

Governor's Council on Tax Reform releases interim report

TOPEKA — The Governor's Council on Tax Reform has released its interim report for consideration by the Kansas Legislature, following months of meetings by the Council.

Last year, Governor Laura Kelly issued Executive Order No. 19-11 establishing the bipartisan Governor's Council on Tax Reform.

Governor Kelly directed the Council to assess the state's tax system, explore strategies to increase both effectiveness and fairness, receive input from stakeholders across the state, and submit an initial report with assessments and recommendations.

The Council submitted its recommendations in December and has now released the full interim report, which includes details on those proposals.

Among notable recommendations are a food sales tax rebate targeted toward Kansans who need it most, and a return to implementation of the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund (LAVTRF) as a way to help local governments keep their property taxes low.

"I tasked the Council with an in-depth study of our tax structure," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I am pleased with the diligent work the Council has done to research the cur-

rent tax and budget situation in Kansas, and make sound recommendations that would return the state to a balanced approach of sales, income and property taxes. There's a need for tax reform designed with adequacy, equity and stability in mind, and I welcome the Legislature's consideration of the Council's recommendations."

The Council will continue working throughout 2020 and submit its final report prior to the start of the 2021 legislative session.

To access the full report, visit: <https://governor.kansas.gov/governors-council-on-tax-reform-report/>

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for formal bids to rebuild one John Deere Motor Grader (B-002) due to the sole source work being done by the manufacturer. Blackburn said the work will be a complete rebuild costing \$114,000 to \$130,000 with a five year warranty. He said the last new blade cost \$248,723. This is the first time the county has decided to do a complete rebuild on a blade, which should be more economical than trading in on a new blade.

Blackburn followed up with last week's concern voiced by Adron Johnson about drainage at 15th Road and Underwood Lane. Water was not staying within a waterway on the south side of 15h Road, so the county did about 1,000 feet of ditch work to keep the water from washing rock off of the road. Blackburn said the county recently spent \$800 and used 80 tons of rock to repair the road.

Zoning Administrator Heidi Harris approved two zoning permits to Travel Centers of America, one for a \$150,000 sign and the other for a \$5,000 sign, both at 2775 U.S. 75,

which is zoned C-2 Commercial.

Health Department Administrator Lindsay Payer visited with commissioners about proposed state legislation. As long as legislation benefits Coffey County and is in line with Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) policies, commissioners support Payer's "lobbying" efforts.

Payer informed commissioners about a Jan. 24 meeting hosted by USD 244 Superintendent Craig Marshall that was attended by a number of community leaders. The meeting sought input about additional daycare for the community to meet a shortfall in daycare providers. Payer said her role is being a "connector" to resources. Payer said daycare surfaced as a priority issue several years ago in Focus to the Future meetings.

Commissioners met in two executive sessions - 10 and five minutes, respectively - to discuss ongoing county litigation for matters deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) with Bowie and Coffey County Treasurer Karen Maley also present.

Commissioners followed with a five-minute executive session for the same reason

with only Bowie and commissioners present.

Commissioners met in two 15-minute executive sessions for consultation with the county counselor to protect the privacy rights of non-elected personnel pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception to KOMA with Bowie and Coffey County Clerk Angie Kirchner also present.

In the final five-minute executive session, commissioners met with Bowie to discuss potential county litigation for matters deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship exception to KOMA.

In other business, commissioners:

- Authorized Chairman Haddock to sign four tax abatements to the county tax roll in the amount of \$1,055.42.
- Appointed Haddock to serve a four-year term on the Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission.
- Discussed moving forward with the county attorney's office space request.

Commissioners recessed at 11:44 a.m. until 9 a.m. Jan. 29 to sign January warrants and vouchers. They will meet 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, for the next regular meeting, in Room 201 of the Coffey County Courthouse.

Waverly

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plans to create new interest in the Waverly Booster Club. Their plan includes updating the membership and holding monthly meetings. The council encouraged them, but told them the Booster Club is separate of the city council.

Travis Vogts reported issues at the sewer pond. He thought a turtle was probably the cause of the problems. He also

discussed other routine work and water leaks.

The council chose the home of Tim and Toni Sipe to receive the 2019 Spirit of Christmas Award.

The council designated the First National Bank of Kansas as the official depository for the City of Waverly.

The council authorized Mayor or Marsh, Clerk Anna-Marie Keena, Treasurer Mary Collins and council members Jerry Collins and Tammy White as signatories for the city's operating accounts.

