



# REGULAR SESSION

County Commission

Courthouse  
206 W. 1st Avenue  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

## A G E N D A

**Reno County Courthouse Veterans Room  
206 W. 1st Ave.  
Hutchinson, KS 67501  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 9:00 AM**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Prayer**
3. **Welcome and Announcements by Commission Chair**
4. **Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**  
*Please come forward to the podium, state your name and address and limit your remarks to not more than 5 minutes per item.*
5. **Determine Additions or Revisions to the Agenda**
6. **Consent Agenda**
  - 6.A Vouchers (bills or payments owed by the county or related taxing units)
  - 6.B Purchase of five 2025 Ford Police Interceptors from Midwest Superstore for the amount of \$44,909 a piece for a total of \$224,545.00
  - 6.C Noxious Weed Annual Management Plan and Eradication Progress Report
  - 6.D BOCC final approval of January minutes as drafts were approved on February 28th, 2024
  - 6.E Kansas Rehabilitation Tax Credits Bid Award
  - 6.F Agreement with Kirkham Michael for Engineering Services to perform the Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections of the FAS & Off-System Bridges
7. **Business Items**
  - 7.A Umbrella Proposal - Travelers Insurance
  - 7.B Youth Services Annual Report
  - 7.C Reno County Health Department (RCHD)'s Aid-to-Local (ATL) Grant Application for \$872,103.12, and KDHE Healthy Families passthrough grant for \$320,000
  - 7.D Planning Case #2023-10 - A text amendment to the Reno County Zoning Regulations to create Article 25 - Solar Energy Systems Regulations and add Article 25 to the Table of Contents
  - 7.E Planning Case #2023-10 - A resolution approving a text amendment to the Table of Contents and creating Article 25 of Zoning Regulations. This item is related to Agenda Item 7.D
  - 7.F Resolution Continuing the Temporary Solar Moratorium on Solar Energy within the Unincorporated Area of Reno County, and Terminating the Moratorium on the

Randy Parks  
District 1

Ron Hirst  
District 2

Daniel P. Friesen  
District 3

John Whitesel  
District 4

Don Bogner  
District 5

Zoned Portion of Reno County

**8. County Administrator Report**

8.A Monthly Department Reports

**9. County Commission Report/Comments**

**10. Executive Session**

10.A Executive Session for 15 Minutes for client-attorney privileged legal matters

**11. Adjournment**



## AGENDA ITEM

## **AGENDA ITEM #6.B**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Kyle Berg

**AGENDA TOPIC:**

Purchase of five 2025 Ford Police Interceptors from Midwest Superstore for the amount of \$44,909 a piece for a total of \$224,545.00

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

This purchase is part of the Sheriff's Department fleet rotation plan. Ford did not take any orders for 2024 police interceptors so we skipped ordering any interceptors in 2023. This has put us somewhat behind in fleet rotation. With the Sheriff's 2024 capital request, it was approved to replace 4 patrol SUVs and 1 patrol truck. The Automotive Department feels it is more of a priority to replace 5 of the SUVs and not replace a truck in 2024.

An attachment is included with an equipment listing of which 5 of these vehicles will be replaced. The vehicles to be replaced will be determined at a later date and will then be sold on Purple Wave Auction. The vehicles to be replaced will all have well over 100,000 miles by the time the new units arrive. We are staying with the same vehicle platform (Ford) as the equipment can be transferred from the old units in all but one case. It is also beneficial to have all of the vehicles equipped the same way both for the officers and also for maintenance. On the maintenance side it helps with our parts inventory and diagnostic equipment required.

**ALL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve the low quote from Midwest Superstore in the amount of \$224,545.
2. Deny the purchase.

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Accept the low quote and purchase 5 Ford Police Interceptors from Midwest Superstore for \$224,545.

**POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:**

This purchase was approved as a capital request out of the Special Equipment Fund. (093-8200-106)

**QUOTE REQUEST FOR FIVE 2025 FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITIES**

Dealer quotes sent out by email. Listed by dealer name.	Midwest Ford, 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Explorer Pursuit
Location of Dealer (City)	Hutchinson, KS
Bid Due Date	2/20/2024
Cost per unit	\$44,909
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$224,545</b>

Midway Motors, 2025 Ford Police Interceptor	National Auto Fleet Group
Explorer Pursuit	Pricing not available
Hutchinson, KS	
2/20/2024	
\$45,040	
<b>\$225,200</b>	



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## REQUEST FOR QUOTES FOR FIVE 2025 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUVs

Reno County will accept quotes on this form any time before 10:00 am Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please place bids in a sealed envelope marked 2025 Interceptor SUV. Electronic quotes will also be accepted returned to [kyle.berg@renogov.org](mailto:kyle.berg@renogov.org) with the understanding that such submissions will not maintain the same confidentiality as a sealed bid.

**RETURN QUOTE TO:**  
**RENO COUNTY AUTOMOTIVE**  
**ATTN: KYLE BERG**  
**120 WEST AVE B**  
**HUTCHINSON, KS 67501**

Quotes will be opened at the above location Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

These specifications are written with the intention of obtaining quotes for like equipment. This equipment shall have the new 2025 model equipped standard equipment and meeting or exceeding the following. Special consideration may be granted for vehicles exceeding the minimum safety equipment listed. The options below are required.

AWD 3.3L V6 Direct-Injection FFV with 10-Speed Automatic Transmission (136-MPH Top Speed) <b>Note:</b> Deletes Regenerative Braking and Lithium-Ion Battery Pack; adds 250-Amp Alternator, replaces H7	99B/44U	✓
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<b>Tail Lamp Lighting Solution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Includes LED Tail Lamp Wig-Wag Module</li><li>LED lights only. Wiring, controller "not" included</li></ul>	66B	✓
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<b>Police Wire Harness Connector Kit – Front/Rear</b> <b>For connectivity to Ford PI Package solutions includes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Front</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– (2) Male 4-pin connectors for siren</li> <li>– (5) Female 4-pin connectors for lighting/siren/speaker</li> <li>– (1) 4-pin IP connector for speakers</li> <li>– (1) 4-pin IP connector for siren controller connectivity</li> <li>– (1) 8-pin sealed connector</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>67V</b>	✓
License Plate Bracket – Front	<b>153</b>	✓
Front Warning Auxiliary LED Lights (Driver side – Red / Passenger side – Blue)	<b>21L</b>	✓
Driver Only (Whelen)	<b>51T</b>	✓
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> row carpet floor covering (includes floor mats, front and rear)	<b>16C</b>	✓

**Final  
Drive  
Ratio =  
3.73**

Cloth Front Buckets / Cloth Rear	<b>Front</b> – Unique Heavy-Duty Cloth, Front Bucket Seats Driver 6-way Power track (fore/aft. up/down, tilt with manual recline, 2-way manual lumbar). <b>Passenger</b> – 2-way manual track (fore/aft. with manual recline)	<b>FW</b>
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Dark Blue      **LK** Paint Code

Reno County reserves the right to waive minor technicalities under this specification, and to reject any or all quotes, which, in its opinion, is in the best interest of Reno County.

The equipment shall be delivered F.O.B. to Hutchinson, Ks.

Total Cash Price:      \$ 225,200<sup>00</sup>  
Unit Price:                \$ 45,040<sup>00</sup>

Warranty for Police Use: 3yr/36K miles bumper to bumper  
5yr/100K miles powertrain

Estimated Delivery Date 3 to 6 months from Bid award date.

Company Name: Midway Motors Super Center

Date: 2-19-24

Signature: 

Enclose any additional materials or illustrations that would assist in the clarification of your quote specifications.

If your quote is accepted, payment will be made on the county's next regular payment day after delivery and certification that specifications were met.

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Preview Order 9400 - K8A - Police Inter Utility AWD: Order Summary Time of Preview: 02/14/2024 14:25:45 Receipt: NA

Dealership Name: Midway Motors Ford Lincoln

Sales Code : F53553

Dealer Rep.	Tracy Martin	Type	Fleet	Vehicle Line	Explorer	Order Code	9400
Customer Name	Reno County	Priority Code	E2	Model Year	2025	Price Level	515

DESCRIPTION	MSRP	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
K8A0 POLICE INTER UTILITY AWD	\$49515	TAIL LAMP LIGHTING SOLUTION	\$430
.119 INCH WHEELBASE	\$0	POL WIRE HARNESS CONNECTOR KIT	\$200
TOTAL BASE VEHICLE	\$49515	.POLICE WIRING KIT REAR	\$0
DARK BLUE	\$0	.POLICE WIRING KIT FRONT	\$0
CLOTH BUCKETS/CLOTH REAR SEATS	\$70	PRICE CONCESSION INDICATOR	\$0
ONYX INTERIOR	\$0	REMARKS TRAILER	\$0
EQUIPMENT GROUP 500A	\$0	FRONT LICENSE PLATE BRACKET	\$0
.FM STEREO	\$0	SPECIAL DEALER ACCOUNT ADJUSTM	\$0
3.3L TI-VCT V6 ENGINE	\$-2330	SPECIAL FLEET ACCOUNT CREDIT	\$0
10-SPEED AUTO TRANSMISSION	\$0	FUEL CHARGE	\$0
FORD FLEET SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT	\$0	NET INVOICE FLEET OPTION (B4A)	\$0
1ST AND 2ND ROW CARPET FLR	\$150	PRICED DORA	\$0
FRONT WARNING AUX LIGHT	\$580	ADVERTISING ASSESSMENT	\$0
50 STATE EMISSIONS	\$0	DESTINATION & DELIVERY	\$1595
SPOT LAMP LED DR - WHELEN	\$420		
TOTAL BASE AND OPTIONS			MSRP \$50630
DISCOUNTS			NA
TOTAL			\$50630

ORDERING FIN: Q1990 END USER FIN: QJ830

INCENTIVES

Acc. Code ID :10 Contract/Ref # :02-006S Bid Date :08/28/23State : KS

DISCOUNTS:  
\$-1800.00

Customer Name:  
Customer Address:

Customer Email:

Customer Phone:



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Warranty for Police Use: YES

Estimated Delivery Date N/A

Company Name: Midwest Superstore (Hutch)

Date: 2/19/2024

Signature: Tom PMA

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Preview Order 4000 - K8A - Police Inter Utility AWD: Order Summary Time of Preview: 02/19/2024 09:53:45 Receipt: NA

Dealership Name: Rusty Eck Ford, Inc.

Sales Code : F53201

Dealer Rep.	Troy Pfaff	Type	Fleet	Vehicle Line	Explorer	Order Code	4000
Customer Name	RENO	Priority Code	E2	Model Year	2025	Price Level	515

**DESCRIPTION**

K8A0 POLICE INTER UTILITY AWD  
 .119 INCH WHEELBASE  
 TOTAL BASE VEHICLE  
 DARK BLUE  
 CLOTH BUCKETS/CLOTH REAR SEATS  
 ONYX INTERIOR  
 EQUIPMENT GROUP 500A  
 .FM STEREO  
 3.3L TI-VCT V6 ENGINE  
 10-SPEED AUTO TRANSMISSION  
 FORD FLEET SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT  
 1ST AND 2ND ROW CARPET FLR  
 FRONT WARNING AUX LIGHT  
 50 STATE EMISSIONS  
 SPOT LAMP LED DR - WHELEN

**DESCRIPTION**

TAIL LAMP LIGHTING SOLUTION  
 POL WIRE HARNESS CONNECTOR KIT  
 .POLICE WIRING KIT REAR  
 .POLICE WIRING KIT FRONT  
 PRICE CONCESSION INDICATOR  
 REMARKS TRAILER  
 FRONT LICENSE PLATE BRACKET  
 SPECIAL DEALER ACCOUNT ADJUSTM  
 SPECIAL FLEET ACCOUNT CREDIT  
 FUEL CHARGE  
 NET INVOICE FLEET OPTION (B4A)  
 PRICED DORA  
 ADVERTISING ASSESSMENT  
 DESTINATION & DELIVERY

Customer Name:  
 Customer Address:

Customer Email:  
 Customer Phone:

Customer Signature

Date

*This order has not been submitted to the order bank.*

*This is not an invoice.*

# 2025 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTOR MAJOR PRODUCT CHANGES

To learn more about the features on this vehicle, go to [www.fordsourcebook.com](http://www.fordsourcebook.com)

**MECHANICAL**

- ★ *New/Changed*
- N/A

**EXTERIOR**

- ★ *New/Changed*
- N/A
- ★ *New Colors*
- N/A
- ★ *Deleted Paint Colors*
- Blue Metallic (FT)
- Med. Brown (BU)
- Dark Toreador Red (JL)
- Med. Titanium (YG)
- Smokestone (HG)

**INTERIOR/COMFORT**

- N/A

**FUNCTIONAL**

- N/A

**SAFETY/SECURITY**

- N/A

**DRIVER ASSIST TECHNOLOGY**

- N/A

**PACKAGES**

- N/A

**LATEST ORDER GUIDE CHANGES**

- None

**Product Changes and Features Availability**

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# 2025 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY

## POLICE INTERCEPTOR

### MAJOR PRODUCT CHANGES

#### Unique Police Interceptor Utility Features Include:

#### MODEL/SERIES/AVAILABILITY

- 3 Available Models
  - 3.3L V6 Direct-Injection Hybrid Engine System (AWD)
  - 3.3L V6 Direct-Injection FFV AWD
  - 3.0L V6 EcoBoost® AWD
- 1 Available Series
  - 500A

#### MECHANICAL

- 3.3L Police-Calibrated V6 Direct-Injection Hybrid Engine System – Standard (Hybrid technology is optimal for performance and long days spent idling on the job)
- AWD Drivetrain – Standard for enhanced handling precision and unsurpassed traction on wet or dry surfaces
- Transmission – 10-speed automatic, police calibrated for maximum acceleration and faster closing speeds
- Lithium-Ion Battery Pack
- Manual Police Pursuit Mode (Steering Wheel Switch Execution)
- Brakes – Police calibrated high-performance regenerative braking system
- 4-Wheel heavy-duty disc w/heavy-duty front and rear calipers
- Brake Rotors – large mass for high thermal capacity and calipers with large swept area.
- Electric Power-Assist Steering (EPAS) – Heavy-Duty
- DC/DC converter – 220-Amp (in lieu of alternator)
- ★ H8 AGM Battery (Standard; 850 CCA/92-amp)
- Cooling System – Heavy-duty, large high volume radiator, Engine oil cooler and transmission oil cooler
- Engine Idle Hour Meter
- Engine Hour Meter
- Powertrain mounts – Heavy-Duty
- Class III Trailer Hitch Receiver with 5,000 lbs. towing capacity and (2) recovery hooks  
 Note: Includes Class III Trailer Tow Lighting Package
- Wheels
  - Heavy-duty steel, vented with center cap
  - Full size spare tire w/TPMS
- 50-State Emissions System

#### INTERIOR FEATURES

- Cargo Area – Spacious area for police equipment; Lithium-Ion Battery Pack does not intrude into the cargo area
- Column Shifter
- Seats
  - Front – Police grade cloth – 6-way power-adjustable Manual lumbar, seatback foam designed to comfortably accommodate a utility belt
  - Built-in steel intrusion plates in both front-seatbacks
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Row – Police grade vinyl, offers easy care for cleaning
- Flooring – Heavy-Duty vinyl; offers ease of cleaning and long-term durability
- Speedometer – Certified, digital readout in message center and analog gauge
- Universal equipment tray atop instrument panel (ideal for radar and other police equipment)

#### POLICE UPFIT FRIENDLY

- Consistent 11-inch space between driver and passenger seats for aftermarket consoles (9-inch center console mounting plate)
- Console mounting plate
- Dash pass-thru opening for aftermarket wiring
- Headliner – Easy to service
- Integrated LED police flashers (available)
- Two (2) 50-amp battery ground circuits – power distribution junction block (repositioned behind 2<sup>nd</sup> row seat floorboard).

