon November 2, 2026 at the Elk County Clerk’s Office, 127 N Pine, Howard KS.
The hours of voting shall be from seven o’clock A.M. until seven o’clock P.M. as provided in Chapter 25, paragraph 106 of the Kansas Election Laws as amended-1968.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal.
Done at Howard, Kansas, this 15th day of September, 2026.
/s/ Kerry Harrod, Elk County Clerk & Election Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE OF CLOSING OF REGISTRATION BOOKS

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311(c), 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. Elk County Courthouse, 127 N. Pine, Howard, KS 67349, the Election Office hours are M-TH from 7:00am to 5:30pm. Registration books will remain closed until the 4th day of November, 2026.
Advance In-Person voting location, Elk County Courthouse, 127 N. Pine, Howard, KS 67349; from October 19, 2026 until October 29, 2026, Hours are from 7:00 am to 5:25 pm, Monday – Thursday; And November 2, 2026 from 7:00 am to NOON.
November 3, 2026 Election Day Polling Locations:
Cox Building, 100 W. Washington, Howard, KS (7:00 am – 7:00 pm): Howard City - Howard Twp - Liberty Twp - Painterhood Twp, Paw Paw Twp - Union Center Twp
Longton Senior Center, 406 Kansas, Longton, KS (7:00 am – 7:00 pm): Elk Falls City - Elk Falls Twp - Longton City - Longton Twp - Oak Valley Twp
Moline Community Building, 115 N Main St, Moline, KS (7:00 am – 7:00 pm): Grenola City - Greenfield Twp - Moline City - Wildcat Twp
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at Howard, Kansas, this 28th day of September, 2026.
Kerry Harrod, Elk County Clerk & Election Officer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT
FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-4610(b), notice is hereby given that a public test of voting equipment will be held at the following times and locations:
Pre-election testing Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Elk County Courthouse in Howard, Kansas.
Post-election testing Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Elk County Courthouse in Howard, Kansas.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at Howard, Kansas, this 28th day of September, 2026.
Kerry Harrod, Elk County Clerk & Election Officer

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held in Chautauqua County on November 3, 2026.
The following candidates have filed for office and been nominated to be voted on at the General Election. When no person has filed for an office, a blank line for a write-in vote will appear on the ballot for this office.
For United States Senate
Adam Hamilton - Democratic
Roger Marshall - Republican
David C Graham - Libertarian
For United States House of Representatives, District 4
Katy Tyndell - Democratic
Ron Estes - Republican
Drew Cranmer - Libertarian
For Governor/Lt. Governor
Cindy Holscher / KC Ohaebosim - Democratic
Ty Masterson / Jeffrey Klemp - Republican
For Secretary of State
Jennifer Day - Democratic
Pat Proctor - Republican
Scott E. Morgan - United Kansas
For Attorney General
Chris Mann - Democratic
Kris Kobach - Republican
For State Treasurer
Jaun C. Luengo - Democratic
Steven Johnson - Republican
Eric Lund - Libertarian
For Commissioner of Insurance
Dina Sykes - Democratic
Daniel Hawkins - Republican
Ric Koehn - Libertarian
For Kansas House of Representatives, District 12
Pete Ferrell - Democratic
Marci Laffen - Republican
For District Court Judge, District 14, Division 1
F. William Cullins - Republican
For District Court Judge, District 14, Division 2
Jeffrey D. Gossard - Republican
For District Court Judge, District 14, Division 4
Daniel M. Reynolds - Republican
For State Board of Education, District 9
Heather Guernsey - Democratic
Destry Brown - Republican
For County Commissioner, District 1
Doug Holt - Republican
For Belleville Township Clerk
No Nomination
For Caneyville Township Clerk
No Nomination
For Center Township Clerk
No Nomination
For Harrison Township Clerk
Adam Pontious
For Hendricks Township Clerk
No Nomination
For Jefferson Township Clerk
No Nomination
For Lafayette Township Clerk
No Nomination
For Little Caney Township Clerk
Amy Crain
For Salt Creek Township Clerk
No Nomination
For Sedan Township Clerk
Becky Smilko
For Summit Township Clerk
No Nomination
For Washington Township Clerk
No Nomination
Supreme Court Justice
Shall Eric S. Rosen, Position 4 be retained?
Shall Larkin E. Walsh, Position 6 be retained?
Court of Appeals Judge
Shall Lesley Ann Isherwood, Position 2 be retained?
Shall Amy Fellows Cline, Position 3 be retained?
Shall Kim R. Schroder, Position 5 be retained?
Shall Lori Ann Bolton Fleming, Position 7 be retained?
Shall Jacy J. Hurst, Position 13 be retained?

The polls for the General Election to be held November 3, 2026, will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The General Election will be held at the following voting places:
Cedar Vale High School, in the commons area, 508 Dora, Cedar Vale, KS for the following Precincts: Caneyville, Harrison, & Jefferson precincts.
Sedan High School Gymnasium, 507 N. School, Sedan, KS for the following Precincts: Center, Chautauqua-Belleville, Hendricks, Lafayette, North Sedan, Salt Creek, South Sedan, Summit & Washington precincts.
God’s Lighthouse of Prayer Church, 108 N. Main, Peru, KS for the following Precincts: Peru-Belleville & Little Caney precincts.
Please call the Clerk’s Office if you need information regarding your polling location: 620-725-5800.
In person early voting in the Clerk’s Office, Courthouse, 2nd floor, will begin Wednesday, October 14th, 2026, through noon, Monday, November 2nd, 2026.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of my office this 15th day of September 2026.
/s/ Niki Collier, Chautauqua County Election Officer

