

County Commissioners Minutes

September 28, 2026 – 9 a.m.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission Room of the Sumner County Courthouse. Those present were Chairman Jim Newell and Commissioners Steve Warner and John Cooney. Also present was County Clerk Debra A. Norris.

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes of September 21 and 22.

County Treasurer Jennifer Helpingstine reported that the county received \$173,723.96 in sales tax for September.

E911 Director Marcie Bristor discussed personnel needs, including seven open positions. A request to add two part-time positions to help address the current staffing shortage was reviewed. The Commission unanimously approved the request and waived advertising and pre-employment screening requirements for two former employees.

County Advisor Jack Potucek provided the Commission with general updates.

The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved month-end payables totaling \$502,892.03.

The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved current-year abatement orders totaling \$1,427.48 and prior-year abatement orders totaling \$1,489.22.

There being no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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At 9:31 a.m., Commissioner Cooney moved and Commissioner Newell seconded a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the performance evaluation of Jimmy Thornton, Maintenance Director. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:41 a.m. in the Commission Chambers. No binding action was taken.

Maintenance Director Jimmy Thornton provided updates and discussion regarding the window replacement project, carpet upgrades at the Raymond Frye Complex and increased pay for the department. The Commission agreed to a previously approved director's wage increase of \$0.13 per hour.

County Advisor Jack Potucek provided the Commission with general updates.

There being no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No. SU-2026-PR-000062

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IN THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, SUMNER COUNTY,
KANSAS
PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

RONALD LOUIS WENKE, deceased.

Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS
CONCERNED:

You are notified that on September 18, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Rosemond Wenke, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of RONALD LOUIS WENKE," deceased, dated February 27, 2018, requesting that the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; Letters Testamentary be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before **November 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.**, in this Court, at the Probate Department located at 501 N. Washington, Wellington, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Rosemond Wenke
ROSEMOND WENKE
Petitioner

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