#### TECHNOLOGY

- 12.1" Integrated Computer Screen (Available; includes 12.1" touchscreen display in center stack and allows for operation of laptop in remote location to free up cabin space in front passenger area)

#### TECHNOLOGY (continued)

- Police Perimeter Alert (available; detects and analyzes motion in an approximately 270-degree radius on sides and back of vehicle)
- Rear Camera On-Demand
- Rear Auxiliary Liftgate Lights (available; Red/Blue LED Lights; located beneath liftgate glass in applique panel)
- Rear Spoiler Traffic Warning Lights (LED) – Fully integrated in rear spoiler for enhanced visibility; Provides red/blue/amber directional lighting – fully programmable (available)
- Pre-Collision Assist with Pedestrian Detection (includes Forward Collision Warning and Automatic Emergency Braking and unique disable switch for Law Enforcement use)
- BLIS® – Blind Spot Monitoring with Cross-traffic Alert
- Bluetooth® Interface – Includes hands-free voice command support (compatible with most Bluetooth connected mobile devices)
- Unique Steering Wheel (with 4-remappable latching switches)

#### SAFETY/SECURITY HIGHLIGHTS

- 75-mph Rear-impact Crash Tested  
 Note: The full-size spare tire secured in the factory location is necessary to achieve police-rated 75-mph rear impact crash-test performance attributes
- AdvanceTrac® w/RSC® (Roll Stability Control®) police tuned gyroscopic sensors work seamlessly with the ABS
- Ballistic Door-Panels (National Institute of Justice (NIJ) certified to stop Type III, IV, all lesser NIJ rounds, as well as additional special threat rounds) (available)
- Exterior Key Locks – Driver, passenger and liftgate
- Simple Fleet Key (w/o microchip, easy to replace, 4-keys)
- Police Engine Idle feature
- ★ Reverse Sensing

#### GENERAL

- Underbody deflector plate no longer standard on EcoBoost® models (order 76D)
- Front Headlamp Lighting Solution now includes Red/Blue/White LED Strobes

#### WARRANTY

- 3 Year / 36,000 Miles Bumper / Bumper
- 8 Year / 100,000 Miles Hybrid Unique Components

#### POWERTRAIN CARE EXTENDED SERVICE PLAN

- 5-year/100,000-mile Powertrain CARE Extended Service Plan (zero deductible) – Standard

#### Product Changes and Features Availability

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The following items are std. 2025MY POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY vehicle:

## MECHANICAL

- Axle Ratio – 3.73 (AWD)
- Brakes – 4-Wheel Heavy-Duty Disc w/H.D. Front and Rear Calipers
- Class III Trailer Hitch Receiver with 5,000 lbs. towing capacity and (2) recovery hooks  
**Note:** Includes Class III Trailer Tow Lighting Package
- Column Shifter
- DC/DC converter – 220-Amp (in lieu of alternator)
- Drivetrain – All-Wheel-Drive
- Electric Power-Assist Steering (EPAS) – Heavy-Duty
- Engine – 3.3L V6 Direct-Injection Hybrid Engine System
- Engine Hour Idle Meter
- Engine Hour Meter
- Engine Oil Cooler
- Fuel Tank – 19-gallons
- ★ H8 AGM Battery (850CCA/92-amp)
- Lithium-Ion Battery Pack
- ★ Manual Police Pursuit Mode (Steering Wheel Switch Execution)
- Suspension – independent front & rear
- Transmission – 10-speed automatic
- Transmission Oil Cooler

## EXTERIOR

- Antenna, Roof-mounted
- Cladding – Lower bodyside cladding (MIC)
- Door Handles – Black (MIC)
- Exhaust, True Dual (down-turned)
- Daytime Running Lamps – Configurable ON/OFF through instrument cluster  
**Note:** Select option (942) if desire is to have Daytime Running Lamps permanently on (cannot be turned off or reprogrammed)
- Door-Lock Cylinders (Front Driver / Passenger / Liftgate)
- Glass – 2<sup>nd</sup> Row, Rear Quarter and Liftgate Privacy Glass
- Grille – Black (MIC)
- Headlamps – Automatic, LED Low-and-High-Beam  
**Note:** Includes Front Headlamp / Police Interceptor Housing (with LED wig-wag feature)
  - Pre-drilled hole for side marker police use, does not include LED strobe, but includes LED wig-wag functionality (eliminates need to drill housing assemblies and provides LED wig-wag feature)
  - Pre-molded side warning LED holes with standard sealed capability (does not include LED installed lights)
  - Wig-wag default is traditional ping-pong pattern; can be programmed to triple-burst pattern or ping-pong / triple-burst  
**Note:** Must be wired to vehicle's light controller to enable wig-wag functionality; recommend Ready for the Road Package (67H) or Ultimate Wiring Package (67U)
- Liftgate – Manual 1-Piece – Fixed Glass w/Door-Lock Cylinder
- Mirrors – Black Caps (MIC), Dual Pwr/Heated/Manual Fold Back Mirror
- Spare – Full size 18" Tire w/TPMS
- Spoiler – Painted Black
- Liftgate Handle – (MIC)
- Tail lamps – LED
- ★ Tail Lamp Prep Kit
- Tires – 255/60R18 A/S BSW
- Wheel-Lip Molding – Black (MIC)
- Wheels – 18" x 8.0 painted black steel with polished stainless steel hub cover
- Windshield – Acoustic Laminated

## INTERIOR/COMFORT

- Cargo Hooks in cargo area
- Climate Control – Dual-Zone Electronic Automatic Temperature Control (DEATC)
- ★ Climate Control – Rear Aux A/C System
- ★ Dark Car
- Door-Locks
  - Power
  - Rear-Door Handles and Locks Operable
- Fixed Pedals (Driver Dead Pedal)
- Floor – Flooring – Heavy-Duty Thermoplastic Elastomer
- Glove Box – Locking/non-illuminated
- Grab Handles – (1 – Front-passenger side, 2-Rear)
- Heated Sanitization Solution
- Liftgate Release Switch located in overhead console (45 second timeout feature)
- Lighting
  - Overhead Console
  - Red/White Task Lighting in Overhead Console
- Mirror – Day/night Rear View
- Particulate Air Filter

## INTERIOR/COMFORT (continued)

- Powerpoints – (2) USB A+C Type Ports
- Rear-door closeout panels
- Rear-window Defrost
- Scuff Plates – Front & Rear
- Seats
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Row Police Grade Cloth Trim, Dual Front Buckets with reduced bolsters
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Row – Driver 6-way Power track (fore/aft. Up/down, tilt with manual recline, 2-way power lumbar)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Row – Passenger 4-way Power track with 2-way power recline and 2-way power lumbar
  - Built-in steel intrusion plates in both driver/passenger seatbacks
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Row Vinyl, 35/30/35 Split Bench Seat (manual fold-flat, no tumble) – fixed seat track
- ★ Red and White Dome Lamp in Cargo Area
- Speed (Cruise) Control
- ★ Speedometer – New 12.3" Display Calibrated (includes digital readout)
- Steering Wheel – Manual / Tilt / Telescoping, Urethane wheel finish w/Silver Painted Bezels with Speed Controls and 4 user – configurable latching switches
- Sun visors, color-keyed, non-illuminated
- Universal Top Tray – Center of I/P for mounting aftermarket equipment
- Windows, Power, 1-touch Up/Down Front Driver/Passenger-Side with disable feature

## SAFETY/SECURITY

- AdvanceTrac® w/RSC® (Roll Stability Control®)
- Airbags, dual-stage driver & front-passenger, side seat, passenger-side knee, Roll Curtain Airbags and Safety Canopy®
- Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS) with Traction Control
- ★ BLIS® – Blind Spot Monitoring with Cross-traffic Alert
- Brakes – Police calibrated high-performance regenerative braking system
- Belt-Minder® (Front Driver / Passenger)
- ★ Cross Traffic Brake Assist (HNYAC)
- Child-Safety Locks (capped; set to "on")
- Individual Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS)
- LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) system on rear outboard seat locations
- Police Perimeter Alert detects motion in an approximately 270-degree radius on sides and back of vehicle; if movement is determined to be a threat, chime will sound at level I. Doors will lock and windows will automatically go up at level II. Includes visual display in instrument cluster with tracking
- ★ Pre-Collision Mitigation system  
**Note:** Includes unique one-touch temporary disable switch for Law Enforcement use
- ★ Rearview Camera viewable on 8" Center Stack Screen
- ★ 1/4 Scale Rear Camera Display (Available)
- Seat Belts, Pretensioner/Energy-Management System w/adjustable height in 1<sup>st</sup> Row
- SOS Post-Crash Alert System™

## FUNCTIONAL

- ★ 100 Watt Siren/Speaker Prep Kit
- Speed Control
- Audio
  - AM/FM / MP3 Capable / Clock / 4-speakers
  - SYNC® Phoenix — Includes hands-free voice command support (compatible with most Bluetooth connected mobile devices)
  - USB Port — (1)
  - 8" Color LCD Screen Center-Stack "Smart Display
  - Supports Android Auto and Apple CarPlay
- ★ UIS (Upfitter Interface System) Located behind 2nd row passenger seat floorboard
- Easy Fuel® Capless Fuel-Filler
- Fleet Telematics Modem
  - Allows data to be provided to support Ford Pro™ Telematics and Data Services via optional subscription, including but not limited to vehicle location, speed, idle time, fuel, vehicle diagnostics and maintenance alerts. Device enables optional telematics services through Ford or authorized providers via paid subscription. Subscribe at <https://fordpro.com/en-us/telematics/> or call 1-833-811-FORD (3673)
  - Front door tether straps (driver/passenger)
- ★ PAITRO output tied to liftgate release switch (Police Accessory Independent Timed-Release Output)
- ★ Police Engine Idle
- Power pigtail harness
- Simple Fleet Key (w/o microchip, easy to replace; 4-keys)
- ★ Keyless Entry – Key FOB Only (Less PATS) – Includes 4 fobs

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# 2025 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY STANDARD EQUIPMENT

**FUNCTIONAL (continued)**

- Two-way radio pre-wire
- Two (2) 50 – amp battery power circuits – power distribution junction block (behind 2<sup>nd</sup> row passenger seat floorboard)
- Wipers – Front Speed-Sensitive Intermittent; Rear Dual Speed Wiper

\* = New for this model year

## 2025 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY EQUIPMENT GROUP

Series	Option Code	Police Interceptor 500A
Police Interceptor Utility AWD	K8A	S
AWD 3.3L V6 Direct-Injection Hybrid Engine System with 10-Speed Automatic Transmission (136-MPH Top Speed)	99W/44B	S
AWD 3.3L V6 Direct-Injection FFV with 10-Speed Automatic Transmission (136-MPH Top Speed) <b>Note:</b> Deletes Regenerative Braking and Lithium-Ion Battery Pack; adds 250-Amp Alternator, replaces H7 AGM battery (800 CCA/80-amp) with H7 SLI battery (730 CCA/80-amp) and replaces 19-gallon tank with 21.4-gallon tank	99B/44U	O
AWD 3.0L V6 EcoBoost® with 10-Speed Automatic Transmission – (148-MPH Top Speed) <b>Note:</b> Deletes Regenerative Braking and Lithium-Ion Battery Pack; adds 250-Amp Alternator, replaces H7 AGM battery (800 CCA/80-amp) with H7 SLI battery (730 CCA/80-amp) and replaces 19-gallon tank with 21.4-gallon tank	99C/44U	O
<b>EQUIPMENT GROUP</b>		
<b>Police Upgrade Package</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Row Carpet Floor Covering</li> <li>• Cloth Seats – Rear</li> <li>• Center Floor Console less shifter (Maintains Column Shifter)</li> <li>• Includes Console and Top Plate with 2 cup holders</li> <li>• Floor Mats, front and rear (carpeted)</li> <li>• 18" Aluminum Wheel</li> <li>• Selectable Sport Mode</li> <li>• High Series Headlamp with LED Corner Warning Lights</li> <li>• Includes SYNC Phoenix ®</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Not available with EcoBoost Powertrain (99C/44U)	65U	O
<b>Front Headlamp Lighting Solution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes LED Low beam/High beam headlamp, Wig-wag function and (2) Red/Blue/White LED side warning lights in each headlamp (factory configured: driver's side White/Red / passenger side White/Blue)</li> <li>• Includes pre-wire for grille LED lights, siren and speaker (60A)</li> <li>• Wiring, LED lights included (in headlamps only; grille lights not included). Controller "not" included</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Included with Ready for the Road (67H) <b>Note:</b> Recommend using Ultimate Wiring Package (67U) <b>Note:</b> Included with Police Upgrade Package (65U)	66A	O
<b>Tail Lamp Lighting Solution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes LED Tail Lamp Wig-Wag Module</li> <li>• LED lights only. Wiring, controller "not" included</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Included with Ready for the Road (67H) <b>Note:</b> Recommend using Ultimate Wiring Package (67U)	66B	O
<b>Rear Lighting Solution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes two (2) backlit flashing linear high-intensity LED lights (driver's side red / passenger side blue) mounted to inside liftgate glass</li> <li>• Includes two (2) backlit flashing linear high-intensity LED lights (driver's side red / Passenger side blue) installed on inside lip of liftgate (lights activate when liftgate is open)</li> <li>• LED lights only. Wiring, controller "not" included</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Included with Ready for the Road (67H) <b>Note:</b> LED lights only – does "not" include wiring or controller <b>Note:</b> Recommend using Ultimate Wiring Package (67U)	66C	O
<b>Ready for the Road Package:</b> <b>All-in Complete Package – Includes Police Interceptor Packages: 66A, 66B, 66C, plus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whelen Cencom Light Controller Head with dimmable backlight</li> <li>• Whelen Cencom Relay Center / Siren / Amp w/Traffic Advisor control (mounted behind 2<sup>nd</sup> row seat)</li> <li>• Light Controller / Relay Cencom Wiring (wiring harness) w/additional input/output pigtailed</li> <li>• High current pigtail</li> <li>• Whelen Specific WECAN Cable (console to cargo area) connects Cencom to Control Head</li> <li>• Pre-wiring for grille LED lights, siren and speaker (60A)</li> <li>• Rear console plate (85R) – contours through 2<sup>nd</sup> row; channel for wiring</li> <li>• Grille linear LED Lights (Red / Blue) and harness</li> <li>• 100-Watt Siren / Speaker</li> <li>• Hidden Door-Lock Plunger w/Rear-door controls inoperable (locks, handles and windows) (52P)</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Not available with options: 66A, 66B, 66C, 67U and 65U	67H	O
<b>Ultimate Wiring Package</b> <b>Includes the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rear console mounting plate (85R) – contours through 2<sup>nd</sup> row; channel for wiring</li> <li>• Pre-wiring for grille LED lights, siren and speaker (60A)</li> <li>• Wiring harness I/P to rear cargo area (overlay) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Two (2) light cables – supports up to six (6) LED lights (engine compartment/grille)</li> <li>– One (1) 10-amp siren/speaker circuit engine compartment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rear hatch/cargo area wiring – supports up to six (6) rear LED lights</li> <li>• Does "not" include LED lights, side connectors or controller</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Recommend Police Wire Harness Connector Kit 67V <b>Note:</b> Not available with options: 65U, 67H	67U	O

