

Sen. Marshall

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eligible producers who incurred losses due to natural disasters in 2020 and 2021.

This is a direct result of our ongoing work with USDA officials to address concerns about the misguided changes to the ERP program after the successful and widely praised rollout of ERP phase one.

At a time when the USDA should have been focusing on meeting the needs of the farmers and ranchers impacted by natural disasters, it instead made fundamental and problematic changes to an otherwise effective program. These changes in no way reflected congressional intent of the program and have created major delays in getting farmers the assistance they needed. The recent changes to the ERP program unfairly discriminate against full-time farm families who suffer the deepest losses. While we are too far down the road to undo the USDA's misguided alterations to this program, we were able to get financial help for our farmers through additional payments under the successful ERP Phase One with unused funds allocated to 2020 and 2021 natural disasters.

You may go to <https://bit.ly/49c3iaN> to read more about this massive achievement.

Pilot Program Examining Pay-per-Mile Road Usage Charge

Connecting Kansas Counties Zoom webinar presentation will be held Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 1:30pm. The featured presentation is "Sign up to test drive the Road Usage Charge (RUC) experience." Your opinion will help shape the future!

Kansas is calling on everyday drivers across the state to take part in an exciting 3-month pilot examining how a pay-per-mile road usage charge (RUC) could work for our state—and you can help by hopping in the driver's seat to take part and by spreading the word about the Midwest Road Usage Charge (RUC) Pilot.

There is no cost to participate and those who complete the pilot can earn up to \$100. To learn more and to complete the pilot interest form, visit midwestruc.org.

Presenter: Sara Copeland, Burns & McDonnell, Kansas Department of Transportation IKE Transportation Partner

Register for the February 29 meeting at <https://bit.ly/3uzMSK>. You only have to register once for access to the entire 2024 meeting series.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information for joining the Zoom meeting. Please be sure to add the Zoom meeting link to your calendar or keep your confirmation email which includes connection information handy.

If you misplace the Zoom meeting link, please contact Kimberly Qualls via email at qualls@kansascountry.org in advance of the meeting so that I can resend the confirmation email (with connection information) to you.

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CITY OF SELDEN, KANSAS
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2023

FUNDS	BALANCE JAN. 1, 2023	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE DEC. 31, 2023
GENERAL	\$ 282,691.37	\$ 124,413.37	\$ 135,057.60	\$ 271,467.14
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$ 1,775.92	\$ 5,375.57	\$ 5,581.91	\$ 1,569.58
WATER	\$ 86,231.09	\$ 48,237.47	\$ 41,866.65	\$ 92,601.91
TRASH PICKUP	\$ 38,084.73	\$ 38,699.94	\$ 38,327.45	\$ 38,457.22
SEWER	\$ 13,502.69	\$ 13,960.50	\$ 4,374.34	\$ 23,088.85
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 33,255.78	\$ 18,155.19	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,410.97
COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 3,909.12	\$ 6,965.00	\$ 5,582.53	\$ 4,791.59
LIBRARY	\$ -	\$ 3,399.62	\$ 3,399.62	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 461,350.70	\$ 258,757.15	\$ 259,790.10	\$ 458,317.76

OUTSTANDING DEBT:
I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT.
[Signature] SELDEN CITY CLERK

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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,) Case No. SD-2024-PR-000006
Deceased)
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. Steinsouer, an heir-at-law and beneficiary under the Last Will and Testament of Sylvia H. Steinsouer, 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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**Commission Minutes
2/6/2024**

Now on this 6th 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. Herskowitz advised the Board that the CAT road maintenance class has been scheduled for February 21 & 22, weather permitting. This will be for six of the newer guys. A refresher class will be scheduled later for everyone else.

The grant project for the commercial can crusher ends February 14, 2024. The County will pay the balance for the unit and then will be reimbursed. The crusher will be kept at recycling and will crush cans and aluminum, which will be baled. The motor in the blade has been taken out and the blade will need to have the motor overhauled or a new motor. This is the unit that is in North Platte, NE. After discussion, Mader made a motion to approve the new motor at a cost of \$68,418 which includes a three-year warranty. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

There was a brief discussion about rotating of graders. The Board discussed repairs that need to be made on some of the machines. Herskowitz will bring information pertaining to extending warranties on some of the equipment.