The council approved the

GAAP waiver, which permits financial statements and financial reports to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The council set the dates for regular monthly meetings of the council in 2020 to be at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at City Hall.

The council approved bills of \$41,053.79 and payroll of \$20,407.77 for a total of \$61,461.56. These bills were for Dec. 12 through Jan. 8.

The clerk will advertise the Municipal Pool Manager's Position.

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staff appointments for Tele-radiologist Edward Downey, D.O.; Pathologist Meya Kindred, M.D.; and Cardiologist Zia Rahman, M.D. Reappointments were approved for Jo-

seph Couey, A.P.R.N.; Myra Johnson, D.N.P./A.P.R.N.; and Pathologist Joanne Mayor Quilon, M.D.

Jodi Thomas and Rosemary Rich were sworn in for their renewed terms. Steve Hopkins is also re-appointed but was unable to attend the meeting. He was sworn in on Jan. 9.

Thomas gave the Home

Health Advisory Committee Report. She noted that home health visits increased by 197 percent from this same time last year and that revenue increased by \$30,000.

The 2020 strategic plan was also approved within the consent agenda.

— Tracy Campbell is director of marketing for Coffey Health System.

Lebo

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with 2018, which were nearly identical. The report showed \$1,286,688.82 in the general savings account, \$16,335 in the utility account, and \$19,317.28 in the economic development account.

The council reviewed the fact that the youth center had been supported by the City of Lebo for 20 years. The council's original intent was to give three to five years of support during which time the youth center could procure other

income sources. The council voted to not continue support of the youth center but to increase the funds given to the Lebo Branch Library from \$1,350 to \$3,000.

The council voted to not approve any mobile home permits for 2020.

The council voted to continue to pay dues to the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce, League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Rural Water Association, and the City Clerk's Municipal Finance Officers Association.

The council had 10 minutes of executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Clerk Sloan present followed

by 10 minutes of executive session with department heads Sloan, Knight and Cathcard present. Upon returning to open session, the council increased the wages of Cathcard, Knight and Sloan by \$1 an hour. They increased Griffin's pay by \$1 an hour because of the educational training she had completed during the year. They raised the pay of Scott Smith by 60 cents an hour and the part-time city police employees by 50 cents an hour.

The council passed Resolution 2020-1, which waives the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in preparing the city's financial statements.

Givens

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called Moms Demand Action (an anti-gun violence group). I will visit with anyone who wants to share ideas.

Recently, a person said I should do something for the average person in Kansas. It's always my goal to help the

majority of Kansans, whether they are "average" or not, but especially those I was elected to represent in the 14th District. Eliminating the tax experiment in Kansas started a repair in the state's budget that is good for all. I have never voted for a property tax increase. I met with the Governor last year and found out what she would sign in terms of tax reductions. Then working with the revisors (people

who write the bills) I introduced that bill. It was never assigned by the Senate President to be heard by a committee last year. Rest assured I will keep trying to present or support solutions that I believe serve the interests of the 14th District as well as the entire state.

Feel free to contact me at (785) 296-7678 or at bruce.givens@senate.ks.gov. It is a privilege to serve you.

COFFEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Limited Civil

Cases filed:
20LM6 (1-20-20) Capital One Bank, N.A. vs. Thomas B. Varnum, debt collection.
20LM7 (1-24-20) Olathe Medical Center, Inc. vs. Samantha K. and Chance P. Giffin, debt collection.

Civil

Cases filed:
20CV3 (1-22-20) Amber and Kristopher Tollefson vs. Sydney Sullivan, automobile tort.
20CV4 (1-23-20) Garrett W. Preedy vs. Kalie Emig, petition for access to property.

Domestic

Cases filed:
20DM4 (1-18-20) Raven Nicole Cook vs. Michael Benjamin Siegel, divorce.
20DM5 (1-20-20) Elizabeth B. Kusmaul vs. Steven J. Kusmaul, divorce.
20DM6 (1-22-20) Kristin Lewis vs. Andrew Lewis, divorce.
20DM8 (1-24-20) Joelle I. Gilbert vs. Ryan A. Gilbert, divorce.

Cases filed:
20DM1 (1-21-20) A divorce was granted to Erik Robert Cooke-Stone and Mathew Edward Cooke-Stone.

State Tax Liens

Cases filed:
20ST5 (1-22-20) Kansas Department of Revenue vs. Great Plains Design Center, LLC, tax warrant for \$3,218.36 in sales tax.
20ST6 (1-23-20) Kansas Department of Revenue vs. Dirk L. and Kristen Beaty, Burlington, tax warrant for \$636.76 in individual income tax.

