



Jennifer Larison (second from left in the photo above) signed in to vote in yesterday’s primary election at the Jackson County Courthouse while daughter Clara (at left) watched the democratic process in action. Present to record Larison’s vote were election workers Bonnie Coverdale (at right) and Jennifer Shaw (second from right). Election workers noted that yesterday’s primary was among the busiest elections they have ever seen. More information on yesterday’s election may be found on the front page of today’s *Holton Recorder*.

Photo by Brian Sanders



Next week’s *Holton Recorder* will feature the annual Jackson County Fair section, including results and photos from this year’s fair and advertisements from area businesses. The special section will feature photos of Jackson County’s 4-H members, such as Ean Winsor, a member of the Lucky Stars, shown above with this Angus steer that was named best in its class at the fair’s beef show.

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■ City Commission...

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down to zero, prompting him to suggest the city review its utility rates. The city has not changed its electric rate since 2009, and water and sewer rates have been unchanged since 2013, it was noted.

On the bright side, Peroo told commissioners, the city’s only outstanding debt — \$1,735,393 on a Kansas Department of Health and Environment sewer loan set to mature in 2026 — was a testament to the city’s willingness to cut spending in order to reduce its debts and keep property taxes down.

Commissioners scheduled public hearings on the budget and their intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate with the budget for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, the date of the commission’s first regular September meeting due to the regular meeting date falling on the Labor Day holiday.

Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee reminded commissioners that they had originally scheduled the hearings to open their Monday, Aug. 15 meeting, but the city was notified by the Jackson County Clerk’s office that the hearings would have to be held between Aug. 20 and Sept. 20.

In other business on Monday, the commission voted to hire Andrew Brunner of Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates Engineers (EBH) of Great Bend to help the city acquire cost-share grant funds through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the Banner Road resurfacing project.

■ Wichita artist...

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Kernodle said she’s also a big proponent of public art, such as murals.

“Art used to only be in galleries or museums, and there was this barrier between social classes,” she said. “Public art is for everybody to see.”

During her two weeks in Holton, Kernodle stayed at the Lemon Lofts, which is located above More Than Lemons on the east side of the Holton Square.

“I’d never been to Holton before,” she said. “I’ve been super impressed. Jhett’s Pizza is delicious. El Ranchito might be

my favorite Mexican restaurant ever.”

Kernodle will be adding a special sealant to the mural that will keep it from fading and is “graffiti proof.”

Gov. Laura Kelly visited the mural last Friday and recently announced that Jackson County was among 14 communities selected to receive state funds for murals and public art.

The Jackson County Tourism Council was awarded \$8,400 as part of the grant. Additional murals are in various planning stages, according to Suzette McCord-Rogers of the tourism council.

But after McKee reminded commissioners that the CFS proposal was merely a report and did not include any engineering specifications, the commission was more receptive to the plan to involve Brunner in making repairs on Banner Road, where road repairs using

the city’s “asphalt zipper” in the past year has left several unintentional “speed bumps” on the road.

“We need to do something,” commissioner Tim Morris said. “I’m hoping this is the right thing.”

Commissioners also:
■ Approved minutes from the July 18 meeting and budget appropriations made since that meeting totaling \$286,472.97.

■ Met with Holton Police Chief Steve Frederick, who told commissioners that a vacancy on the police staff would be opening soon and encouraged them to participate in National Night Out activities on Tuesday, Aug. 9 on the Jackson County Courtyard.

■ Heard reports from McKee and commissioners about activities held as part of the Jackson County Art Walk on July 23.

■ Learned from McKee that no new acts of vandalism had occurred at city parks following reports heard at recent meetings of vandalism at Countryside and Rafters parks.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 8:40 p.m. All five commissioners were present.

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East side of Jackson
County Courthouse in Holton

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