On a motion by Stithem and second by Mader, approval was given to purchase a new printer/fax machine for the Road & Bridge Department at a cost of \$599 through Quill. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz was advised to see if there is a government program out there or a trade-in allowance.

Herskowitz advised the Board that a road which had been worked recently at 90S/100-130W had the bottom fall out. The individual who had worked the road will go back and redo what is needed as soon as it dries out. Road & bridge crews went out and just pushed the mud out of the road. Herskowitz stated he reminded the guys that they need to check roads after storms. The roads aren't done until the next storm. There was more

discussion about other roads that need work in the county.

Trees overhanging the road should just be pushed down.

Herskowitz distributed a "work" map for the Board to look at. The map reflects work that needs done such as elevating, major and light shoulder work, and spreading of millings/gravel on roads. The Board and Herskowitz briefly discussed tires at the landfill.

Pratt advised the Board he would be sending out a letter to one of the mowers advising that his contract was being assigned to another individual.

Pratt was advised by the Treasurer that one of the micro loan accounts is delinquent. He will send out a collection letter.

Bainter made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Abatements as presented, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0

The 2024 Agreement for Services with Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK) was approved and signed by the Board on a motion by Stithem and second by Mader. Carried 3-0. The Agreement states Sheridan County supports DSNWK and budgets \$48,000 for the services they perform.

Mader made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution naming The Sheridan Sentinel as the official County newspaper. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

The IT Services Agreement with IOT on Main Street was approved and signed on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0

Mader made a motion to approve the January 30, 2024 Minutes as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0

At 9:23 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 9:53 and Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 20 minutes. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:13 with no decision being made. Courthouse department heads will be asked to come to the February 13, 2024 meeting.

At 10:13 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

Kevin Wade

July 6, 1958 ~ January 24, 2024



Kevin Leroy Wade, 65, of Hoxie, Kansas died Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at Sheridan County Hospital.

He was born July 6, 1958, in Jackson, MO to Benny L. Wade and Mary M. Mitchell.

He and Gloria J. Jones Wade were married September 22, 1984, in Jackson, MO.

Survivors include son, Derrick L. Wade (Justine) of Hoxie; four grandchildren: Davin Wade, Mallory Wade, and Dominik Jones, all of Hoxie; Jada Wade of Jefferson City, MO; two sisters: Syvilla Swan of Jackson, MO, and Beverly McKinley of Atlanta, GA; brother, Kerry Wade of Boston, MA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Pamela Wade.

Visitation was held February 3, 2024, at Greater Dimension Ministries in Cape Girardeau. Funeral Service followed at Greater Dimension Ministries with Pastor William Bird, Jr., officiating. Burial was at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson. Online condolences may be made at mickeyleopoldfuneral.com. Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn was in charge of arrangements. Memorials in Kevin's name may be sent to PO Box 872 Hoxie, KS 67740.

Dale Meitl

June 30, 1960 ~ February 4, 2024



Dale Francis Meitl, 63, passed away on February 4, 2024. Dale was born on June 30, 1960, to Walter and Rosella (Bange) Meitl in Colby, KS.

Dale grew up on the family farm south of Oberlin and attended Leoville and Oberlin Elementary Schools and graduated from Decatur County High School in 1978. After high school Dale went

to Colby Community College and received an Associates of Arts Degree. Then he attended Fort Hays State University to study Art Education. After Fort Hays, Dale enrolled for a short time at Conception Seminary in Conception, MO.

Dale had many jobs in his life from construction, nursing home maintenance, lawn care, and many others. But Dale loved art, any type of art. He loved to draw in pencil, colored pencil, ink, and all kinds of paint. While at Fort Hays the Denver Zoo decided to purchase three of Dale's art pieces and printed them on shirts that the zoo would sell. Dale had many pieces of art, but one piece was extra special to him, and it was called "The Passion". "The Passion" was sold statewide, nationwide, worldwide and can be seen in Catholic Magazines.

Dale was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus for 45 years. Dale's road through life was tough but he always kept a strong faith in God.

Dale is survived by mother: Rosella Meitl; brothers: Charlie (Debbie) Meitl, Gary (Tina) Meitl, and Carl (Stephanie) Meitl; sisters: Joyce (Robert) Miller and Karen (Shawn) Dooley; he is also survived by 4 nephews, 8 nieces, and many extended family and friends. Dale was preceded by his grandparents, father: Walter Meitl; 4 infant siblings and several aunts and uncles.

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