USD311 Rec Comm Y

Letter

A Message to Pretty Prairie

What is the future of our community?

The answer is very much tied to our nursing home and our schools, both major employers in Pretty Prairie. And you.

Aaron Kelley and a dedicated, talented staff have guided the small town Prairie Sunset Home to be among the best quality homes in the state. They have the vision to win and not lose. They have kept COVID-19 out of PSH like few homes in the nation, determined to succeed and not fold up, receiving regular kudos for quality. PSH is an asset we cannot lose.

Pretty Prairie schools are also peopled with talented staff and students. Students that deserve the best education possible in sound, functionally efficient buildings where windows and roofs don't leak. Last year, small town PPHS students brought the school and the town a state championship not only in basketball, but also forensics. The loss of schools in a small town is to put that town in critical condition. Yes, we no longer have a lumberyard, a grocery store, a hardware store, a dry cleaners. For how long? The local newspaper, beauty shops, veterinarians, car wash, auto repair shops, golf course are there, just not on Main Street. The gas station, skating rink, bank, steakhouse, post office, Graber's Mercantile are on Main. And did the town fold up? No. The way small towns die is losing their schools. Our schools are an asset we cannot lose.

And the community doesn't appear to want to expire just yet. "Will the last one leaving turn out the lights" has never been on the City Council's agenda. A Citizens Chat Group meets once a month at Graber's Mercantile, doing more than chatting. As reported in the August 26 Ninnescah Valley News, it's individuals setting up programs and activities, looking into new businesses, attracting the attention of the Reno County Commission and the Reno County-served StartUp Hutch. How to pack a suitcase has never been on their agenda either.

Did the loss of businesses cause great poverty and unemployment? Unable to pay bills and taxes? Those that don't work here commute to their jobs like they always did. And they don't all work for employers. There have always been those with an entrepreneurial spirit, starting their own businesses, expanding their operations, dealing with the costs of life.

If anyone wants to complain about taxes, complain that the government is giving money to Planned Parenthood, using your taxes to fund abortion, whether you support it or not. Complain about 300 billion dollars in college load forgiveness, teaching people not to be responsible for their actions, using your taxes to pay other people's debts. Complain about Biden's declared war on the oil and gas industry when we were once energy independent, raising the price of gasoline. Because with the higher prices, you're paying more taxes on it. Complain about policies that cause inflation. Use your vote to oppose those tax abuses. But don't complain that giving human beings the best education for life that we can in the environments we ourselves would prefer is too much to ask.

If you close our schools, would you like the inconvenience and gas prices to take your kids to other schools miles away?

Is online education the answer? To be fair, some studies indicate certain personality types do OK with it. But as a one-size-fits-ll for all students generally in a real world environment? In a study cited by healthline.com 65% of students preferred in-person instruction. Cited by tandfonline.com: less than half (41.3%) of students reported overall satisfaction online. Weforum.org reports teacher surveys showing kids learn better in class. Agreeing, from ChabotCollege.edu: Success rates tend to be higher in face-to-face classes. Van Alstyne ISD reports 62% of virtual learners failing at least one class with 54% failing two or more.

Thomas Arnett, a senior research fellow for the Clayton Christenson Institute, reports in a 2021 study, 80% of online students falling behind academically. Among the top teacher challenges were supporting students' increased social/emotional challenges and keeping students engaged during remote learning. Middle school and high school teachers found holding students accountable especially challenging. And students returning to class after online learning lacked social skills and work habits.

A study by Aristovnik et.al. found online learning students felt more socially isolated leading to increased risk of depression and anxiety. This finding was agreed with in jmaterenvironsci.com: The lack of social interaction caused both physical and psychological issues in students.

Isolation, lack of social skills, depression, anxiety and other psychological issues, (contributing factors in school/ mass shootings), are not the answer to education.

On September 6, on the school bond issue, vote YES if our students deserve the best education in the best environment possible. Vote YES if that education should include social, mental, psychological development as well. Vote YES if you would prefer your community not die out. Vote YES if you understand that maintaining schools will involve costs. Vote YES if you understand next time the choice will be unusable buildings vs. now the cost will be higher. Vote YES if you enjoy sitting in your home during a rain or the cold of winter and the windows and roof don't leak. Another state championship could come from PPHS.

If there is one.