## 2025 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY EQUIPMENT GROUP

EQUIPMENT GROUP		
(Continued)		
<b>Police Wire Harness Connector Kit – Front/Rear</b> For connectivity to Ford PI Package solutions includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Front</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– (2) Male 4-pin connectors for siren</li> <li>– (5) Female 4-pin connectors for lighting/siren/speaker</li> <li>– (1) 4-pin IP connector for speakers</li> <li>– (1) 4-pin IP connector for siren controller connectivity</li> <li>– (1) 8-pin sealed connector</li> <li>– (1) 14-pin IP connector</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rear</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– (2) Male 4-pin connectors for siren</li> <li>– (5) Female 4-pin connectors for lighting/siren/speaker</li> <li>– (1) 4-pin IP connector for speakers</li> <li>– (1) 4-pin IP connector for siren controller connectivity</li> <li>– (1) 8-pin sealed connector</li> <li>– (1) 14-pin IP connector</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	67V	O
<b>KEY EXTERIOR OPTIONS</b>		
Engine Block Heater	41H	O
License Plate Bracket – Front	153	O
<b>Lamps / Lighting</b>		
<b>Daytime Running Lamps</b> (Permanently on – cannot be turned off or reprogrammed) <b>Note:</b> Replaces Standard Configurable Daytime Running Lamps for agencies that require Permanently on Daytime Running Lamps	942	O
<b>Front Warning Auxiliary LED Lights</b> (Driver side – Red / Passenger side – Blue) <b>Note:</b> Recommend using Ready for the Road Package (67H) or Ultimate Wiring Package (67U)	21L	O
<b>Rear Auxiliary Liftgate Lights (Red/Blue LED Lights; located beneath liftgate glass in applique panel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LED lights only. Wiring, controller "not" included</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Recommend using Ready for the Road Package (67H) or Ultimate Wiring Package (67U)	43A	O
<b>Rear Quarter Glass Side Marker LED Lights (Driver side – Red / Passenger side – Blue)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LED lights only. Wiring, controller "not" included</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Recommend using Ready for the Road Package (67H) or Ultimate Wiring Package (67U)	63L	O
<b>Rear Spoiler Traffic Warning Lights (LED)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully integrated in rear spoiler for enhanced visibility</li> <li>• Provides red/blue/amber directional lighting – fully programmable</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Recommend using Ready for the Road Package (67H) or Ultimate Wiring Package (67U) (when not ordering the Interior Upgrade Package (65U)) <b>Note:</b> Rear Console Plate no longer required; can be ordered with Interior Upgrade Package (65U)	96T	O
<b>Side Marker LED – Sideview Mirrors (Driver side – Red / Passenger side – Blue)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located on exterior mirror housing</li> <li>• LED lights only. Wiring, controller "not" included</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> Requires Pre-wiring for grille LED Lights, siren and speaker (60A) <b>Note:</b> Recommend using Ready for the Road Package (67H) or Ultimate Wiring Package (67U) <b>Note:</b> Not available with Police Upgrade Package (65U)	63B	O
<b>Spot Lamp Prep Kits</b>		
Spot Lamp Prep Kit, Driver Only <b>Note:</b> Does not include spot lamp housing and bulb	51P	O
Spot Lamp Prep Kit, Dual Driver and Passenger <b>Note:</b> Does not include spot lamp housing and bulbs	51W	O
<b>Spot Lamp – LED Bulb:</b>		
Driver Only (Unity)	51R	O
Driver Only (Whelen)	51T	O
Dual (driver and passenger) (Unity)	51S	O
Dual (driver and passenger) (Whelen)	51V	O
<b>Body</b>		
Glass – Solar Tint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Row door glass, Rear Quarter and Liftgate Window (Deletes Privacy Glass)	92G	O
Glass – Solar Tint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Row Only door glass, Privacy Glass on Rear Quarter and Liftgate Window	92R	O
Underbody Deflector Plate (engine and transmission shield)	76D	O
<b>Wheels</b>		
<b>Wheel Covers (18" Full Face Wheel Cover)</b> <b>Note:</b> Only available with the standard Police wheel, not available with Police Upgrade Package 65U	65L	O
<b>Audio / Video</b>		
<b>12.1" Integrated Computer Screen</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes 12.1" touchscreen display in center stack and allows for operation of laptop in remote location to free up cabin space in front passenger area</li> <li>• Includes Audio Video Extender (AVX) box, (2) AVX cables, (2) USB cables and (1) HDMI cable</li> <li>• Includes SYNC Phoenix ®</li> </ul>	47E	O
<b>¼ Size Picture in Picture (8" Rear Camera Image in upper lefthand quadrant of display)</b> <b>Note:</b> Not available with Intergrated Computer Screen (47E)	87M	O
<b>Doors / Locks</b>		
<b>Hidden Door-Lock Plunger w/Rear-door controls inoperable (locks, handles and windows)</b> <b>Note:</b> Not available with 68G – includes all content of 68G <b>Note:</b> Can manually remove window or door disable plate with special tool <b>Note:</b> Locks/windows operable from driver's door switches	52P	O / P-67H

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P = Included in Equipment Group, S = Standard Equipment, O = Optional

## 2025 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY EQUIPMENT GROUP

EQUIPMENT GROUP		
<b>Doors / Locks (continued)</b>		
Rear-Door controls Inoperable (locks, handles and windows) <b>Note:</b> Not available with 52P. <b>Note:</b> Can manually remove window or door disable plate with special tool <b>Note:</b> Locks/windows operable from driver's door switches	68G	O
Global Lock / Unlock feature (Door-panel switches will lock/unlock all doors and rear liftgate. Eliminates the 45-second Liftgate Lock Release + PAITRO Time) <b>Note:</b> Overhead Liftgate Button and Blue Liftgate Release Button on key fob will NOT have any function when pressed with this option	18D	O
<b>Keys</b>		
Keyed Alike – 1435x	59E	O
Keyed Alike – 1284x	59B	O
Keyed Alike – 0135x	59D	O
Keyed Alike – 0576x	59F	O
Keyed Alike – 1111x	59J	O
Keyed Alike – 1294x	59C	O
Keyed Alike – 0151x	59G	O
<b>Flooring / Seats</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> row carpet floor covering (includes floor mats, front and rear)	16C	O / P-65U
2 <sup>nd</sup> Row Cloth Seats	88F	O / P-65U
Front Console Plate Delete <b>Note:</b> Not available with option: 67H, 67U, 85R	85D	O / P-65U
Rear Console Plate <b>Note:</b> Not available with option: 65U, 85D	85R	O / P-67H / P-67U
<b>Safety &amp; Security</b>		
Ballistic Door-Panels (Level III+) – Driver Front-Door Only <sup>1</sup>	90D	O
Ballistic Door-Panels (Level III+) – Driver & Pass Front-Doors <sup>1</sup>	90E	O
Ballistic Door-Panels (Level IV+) – Driver Front-Door Only <sup>2</sup>	90F	O
Ballistic Door-Panels (Level IV+) – Driver & Pass Front-Doors <sup>2</sup>	90G	O
Misc		
<b>Badge Delete</b> • Deletes the "Police Interceptor" badging on rear liftgate • Deletes the "Interceptor" badging on front hood (EcoBoost®)	16D	O
Cargo Storage Vault (includes lockable door and compartment light)	63V	O
Noise Suppression Bonds (Ground Straps)	60R	O
Rear Bumper Step Pad	16P	O
100 Watt Siren/Speaker (includes bracket and pigtail)	18X	O / P-67H

<sup>1</sup> Tested and meets the requirements of NIJ Standard 0108.01 Level III:  
 • 7.62 x 51 mm 9.7g M80 (.308 Winchester 150gr)  
 Per LAPD requirements, they're also designed to withstand special threat rounds:  
 • 7.62 x 39 mm MSC 7.9g (Type 56)  
 • 5.56 x 45 mm M193 3.36g  
 • 5.56 x 45mm M855 4g

<sup>2</sup> Tested and meets the requirements of NIJ Standard 0108.01 Level IV:  
 • .30-06 M2 AP 166gr (7.62 x 63 APM2 10.8g)  
 Also designed to withstand special threat rounds:  
 • 7.62 x 54R LPS 9.65g  
 • 7.62 x 51 mm M81 9.75g (.308 Winchester 150.5gr)  
 In addition, Level IV+ includes all of the NIJ Level III and LAPD rounds listed in footnote 1.

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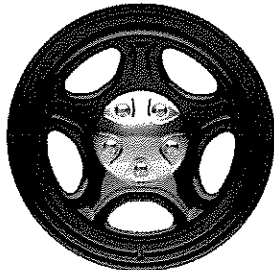
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**AXLE AVAILABILITY**

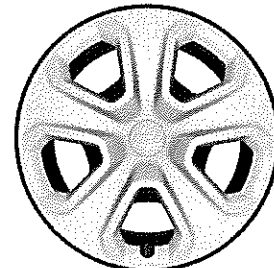
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Interceptor*

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AWD EcoBoost®  
Police Interceptor*

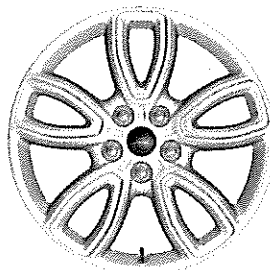
**WHEEL AVAILABILITY**



18" 5-spoke painted black steel wheels with center caps (5<sup>th</sup> wheel is full-size spare) – Standard



18" 5-spoke full face wheel covers with metal clips – Optional (65L)



18" painted Aluminum wheels, Available in Police Upgrade Package (65U)

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## 2025 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY COLOR & TRIM AVAILABILITY

Police Interceptor Utility	Police Interceptor Utility	Interior Color Charcoal Black
Cloth Front Buckets / Vinyl Rear	<b>Front</b> – Unique Heavy-Duty Cloth, Front Bucket Seats Driver 6-way Power track (fore/aft, up/down, tilt with manual recline, 2-way manual lumbar) <b>Passenger</b> – 2-way manual track (fore/aft. with manual recline) <b>Rear</b> – 35/30/35 Split Vinyl.	9W
Cloth Front Buckets / Cloth Rear	<b>Front</b> – Unique Heavy-Duty Cloth, Front Bucket Seats Driver 6-way Power track (fore/aft, up/down, tilt with manual recline, 2-way manual lumbar). <b>Passenger</b> – 2-way manual track (fore/aft. with manual recline) <b>Rear</b> – 35/30/35 Split Cloth	FW

### COLOR OFFERINGS

EXTERIOR COLOR POLICE	Order Code	Charcoal Black
		Availability
Vermillion Red	E4	■
Iconic Silver Metallic	JS	■
Dark Blue	LK	■
Royal Blue	LM	■
Silver Grey Metallic	TN	■
Sterling Grey Metallic	UJ	■
Agate Black	UM	■
Oxford White	YZ	■
Carbonized Grey	M7	■

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# EMISSIONS

### EMISSIONS STANDARD/OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

50-STATE EMISSIONS SYSTEM ..... 425

Standard equipment in all states

**NOTE:** Flexible Fuel Vehicle (FFV) system is standard equipment for vehicles equipped with the 3.3L V6 Direct-Injection engine (non-hybrid)

ENGINE BLOCK HEATER ..... 41H

### MISCELLANEOUS

COV Required ..... 79V

Priced DORA..... C09

### SNOW PLOW USAGE

Not recommended for snow plowing.

**POWERTRAIN****FUEL ECONOMY**

ENGINE DISPL.	TRANSMISSION	50-STATE			
		F.E. LABEL ADJUSTED		ESTIMATED ANNUAL FUEL COST	MEMO: UNADJUSTED COMBINED
		CITY	HIGHWAY		
<b>AWD</b>					
3.3L V6 Direct-Injection Hybrid Engine System (AWD)	10-Speed Automatic	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.3L V6 Direct-Injection FFV (AWD)	10-Speed Automatic	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.0L V6 EcoBoost® (AWD)	10-Speed Automatic	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**ENGINE HORSEPOWER AND TORQUE RATINGS**

ENGINE DISPL.	TRANSMISSION	NOMINAL COMPRESSION RATIO	50-STATE	
			HORSEPOWER	TORQUE
			H.P. @ RPM	FT. LBS. @ RPM
<b>ALL</b>				
3.3L V6 Direct-Injection Hybrid Engine System (AWD)	10-Speed Automatic	12.0:1	318	322
3.3L V6 Direct-Injection FFV (AWD)	10-Speed Automatic	12.0:1	285	260
3.0L V6 EcoBoost® (AWD)	10-Speed Automatic	9.5:1	400	415

★ = New for this model year



**\Reno County Automotive\Sheriff's Dept. (7)**

Equipment	Year, Make, Model	Mileage	Unit #	Serial #	Type	Tag #	Operator
SO #425 - 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	110,815	SO #425	1FM5K8ABXLGA18947	Vehicle	,	
SO #427 - 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	88,637	SO #427	1FM5K8AW2LGC15100	Vehicle	,	
SO #431 - 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	87,480	SO #431	1FM5K8AB6LGA18945	Vehicle	,	
SO #432 - 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	90,289	SO #432	1FM5K8AW4LGC15101	Vehicle	,	
SO #434 - 2018 Ford Interceptor SUV	2018 Ford Interceptor SUV	151,521	SO #434	1FM5K8AR7JGB12441	Vehicle	,	
SO #439 - 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	94,132	SO #439	1FM5K8AB8LGA18946	Vehicle	,	
SO #441 - 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	2020 Ford Interceptor SUV	82,543	SO #441	1FM5K8AW8LGC15103	Vehicle	,	

**Total equipment listed = 7**



## AGENDA ITEM

## AGENDA ITEM #6.C

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Don Brittain, Public Works Director

**AGENDA TOPIC:**  
Noxious Weed Annual Management Plan and Eradication Progress Report

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

The Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan and Eradication Progress Report are required by State Statute to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Agriculture every year to confirm Reno County's commitment to controlling noxious weeds, and to report the number of acres of noxious weeds treated.

The goals and priorities of the program for 2025 are tools used to provide services paid for by the Public Works Noxious Weed Fund specifically levied for that purpose.

This process is repeated every year.

**ALL OPTIONS:**

Approve and sign both the plan and progress report.

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Approve and sign both the plan and progress report.

**POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RENO COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**  
**(Noxious Weed Division)**

2025 Annual Management Plan

**BY**

DON BRITTAIN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

**FOR**

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Due Date: March 15, 2024

# 2025 ANNUAL NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN

## INTRODUCTION

This management plan was created to fulfill the criteria outlined under state statute whereas each county is required to submit an annual management plan to the Kansas Department of Agriculture by June of each year. This plan is used to establish priorities, set goals, review past statistics, and improve strategies for controlling noxious weeds. The mission statement describes the purpose of controlling noxious weeds. Goals are general statements, which represent the desired results of the plan. Strategies are specific courses of action to help attain goals.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Reno County Public Works Department provides professional service, consultation, recommendations, weed identification, and safe chemical usage to promote the reduction of noxious weeds with proper chemical treatments to safeguard crop production and pastureland. The provision of these services includes consideration of environmental impacts and available financial resources. The Public Works Department is committed to the efficient and effective provision of these services as provided by law.

## PRIOR YEAR STATISTICS

	Bindweed	Johnson-Grass	Musk Thistle	Sericea Lespedeza
County Road Right-of-Way	170 acres	58 acres	28 acres	
Private property	1809.8 acres	123.3 acres	1085 acres	425 acres
Townships	150 acres	110 acres		

## STRATEGIES

- Increase public awareness of musk thistle through correspondence, treatment, media, and enforcement notices.
- Assist with education of Sericea Lespedeza by working with Extension and Natural Resource Conservation District.
- Educate and increase public awareness of the economic problems caused by noxious weeds to our local economy.
- Educate landowners of any proposed Noxious Weed Law changes.

## GOALS

- Assist in the Control of noxious weeds in Reno County on public and private lands.
- Work with other county departments and government agencies as needed.
- Carry out any directives determined by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Provide efficient and effective services.
- Prepare the annual budget for approval by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Promote the safe handling and application of pesticides.
- Enforce the Kansas Noxious Weed Law.
- Monitor legislation that could affect Reno County and this department.
- Control noxious weeds on County right-of-ways.



