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RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 03

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM/S (B.E.S.S), INCLUING ANY ACTION RELATED TO ANY APPLICATION THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED; OR WILL BE RECEIVED; AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH A B.E.S.S. SYSTEM AND DIRECTING THE REVIEW OF THE SUMNER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND, RELATED MATTERS THERETO TO INSURE EFECTIVE REGULATIONS IN THE BEST INTERSTS OF THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, The Sumner County Commission has just undergone a lengthy hearing on a B.E.S.S. request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) that was denied by the Sumner County Commission;

WHEREAS, As a result, of the numerous submissions; presentations; and public comment; there are substantial concerns as to B.E.S.S. as to public health, safety and welfare;

WHEREAS, The above noted prior CUP process clearly reflects, that technology directly related to the safety of Commercial Battery Energy Storage System/s (B.E.S.S.) has been undergoing substantial changes, and issues still exist, including, but not limited to, fire and noise concerns regarding such systems that require additional study and consideration;

WHEREAS, As a matter of law, including but not limited to, pursuant to *K.S.A . 12-741 et. seq.;* and, *K.S.A. 19-101* et. seq., the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners has authority to regulate rural development through Resolutions / Zoning Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Sumner County Planning and Zoning Department and the Sumner County Planning Commission are hereby directed to suspend acting upon any application that has been previously received, and any application that might be received in the future for issuance of any CUP, Conditional Use Permit; or for permits for the erection and construction of any Commercial Battery Energy Storage System/s (B.E.S.S.).

2. The establishment of any Commercial Battery Storage System/s (B.E.S.S.) including activities involving such systems for storage, production, or generation, energy distribution as well as related activities in the unincorporated area of Sumner County, zoning jurisdiction, is hereby suspended and prohibited and the same is hereby declared to be a violation of public interest of Sumner County so long as this Resolution shall remain in effect.

3. The Sumner County Planning and Zoning Department and Sumner County Planning Commission, with the assistance of any consultant retained for that purpose, are directed to review and update the Sumner County Comprehensive Plan to provide additional guidelines with respect to any Commercial Battery Energy Storage System/s, (B.E.S.S.) including activities for storage and energy distribution and related activities, as well as any associated or ancillary uses, in the unincorporated area of Sumner County, zoning jurisdiction; to draft and consider text amendments to applicable Sumner County resolutions and regulations in the best interest of promoting public health, safety and welfare.

4. This Moratorium is strictly limited in its application to Commercial Battery Energy Storage System/s (B.E.S.S.), and shall not be applicable to individual systems in existence or subsequently developed for personal, private property owner use, and not intended to be a commercial enterprise of any kind or character.

5. The Moratorium imposed by this Resolution may be extended, terminated, or acted upon earlier than its expiration date, or amended, by properly adopted subsequent resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Kansas.

6. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official county newspaper and shall remain in effect until January 6, 2028.

Approved and Adopted in regular session this 6th day of January, 2026.

/S/
JIM D. NEWELL Chairperson YES (X) NO ( )

/S/
JOHN COONEY YES (X) NO ( )

/S/
STEVE WARNER
YES (X) NO ( )

ATTEST: SEAL

/S/
DEBRA A. NORRIS
Sumner County Clerk

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Annual Report of Oxford Township

Sumner County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Oxford Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2025	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2025	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2025
General	0.00	107,216.00	21,199.00	727.00	56,290.00
Road	17,395.00	113,561.00	110,697.00	20,259.00	0.00
Special Machinery	287,255.00	49,000.00	0.00	336,255.00	0.00
Fire Protection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Noxious Weed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	304,650.00	269,777.00	131,896.00	357,241.00	56,290.00
	Total Cash Balance for all Funds			0.00	

Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2025.

Date: 1-8-2026

Robert J Hendricks
Township Treasurer

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CITY OF OXFORD, KANSAS
ORDINANCE NO. 359

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, KANSAS, TO REVISE THE FEE FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW WATER METER OR NEW WATER SERVICE; AND REPEALING ANY PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Oxford, Kansas:

SECTION 1. Chapter XV, Article 2, Section 15-207 of the Code of the City of Oxford, Kansas, is hereby amended to establish a uniform fee for the installation of any new water meter or new water service, regardless of the type of dwelling or structure served. The fee for the installation of any new water meter or new water service shall be $250.00 per meter.
SECTION 2. This fee shall apply to all new service installations requested after the effective date of this ordinance, whether for newly constructed properties or existing properties requiring a new meter or new service installation.
SECTION 3. Any prior ordinances, resolutions, or Code provisions in conflict with this amendment are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Oxford, Kansas, this 6th day of January 2026.