Criminal

Cases filed:
20CR19 (1-22-20) State of Kansas vs. Deborah M. Alvarado, Burlington, unlawful cultivation/possession with intent to distribute marijuana (more than 4 but fewer than 50 plants) (level 3 drug felony), possession of paraphernalia with intent to distribute a controlled substance (level 5 drug felony).
20CR20 (1-23-20) State of Kansas vs. Jesse S. Sage, Lebo, unlawful possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (level 5 drug felony), possession of marijuana (class B misdemeanor), possession of drug paraphernalia (class B misdemeanor).

Juvenile

Cases filed:
18JV14 (1-7-20) The court dismissed with prejudice a count against Timothy J. Totty, Lebo, of purchase/consumption of liquor/cereal malt beverage by a minor (class C misdemeanor). The dismissal was due to a plea agreement in two other juvenile cases.
19JV5 (1-6-20) Timothy J. Totty, Lebo, entered into a one-year diversionary agreement with the county attorney. He is charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia (class B misdemeanors). He must pay \$56 court costs, \$50 diversionary filing fee, and \$35 fingerprint fee. Totty must also complete drug and alcohol treatment.
19JV6 (1-6-20) Timothy J. Totty, Lebo, entered into a one-year diversionary agreement with the county attorney. He is charged with theft of property or services - less than \$1,500 (class A misdemeanor). He must pay \$56 court costs, \$50 diversionary filing fee, \$35 fingerprint fee and \$1 restitution. He must also complete a theft offender program within 120 days.
19JV8 (1-16-20) Dominick J. Dollinger, Burlington, received 9 months of supervised probation

with Community Corrections on an amended count of criminal damage to property without consent value less than \$1,000 (class B misdemeanor). He was ordered to pay \$1,100.57 in restitution, \$56 court costs, \$60 supervision fee, and \$35 fingerprint fee.

Register of Deeds Warranty Deeds

Gregory A. and Laurie A. Yotz to Johnathan and Teresa Maddox: a 188' by 252' tract in the NE/4 NE/4 of 32-22-14.
Justin D. Smith to Ralph E. Elliott: lots 3 and 4, in block 3, Jacobs Creek West 2nd Addition and a 183' by 140' tract in the SW/4 of 33-20-14.
Diann and Tom Hoag to Dustin Williams: lots 16, 17 and 18, in block 3, Gridley.
W.J. Trail Jr. and Marsha C. Trail to Chris A. and Randi D. True: the south 50 acres of the E/2 SE/4 of 19-21-17.

Stonehouse Rentals Inc. by Salah A. Ibrahim, to 1955 LLC: the S/2 NE/4 and the SE/4 of 1-20-14, less a tract; lots 8, 9 and the north half of lot 10, in block 5, McFadden's 2nd Addition to Waverly; the east 50 feet of lot 18, the east 65 feet of lot 19 and the east 65 feet of lot 20, in block 10, Wilson's Addition to Burlington; the E/2 of 33-20-15, less three tracts (3.237, 11.7 and 5 acres).

Jay D. and Leslie Trimble to Texal Joseph Jenkins: the SW/4 of 33-20-15, less a portion taken for John Redmond Reservoir.

Trustee's Deed

Charles E. and Joyce A. Trimble, trustees of the Charles E. and Joyce A. Trimble Trust, to Texal Joseph Jenkins: the SW/4 of 33-20-15, less a portion taken for John Redmond Reservoir.

Quit Claim Deed

Marsha K. Chrisman to Michael D. Chrisman (one-half) and Brian T. Chrisman (one-half): the W/2 NE/4 of 21-21-15.

Fish and Game Tickets

1-14-20 David Lee Westerhouse, Eudora, wildlife violations \$100, court cost \$108, total \$208.

Traffic Tickets

1-7-20 Rodolfo A. Delgadillo, Olathe, operate a motor vehicle without a valid license, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand \$100. Speeding 91/75 \$81, court cost \$108, total \$289.
1-7-20 Samithasen Hubbard, Mobile, Ala., operate a motor vehicle with a valid license, dismissed.
1-7-20 Richard Paul Hernandez, Columbia, Mo., speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.
1-7-20 Eric Tawone Edgar Union, Loganville, Ga., driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$50 deferred 6 months, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$193.
1-7-20 Margarito Diaz Alvarez, Tulsa, Okla., operate a motor vehicle without a valid license, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand \$100. Speeding 77/65 \$57, court cost \$108, total \$265.
1-7-20 Gregory Dion Harris, Jr., Kansas City, Mo., cover license plate with opaque material, dismissed. Speeding 98/75 \$132, court cost \$108, total \$240.
1-7-20 Nicole Bauman Lindsey, Katy, Texas, vehicle liability insurance required, dismissed. Speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.
1-8-20 Raymond Edward MacFarlane Scott, Welda, vehicle liability insurance required, dismissed.
1-8-20 Steve Campos, Morrow, Ga., vehicle liability insurance

required, \$50 deferred 6 months, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$193.