DON BRITTAIN, Director  
Reno County Public Works

2-22-2024

Date

We certify that this is a correct copy of the Reno County Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan as required by K. S. A. 2-1317 and due by March 15, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
RENO COUNTY, KANSAS

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Randy Parks, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Reno County Clerk

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Date

2025 Management Plan

For Reno County

Casey Pattinson, County Weed Director

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the coming year.

**Control noxious weeds in the county right of way.  
 Increase public awareness of Musk Thistle and Sericea Lespedeza through treatments, media, and enforcement notices.  
 Educate landowners on new noxious weed laws, as well as new chemicals and control methods.**

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the next five years.

**Assist in the control of noxious weeds in Reno County on public and private land.  
 Work with other counties and government agencies.  
 Carry out any directives determined by the Reno County Board of Directors.  
 Promote the safe handling and application of chemicals in Reno County.  
 Enforce the Kansas Noxious Weed laws.  
 Monitor Changes in Kansas Noxious Weed laws that would effect Reno County.**

Describe the areas which noxious weed species are known to occur within the county and specific locations of new infestations and areas particularly susceptible to new infestations.

Field bindweed	<b>Right-of-Way, crop lands, pastures, CRP, construction sites, residential property, industrial property</b>
Musk thistle	<b>Right-of-Way, crop lands, CRP, pastures, industrial property</b>
Sericea lespedeza	<b>Right-of-Way, crop lands, CRP, pastures, industrial property</b>
Johnsongrass	<b>Right-of-Way, crop lands, CRP, pastures, drainage areas</b>
Bur ragweed	
Canada thistle	<b>Right-of-Way, crop lands, CRP, pastures, industrial property</b>
Hoary cress	
Leafy spurge	
Quackgrass	
Kudzu	
Russian knapweed	

List any non-noxious invasive weed species you plan to control and the types of integrated weed control methods you plan on using on them.

**County dirt piles with bareground application.**

**County yard/storage areas with bareground application.**

**County lagoons and fence lines with bareground application.**

List your planned integrated weed management goals and procedures, including but not limited to biological control agent selection and distribution, pesticide selection and application and cultural and mechanical controls.

Biological Controls

Chemical Controls

Cultural Controls

Mechanical Controls

**Weed eat, till areas, burn off fields**

Estimate the projected personnel, operations, and equipment costs of the proposed program.	
Personnel costs	<b>\$85, 783.00</b>
Operations costs	<b>\$55, 775.00</b>
Equipment costs	<b>\$11, 000.00</b>

List the methods you plan to use to encourage compliance and the enforcement actions you will take if necessary.

**Speak with landowners and educate them of Kansas Noxious Weed laws.**

**Help landowners positively identify their noxious weeds.**

**Provide landowners with information on chemicals to control noxious weeds.**

**Inform landowners of the chemical cost share program.**

List your plans for working with state and/or federal agencies to control the noxious weeds on state and/or federal lands.

**Follow Noxious Weed laws and regulations from the Kansas Department of Agriculture.**

**Follow Noxious Weed and chemical application laws from the Environmental Protection Agency.**

**Enforce Kansas Noxious Weed Laws within Reno County.**

**Have annual reports and noxious weed survey turned into the KPA by deadline.**

**Work with the USDA on the enforcement of CRP lands.**

Describe your education and outreach plans for the coming year. Include training and professional development for yourself and your staff. (Attend District meetings? Annual Conference? Recertification?)

**Provide landowners with literature of eradication methods of noxious weeds.**

**Help landowners with proper weed identification over the phone, by email or in-person.**

**Attend annual weed conference and summer training if possible.**

**Attend classes of credit hours to renew applicator's license.**



List the facilities and equipment available for use in managing the noxious weeds in your county, including a list of the equipment available for rent to the public and the rent you charge.

**Reno County Public Works, 600 Scott Blvd., South Hutchinson, KS 67505.**

**2003 Ford F-350, 300 gal. John Bean spray rig.**

**2011 Ford F-250, 300 gal. John Bean spray rig.**

**2023 Can-Am Defender.**

**Noxious Weed Department Employees**

Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Wd Dept.	# Jobs within the county
<b>Casey Pattinson</b>	<b>Noxious Weed Supervisor</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Multiple</b>
<b>Mike DeWitt</b>	<b>Noxious Weed Applicator</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Multiple</b>

I certify that this is the official 2025 Management Plan of Reno County

  
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 County Weed Supervisor

2/22/24  
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 Date

  
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 Public Works Director

2-22-2024  
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 Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners

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 Date

# Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report 2023



as required by KSA 2-1316

Noxious Weed Supervisor:

**Casey Pattinson**

## Reno County Public Works / Noxious Weed Division

**Noxious Weed Department Personnel**

Name	Job Title	% Time Spent on Noxious Weeds	Weed Director Salary
Casey Pattinson	Weed Supervisor / Lead NW Tec	100%	\$3,651.20
Michael DeWitt	Equipment Operator II / Weed	100%	\$3,224.00

**Financial Summary - Noxious Weed Fund**

**Amount**

Mil levy for 2023	0.174
County valuation for 2023	\$675,742,359.00
Beginning Budget Balance for 2023	\$24,004.42

**Revenues**

Appropriation	\$128,397.70	
Chemical Sale	\$20,256.14	
Misc. Reimbursement	\$1.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$148,654.84</b>

**Expenditures**

Commodities	\$8,735.28	
Commodities - Chemical	\$38,713.06	
Contractual	\$2,388.02	
Personnel Services	\$85,862.14	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$135,698.50</b>

**Ending Budget Balance      \$36,960.76**

Carryover to next year's budget for 2023 to 2024 \$36,960.76

**Capital Outlay Fund**

**Amount**

Beginning Balance	\$89,776.58
Receipts	\$14,500.00
Expenditures	\$0.00

**Ending Balance      \$104,276.58**

# Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report

Reno County Public Works / Noxious Weed Division

Year  
2023 ★

## Estimated Acreage of Noxious Weeds

Noxious Weed	Private	County	Township	State	Federal	City	Total
Bull Thistle	0.0						0.0
Field Bindweed	1809.8	170.0	150.0	0.0			2129.8
Johnsongrass	123.3	58.0	110.0				291.3
Multiflora Rose	0.0						0.0
Musk Thistle	1085.0	28.0		0.0			1113.0
Sericea Lespedeza	425.0						425.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3443.1</b>	<b>256.0</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>			<b>3959.1</b>

## Estimated Acreage of Noxious Weed on Private Land sub-section

Noxious Weed	Wheat	Corn	Soybean	Grain	CRP	Pasture	Other	Fallow	Non-Ag	Total
Bull Thistle						0.0				0.0
Field Bindweed	847.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	28.0	889.0		3.8	20.0	1809.8
Johnsongrass	22.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	43.0	44.0		0.0	8.0	123.3
Multiflora Rose					0.0	0.0				0.0
Musk Thistle	28.0		0.0	0.0	49.0	908.0			100.0	1085.0
Sericea Lespedeza	0.0				225.0	200.0				425.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>897.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>345.0</b>	<b>2041.0</b>		<b>3.8</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>3443.1</b>

Weeds declared Noxious by the County:      Multiflora Rose       Bull Thistle

## Herbicide Disbursement Summary

Chemical	Purchase Price	Cost Share Price	Total Disbursed
2-4 D Amine	\$17.99	\$13.49	140.000 gal
2-4 D AMINE	\$4.50	\$3.37	755.260 qt
Aliphatic Osyalkylated	\$15.50	\$15.50	33.333 gal
AMINOPYRALID	\$70.00	\$52.50	11.000 qt
Ammonium Sulfate	\$4.63	\$4.63	77.806 qt
GLYPHOSATE	\$24.76	\$18.57	90.750 gal
Imazapic	\$109.00	\$109.00	6.000 gal
IMAZAPIC	\$0.88	\$0.66	2126.772 oz
Imazapyr	\$288.00	\$288.00	2.625 gal
IMAZAPYR	\$0.54	\$0.41	746.000 oz
Isopropylemine	\$69.99	\$52.49	7.500 gal
METSULFURON METHYL	\$1.95	\$1.46	296.000 oz
Phosphate Ester	\$18.50	\$18.50	12.500 gal
PICLORAM	\$30.08	\$30.08	5.000 gal
PICLORAM	\$8.87	\$6.65	681.372 qt
TRICLOPYR	\$59.89	\$44.92	131.000 gal

# Enforcement Summary

Warning Notices	10
Legal Notices	
Court Cases	

Diversion Agreements	
Accounts to Tax Roll	0
Meetings Sponsored	0

Demonstration Plots	0
Feed and Hay Inspection	0
Publish General Notice	0

Enforcement Comments:

We certify this is a correct copy of the Reno County Public Works / Noxious Weed Division Program for 2023.  
 We certify that Casey Pattinson is employed as the Noxious Weed Supervisor for 2024.



Public Works Director

2-22-24

Date



Noxious Weed Supervisor

2/22/24

Date

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 Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

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## AGENDA ITEM

## **AGENDA ITEM #6.D**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Cindy Martin

**AGENDA TOPIC:**

BOCC final approval of January minutes as drafts were approved on February 28th, 2024

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

Drafts were approved in the previous agenda meeting there are no more revisions.

**ALL OPTIONS:**

Approval

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Approval

**POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

January 10, 2024  
Reno County Courthouse  
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners held an agenda session with Chairman Daniel Friesen, Commissioner Ron Hirst, Commissioner Randy Parks, Commissioner Don Bogner, and Commissioner John Whitesel, County Counselor Patrick Hoffman, County Administrator Randy Partington, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Wayne DeWindt, Eastwood Church of Christ.

Richele Calvert the newly appointed County Treasurer who would finish out retired Treasurer Brenda Kowitz's term. She introduced herself stating she had been with the Treasurer Office nine years and gave a brief summary of the Treasurer's Office projects. The Board welcomed her and gave their congratulations.

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bogner,** to approve Commissioners consent agenda consisting of items 6A and 6B which includes the: **(6A)** Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on January 5th, 2024, totaling \$924,503.74; Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on January 12th, totaling \$1,408,356.90; **(6B)** approved added, abated and escaped taxation change orders numbered 2023-685, 686, and 694 for approval by the Board of Commissioners; as presented by staff. The motion for the consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

7A. Michelle Updegrove with Register of Deeds presented her annual report on 2023 projects in her department. She spoke about the hardcopy books being digitized and the Board questioned what would happen to the books after electronically stored. Ms. Updegrove stated there were a few options available, one was storing them in Underground Vaults & Storage and for conditions and security reasons that was the better option.

7B. Mr. Partington explained the Administrative Services Agreement with Ranson Financial Group for Reno County Water District 101's (Yoder). Ranson Financial would oversee the paperwork with KDHE for the Water Revolving Loan Fund and the Small-Town Water and Sewer Infrastructure Assistance Grant, and if the county applied for USDA funds that would also be handled in the process. He stated Ranson was on contract for similar administrative services on the HABIT/Yoder sewer project. Reno County sent out RFQ's and Ranson was the only response received. Mr. Bogner questioned if the amounts were capped. Mr. Partington stated of \$15,000 for the KDHE paperwork, broken down by \$10,000 for rd-apply application and \$5,000 to complete the USDA Environmental review with a not to exceed clause. Mr. Partington said those were standard costs for these types of services. The repayment of any loan would be paid by the water district residents. **Mr. Bogner moved, seconded by Mr. Parks,** to approve the Administrative Services Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement as presented by staff. The motion was approved unanimously.

8A. County Administrator Mr. Randy Partington inquired if there were questions on any of the monthly department reports, there were none.

8B. Mr. Partington stated the financial reports were through December and did not include the year-end transfers. The final financial report will be toward the end of February or first of March. He received an email from the Chamber of Commerce with two tickets regarding the State of the City Address on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at the Sandhills Event Center. He asked who would like the tickets, Mr. Whitesel and Mr. Parks would be attending. Next meeting was to be January 24<sup>th</sup> there would not be a quorum so he suggested moving the meeting to January 31<sup>st</sup> and to be after the Chamber meeting that a couple of commissioners would be attending and starting the agenda at 9:30 a.m., the Board agreed. The last item was for the courthouse tax credits they sent out a request for proposals to bid on the \$2.9 million. He asked if the Board wanted to do the full amount or in increments of \$100,000. Mr. Hirst suggested looking at CPA firms using \$50,000 instead of \$100,000. Mr. Partington asked about scheduling a study session to talk about the landfill methane wells with SCS. He would ask Solid Waste Director Megan Davidson to give an explanation in February after one of the agenda meetings, the Board agreed.

Mr. Partington requested the Board think about goal setting for the 2024-2025 and future capital projects. He would like to see if Wichita State University will come to facilitate leading a discussion on strategic plans. The Board was concerned about cost and suggested doing this in-house to save money. Mr. Bogner suggested getting the approximate cost and then deciding on a plan of action. Mr. Hirst suggested finding a local facilitator with experience. The Board agreed to prioritize feedback for Mr. Partington and come up with the top 3 to 5 goals/ideas to focus on at a minimal cost.

#### 9. Commissioner Comments:

Mr. Whitesel asked the public to drive safely with the weather conditions, stay well and have a good year.

Mr. Hirst wanted to thank Public Works for all their hard work with the weather conditions. K-96 Corridor meeting was on Rural Entrepreneurship coming out of leadership center. He would like to request from Legislator Seiwert K-96 between mile markers 108 to 114 for six miles as "Dead Eye Infantry Division".

Mr. Parks and Mr. Friesen had no comments.

Mr. Bogner commented on the Conservation meeting he attended mentioning financial grants available for the fire east of town.

10A. Mr. Friesen requested nominations for Chair in 2024. Mr. Hirst nominated Mr. Parks; the vote was unanimous at 4-0 with Mr. Parks abstaining.

10B. Mr. Friesen requested nominations for Vice-Chair in 2024. Mr. Parks nominated Mr. Bogner; the vote was unanimous at 4-0 with Mr. Bogner abstaining after noting a small protest.



At 9:40 a.m. the agenda meeting adjourned until Wednesday, January 31st, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Approved:

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Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk  
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Date

January 24, 2024  
Reno County Courthouse  
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners had no agenda session scheduled for today.

January 31, 2024  
Reno County Courthouse  
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners held an agenda session with Chairman Randy Parks, Commissioner Don Bogner, Commissioner Ron Hirst, and Commissioner John Whitesel, County Counselor Patrick Hoffman, County Administrator Randy Partington, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present. Commissioner Daniel Friesen was not available.

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short sectarian prayer led by Pastor Matthew Stafford from First Congregational Church of Hutchinson.

Mr. Parks explained the time difference for this agenda session was 9:30 a.m. instead of the printed 9:00 a.m.

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

Mr. Hirst explained there was a correction on item 6B, minutes for December 13<sup>th</sup>, regarding Mr. Swarts' out of county comment. The final minutes were reprinted prior to approval of the consent agenda item.