CITY OF OXFORD

(SEAL)

David Olmsted, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Brister, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 1711

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS, REPEALING SECTION 1-311 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS; REPEALING THOSE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1542, WHICH FORMERLY ENACTED AND/OR AMENDED SAID CODE PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS, REPEALING SECTION 1-311 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS; REPEALING THOSE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1542, WHICH FORMERLY ENACTED AND/OR AMENDED SAID CODE PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas (the "City"), is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City's home rule authority under Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution and other applicable law, the Governing Body has authority to enact ordinances for the governance of municipal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that repealing the code provision identified below and the portions of the ordinance underlying that provision is in the best interests of the health, safety, finances, and welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS:
SECTION 1. REPEAL OF CITY CODE PROVISION. Section 1-311 of the Code of the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas, entitled "City administrator; office; duties.," together with all subsections, paragraphs, and parts thereof, is hereby repealed in its entirety.
SECTION 2. REPEAL OF UNDERLYING ORDINANCE. Those provisions of Ordinance No. 1542 constituting the provisions of Section 1-311 of the Code of the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas, adopted by the Governing Body (the "Underlying Ordinance") is hereby repealed. Only those sections, provisions, and amendments of the Underlying Ordinance that enacted, added, amended, or otherwise established former Section 1-311 of the City Code (as referenced in Section 1 of this Ordinance) are hereby repealed. All other provisions of the Underlying Ordinance, if any, not inconsistent with this Ordinance shall remain in effect.
SECTION 3. DIRECTION TO CITY CLERK; CODIFICATION. The City Clerk and/or City Attorney are authorized and directed to take all ministerial steps necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance, including updating the Code of the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas, to reflect the repeal set forth herein and to remove cross-references to the repealed section as appropriate.
SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Belle Plaine City Council on the 7th day of January, 2026.

Approved by the Mayor this 7th day of January, 2026.

Greg Harlan Mayor
ATTEST:
Stephanie McGinnis, City Clerk

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Annual Report of Township 76

Sumner County Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of 76 Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2025	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2025	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2025
General	210.93	7,756.48	7,633.48	333.93	0.00
Road	784.43	127,622.46	125,603.20	2,803.69	0.00
Special Machinery	90,468.00	21,736.04	4.00	112,200.04	0.00
Fire Protection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Noxious Weed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	91,463.36	157,114.98	133,240.68	115,337.66	0.00
	Total Cash Balance for all Funds			115,337.66	

Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31? **Yes**

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2025.

Date: 1/12/2026

Township Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD VACANCY NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2022, of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Education of Belle Plaine Unified School District No. 357, Sumner County, Kansas. Such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Education for the remainder of the unexpired term or until the next general election, whichever comes first, not sooner than fifteen (15) days following publication of this notice.

Such vacancy exists by reasons of the resignation of Curtis Goentzel.

The board is requesting a letter of application from individuals interested in serving in this position. The deadline for the letter of application is Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 12:00 Noon. The board interviews will be conducted at an open meeting in the Belle Plaine High School Library, date and time to be announced.

Please send your letter of application to:

Belle Plaine USD #357
Attn: Becke Shivers, Board Clerk
PO Box 760,
719 N. Main Street
Belle Plaine, KS 67013

By order of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 357, Sumner County, Kansas, January 08, 2026.

Becke Shivers, Clerk USD #357
Board of Education

Marshall, Durbin Reintroduce Credit Card Competition Act Backed by President Trump

January 13, 2026 - Washington – On Tuesday, Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kansas) and Senator Dick Durbin (D-Illinois) reintroduced the Credit Card Competition Act, which was endorsed by President Trump early this morning. This legislation will increase competition in the credit card market and put an end to the Visa-Mastercard duopoly that is squeezing small businesses — and, ultimately, consumers.

Today, Visa and Mastercard control about 85 percent of the credit card market and refuse to negotiate fair terms with Main Street merchants. Currently, the average American family pays nearly $1,200 per year in swipe fees, while banks profit $111.2 billion annually from swipe fees.

"The average American family is being ripped off by Big Banks, who profit billions from swipe fees while hard-working Americans pay the price. It's time to bring real competition to a credit card network market dominated by Visa and Mastercard — and drive down the cost of everyday goods," said Senator Marshall. "The American Dream doesn't work when the system is rigged, and this bill helps level the playing field. I'm grateful to have President Trump's support, and I look forward to working with Senator Durbin to get this across the finish line."

"Americans are struggling with everyday purchases like groceries and gas, and credit card swipe fees inflate those already exorbitant prices," said Senator Durbin. "By bringing real competition to credit card networks, which is currently dominated by the Visa-Mastercard duopoly, we can reduce swipe fees and hold down costs for Main Street merchants and their customers. Let's pass the Credit Card Competition Act as soon as possible."

President Trump voiced his support for the Marshall-Durbin Credit Card Competition Act on Truth Social early this morning.

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