1-8-20 Dakota J. Caldwell, Belton, Mo., vehicle liability insurance required, dismissed. Speeding 80/65 \$75, court cost \$108, total \$153.

1-8-20 Robert Sanford Lee, Tulsa, Okla., vehicle liability insurance required, deferred 6 months. Unlawful vehicle registration \$60, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$203.

1-9-20 Samuel Alberto Rodriguez, Wichita, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$50 deferred 6 months, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$193.

1-9-20 Gene Leon Eccles, Waverly, over weight limits on wheels and axles \$155, court cost \$108, total \$263.

1-9-20 Sandra Louise Seems, Osage City, unlawful vehicle registration, dismissed.

1-10-20 Clifton Yeager, LeRoy, vehicle liability insurance required, deferred 6 months, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$143.

1-10-20 Josh Ryan Overfelt, Perkins, Okla., speeding 94/75 \$99, deferred 6 months, court cost \$108, total \$207.

1-10-20 Devon Stephenson, Valmeyer, Ill., speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

1-10-20 Richard Lee Morgan, Lebo, speeding 75/65 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

1-13-20 Jeremy Brandon Wright, Bee Cave, Texas, speeding 94/75 \$99, court cost \$108, total \$207.

1-13-20 Ambrocio Bautista Landeros, Albuquerque, N.M., speeding 92/75 \$87, court cost \$108, total \$195.

1-14-20 Albert Edward Meade Jr., Melvern, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, dismissed. Unlawful vehicle registration, dismissed. Failure to yield at stop sign, dismissed.

1-14-20 Albert Edward Meade Jr., Melvern, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked \$100, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$243. Five days jail, suspended.

1-14-20 Wendy Stahl, Waverly, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, deferred. Speeding 39/30 \$45, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$188.

1-14-20 Stacey Zook, Shawnee, speeding 75/65 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

1-14-20 Mark Baird, Edmond, Okla., speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

1-14-20 James Ralph Woody Jr., Hartford, vehicle liability insurance required, dismissed. Unlawful vehicle registration, dismissed. Driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, amended driving while suspended, first conviction \$100. Speeding 74/50 \$141, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total cost \$384. Five day jail, suspended.

1-15-20 Deidre J. Judge, Gypsum, vehicle liability insurance required, dismissed.

1-15-20 Michael A. Jones-Jordan, Neodesha, vehicle liability insurance required \$50, deferred. Unlawful vehicle registration \$60, deferred six months, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$253.

1-15-20 Jonathan Martinez Nunez, Topeka, speeding 77/65, dismissed. Vehicle liability insurance required, dismissed. Operate a motor vehicle without a valid license \$100, court cost \$108, total \$208.

1-16-20 Keith Richard Wolfe, Tecumseh, speeding 65/45 \$105, court cost \$108, total \$213.

1-17-20 Jason L. Timberg, Overland Park, speeding 89/75 \$69, court cost \$108, total \$177.

1-17-20 Kristina Lynne Metcalf, Columbia, Mo., speeding 95/75 \$105, court cost \$108. Total \$213.

1-17-20 Samuel M. Rohr III, Oklahoma City, Okla., speeding 84/75 \$45 deferred. Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, first conviction \$500, deferred one year, supervision fund \$250, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108 total \$938.

1-18-20 Gregory Dean Aldridge, Purcell, Okla., speeding 88/75 \$63, court cost \$108, total \$171.

1-18-20 Travis J. Knight, Bartlesville, Okla., unlawful vehicle registration \$60, court cost \$108, total \$168.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

TO: The participating members of Coffey County Rural Water District No. 2.

You are hereby notified the ANNUAL MEETING of the participating members of Coffey County Rural Water District No. 2 will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. The meeting will be at the RWD office at 708 Atherly in Gridley, Kansas at 8 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to:
Elect 3 members to the Board of Directors.
Report the District's financial status.