**Mr. Whitesel moved, seconded by Mr. Bogner,** to approve the consent agenda consisting of items 6A through 6I which includes the: **(6A)** Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, totaling \$1,392,015.23; Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on January 26<sup>th</sup>, totaling \$482,571.58; Accounts Payable Ledger for claims payable on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, totaling \$443,889.17; **(6B)** approve BOCC minutes for December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023; **(6C)** Set date and time for County Canvass following the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary Election on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the Reno County Annex Conference Room; **(6D)** approve the Professional Development of Staff Proposal and memorandum of understanding (MOU) working with the KU Public Management Center to help develop the county's core values, mission statement, and 1.5 to 2 day HPO sessions for an amount not to exceed \$170,300 and have county administrator sign MOU. Funds for the training of employees will come out of budgeted areas in the general fund from 2024 and possibly 2025 budgets. The county will be billed per session used; **(6E)** approval of Sheriff's Shooting Range Agreement with Hutton Construction on details for Phase I of the Commission approved shooting range at the landfill. In July 2022, the commission authorized phase 1 with an amount not to exceed \$600,000. Hutton Construction proposed an agreement to formally begin Phase I with a guaranteed maximum price of \$508,760 and authorize the county administrator to sign the construction management agreement. The costs for this phase of the range project will come out of Fund 099 (CIP Reserve Fund) with no impact on the county's operating budget; **(6F)** approval for Public Works Department request to purchase one (1) 2025 Freightliner 108SD tandem axle truck chassis with a 16-foot dump body from Truck Center Companies, Wichita, Kansas, for a total price of \$207,891.00 budgeted for 2024 per the Capital Improvement Plan. Public Works Fund 007 Operational Equipment; **(6G)** approval to purchase a 2024 Ford F350 for Reno/Kingman Joint Fire District #1 from Midway Motors for \$50,875.00. Replacing a 2012 Freightliner M2106V dump truck which was 11 years 11 months with 249,392 miles as of 1/22/24 purchased in 2012.

This is budgeted for 2024 per the Capital Improvement Plan; **(6H)** approval to purchase a truck chassis for Reno County Fire District #6 with a not to exceed cost of \$45,000. This purchase had been planned for following the district's CIP. The funds received from the sale of the older truck will be placed in the district's special equipment fund; **(6I) a resolution #2024-01; A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 79-2801 DIRECTING THE FILING OF A REAL ESTATE TAX FORECLOSURE ACTION** as presented by staff. The motion for the consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote of 4-0.

7A. Patrol Captain Steve Lutz explained about a Law Enforcement Memorial on the southeast corner of the County Courthouse grounds. It would be a 25-foot circle made with concrete or like material with sidewalks, one toward 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue the other toward Adams Street. A stone or granite type of memorial would be placed to the east of the courthouse with a flagpole in the middle of the circle to memorialize the Law Enforcement Officers/Deputies who have lost their lives in the line of duty. He stated Maintenance Director Harlen Depew contacted the Historical Society and received approval of the memorial. FOP Lodge #18 had seed money and the balance of the funds would be privately donated. Reno County would continue to own the grounds and memorial. **Mr. Whitesel moved, seconded by Mr. Hirst,** to approve the construction of a memorial as presented by staff. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 4-0.

7B. Maintenance Director Harlen Depew outlined the courthouse furniture proposal, courthouse interior improvement project update, and change order request. Mr. Depew stated the furniture for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors was completed. The 5<sup>th</sup> floor furniture would cost \$134,502.55 and shelving for an additional not to exceed \$12,000 to be used by the District Attorney's office and District Courts. Mr. Partington covered the use of funds for this purchase.

Mr. Whitesel questioned whether the District Court staff had to use the back staircase for storage boxes. District Attorney Tom Stanton stated he was not aware of them having to use the back stairway, and said it was not an issue to use the front door. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bogner,** to approve the purchase of courthouse furniture from HON/Office Plus of Kansas, Hutchinson for \$134,502.55 and authorize additional shelving from a different vendor for \$12,000 as presented. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Mr. Depew then discussed the remodel project update with Ward Davis Builders. He stated the first floor was complete except for the carpet and the second and third floors were completed. The fourth floor was almost ready, and the fifth floor would be finalized then carpet would be installed. Timeline: was to carpet east side in newly remodeled space with completion end of February. Then move into the west side and carpet and end up with the first floor in the middle of April or middle of May. He said WD Construction would be going over the completion date by 62 days.

Mr. Depew then spoke about the change order from Ward Davis Builders stating a detailed breakdown was in the agenda packet. They decided to do one change order instead of many throughout the project with a cost of \$24,756.00 including the time extension of 62 extra days making it mostly complete by mid-April instead of the original date in March and final completion by mid-May. Documents were not included today; however, they would be available for the next agenda session and noted that today was just a review.

7C. Aging/RCAT Director Barbara Lilyhorn gave her annual report. She spoke about bus orders and how the cost has doubled from \$78,000 for a base model to \$130,000 and after equipment was added, the cost is \$150,123.00 for one unit. She also mentioned the KDOT Repair Fund was left over money from the sale of buses which helped with 100 percent cost for an engine repair and 30 percent toward the transmission repair.

8A. County Administrator Mr. Randy Partington inquired if there were any questions on any of the monthly department reports, there were none. He reminded the Board after the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting there was a study session with Solid Waste Director Megan Davidson and SCS regarding methane options. He spoke about iParametrics being in town and auditing ARPA funds for sub recipients. He and Financial Specialist Leslie Roederer will be meeting with the auditors to make sure all is on track. He commented that in the early part of 2024 they would receive reports from outside agencies. He said they filed the quarterly reports for December 2023. We need agreements for HCC and the hospital on projects that will be completed this year and still need commission approved ARPA agreements to spend the money.

County Counselor Patrick Hoffman spoke about the sanitation code project. KDOT had reviewed the code and made no changes and noted that it was published last Friday. He stated the process was on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A public hearing would be held for comments and then the Board could choose to adopt the new codes. The new codes are on the county website, and he said in February the project would be complete.

#### 9. Commissioner Comments:

Mr. Hirst attended the KAC local government day in Topeka and came away with the thought that the flat tax won't be overridden after speaking with state representatives. Dr. Bill Clifford, representative from Finney County answered questions on bills and spoke about The Presidential Preference Primary. He attended a SCKEED meeting last week saying they are doing well and stable financially. There is one house for sale and another house would be finished in 6 to 8 weeks. He spoke about 504 loans completed in the first quarter; these are the larger loans which can go over 5 million dollars. He attended the Southwest Bricktown meeting which discussed planning and what needs to be done in that area. He went to the K-96 Corridor meeting with Mr. Partington and attended the Extension Council meeting to get more information on what is coming up.

Mr. Bogner spoke about the Stafford County and Kansas Natural Resources Coalition regarding the water issues with Quivira. Reno County may have a small part. They quoted several laws pointed out to help them with a mutual understanding with state and federal agencies. Reno County does the meetings and properly shows our intentions, they have to consider the county's consideration to benefit Reno County. The best thing Reno County did was the 30X30 resolution for the citizens of Reno County to protect them. Future planning, with Mr. Hoffman's help we would have more of a say in what's going on in our county, giving us a better say and Mr. Hoffman would have a better understanding of these things. The organization membership fee was \$5,000 annually and we could discuss it later.

Mr. Hoffman stated it was put on by the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition, that is the organization Mr. Bogner was speaking about that provided information. It was held in Stafford because the groundwater district conflicted with the federal agency of Fish & Wildlife.

The discussion was on how county government could interact with federal agencies. He was still processing information and spoke about the 30X30 resolution and what it said. The broader issue is how local government can collaborate with federal agencies on issues.

Mr. Bogner mentioned not only the federal government, but the State of Kansas got on board later with several other states. He said it also includes departments within the state of Kansas. There was a brief discussion on waterways.

Mr. Whitesel wanted to thank the employees who took care of the roads when it was so snowy and cold. Public Works and the City of Hutchinson crews did an excellent job. He and Mr. Partington attended the State of the City Address, and the main emphasis of the presentation was cooperation between counties and cities working together on projects. He thanked the City of Hutchinson for doing a lot of positive things that will benefit Reno County citizens. The Kansas State GOP meeting was this past week and very well represented. Out of the 156 elected delegates we have eleven delegates from the Reno County area who push for smaller government, less taxes, and less regulations. We are working not only in the county with state representatives, but the Republican Party at the state level is working to keep the government in its place.

Mr. Parks had no comments.

At 10:25 a.m. the meeting recessed for five minutes.

The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners, County Administrator Randy Partington, County Counselor Patrick Hoffman, and Minutes Clerk Cindy Martin, present.

10A. **At 10:30 a.m. Mr. Parks moved** that the Board recess into executive session for 30 minutes until 11:00 a.m. with County Counselor Patrick Hoffman, County Administrator Randy Partington, Reno County EMS Chief Dave Johnston, and Maintenance Director Harlen Depew for the subject of preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property and with the justification of the executive session being preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property, **seconded by Mr. Whitesel.** The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 4-0.

At 11:00 a.m. the agenda meeting returned to regular session and adjourned until Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Approved:

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Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

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Reno County Clerk  
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Date



# AGENDA ITEM

# AGENDA ITEM #6.E

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Randy Partington, County Administrator

**AGENDA TOPIC:**  
Kansas Rehabilitation Tax Credits Bid Award

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

Reno County went out to bid to sale our state tax credits at the beginning of the year, as discussed at a commission meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is attached and has tax credits available in the amount of \$888,709. The RFP was sent to everyone on a list by the Kansas State Historical Society that is updated with all interested parties. We also had social media posts to get the information out locally for banks that might be interested.

Three of the bids were received by banks or organizations in the State of Kansas, that included First National Bank of Louisburg, Silver Lake Bank, and AzimuthZero, LLC. Being located in the State of Kansas is not required and the best/highest bid received was from Clocktower Tax Credits out of New York. Staff is excited to receive a bid for the full amount instead of breaking this into multiple transfers.

The past two tax credits sold by Reno County were both around 91% of the total value and we were hoping to get near 90% for this round of tax credits. Below is a chart of the bids received for the tax credits. The information will be included in the next commission agenda packet with a recommendation to award the tax credits to the highest bidder. There is a \$300 transfer fee that will be due to the Kansas State Historical Society.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Amount of Tax Credits</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>	<b>Amount (%)</b>
First National Bank of Louisburg	\$50,000.00	\$43,500.00	87.00%
Silver Lake Bank (Topeka)	\$100,000.00	\$85,000.00	85.00%
Commerce Bank	\$888,709.00	\$808,725.19	91.00%
Fallbrook Tax Credits	\$888,709.00	\$827,832.43	93.15%
AzimuthZero, LLC	\$888,709.00	\$828,738.03	93.25%
<b>Clocktower Tax Credits</b>	<b>\$888,709.00</b>	<b>\$831,832.00</b>	<b>93.60%</b>

**ALL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve the sale of tax credits to the high bidder in the amount of \$831,832 (93.6% of credits)



- and authorize the chair to sign the memorandum of understanding with Clocktower Tax Credits.
2. Decline all bids.

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Approve the sale of tax credits to the high bidder in the amount of \$831,832 (93.6% of credits) and authorize the chair to sign the memorandum of understanding with Clocktower Tax Credits.

February 16, 2024

Mr. Randy Partington, County Administrator  
Reno County Board of County Commissioners  
206 West First Avenue  
Hutchinson, KS 67501  
Email: Bids@RenoGov.org

**RE: Letter of Commitment to Purchase Kansas Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits  
Reno County Courthouse – Hutchinson, KS**

Dear Mr. Partington,

Thank you for sharing the information about your historic rehabilitation in Hutchinson, KS. The project entails the historic rehabilitation of the Reno County Courthouse located at 206 West First Avenue. The project was placed into service in May 2023, and the Kansas Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits (KS HTCs) have been generated and are ready for transfer.

Clocktower Tax Credits is committed to facilitating the sale of your award of KS HTCs to a Kansas taxpayer. The purchase price of such sale would be based on a total price-per-credit rate of \$0.936 per dollar of available tax credit. Based on the state KS HTC issuance of \$888,709, the purchase price would equal \$831,832 for these credits. The sale proceeds will be paid upon issuance and transfer of the KS HTC certificate. These proceeds are net of any fee due to Clocktower by the Kansas taxpayer that we identify. Such purchase would be subject to all appropriate due diligence on the project, the tax credits, and the transfer, and the execution of a purchase agreement documenting all the terms of the transfer.

Please know that we have completed over fifty state tax credit transactions, and have the experience and capacity to complete the sale for the Reno County Courthouse project.

Respectfully,



Jeff Jacobson, President

March 6, 2024

Randy Partington  
County Administrator  
Reno County Board of County Commissioners  
206 W. First Avenue  
Hutchinson, Kansas 67501

**Re: Kansas Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits**

Dear Mr. Partington:

This agreement (“Agreement”) shall serve as our mutual agreement and understanding with the purchaser, Clocktower Tax Credits, LLC or its assigns (“Clocktower” or “Purchaser”), purchaser of certain Kansas Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits related to the project at 206 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hutchinson, Kansas.

**Project Information:** Reno County Courthouse  
206 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Hutchinson, Kansas 67501  
Project Number 1815

**Tax Credits:** Kansas Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits in the amount of Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Nine Dollars (\$888,709) (the “Tax Credits”)

**Seller:** Reno County Board of County Commissioners

**Consideration:** Purchaser shall deliver to Seller \$831,832.00 within 10 days of the transfer of the Tax Credits to Purchaser.

**Governing Law; Disputes:** This Agreement will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas and any dispute, litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding shall take place in Reno County, State of Kansas. In any dispute, litigation, or arbitration between the parties arising out of or related to this Agreement or the breach thereof, the prevailing party shall be entitled to have its reasonable and actual attorneys' fees, reasonable expenses, related litigation costs and costs of suit (if any) paid by the non-prevailing party.

**Miscellaneous:** Seller agrees to provide Clocktower all non-financial assistance necessary to complete the transfer and use of the tax credits by Clocktower or its assigns.

Seller and Clocktower each hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other party, including that party’s affiliates, directors,

officers and shareholders against any and all damage, loss, cost or liability arising out of or resulting from any of the indemnifying party's misrepresentations, acts or omissions or those of its employees, agents, directors, officers, and representatives in connection with the undertakings or services performed under this Agreement.

Each party represents and warrants that in performing its obligations under this Agreement, it shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, and that it is free of any contractual obligations that would prevent it from entering into this Agreement.

This Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof, and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified except by written instrument executed by all parties hereto.

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes and all of which when taken together shall constitute a single counterpart instrument. This Agreement may be executed by electronically, and each such electronic signature shall have the efficacy of a signed original and may be used in lieu of the original for any purpose. The parties each represent that the person executing this agreement on behalf of such party has been and is duly authorized to execute this Agreement.

[Signature Page Follows]

Please confirm that the foregoing correctly sets forth our agreement by signing and returning to us a copy of this Agreement.

Sincerely,

Agreed To And Accepted As Of The  
Date First Written Above

Clocktower Tax Credits, LLC

Reno County Board of  
County Commissioners

By: Jeff Jacobson  
Name: Jeff Jacobson  
Its: President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Its:



## AGENDA ITEM

## **AGENDA ITEM #6.F**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Don Brittain, Director of Public Works

**AGENDA TOPIC:**

Agreement with Kirkham Michael for Engineering Services to perform the Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections of the FAS & Off-System Bridges

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

This agreement is for the Biennial Bridge Inspections as required by the Kansas Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration. The agreement is for 403 bridges at a cost of \$86.00 per bridge totaling \$34,658.00. It is my recommendation for The Board of County Commissioners to award and sign this Agreement with Kirkham Michael to perform the 2024 Biennial Bridge Inspections. Funds for this agreement will come from the 006 Special Bridge Fund.

**ALL OPTIONS:**

1. Approval and signature of agreement
2. Return to staff for revision

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Approval and Signature of Agreement.

**POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:**

Budgeted in the Fund 006 Special Bridge.

## **Agreement for Engineering Services FAS & Off-System Bridge Inventory and Appraisal**

This Agreement is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by and between **Reno County, Kansas**, hereinafter referred to as the **OWNER**, and **Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc.**, hereinafter referred to as the **CONSULTANT**.

### **Article I**

1. Routine biennial bridge inspections will be completed following the four-page “Local Bridge Inspection Contract Scope of Services” and the articles following.