Area Reports and Records

Elk County Register of Deeds Sept. 21 - Donald & Louise Carter Trust, Grantor; Thomas D. Wedman, etal, Grantee; Trustee’s Deed Sept. 21 - Charles L. Baughman, Grantor; PR Exchange Co., LLC, Grantee; W.D. Elk County Criminal Aug. 31 - Curtis Scott Dixon, Driving while a habitual violator, 1st conviction; Driving with improper registration; Use/Possession w/intent to use drug paraphernalia into human body; Possession of stimulant, 1 prior conviction; 2 cases of Conspiracy to possess opiate, opium, narcotics; Case pending Elk County Traffic Sept. 18 - Sawyer William Thompson, Driving without proper registration, Case pending Sept. 22 - Harvey L. Harroald, Jr., Failure to yield at stop or yield sign, Case pending	Chautauqua County Traffic Sept. 23 - Terry L. Buck, Speeding; Operating a vehicle without proper registration, Case pending
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Chautauqua County Commission

The following was taken from the Chautauqua County Commission meeting minutes on Sept. 14:
Commissioner John Blount Jr., called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on Sept. 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse.
Commissioner Rodney Shaw, Clerk Niki Collier, Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko, and County Counselor Zoe Newton were present.
Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the minutes of Sept. 8 Revenue Neutral Hearing. Commissioner Blount gave the second, and the motion passed 2-0.
Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the minutes of Sept. 8 Budget Hearing. Commissioner Blount gave the second, and the motion passed 2-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Published in the Prairie Star on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 2026
NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 436,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS (CANEY VALLEY)

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 436, Montgomery County, Kansas (Caney Valley) (the “District”), has adopted a resolution declaring it advisable to acquire, construct, equip and install renovations and improvements in the District, including but not limited to (a) the District elementary school, including an addition with secured main entrance, a storm shelter; special education and early learning center improvements and other site improvements; (b) the District junior/senior high school building, including an addition with storm shelter, locker rooms, and special education; and (c) if sufficient bond proceeds are available after paying for the foregoing projects and bond costs of issuance, District parking lot improvements, track resurfacing, and all other necessary and related improvements (collectively, the “Project”), at an estimated cost of \$12,000,000. The costs of the Project are to be paid from general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”) of the District. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the District that a bond election has been called and will be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:
Shall the following be adopted?
Shall Unified School District No. 436, Montgomery County, Kansas (Caney Valley), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, to pay the costs to acquire, construct, equip and install renovations and improvements in the District, including but not limited to (a) the District elementary school, including an addition with secured main entrance, a storm shelter; special education and early learning center improvements and other site improvements; (b) the District junior/senior high school building, including an addition with storm shelter, locker rooms, and special education; and (c) if sufficient bond proceeds are available after paying for the foregoing projects and bond costs of issuance, District parking lot improvements, track resurfacing, and all other necessary and related improvements; pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 et seq., K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457 and K.S.A. 72-5458 et seq.?
To vote in favor of the proposition 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 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 District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

Voters Residing in that Portion of USD 436 Residing in:	Will Vote At	Location
Washington precinct	Sedan High School Gymnasium	507 N. School, Sedan, KS
Little Caney precinct	God's Lighthouse of Prayer Church	108 N. Main, Peru, KS

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 Chautauqua County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 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 does not receive and does not expect to receive Bond State Aid. 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.

Projected Summary of Project Costs			
Sources of Funds		Uses of Funds	
Bonds to be Issued	\$12,000,000	Project Costs (including architectural/engineering services)	\$12,420,000
		Interest During Construction	798,898
Interest Earnings and Reoffering Premium	1,418,898	Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	200,000
Total	\$13,418,898	Total	\$13,418,898

Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments			
Principal payments over 12 years		Average Interest Rate	3.77%
Total Interest Cost to Maturity	\$4,210,916	Assessed Valuation (2025)	\$74,432,623
Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments			\$1,350,909
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid			\$ -0-
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds			\$1,350,909
Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments			
Total (without any Bond State Aid)			19.797 Mills
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)			19.797 Mills

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Chautauqua County, Kansas, whose address is 215 N Chautauqua St. Sedan, KS 67361.
DATED September 16th, 2026.
Niki Collier, County Clerk
Chautauqua County, Kansas

PUBLIC NOTICE
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DISTRICT COURT OF ELK COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LINDA
CHRISTINE ELLA MEYER (present name)
To Change Petitioner’s Name to:
LINDA CHRISTINE ELLA JONES (new name)
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1402
Petitioner states:
1. I reside in the County in which this Petition is being filed.
2. I have been a resident of Kansas for more than sixty (60) days before filing this petition.
3. My year of birth is 1985 and my place of birth is Milwaukee County in the state of Wisconsin.
4. My birth certificate shows my name as Linda Christine Ella Meyer.
5. My present name is: Linda Christine Ella Meyer.
6. Other names I am using or have used are: ____
7. I desire to have my name changed to: Linda Christine Ella Jones because: marriage.
8. This Petition is not made for the purpose of avoiding any debts, obligations or legal process nor is it made for the purpose of misleading or defrauding any person. The requested name change will not result in prejudice to any person.
9. My best interests are served by the requested change in name.
I ask the Court to set this matter for hearing and order service by publication, registered mail or certified mail, or, if appropriate, waive any requirement for service. I further ask the Court to issue an order changing my name from Linda Christine Ella Meyer to Linda Christine Ella Jones and for such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.
I affirm under penalty of perjury that all statements in this Petition for Change of Name are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
/s/ Linda Meyer, Petitioner, Pro Se