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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 18, 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 Terry L. Rogers Law Firm 5561 S. 48th Street, Suite 232D Lincoln, Nebraska 68516 Phone: (402) 560-2023 Attorney for Petitioner

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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

Harry Joe Pratt, #11860 Attorney for Petitioner PRATT LAW OFFICE, LLC Attorney at Law P.O. Box 275 736 Main Street Hoxie, KS 67740 (785) 675-3217 Fax No. (785) 675-3983

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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 Steven W. Hirsch #12789 HIRSCH LAW OFFICE 104 So Penn, PO Box 296 Oberlin, KS 67749 PH: 785-475-2296 Attorney for Estate

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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

Steven W. Hirsch #12789 HIRSCH LAW OFFICE 104 So Penn, PO Box 296 Oberlin, Kansas 67749-0296 Ph. 785-475-2296 Fax 785-475-2060 Attorney for Petitioners

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Commission Minutes 2/27/2024

Now on this 27th 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 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. Herskowitz advised the Board that they had done some repair work on the bridge at 50W/110-120S but more work needs to be done at a later date.

Most of the decking is off the "Cressler" bridge. The tires at the landfill were picked up on Monday.

Grader training from CAT will be this Thursday and Friday with the six newest guys attending.

The Board and Herskowitz briefly discussed projects that have been worked on.

Herskowitz advised the Board that someone had not drained the water truck, so it now has several leaks that are having to be repaired.

Herskowitz stated that Turley has started treating prairie dogs again.

Culvert bids were received from J & J Drainage Products and Welborn Sales. Mader made a motion to accept the low bid from J & J Drainage Products in the amount of \$24,071. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0

Jerol DeBoer, Penco Engineering, was contacted via phone. There was discussion about the cost share program and using it for the road work on 10W from Hwy 24 south to the Catholic cemetery. This will not be done as it would delay the work by quite a while. The Board advised DeBoer to get moving on letting the bids for the Sheridan Ave. road project since it has been in the works for two years already.

The Board discussed with Herskowitz the road signage project.

Several warrants were clarified.

Karl Pratt, Economic Development Director, sent Bracht copies of the paperwork for the Rental Assistance Program through NWKS Planning & Development. This will just be kept on file. It is not something the County completes for individuals, just another program NWKS Planning & Development offers.

Various samples of employee evaluations were distributed for review.

The transmission went out on the 2020 Tahoe. Bids were received and opened from Allie Repair and Hoxie Ag. There were some questions so Sheriff Carver will be asked to come to the next meeting for further

discussion.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director, came to the table. Riley reviewed the 2023 EMS Annual Report, which had been placed in the Board's packet prior to meeting day. Riley is hoping to get an EMT class going in the fall.

There was a brief discussion about the ambulances. They are being readied for state inspections.

Riley gave a brief report of the KEMSA leadership conference he attended. He is planning on attending another meeting April 2-3 and 8-9 in Hutchinson.

At 9:20 Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Riley, and Bracht. The door opened at 9:26 with no decision being made.

Riley and the Board briefly discussed scheduling.

Chad Koster and Rebecca Bird from the Sheridan County Health Complex came to the table. Bird distributed the 2024 Budget for the health complex and reviewed and answered a few questions about it. Koster advised the Board they were applying for a grant to assist with funding to change the front entrance of the hospital. The Board had no problem with the hospital applying for the grant and listing Chad Koster as the contact person.

Koster stated they are still looking at an emergency room expansion, which is an estimated 4.5-million-dollar project.

There was a brief discussion on public health, whether they are still trying to find a nurse and what the current employee does.

Murray Baalman stepped in the room and was recognized. Baalman stated that the intersection at 100W/120S needs lowered about a foot. The Board took note and will advise Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor.

On a motion by Mader and second by Bainter, the Employee Handbook was approved with minor changes. Carried 3-0

There was a discussion about the trade-in of the appraiser's pickup for an SUV. After discussion the Board decided the pickup is in great shape and there is no need to trade for another vehicle.

The Board discussed equipment, specifically graders and the BOMAG and the condition of roads.

Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the various Treasurer Abatements/Addis as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0

The February 27, 2024 Warrants were approved and signed as presented on a motion by Mader and second from Stithem. Carried 3-0

Bainter made a motion to approve the February 23, 2024

Lodge Carroll

Lodge Cabot Carroll, passed away in Lincoln, NE, on Sunday, February 4, 2024. He was 70 years old. Lodge was born in Scottsbluff, NE, and spent his childhood in Minatare and Kimball, NE. He proudly served our great nation in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. While in service, he participated in Operation New Life on Guam, the relocation of Vietnamese refugees. He devoted 47 years in hospitals and rehabilitation centers as a medical technologist. He was a husband, father, brother, son, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, mentor, and friend to all he met. Lodge enjoyed riding his bicycle across the country seeing nature's beauty up close. You could also find him at a fishing bank catching bass, or at University of Nebraska events cheering on the Cornhuskers.

Lodge was preceded in death by his parents, Bill & Marge Carroll, of Kimball, NE.

He is survived by his wife, Donna (Frazey) Carroll; his beloved children: Sara (Todd) Goscha, Amanda Barth, Amanda (Logan) West, and Joe Rowilson. He had nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Butherus-Maser & Love Funeral home 4040 A Street, Lincoln, NE, Friday, February 9, 2024. In Lieu of flowers, Lodge requested memorial funds for the laboratory at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital to continue his mission to enhance patient care.

Senator Rick Billinger Newsletter

March 3, 2024

This week we finished the budget work and will have the budget ready to pass out of committee by Thursday and next week debated on the Senate floor.

These are additional bills passed out of the Senate prior to turnaround last week:

SB292 would create law to authorize the appointment of a State Judge Advocate by the Adjutant General; create and amend law related to death and disability benefits provided to Kansas Air and Army National Guard members; and amend law

throughout Chapter 48 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated to modernize statutory language, remove outdated statutes, and remove references to trial by court-martial.

SB 384 would authorize the Emergency Medical Services Board to grant a permanent variance from a rule and regulation adopted to implement, enforce, or otherwise regulate provisions regarding minimal staffing on each vehicle providing emergency service.

SB 387 will modify a provision governing open enrollment in the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act to provide for the continued enrollment of nonresident students in a school district until the student graduates from high school. The bill would clarify that any student enrolled as a nonresident in a school district during the school year 2023-2024 will be permitted to continue their enrollment and attendance in that school district if the student is deemed in good standing. Such students would not be required to go through the lottery process to remain enrolled at the school district in the 2024-2025 school year. It would also specify that no school district shall be required to provide transportation to nonresident students unless otherwise required by applicable law and would add a deadline of July 30 of each year to a current notification requirement of school districts to notify the parent of the student's denied enrollment and creates the ability for the parent to appeal the denial to the school district's board of education. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the parent would be permitted to appeal to the Commissioner of Education, who will be required to conduct a hearing in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

SB 318 would amend law in the Kansas Code of Procedure for Municipal Courts governing fingerprinting for municipal convictions and the prosecution of cases by the city attorney in municipal court.

SB 338 would amend provisions pertaining to certain financial reporting requirements on group-funded liability and group-funded workers compensation pools and would also remove a notification requirement relating to termination or cancellation of a member in a group-funded workers compensation pool.

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