Note:

- (a) Fracture Critical bridges will be noted, but not inspected;
- (b) Load ratings for structures requiring a revised rating due to change of condition factors will be noted, but new load ratings not completed;
- (c) Special equipment such as snooper trucks, bucket trucks, scaffolding, etc. and climbing are not included as part of a routine inspection;
- (d) Special inspections such as, but not limited to, underwater, pin and hanger, field x-rays, ultrasonic testing, radiographic inspection, borings, excavations, or destructive material testing are not included as part of a routine inspection;
- (e) No more than one inspector shall be required during routine inspections.

All of the services discussed in (a) through (e) can be provided by Kirkham Michael under a supplemental agreement\*\*. Costs for these services will be in addition to the costs of this proposal.

\*\*KDOT has a statewide contract for pin and hanger, fracture critical, and underwater inspections.

2. The CONSULTANT’s services will be based on a visual inspection of the bridge as of the date of its field report. All transmittals to KDOT will be done electronically via e-mail, the internet, or KDOT’s bridge inspection web portal. Hard copies may be provided to KDOT for an additional cost.
3. Proposed services will include, as a minimum, submittal of the following:
  - (a) All data compiled in a report for the OWNER, up to five (5) copies of said report will be provided;
  - (b) Load ratings will be performed on all structures receiving an inventory inspection;

### **Article II**

The OWNER agrees:

1. To employ the CONSULTANT to perform the services as described in the Agreement for the fee stipulated;
2. To provide the CONSULTANT with their current bridge file for each bridge;



3. To pay the CONSULTANT a lump sum fee for engineering services as follows:

**Routine and Inventory Bridge Inspections**  
**403 Bridges at \$86.00 each; \$34,658.00 total**  
115 FAS; 285 Off-System; 3 Other (3 South Hutchison)

This fee may be adjusted to the actual number of bridges inspected.  
Inventory inspections will be completed for a lump sum fee of \$500.00 each.

The CONSULTANT will bill 50% after completion of the field inspection. The final billing will be sent following delivery of the bridge inspection report to the OWNER.

The attached Exhibit A: Terms and Conditions and the Local Bridge Inspection Contract Scope of Services are hereby made an integral part of this agreement.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc.**  
202 North Main Street  
Cheney, KS 67025

Accepted,  
**The Governing Board of Reno County, Kansas**  
2016 W. 1st  
South Hutchison, KS 67505

John Riggins, P.E.  
Vice President

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Public Works Director

Number of Reports  
Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (max 5)

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk  
(Seal)





## AGENDA ITEM

## **AGENDA ITEM #7.A**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Bob Fee, President Fee Insurance

**AGENDA TOPIC:**  
Umbrella Proposal - Travelers Insurance

### **SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

Commissioner Whitesel requested Bob Fee to provide a quote for additional umbrella insurance coverage for the county at a meeting in December. Attached is the quote and below is a high-level summary.

The proposal from Fee Insurance is a \$3 million umbrella coverage that is the maximum excess amount we could receive without getting coverage through an additional insurance carrier. The \$3 million coverage would have a premium cost of \$49,213. If the commission wanted excess coverage but not the full \$3 million, we could get \$1 million in coverage for \$15,000 - \$17,000. See attachment for more details of the proposal.

### **ALL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve the proposal for the high limit umbrella coverage of \$3 million with a \$49,213 premium.
2. Approve additional umbrella coverage of \$1 million with a premium between \$15,000 - \$17,000.
3. Decline additional coverage.
4. Table to a future meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Discussion item.

### **POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:**

Additional coverage would have a premium that would be covered by the General Fund's insurance line item.

# INSURANCE PROPOSAL RENO COUNTY

Presented: February 22, 2024  
Presented by: Robert Fee



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## Address

2920 N. Plum St  
Hutchinson, KS 67502



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## Phone & Fax

P: (620) 662-2381  
F: (620) 662-5415



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## Website & Social

[www.feeinsurance.com](http://www.feeinsurance.com)



# NAMED INSUREDS & LOCATIONS

## NAMED INSUREDS

Reno County

## MAILING ADDRESS

206 W. 1st Avenue  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

## LOCATION SCHEDULE

LOC	BLDG	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
1	1	206 W. 1st Avenue, Hutchinson, KS 67501	

# UMBRELLA

COMPANY <b>Travelers Casualty Insurance Co of America</b>	POLICY NUMBER <b>ZUP-81N77220</b>	POLICY TERM <b>1/1/2024 to 1/1/2025</b>
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## COVERAGES

DESCRIPTION	LIMIT
General Aggregate	\$3,000,000
Products / Completed Operations	\$3,000,000
Each Occurrence	\$3,000,000
Self-Insured Retention (SIR)	\$10,000

## UNDERLYING COVERAGES

DESCRIPTION	CARRIER / POLICY #	POLICY PERIOD	LIMIT
Automobile Liability Combined Single Limit	The Travelers Indemnity Company / H-810-3036P189-IND-23	1/1/24 to 1/1/25	\$1,000,000
General Liability Each Occurrence General Aggregate Product & Completed Ops Agg Personal & Advertising Injury Damage to Rented Premises	The Travelers Indemnity Company / ZLP-14T82241-24-PB	1/1/24 to 1/1/25	\$1,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$500,000
General Liability Employee Benefit Liability - Each Employee/Agg	The Travelers Indemnity Company / ZLP-14T82241-24-PB	1/1/24 to 1/1/25	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
General Liability Law Enforcement Liability - Each Wrongful Act/Aggregate	The Travelers Indemnity Company / ZLP-14T82241-24-PB	1/1/24 to 1/1/25	\$2,000,000/\$2,000,000
General Liability Public Entity Management Liability - Each Wrongful Act/Aggregate	The Travelers Indemnity Company / ZLP-14T82241-24-PB	1/1/24 to 1/1/25	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
General Liability Public Entity Employee-Related Practices Liability - Each Wrongful Employment Practice Offense/Aggregate	The Travelers Indemnity Company / ZLP-14T82241-24-PB	1/1/24 to 1/1/25	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000

## ADDITIONAL COVERAGES

DESCRIPTION	LIMIT	DEDUCTIBLE
Crisis Management Service Expenses	\$50,000	

# DISCLAIMERS AND DISCLOSURES

LINE(S) OF BUSINESS	QUOTE
Umbrella	\$ 49,213.00
Umbrella Option - \$1M Limit	\$ 15,000.00 - \$17,000

Premiums may be subject to additional state taxes, surcharges, assessments, surplus lines taxes and/or fees other than those shown above.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

POLICY TYPE	BILLING TYPE	PAYMENT PLAN*
Umbrella	TBD	TBD

*\*Installment charges may apply*

**AGENDA  
ITEM 7.B**



**RENO COUNTY YOUTH  
SERVICES**

219 W. SECOND AVENUE  
HUTCHINSON, KS

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

2023-2024

**BOB JOHNSON YOUTH SHELTER**

**JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

**JUVENILE INTAKE & ASSESSMENT**

NAMES	MONTH
ANGIE FANT	JANUARY
HALEE BONEBRIGHT	FEBRUARY
WILLETTE MILLER	MARCH
BRENT ROME	APRIL
DICK WEGNER	MAY
CHERI DIXON	JUNE
GINNY MCQUEEN	JULY
TAMMY CLINE	AUGUST
CODY YORK	SEPTEMBER
FELIPE ORTIZ	OCTOBER
MAKAYLA MICHAEL	NOVEMBER
WILLETTE MILLER	DECEMBER

## SHELTER DEMOGRAPHICS

	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
	Reno County	All Counties	Reno County	All Counties	Reno County	All Counties	Reno County	All Counties	Reno County	All Counties
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	61	99	61	104	60	95	41	122	83	158
<b>SEX</b>	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Male	26	42	24	62	29	44	14	45	28	64
Female	35	57	37	42	31	51	27	77	55	94
<b>RACE</b>	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	49	77	42	68	34	56	26	82	58	98
African American	4	8	6	14	10	12	9	20	13	24
Caucasian/Hispanic	6	12	10	17	15	26	4	13	8	27
Native American	0	0	3	3	1	1	2	6	3	8
Asian	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1
Other	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>AGE</b>	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
10	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	5
11	5	6	2	3	5	5	1	3	9	12
12	4	7	2	6	4	4	2	3	11	20
13	8	13	4	12	6	12	7	20	7	17
14	9	17	11	15	7	13	8	28	12	21
15	19	26	13	23	13	20	7	20	16	34
16	8	17	14	23	17	29	10	30	17	32
17	8	13	14	21	6	10	4	16	6	17
<b>PLACING AGENCY</b>	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Law Enforcement	51	62	53	15	51	56	32	54	68	102
Contractors	10	37	8	28	9	39	9	68	15	56
<b>DISMISSAL DESTINATION</b>	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Home/Relative	32	51	38	62	32	4	23	38	40	66
Out of Home	6	10	3	9	3	10	9	27	35	49
Detention	4	8	1	1	0	2	0	13	4	33
Other	19	33	18	33	23	42	12	48	4	6



### SHELTER PARENTAL SITUATION

PARENTAL SITUATION	ADMISSIONS FROM RENO COUNTY	PERCENT OF RENO COUNTY ADMISSIONS	ADMISSIONS FROM ALL COUNTIES	PERCENT OF ALL ADMISSIONS
<b>Two Biological Parents</b>	23	37%	32	32%
<b>Biological Mom &amp; Stepdad</b>	12	20%	16	16%
<b>Biological Dad &amp; Stepmom</b>	2	3%	3	3%
<b>One or Two Adoptive Parents</b>	2	3%	8	8%
<b>One Parent - Reason Unknown</b>	11	18%	15	15%
<b>One Parent - Due to Divorce</b>	2	3%	5	5%
<b>One Parent - Due to Death</b>	1	2%	1	1%
<b>One Parent - Other in Jail</b>	0	0%	0	0%
<b>One Step-Parent</b>	2	3%	2	2%
<b>No Parents - Living With Relatives</b>	5	8%	8	8%
<b>No Parents - Living In Placement</b>	0	0%	3	3%
<b>No Parents - Reason Unknown</b>	1	2%	6	6%

**SHELTER ADMISSIONS ~ CENSUS ~ AVERAGE STAY (DAYS)**

COUNTY	ALL ADMITS	CENSUS	AVERAGE STAY	POLICE ADMITS	CENSUS	AVERAGE STAY	CUSTODY ADMITS	CENSUS	AVERAGE STAY
<b>Reno*</b>	61	1402	23	51	210	4	10	1192	119
<b>Allen</b>	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	2
<b>Barton</b>	3	439	146	2	9	5	1	430	430
<b>Butler</b>	1	172	172	0	0	0	1	172	172
<b>Clay</b>	1	51	51	0	0	0	1	51	51
<b>Cowley</b>	1	103	103	0	0	0	1	103	103
<b>Crawford</b>	4	230	58	0	0	0	4	230	58
<b>Dickinson</b>	2	7	4	1	4	4	1	3	3
<b>Doniphan</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ellis</b>	1	366	366	1	1	1	1	365	365
<b>Geary</b>	1	82	82	0	0	0	1	82	82
<b>Greenwood</b>	1	7	7	0	0	0	1	7	7
<b>Harvey</b>	3	389	130	1	4	4	1	385	385
<b>Kingman</b>	2	4	2	1	3	3	1	1	1
<b>Montgomery</b>	1	17	17	0	0	0	1	17	17
<b>McPherson</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Pawnee</b>	1	4	4	1	4	4	0	0	0
<b>Rice</b>	2	200	100	1	5	5	1	195	195
<b>Russell</b>	1	6	6	1	6	6	0	0	0
<b>Saline</b>	2	420	210	0	0	0	2	420	210
<b>Sedgwick</b>	3	21	7	0	0	0	3	21	10
<b>Shawnee</b>	1	3	3	1	3	3	0	0	0
<b>Sherman</b>	2	131	66	0	0	0	2	131	66
<b>Sumner</b>	2	174	87	1	5	5	1	169	169
<b>Thomas</b>	2	70	35	0	0	0	2	70	35
<b>ALL COUNTIES</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4300</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4046</b>	<b>109</b>

**SHELTER ADMISSIONS COMPARED TO CENSUS**

Years	Admits	Census	Average Stay
<b>2021</b>	95	4887	51
<b>2022</b>	104	4814	46
<b>2023</b>			
<b>2024</b>			

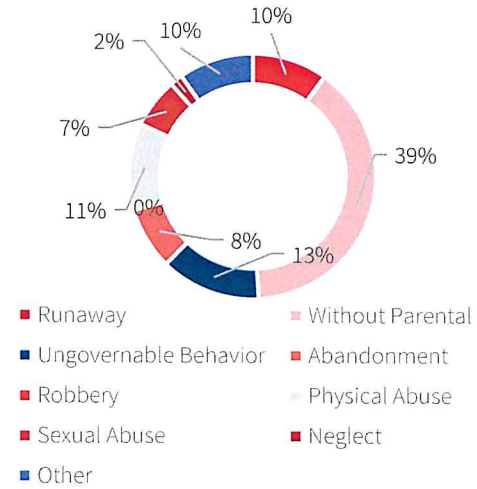
## SHELTER ADMISSION REASON

	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
	Reno	All Counties	Reno	All Counties	Reno	All Counties	Reno	All Counties	Reno	All Counties
Runaway	6	12	6	15	8	17	1	26	7	21
Without Parental Supervision	24	29	19	29	17	22	18	52	21	36
Ungovernable Behavior	8	19	2	13	10	18	1	4	9	26
Parent Unable To Care For	0	1	8	11	0	5	1	4	11	14
Physical Abuse	7	13	5	7	6	10	11	17	20	31
Neglect	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse	4	5	4	5	2	3	1	5	4	8
Battery	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abandonment	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Order of Protective Custody	0	0	5	5	9	9	5	6	8	8
Other*	6	8	12	19	8	11	3	8	3	14
<b>Total Admissions</b>	61	99	61	104	60	95	41	122	83	158

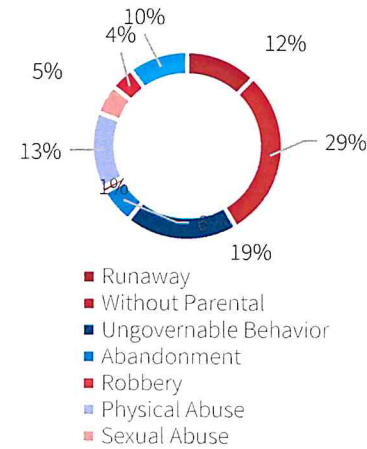
\*Included in Other:  
 ~ No living parent  
 ~ Mental abuse  
 ~ Substandard home  
 ~ Parent refused custody  
 ~ Truancy

	<b>Reno County</b>	Reno County	<b>All Counties</b>	All Counties
<b>Runaway</b>	6	10%	12	12%
<b>Without Parental</b>	24	39%	29	29%
<b>Ungovernable Behavior</b>	8	13%	19	19%
<b>Abandonment</b>	5	8%	6	6%
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0%	1	1%
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	7	11%	13	13%
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	4	7%	5	5%
<b>Neglect</b>	1	2%	4	4%
<b>Other</b>	6	10%	10	10%
<b>Total Admissions</b>	61		99	

