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IN THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT, SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF )  
SYLVIA H. STEINSHOUER, )  
Deceased ) **Case No. SD-2024-PR-000006**

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on February 6, 2024, a Petition for Informal Administration and to Admit Will was filed in this Court by Jared B. Steinshouer, an heir-at-law and beneficiary under the Last Will and Testament of Sylvia H. Steinshouer, dated January 26, 2023.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before March 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., in this Court, in the City of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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

JARED B. STEINSHOUER, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No. SD - 2024-PR-000007

CONSTANCE KAY KEASLING, Deceased  
(Petition pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated)

### 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 Michelle K. Jankite as surviving heir of Constance Kay Keasling, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following-described real estate:

The Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-nine (29) West of the 6th principal meridian in Sheridan County, Kansas

and all other property, real or personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Hoxie, in Sheridan 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.

Michelle K. Jankite, Petitioner

APPROVED:  
/s/ Terry L. Rogers, #10326  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of )  
SHIRLEY ROBINSON, Deceased ) **Case No. SD-2022-PR-20**

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on February 13, 2024, in said Court by the undersigned as Administrator of this estate, praying for final settlement of the estate, approval of acts, proceedings and accounts as Administrator, allowance of fees, costs and expenses of administration, determination of the heirs of the decedent and the assignment to them of the real estate and personal property remaining in said estate. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, on said day, in said Court in the City of Hoxie, 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.

Deloss Robinson, Jr.  
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
JERALD K. LIESTER aka  
JERRY K. LIESTER, Deceased.

**Case No.:** SD-2024-PR-000008

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Lindsay Daugherty, as surviving heir of Jerry K. Liester, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

West 90 feet of Lot One (1), Block Ten (10), Original Hoxie City, Sheridan County, Kansas. Also known as 1031 Royal Avenue, Hoxie, KS

and all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 1, 2024, 11:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Hoxie, Sheridan 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.

/s/ Lindsay Daugherty  
Lindsay Daugherty, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
RALPH M. BIEKER, Deceased.

**Case No:** SD-2022-PR-000023

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

**THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**  
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Mary K. Sanders and Elizabeth A. Stillman, co-executors of the estate of Ralph M. Bieker, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executors, allowance for the services of the executors and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executors be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 1st day of April 2024, at 11:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard.

/s/ Mary K. Sanders  
Mary K. Sanders, co-executor

/s/ Elizabeth A. Stillman  
Elizabeth A. Stillman, co-executor

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch  
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### Commission Minutes 2/20/2024

Now on this 20th day of February 2024, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, David Stithem, Joe Pratt, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table with Scott Foote entering shortly after. Foote was present to discuss the road project on Sheridan Ave. at 9th St. to Road 10W. Foote would like Road 10W from the Catholic Cemetery south to his home to be included when bids are let for the work to be done. Last estimate from Hwy 24 at 10W to the Catholic Cemetery was \$538,800 and from the Catholic cemetery south to his home \$359,200. Foote stated he would pay 100% of the cost from the cemetery to his home. The Board advised Foote that the County does not have the funds to pave the road north. Once the information has been put out that the County is accepting bids and a cost is given, Foote will make contact with the landowners north of the Catholic Cemetery and see if there is any interest in others contributing to pay for the road work. Striping on the road was discussed. Everyone agreed that striping increases safety. Herskowitz will advise Penco Engineering to submit the application for the Cost Share Program. If awarded, it would entail a 15% match from the County on whatever project is done. Herskowitz spoke with Jef Stewart, KDOT, about the Hwy. 23 project. KDOT is still trying to get the rights-of-way purchased.

The repaired equipment is back from North Platte. Graders are running. There was a brief discussion on roads. Herskowitz has been contacted by Dusty Bell at PSI about the need for a recycling trailer. Bids were received from Better Built Trailers for the recycling trailer and the prices have increased since the last time any were purchased. For now, a wire box will go out and will just be emptied daily. A tarp will be used to cover the trailer in case of bad weather. The hospital is coming to the commissioner meeting next week and there will be a talk about the remaining recycling trailer there, whether the hospital still needs it or not.

The bridge south of the Popp residence has a hole in it that is getting bigger. Herskowitz will check it out. Pertaining to the bridge at 50W/110-120S Herskowitz states the best thing to do is scrape off the top and then replace whatever needs it. The Cressler/Pratt bridge will be started on this week. Machines will be put across the road and keys pulled to keep people off the road. There was discussion about the use of gravel vs. shale. The Board and Herskowitz discussed gravel pits.

Dana Hess, Communications, came to the table requesting to purchase new recording equipment for two of the phones, as well as the annual maintenance on the equipment. Total cost is \$4,029. This can be paid for out of E911 funds. Stithem made a motion

to approve the purchase of the recording system including the maintenance program. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

Stithem made a motion to approve the Treasurer Abatements as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0

The Resolution pertaining to EMT stipend and run pay was approved on a motion by Stithem and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0

Mader advised the Board he had sold the two vehicles that the county had been looking at for the Appraiser's Office but was getting two more this week.

The Employee Handbook will be updated and ready for approval at the next meeting.

On a motion from Mader and second from Bainter the February 13, 2024 Minutes were approved as amended. Carried 3-0

The Board briefly discussed roads and future plans.

At 9:22 a.m. with no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Attest: Heather Bracht,  
County Clerk, Mike "Buck" Mader, Chairman

## Kansas Crop Values

**Manhattan** - The value of Kansas's 2023 field and miscellaneous crops is forecast at \$7.76 billion, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is down 17% from 2022.

The value of **corn** production is expected to total \$3.00 billion, down 16% from the previous marketing year. Kansas's corn price is projected to average \$4.90 per bushel, down \$2.14 from the last marketing year.

The value of **soybean** production is expected to total \$1.32 billion, down 29% from the previous marketing year. Kansas's soybean price is projected to average \$12.60 per bushel, down \$1.70 from the last marketing year.

The value of **winter wheat** production is expected to total \$1.51 billion, down 29% from the previous marketing year. Kansas's winter wheat price is projected to average \$7.50 per bushel, down \$1.21 from the last marketing year.

The value of **sorghum** production is expected to total \$819 million, up 13% from the previous marketing year. Kansas's sorghum price is projected to average \$8.65 per cwt, down \$3.65 from the last marketing year.

The value of **cotton** production is expected to total \$51.9 million, down 25% from the previous marketing year. Kansas's cotton price is projected to average \$0.64 per pound, down \$0.22 from the last marketing year.

The value of **alfalfa** production is expected to total \$574 million, up 14% from the previous marketing year. Kansas's alfalfa price is projected to average \$256.00 per ton, up \$11.00 from the last marketing year.

The value of **other hay** production is expected to total \$453 million, up % from the previous marketing year. Kansas's alfalfa price is projected to average \$163.00 per ton, up \$24.00 from the last marketing year.

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