MARK FEBRUARY 11 ON YOUR CALENDAR.

Refreshments will be served.

COFFEY COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
708 Atherly
Gridley, KS 66852
TELEPHONE NO. (620) 836-4080
(Jan. 30, Feb. 6)

COFFEY COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

*The jail roster lists all people who were in Coffey County Jail during the days listed, with the exception of those under age 18 or those who may be protected under a witness program. The charges listed are those for which the person was booked into jail and are not necessarily the charges formally filed against the person.

(Jan. 20-27)

Andrew Michael Smith, 32, Burlington (Jan. 20-27) - Arrested Aug. 23 by CCSO for battery and two counts criminal threat. Held in lieu of cash/surety bonds totaling \$12,500.

Christopher Allen Demoss, 36, Waverly (Jan. 20-23) - Arrested Aug. 27 by CCSO for rape, aggravated assault, aggravated criminal sodomy and aggravated battery; intentional, great bodily harm. Released on OR bond. Dylan Harrell Chase, 34, Waverly (Jan. 20-27) - Arrested Oct. 10 by CCSO for failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$20,000 cash/surety bond.

James Lee Hall, 53, Piqua (Jan. 20-27) - Arrested Oct. 16 by CCSO for selling or distributing controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and unlawful manufacture, distribution, cultivation or possession of a controlled substance. Held in lieu of a \$100,000 cash/surety bond.

James Leslie Komma, 46, Iola (Jan. 20-27) - Arrested Oct. 16 by CCSO for selling or distributing a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school. Held in lieu of a \$75,000 cash/surety bond.

Jason Bryant Howard, 43, Emporia (Jan. 20-27) - Serving sentence.
Sylas Anthony Horne, 23, Ottawa (Jan. 20-27) - Arrested by CCSO for two counts of failure to appear. Held in lieu of two cash/surety bonds totaling \$7,500.

Raymond Arthur Brown, 55, Eureka (Jan. 20-27) - Arrested by CCSO for failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$10,000 cash/surety bond.
Eddie Ray Garza, 24, Lebo (Jan. 20-23) - Arrested by CCSO for domestic battery. Released on \$3,000 cash/surety bond.

Jessica M. Coyer, 40, Erie (Jan. 20-27) - Arrested Jan. 9 by CCSO for failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$5,000 cash/surety bond.

Megan Leann Keplar, 25, Council Grove (Jan. 20-27) - Arrested

Jan. 9 by CCSO for failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$7,500 cash/surety bond.

Kenneth L. Sharp, 46, Tulsa, Okla. (Jan. 20-27) - Arrested Jan. 11 by CCSO for driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked; reckless driving, criminal threat, possession of stolen property unknown value. Held in lieu of a \$100,000 cash/surety bond.

William M. Cott, 50, Topeka (Jan. 20-23) - Arrested by CCSO for failure to appear. Released for time served.

Jeffrey A. Meade, 35, Lyndon (Jan. 20-24) - Arrested by CCSO for failure to appear. Released on \$10,000 OR bond.

Deborah Marie Alvarado, 56, Burlington (Jan. 20-22) - Arrested by BPD for unlawful cultivation or distribution of controlled substances, possession of hallucinogenic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Released on \$15,000 OR bond.

Jesse S. Sage, 54, Lebo (Jan. 22-23) - Arrested Jan. 22 by Lebo PD for possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of certain drug precursors and paraphernalia and possession of opiates. Released on \$5,000 cash/surety bond.

Kashida S. Lindsay, 34, Burlington (Jan. 22-27) - Arrested Jan. 22 by KHP for obstructing apprehension or prosecution, warrant arrest for another jurisdiction and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Held in lieu of a \$1,750 cash/surety bond.

David A. Engel, 48, Chanute (Jan. 23-27) - Arrested Jan. 23 for failure to appear. Held in lieu of \$1,000 cash/surety bond.

Isacc C. Sidebottom, 18, Waverly (Jan. 24-27) Taken into custody by CCSO to serve sentence.

Jeffrey A. Meade, 35, Lyndon (Jan. 24) - Arrested by CCSO for warrant arrest for another jurisdiction. Held for pick up on a \$6,000 cash/surety bond.

Rachel M. Hunter, 37, Burlington (Jan. 24) - Arrested by CCSO for theft. Released on \$1,000 cash/surety bond.

Amber D. Clemens, 33, Gridley (Jan 25) - Arrested by BPD for driving while suspended, second conviction. Released on \$453 OR bond.