### Admission Reason - Reno County



### Admission Reason - All Counties



## DETENTION DEMOGRAPHICS

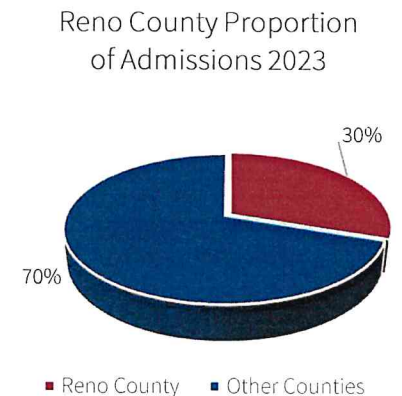
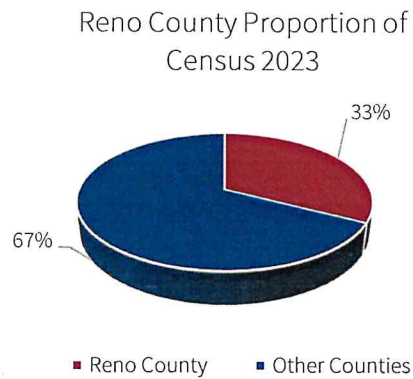
	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
	Reno County	All Counties	Reno County	All Counties	Reno County	All Counties	Reno County	All Counties	Reno County	All Counties
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>SEX</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
Male	46	134	43	104	34	135	36	161	45	224
Female	11	55	4	24	13	40	24	57	24	75
<b>RACE</b>					<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	32	129	26	83	35	105	41	142	36	181
African American	18	31	8	18	7	34	10	30	8	43
Caucasian/Hispanic	7	27	12	26	5	34	7	35	20	63
Native American	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	10	5	8
Asian	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>AGE</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
10	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
11	2	4	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	7
12	2	5	1	2	1	2	1	1	4	9
13	1	16	6	13	5	13	6	21	4	20
14	12	29	6	19	4	19	12	36	10	42
15	24	42	7	23	4	21	17	49	12	64
16	8	42	10	36	17	61	12	51	22	74
17	8	49	17	34	16	57	11	58	13	81
<b>DISMISSAL DESTINATION</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
Home/Relative	35	103	24	70	25	81	27	88	47	101
Out of Home	5	38	0	2	2	5	10	41	8	47
Shelter	2	4	2	6	1	4	8	11	0	0
Court/Other	17	43	20	52	18	79	16	81	13	154

### DETENTION PARENTAL SITUATION

PARENTAL SITUATION	ADMISSIONS FROM RENO COUNTY	PERCENT OF RENO COUNTY ADMISSIONS	ADMISSIONS FROM ALL COUNTIES	PERCENT OF ALL ADMISSIONS
<b>Two Biological Parents</b>	10	18%	40	21%
<b>Biological Mom &amp; Stepdad</b>	4	7%	12	6%
<b>Biological Dad &amp; Stepmom</b>	2	3%	4	2%
<b>One or Two Adoptive Parents</b>	2	3%	9	5%
<b>One Parent - Reason Unknown</b>	15	26%	46	24%
<b>One Parent - Due to Divorce</b>	5	8%	8	4%
<b>One Parent - Due to Death</b>	1	2%	13	7%
<b>One Parent - Other in Jail</b>	7	12%	11	6%
<b>One Step-Parent</b>	0	0%	1	1%
<b>No Parents - Living With Relatives</b>	7	12%	26	14%
<b>No Parents - Living In Placement</b>	4	8%	10	5%
<b>No Parents - Reason Unknown</b>	0	0%	9	5%

## DETENTION ADMISSIONS ~ CENSUS ~ AVERAGE STAY (DAYS)

COUNTY	ALL ADMISSIONS	CENSUS	AVERAGE STAY	ADMISSION & CENSUS COMPARISON BY YEAR			
				Year	Admissions	Census	Average Stay
<b>Reno*</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1103</b>	<b>19</b>				
<b>Barton</b>	13	174	13	<b>2020</b>	218	3121	14
<b>Butler</b>	19	414	22	<b>2021</b>	175	4038	23
<b>Cloud</b>	1	8	8	<b>2023</b>	128	4348	34
<b>Cowley</b>	6	40	7	<b>2023</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>3391</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Crawford</b>	1	1	1				
<b>Decatur</b>	1	29	29				
<b>Dickinson</b>	1	28	28				
<b>Edwards</b>	1	7	7				
<b>Elk</b>	7	95	14				
<b>Ellis</b>	12	177	15				
<b>Greenwood</b>	2	101	51				
<b>Harper</b>	4	41	10				
<b>Harvey</b>	14	476	34				
<b>Kingman</b>	1	5	5				
<b>McPherson</b>	7	176	25				
<b>Norton</b>	1	4	4				
<b>Ottawa</b>	3	43	14				
<b>Pawnee</b>	3	28	9				
<b>Pratt</b>	2	41	21				
<b>Rawlins</b>	1	3	3				
<b>Rush</b>	5	52	10				
<b>Saline</b>	6	57	10				
<b>Sherman</b>	3	43	14				
<b>Smith</b>	1	26	26				
<b>Stafford</b>	2	12	6				
<b>Sumner</b>	14	186	13				
<b>Trego</b>	1	21	21				
<b>ALL COUNTIES</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>3391</b>	<b>18</b>				



## DETENTION ADMISSIONS BY OFFENSE (ALL COUNTIES)

Person Offenses					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Murder	0	4	4	1	1
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	9	6	5	10	12
Sexual Offense	14	14	9	5	7
Robbery	8	4	1	2	5
Aggravated Assault	14	12	20	13	13
Terroristic Threats	19	13	14	14	8
Assault/Battery	38	38	21	13	23
Burglary	18	5	6	4	4
<b>Person Offense Totals</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>73</b>

Non-Person Offenses					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Warrant	67	44	44	32	32
Weapon Violation	3	0	4	4	5
Larceny	16	3	4	2	7
Vandalism	18	10	6	1	5
Probation Violation	0	0	0	0	11
Arson	5	0	2	2	2
Forgery	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	2	3	3	0	0
Auto Theft	9	6	3	7	4
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	1
Harboring Runaway	0	0	0	0	0
Runaway	0	0	0	0	5
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	5	0	0	1
Escape Detention	0	0	0	0	0
Other	12	29	15	7	9
Sanction House	14	2	4	0	20
<b>Non-Person Totals</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>102</b>

Traffic Offenses					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
DUI	2	0	1	2	1
Leaving Scene/Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Reckless Driving	0	0	0	0	0
Driving w/o License	0	0	0	0	0
Driving While Suspended	0	0	0	0	0
Eluding Police	7	4	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Traffic Offense Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

Drug/Alcohol Offenses					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Liquor Violation	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Narcotic Drug	2	9	1	4	1
Narcotic Drug	6	7	3	1	4
<b>Drug/Alcohol Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

Children In Need of Care					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Interstate Compact	14	0	4	4	2
Ungovernable Behavior	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	6
<b>CINC Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>

TOTAL ADMISSIONS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	<b>299</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>189</b>



## DETENTION ADMISSIONS BY OFFENSE (RENO COUNTY)

Person Offenses					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0	3	0
Sexual Offense	1	0	2	1	1
Robbery	2	0	1	0	1
Aggravated Assault	3	7	3	8	6
Terroristic Threat	2	8	4	6	2
Assault/Battery	11	8	7	6	5
Burglary	4	0	2	1	2
<b>Person Offense Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>

Non-Person Offenses					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Warrant	18	13	9	15	6
Weapon Violation	0	0	0	1	1
Larceny	1	2	2	0	6
Vandalism	4	2	1	0	1
Trespassing	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	0	0	0	1
Forgery	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	2	0	0
Auto Theft	2	1	3	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0
Harboring Runaway	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	15	0	0	1
Probation Violation	0	0	0	0	1
Other	5	2	5	2	4
Sanction House	8	0	2	0	16
<b>Non-Person Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37</b>

Traffic Offenses					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
DUI	2	0	1	2	0
Leaving Scene/Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Reckless Driving	0	0	0	0	0
Driving w/o License	0	0	0	0	0
Driving While Suspended	0	0	0	0	0
Eluding Police	0	0	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Traffic Offense Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

Drug/Alcohol Offenses					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Liquor Violation	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Narcotic Drug	0	1	1	2	0
Narcotic Drug	2	1	1	0	0
<b>Drug/Alcohol Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

Children In Need of Care					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Runaway	2	0	0	0	3
Ungovernable Behavior	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CINC Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

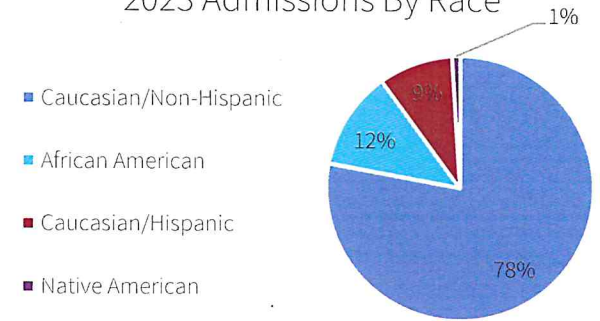
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	<b>69</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>

## INTAKE & ASSESSMENT ADMISSION DEMOGRAPHICS

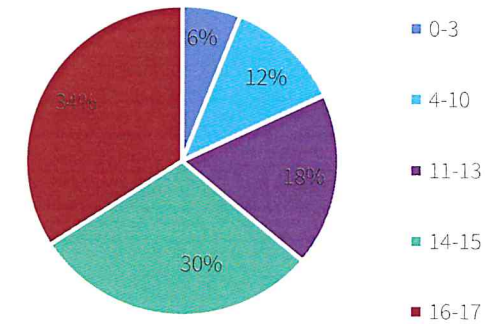
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Sex</b>	<b>Male</b>	442	301	360	410	377
	<b>Female</b>	308	238	280	251	309
<b>Race</b>	<b>Caucasian/Non-Hispanic</b>	468	344	492	478	536
	<b>African American</b>	110	72	68	102	84
	<b>Caucasian/Hispanic</b>	143	94	73	72	62
	<b>Native American</b>	22	29	7	8	4
	<b>Asian</b>	7	0	0	1	0
	<b>Other</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Age</b>	<b>Birth to 1 Year</b>	40	17	36	17	21
	<b>1 Year</b>	13	9	10	7	6
	<b>2 Years</b>	13	10	9	14	12
	<b>3 Years</b>	16	6	8	7	12
	<b>4 Years</b>	10	8	11	8	7
	<b>5 Years</b>	10	10	7	7	8
	<b>6 Years</b>	12	9	7	7	12
	<b>7 Years</b>	8	15	6	7	10
	<b>8 Years</b>	11	5	14	20	12
	<b>9 Years</b>	18	9	11	14	22
	<b>10 Years</b>	28	20	16	6	13
	<b>11 Years</b>	34	19	20	19	26
	<b>12 Years</b>	57	19	43	29	32
	<b>13 Years</b>	67	55	67	75	63
	<b>14 Years</b>	72	78	85	97	89
	<b>15 Years</b>	109	80	78	94	116
	<b>16 Years</b>	110	88	100	105	117
<b>17 Years</b>	122	82	112	128	108	
<b>Placing Agency</b>	<b>Hutchinson PD</b>	553	379	481	484	532
	<b>Reno SO</b>	126	115	95	104	101
	<b>Other Reno Co. LE's</b>	60	36	58	68	46
	<b>Walk-Ins</b>	10	7	3	5	6
	<b>Other</b>	1	2	3	0	1
<b>Resulting Placement</b>	<b>Bob Johnson Youth Shelter</b>	93	86	90	68	62
	<b>Juvenile Detention Center</b>	75	62	50	52	53
	<b>Emergency Shelter Homes</b>	97	61	79	50	53
	<b>Parent / Guardian / Relative</b>	424	294	342	417	424
	<b>DCF Foster Care / Other</b>	61	36	79	74	94

### 2023 Data Analysis

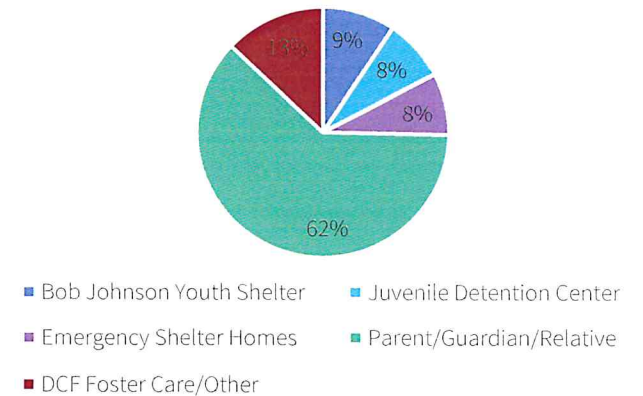
2023 Admissions By Race



2023 Admissions By Age



2023 Placement Results



## INTAKE & ASSESSMENT ADMISSIONS BY OFFENSE

Person Offenses	2021	2022	2023
Murder	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	2	2	0
Sexual Offense	4	5	8
Robbery	2	0	1
Agg. Assault/Agg. Battery	10	18	16
Assault/Battery	55	59	62
Burglary	9	12	9
<b>Person Offense Totals</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>

Non-Person Offenses	2021	2022	2023
Warrant	12	8	11
Weapon Violation	0	3	3
Larceny	35	27	25
Vandalism	36	38	31
Trespassing	2	1	10
Arson	4	1	4
Forgery	0	0	0
Stolen Property	2	1	0
Auto Theft	0	0	0
Harboring Runaway	0	0	0
Obstruction	7	12	14
Disorderly Conduct	6	15	5
*Curfew Violation	1	0	3
Other	20	13	13
<b>Non-Person Offense Totals</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>119</b>

Traffic Offenses	2021	2022	2023
DUI	1	3	0
Reckless Driving	0	0	0
Driving While Suspended	0	0	0
Illegal Use of DL	0	0	0
Other	2	2	0
<b>Traffic Offense Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

Drug/Alcohol Offenses	2021	2022	2023
Liquor Violation	7	29	27
Non-Narcotic Drug	54	64	70
Narcotic Drug	2	3	4
<b>Drug/Alcohol Totals</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>101</b>

\* Within the City Limits of Hutchinson  
 \*\* Outside the City Limits of Hutchinson

Children In Need of Care	2021	2022	2023
Runaway	123	115	108
Truancy	0	1	0
** Curfew Violation	1	1	7
Ungovernable Behavior	15	34	22
Physical Abuse	8	10	22
Sexual Abuse	4	6	6
Mental Abuse	1	0	0
Neglect	5	1	1
Abandonment	5	4	5
Unable To Care	139	127	3
Substandard Home	3	0	4
Protective Custody	25	12	16
Other/Possession of Tobacco	33	29	163
<b>CINC Totals</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>357</b>

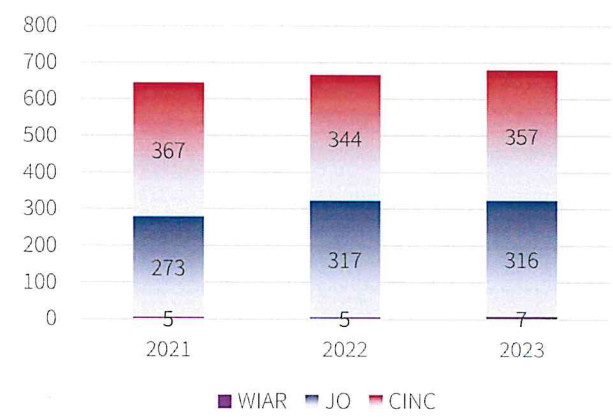
<b>Walk-In At Risk</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>TOTAL CINC ADMISSIONS (CINC + WIAR)</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
	367	345	364

<b>TOTAL JUVENILE OFFENSE ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
	273	316	316

<b>TOTAL OVERALL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
	640	661	680

Intake Admissions By Type  
2021-2023



## INTAKE & ASSESSMENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Historical Characteristics	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
Prior Arrests	248	33%	203	38%	250	39%	283	43%	336	46%
One-Parent Family	354	47%	268	50%	241	38%	146	22%	36	5%
Suicide Attempt*	135	18%	152	28%	122	19%	112	17%	102	14%
Runaway*	265	35%	242	45%	229	36%	267	40%	254	35%
Gang Involvement	19	3%	23	4%	5	1%	4	1%	1	0.14%
Substance Abuse Treatment*	21	3%	29	5%	10	2%	7	1%	4	1%

\* CURRENT AND/OR PREVIOUS

Educational Status	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
Suspension/Expulsion	438	58%	310	58%	341	53%	392	59%	375	41%
Individual Education Plan	182	24%	114	21%	185	29%	136	21%	151	16%
Not Attending	37	5%	19	4%	27	4%	23	3%	23	3%
Attendance Problems	217	29%	183	34%	160	25%	195	30%	177	19%
No School Problems	87	12%	82	15%	153	24%	133	20%	189	21%
Completed GED	2	0%	0	0%	1	0%	3	0%	4	0.44%

Substance Abuse	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
Alcohol	343	46%	279	52%	236	37%	243	37%	208	18%
Tobacco	299	40%	270	50%	260	41%	292	44%	244	21%
Marijuana	321	43%	272	50%	310	48%	340	51%	326	28%
Cocaine	24	3%	20	4%	24	4%	16	2%	20	2%
Inhalants	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Crack	0	0%	1	0%	6	1%	2	0%	4	0.34%
Heroin	4	1%	4	1%	12	2%	4	1%	0	0.00%
Methamphetamines	19	3%	21	4%	19	3%	19	3%	18	2%
LSD	1	0%	12	2%	4	1%	0	0%	0	0.00%
IV Drug Use	1	0%	0	0%	2	0%	0	0%	1	0.09%
Other	37	5%	42	8%	70	11%	46	7%	51	4%
No Use	324	43%	193	36%	271	42%	244	37%	299	26%



## AGENDA ITEM

## **AGENDA ITEM #7.C**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Karla Nichols, Director of Public Health; Karen Hammersmith, Assistant Director of Clinical Services; Megan Gottschalk, Assistant Director of Populations Services;

**AGENDA TOPIC:**

Reno County Health Department (RCHD)'s Aid-to-Local (ATL) Grant Application for \$872,103.12, and KDHE Healthy Families passthrough grant for \$320,000

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

On an annual basis, the RCHD must have the Board of County Commissioners sign their Aid-to- Local Grant Application Signature page, for Grant Period: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 for \$872,103.12. This signature page is then submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for review and approval. This listing (attached) includes:

-PHEP - Public Health Emergency Preparedness - to provide funding and technical assistance to build public health preparedness and response capabilities.