Louis Graber

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Pretty Prairie Recreation Commission

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Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate	*2.400*

Pretty Prairie Recreation Commission
Recreation Commission Secretary

LEGAL PUBLICATION

(First published in The Ninnescah Valley News, Friday, August 26, 2022)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM R. ROEPKA, DECEASED.
Case No. 2022-PR-000181
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS, TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on August 18, 2022, a petition was filed in this Court by Gregory A. Roepka, as executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of William R. Roepka," deceased, dated September 8, 2010, requesting the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and that petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before September 27, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., in the District Court, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Gregory A. Roepka
Petitioner

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Attorneys for Petitioner

CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Reno, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned officers of
Pretty Prairie Recreation Commission
certify that the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held and after the budget hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted as the maximum expenditure for the various funds for the year. Per K.S.A. 12-1927 a copy of the budget has been submitted to the sponsoring entity and to county clerk .

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Statement of Cond. Lease-Purchase/Cert. of Participation	2	
General	3	99,585
TOTAL	xxxxxx	99,585
Budget Hearing Notice		
Combined Rate/Budget Hearing Notic		
RNR Hearing Notice		

Taxes = $44,288
Levy - 2.000

Total Revenue Neutral Rate	1.909
Total Proposed Estimated Mill Rate	2.400

RNR-1.909

Date Received: _____

_____
County Clerk

Tamara Payne
Nicole Putnam
Joe Yoder
Commission Members

Permanent Recreation Commission Address	Sponsoring USD/City Address
Pretty Prairie Recreation Commission	USD 311
PO Box 74	206 E. Main
Pretty Prairie, KS 67570	Pretty Prairie, KS 67570

Provide point of contact:
Tamara Payne
POC phone number:
620-314-8031

Other County:	Kingman County
Other County:	0
Other County:	0
Other County:	0
Other County:	0

CPA Summary

Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE Pretty Prairie Rec Commission, LOCATED IN Pretty Prairie, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Pretty Prairie Rec Commision was calculated as 1.909 mills by the Reno County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the Pretty Prairie Rec Commission will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on 9/12/22 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Pretty Prairie Rec Commission, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE Pretty Prairie Rec Commission:

The Pretty Prairie Rec Commission may levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 2.0 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 12th day of September 2022 by the Pretty Prairie Recreation Commission.

Commission Members

Chairperson

Secretary

Nicole Putnam

Tamara Payne

Roll Call Vote

A Roll Call Vote of the Pretty Prairie Rec Commission To Levy a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate

Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022

Resolution No. _____

Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
Jeff McLeland, President			X
Lori Young, Secretary	X		
Tammy Payne, Treasurer	X		
Jay Gehring	X		
Nicole Putnam	X		
TOTAL	**4**		**1**

Certified:

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Instructions: Under the amended provisions of KSA 79-2988 (passed with HB 2239 on April 1, 2022), any governing body that will hold a hearing and vote to authorize exceeding the RNR must record a roll call vote showing each name of the governing body and their vote. The certified record of roll call vote must be provided with the budget documents regardless of whether or not the vote passes or fails.

Statement of Conditional Lease-Purchase and Certificate of Participation

Items Purchased	Contract Date	Term of Contract (Months)	Int Rate %	Ending Date of Contract	Total Amount Financed (Beg Princ)	Princ Bal On @ Beg of FY: 2021/2022	Pmts Due for the Year of 2021/2022	Pmts Due for the Year of 2022-2023
Total						0	0	0

If leasing/renting with no intent to purchase, do not list--such transactions are not lease-purchases.

Pretty Prairie Recreation Commission 2022-2023

FUND PAGE

Adopted Budget **General Fund**	Prior Year Actual 2020/2021	Current Year Estimated 2021/2022	Proposed Budget Year 2022-2023
Unencumbered Cash Balance	52,597	39,255	54,415
Receipts:			
Baseball/Softball		2,683	2,320
Basketball	935	715	700
Golf		1,326	1,150
Tax check		52,884	41,000
Tax check + erroneous deposits by USD 311	67,479		
Scholarships	500	500	
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceeds 10%			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Total Receipts	68,914	58,108	45,170
Resources Available	121,510	97,363	99,585
Expenditures:			
Baseball/Softball	8,769	10,137	9,000
Basketball	2,982	3,105	3,000
Community Events		3,020	3,000
Golf	1,042	918	1,000
Golf Course Maintenance	23,000	20,000	20,000
Library Support	2,400	2,300	2,300
Miscellaneous	69	95	75
New Projects/School Programs	4,500	2,000	3,500
Publications	25	480	450
Erroneous deposit correction by USD 311	67,468		
Scholarship Support	1,250	600	1,200
Utitlities	398	293	450
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceeds 10%			
Total Expenditures	111,903	42,948	43,975
Unencumbered Cash Balance	9,608	54,415	55,610

Dollar amount to be raised by 1.99 mill: $ 41,445

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Tax Rates are expressed in mills

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:e, as required by KSA 79-2988.

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