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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 19th, 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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**Commission Minutes
2/13/2024**

Now on this 13th 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. Guest was *The Sheridan Sentinel*.

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, and Jerol DeBoer, Penco Engineering, came to the table. Herskowitz stated the machine that is in North Platte has the new engine in. It will be tested this week and hopefully by the end of the week or first part of next week it will be picked up. Blade #256 had a steering pump that went out, which shut the machine down. The system was flushed and hopefully that has fixed the problem.

The road in the Angelus area has been worked on again. Road & Bridge is hauling gravel out and working it in. The Grinnell road is full of pot holes as it did not have gravel ripped in when it had been worked previously. Road & bridge will use the ripper to rip in the gravel and re-lay it.

There was discussion about the work done at 10E to 40N, as well as work done on a road in Selden. Road & Bridge will haul gravel up to Selden and Leroy Spreser has said he would spread it where needed.

There was discussion about concrete at the landfill. There is quite a bit there. Herskowitz will check with Wade Zedrow about crushing it. Herskowitz had also been contacted by Wildlife and Parks about concrete for Sheridan Lake.

Blades are continuing to run out in the county. There was a brief discussion about gravel pits.

Stithem asked who determines what signs need replaced. DeBoer stated that if the County feels a sign is not correct, a study needs to be done. DeBoer stated that signage placement is reviewed for the FAS routes.

The Board and Herskowitz discussed the bridge at 50W/110-120S. The County had done some work previously but the whole deck needs reviewed.

DeBoer discussed the cost share project on Sheridan Ave. to 10W. DeBoer had been contacted by Scott Foote advising he wants 10W paved from Highway 24 to his home, approximately one mile. Foote is willing to pay for the project from 10W at the Catholic Cemetery to his home and wants the County to pay for 10W at the Catholic Cemetery North Highway 24 or for the other property owners to chip in to pay for the work. The Board stated the County does not have the funds to pave the road from Highway 23 at 10W South to Sheridan Avenue. The bid information for Road 10W could be calculated at the same time as Sheridan Ave. to 10W but not included for billing purposes. Foote will be

invited to attend an upcoming Commissioners' Meeting.

Pratt stated he has sent the letter to the individual pertaining to mowing but has not yet heard a response.

Stithem made a motion to approve and sign the three Treasurer's abatements presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

Bainter made a motion to approve the February 6, 2024 Minutes as amended seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0

Bracht advised the Board that correspondence had been sent to Nex Tech LLC asking to terminate phone and internet services effective immediately. This was only mailed last week. No response has been given.

Correspondence received from NWKS Planning & Development was distributed for the Board to review. Stithem attended a NWKS Planning & Development meeting via Zoom and stated there is grant money out there for rental assistance. Karl Pratt, Economic Development, will be contacted. Stithem made a motion seconded by Mader to sign the Vyve Service Order for Microsoft 365. Carried 3-0

Marie McDaniel, Register of Deeds and Shirley Niermeier, County Treasurer, came to the table. The Board asked them to come to discuss the dress code. Mader stated the dress code has gotten a little lax over the last few years. Casual Friday has become casual Monday through Friday. The Employee Handbook has not been followed. The handbook states "Employees are expected at all times to present a professional, businesslike image ..." The Commissioners cannot control the employees, but the elected officials have to follow the handbook. Niermeier asked if office shirts could be paid for out of her budget and the Board stated yes, as long as the budget is there.

Stithem made a motion, seconded by Mader to approve the February 9, 2024 Payroll and February 13, 2024 Warrants. Carried 3-0

There was discussion about a different vehicle for the appraiser's office. The appraiser feels like they do not need the four-door pickup truck, that an AWD SUV would be fine. MC Auto submitted bids and Bracht will contact Alan Heim and a dealership in Colby.

The following payroll and warrants were approved and signed by the Board:

- General \$72,945.34
- Road & Bridge \$23,972.20
- Noxious Weeds \$2,572.63
- Landfill \$12,470.78
- Public Transp \$1,230.05
- Offender \$163.90

At 9:40 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

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



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country is already divided and attempt to take advantage of that and decide to conquer?

The upcoming November elections will not solve the problem. Why? Regardless of which side gains control, the division is still there. Things may go your way, or things may not go your way, but regardless, the division is still there, and a house divided cannot stand. We should not be asking who will win in November; we should be asking when will the country no longer stand.

To eliminate division and accomplish unity, core issues must align. In years past in America, the Bible provided that alignment. A person does not need to be religious to realize the truths of the Ten Commandments and other morals taught within Scripture are vital to a life with little conflict.

We need revival. Many are saying we are losing our freedom. The answer - "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

The healing of the land rests in the hands of the Christians. 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Lastly, the Bible asks a rhetorical question; we all know the answer. Amos 3:3, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" *Preacher Johnson is Pastor of Countryside Baptist Church in Parke County Indiana. Website: www.preachers-point.com; Email: preacherspoint@gmail.com; Mail: 25 W 1200 N; Kingman IN 47952. Facebook: https://bit.ly/2YPEPL7. All Scripture KJV.*

Attention Kansas Voters:

A presidential preference primary election will be conducted in Kansas this year. The date of the election, along with the names of the candidates for the office of President will be available on the Secretary of State's website at VoteKansas.gov or visit your local county election office for more information.

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