-IAP - Immunization Action Plan - to provide access to immunizations for those on state insurance, are underinsured, or have no insurance.

-State Formula - to insure adequate public health services to all inhabitants of the State of Kansas, the State shall assist in the financing of the operation of local health department.

-Family Planning - The Kansas Title X Family Planning Program provides individuals the access to additional health services that lead to the overall improvement in the health of individuals, prioritizing services to low-income and high-risk individuals.

-MCH - Maternal and Child Health Services - The Title V Maternal and Child Health program serves to improve the health and well-being of the nation's mothers, infants, children and youth, including those with special health care needs, and their families.

-Childcare Licensing Program - to safeguard children from harm in out-of-home childcare by: Establishing and enforcing requirements for the operation of childcare facilities; Increasing the state-wide availability of regulated facilities that meet or exceed standards; Reducing predictable health and safety risks to children in childcare; Providing consumer protection for children and families; Providing

awareness of the need for quality childcare; and Conducting timely and accurate inspections.

-CDRR - Chronic Disease Risk Reduction - to provide funding and technical assistance to communities to address chronic disease risk reduction through evidence-based strategies and best practices that impact commercial tobacco use, physical activity, nutrition, and chronic disease self-management.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Healthy Families Outreach, Prevention, and Early Intervention Program (OPEI) grant is a pass-through grant to the Kansas Children Service League for new, low-income parents and children with emphasis on adolescent and pregnant teen parents of at-risk infants in Reno County.

**ALL OPTIONS:**

1. Approval of the ATL Grant Application; thereby authorizing the Commission Chair to sign the signature page
  2. Deny the application
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1. Approval of the KDHE Healthy Families Grant Application; thereby authorizing the Commission Chair to sign the letter and Agreement page
  2. Deny the application

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Approve the requested grant applications and authorize the chair to sign the required documents.

**POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Aid-to-Local Grant funds are foundational grant funds allow the Reno County Health Department to provide vital services to Reno County for the overall improvement in the health of individuals, prioritizing services to low-income and at-risk individuals.

The KDHE Healthy Families Grant allow a partner organization to provide vital services to low-income parents and children.

**Grant Application Signature Page**  
**State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment**

**Grant Period: July 01 2024 - June 30 2025**

1000 SW Jackson, Suite 340  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1365

**This form, complete with signatures, is required to complete your Aid to Local and/or MIECHV application package.**  
**Upload as an attachment under Work Area, Agency Imports and under the upcoming grant period year: 2025 for ATL and 2024 for MIECHV.**  
**ATL applications due at noon on April 1, 2024.**  
**MIECHV applications are due at noon on July 8, 2024.**  
**Applications Due April 01, 2024**

**Applicant:(Name of Agency)**

Reno County Health Department

**Address**

209 W 2nd Street  
Hutchinson, Kansas 67501-5232

**KGMS Administrator**

Karla Nichols

**KGMS Administrator Phone**

620-694-2900

**Programs**

PHEP SFY2025	\$73,998.00
IAP SFY2025	\$22,955.00
State Formula SFY2025	\$98,992.00
Family Planning SFY2025 - Returning Applicant	\$97,216.00
MCH SFY2025 Returning Applicant (Funded in SFY2024)	\$288,577.72
Child Care Licensing Program SFY2025	\$191,996.40
CDRR SFY2025	\$98,368.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$872,103.12</b>

**Signatures**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**President/Chairman Local Board of Health or Board of Directors**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Administrator/Director**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

03/04/2024  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:**



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March 13, 2024

Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
900 SW Jackson, Room 900N  
Topeka, KS 66612

To: Tammy Matchett  
Contracts Manager

The Reno County Health Department wishes to participate in the KDHE Healthy Families Outreach, Prevention, and Early Intervention Program (OPEI) and understand that a match is required in order to pull down federal funding for the program.

The source for matching dollars will be combined funds from the Maternal Child Health Grant, United Way, grants from local foundations (Hutchinson Community Foundation) and private donations. Reno County has adequate funding to provide up to \$160,000 in matching dollars.

Sincerely,

Reno County Board of County Commissioners



Public Health



**AMENDMENT TWO**  
to the  
**AGREEMENT**  
between the  
**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE**  
the  
**RENO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
and the  
**RENO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
for  
**Outreach, Prevention and Early Intervention Services**

The above parties entered into an original contract on July 1, 2022 to develop, implement, and maintain a voluntary program that provides outreach, prevention and early intervention services to new, low-income parents and children with emphasis on adolescent and pregnant teen parents of at-risk infants in Reno County, Kansas.

- I. The parties hereto agree to extend the original agreement from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
- II. The contractor will maintain accreditation with its choice of evidence-based home visitor programs that target low-income families with pregnant women and children from birth to age 3 (or age 5).
- III. Total funding for the period referenced above shall not exceed \$320,000.00; said amount comprising the County's certified matching funds of \$160,000.00 and the federal financial participation amount of \$160,000.00.
- IV. All remaining terms and conditions of the original agreement and subsequent addenda shall remain the same.


**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, the parties hereto affix their signatures to this Second Amendment.

**RENO COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reno County Board of County Commissioners

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RENO COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Karla Nichols, Director  
Reno County Health Department

03/04/2024  
Date

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND ENVIRONMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Janet Stanek  
Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## AGENDA ITEM

## **AGENDA ITEM #7.D**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Don Brittain, Director of Public Works and Mark Vonachen, County Planner II

**AGENDA TOPIC:**

Planning Case #2023-10 - A text amendment to the Reno County Zoning Regulations to create Article 25 - Solar Energy Systems Regulations and add Article 25 to the Table of Contents

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

Last year the County Commissioners directed Planning Staff and the Planning Commission to develop regulations for commercial solar energy projects. The County Commissioners would also consider adopting regulations for residential ground-mounted solar projects. To provide Staff and the Planning Commission time to accomplish this task, a moratorium was enacted stopping development of solar projects until January 1, 2024.

A public hearing on commercial solar energy regulations was held by the Planning Commission on November 9, 2023, for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the draft regulations. At the close of the public hearing on November 9, 2023, the Planning Commission continued the public meeting to November 16, 2023, and again to December 21, 2023, to review and discuss all of the public comments and written documents received at the public hearing. At those meetings, the Planning Commission made changes to the documents based on the public hearing comments.

On December 27, 2023, the County Commissioners then directed the Planning Staff and the Planning Commission to cease further discussion and development of Large-Scale Commercial Solar Energy Project regulations and focus instead on Limited-Scale Commercial Solar Energy Project regulations. To accomplish this new directive, the moratorium was extended till July 1, 2024.

To comply with this directive, the Planning Commission met on January 18, 2024, February 5, 2024, and February 15, 2024, to revise the document for Limited-Scale Commercial Solar Energy Projects. The residential ground-mounted solar energy project regulations were removed from this document and will be placed under Article 15 - Permitted Accessory Uses. Re-location under this Article will require a new public hearing to gather public input on the draft.

On February 15, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend to the County Commissioners, adoption of the Limited-Scale Commercial Solar Energy regulations and the Table of Contents as presented in this draft.

Some key points of the draft regulations are as follows:

- Regulations only apply to the zoned area of the County.
- Limited scale is defined as a 10-acre or less parcel/lease area and generating two megawatts of AC power or less.
- Stormwater management plan is required.
- List of all local, state, and Federal agencies required to review or approve the project.
- No project can be within two miles of another project.
- Solar panels are to be setback 100 feet from the road right of way and all non-participating property lines in effect at the time of the application.
- 500 feet setback from a non-participating landowner's principal building.
- 25 feet from a fence associated with providing security.
- Maximum height of the panel is 15 feet.
- Facility enclosed by a perimeter fence.
- No lights unless approved by the conditional use permit.
- Any battery storage must be in a building and not located within 500 of a non-participating property owner's principal building.
- Noise can't exceed 60 decibels measured at the outer wall of a non-participating property owner's principal building.
- No rock, gravel, or other impervious material may be placed under the solar panels.
- No developer's agreement required. However, there are decommissioning requirements.

Included are all written comments received prior to the Planning Commission setting a public hearing date, after the Planning Commission set a public hearing date, and after the Planning Commission closed the public hearing. Documents submitted at the November 9, 2023, public hearing are also included. Not included due to the size, is a 923-page document submitted by NextEra Energy Resources entitled "Third-Party Research on Utility-Scale Solar". The document is available upon request.

Most of the comments discussed regulations for large-scale commercial solar projects which, because of the County Commissioner's directive, these regulations no longer address.

**ALL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve of the text amendments as presented.
2. Approve of the text amendments with changes.
3. Deny the text amendments.
4. Refer the text amendments back to staff and the Planning Commission for clarification or further discussion by providing specific instructions.

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Consideration of the Planning Commission recommendation to approve of the text amendments as presented.

**POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, these two text amendments will create specific zoning regulations to guide development of limited-scale commercial solar energy projects in the zoned area of the County.

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1. The purpose of this Article is to ensure a regulatory means of facilitating development of a limited scale commercial solar energy system facility within the unincorporated portion of Reno County having zoning jurisdiction by providing reasonable requirements for the submittal of proposals for the establishment of a limited scale commercial solar energy system and to provide adequate information to the officials of Reno County charged with the responsibility to review said proposals.
2. To the extent there are conflicts between the requirements of Article 25 and other provisions of the Reno County Zoning Regulations, it is intended that the requirements of Article 25 shall control the interpretation of the Zoning Regulations.

**25-102 Applicability:**

1. All limited scale commercial solar energy system development within this Article, as described herein, shall comply with the standards and procedures of this Article and those required for a Conditional Use Permit as stated in Articles 8 and 15. It shall be understood that the "timeline" restrictions in Articles 8 and 15 may not be applicable to a limited scale commercial solar energy system project because of the overall time for the development and construction.
2. Article 20-104(2) of the Zoning Regulations shall not be used to modify, adjust, or change any requirement under Article 25.

**25-103 Definitions:** The following definitions listed below supplement the definitions listed under Article 1-104 of the Zoning Regulations.

1. **Non-participating landowner:** An individual, group of individuals, a trust, or other entity owning real property who or which has not signed a lease agreement with the owner or operator of a limited scale commercial energy system project for the placement of a solar energy system on the real property or declines to join in the limited scale commercial energy project.
2. **Participating landowner:** An individual, a group of individuals, a trust, or other entity owning real property who or which has signed a lease agreement or has agreed to sell real property with the owner or operator of a solar energy system project for the placement of a limited scale commercial energy system on the real property, or otherwise agrees to join in the limited scale commercial energy project.

3. **Principal Building:** A primary residential, commercial, or industrial structure. A principal residential structure shall not include a guest house or buildings whose purpose is to store equipment, commodities, or animals.
4. **Solar Energy System:** The components, equipment, and subsystems required to convert energy from the sun into electric or thermal energy. This includes all the land occupied by the components, equipment, and subsystems together with all necessary requirements of the Zoning Regulations.
5. **Solar Energy System, Commercial:** A type of energy facility which is greater than ten acres in size or capable of generating greater than two megawatts of AC power for the purpose of producing, storing and/or selling the generated electricity for use in a larger electrical network and is not for private use.
6. **Solar Energy System Facility:** A limited scale commercial energy system project which received an approved Conditional Use Permit or was established prior to the adoption of Article 25.
7. **Solar Energy System, Limited Scale Commercial:** A type of energy facility which is ten acres or less in size and generates two megawatts of AC power or less per Facility. The produced electricity is not transferred to a third party, however, net metering to a utility company is permitted.
8. **Solar Energy System, Private:** A type of solar energy system that is only for personal use and is accessory to the primary use of the property. The solar energy system generates electricity for consumption onsite and only for the property where the electricity is generated and is not transferred or sold to a third party. Net metering is permitted under a private solar energy system.
9. **Solar Energy System Project:** A limited scale commercial energy system which has not received an approved conditional use permit.
10. **Solar Panel:** A individual piece of equipment used to absorb the sun's rays and convert energy into electricity or heat.

**25-104 Additions and Changes to Conditional Uses:**

1. All subsequent requests for additions to Conditional Uses approved by the County Commissioners shall be considered in the same procedure as outlined in Article 15-102.

**25-105 Circumstances Requiring Application of Limited Scale Commercial Solar Energy Systems:** The following circumstances require application of this Article and sets standards and procedures within the Article:

1. An application for a Conditional Use Permit for a Limited Scale Commercial Solar Energy System.
2. An application for a Conditional Use Permit for an expansion of a Limited Scale Commercial Solar Energy System beyond the area previously approved by a Conditional Use Permit.
  - A. A parcel(s) of land operating a limited scale commercial energy system with an approved Conditional Use Permit or in operation prior to the adoption of this Article shall be considered exempt from these regulations and be permitted to continue operating at the intensity in existence at the time of the adoption of these regulations. Any increase in the number of solar panels or acreage shall require the owner to comply with Article 25.

- B. A parcel(s) of land operating a limited scale commercial energy system facility with an approved Conditional Use Permit and site plan shall be permitted by right to increase or decrease the number of panels, increase or decrease the dimensions of the solar panels, or rearrange the location of the solar panels if the change(s) comply with the approved conditional use permit, site plan, and Article 25. Non-compliant changes shall require a new conditional use permit as provided for under Article 25-102. Routine maintenance and repair of the facility is not subject to a new conditional use permit.
3. General Public Hearing Procedure as outlined in Article 20-102
    - A. The applicant shall file the Conditional Use Permit Application at the Public Works Department and include all required supporting documentation and the appropriate filing fee.
    - B. The Planning Commission will conduct the required public hearing following all statutory requirements. At the conclusion of the public hearing the Planning Commission will recommend approval, denial, or make no recommendation on the Conditional Use Permit Application.
    - C. At the conclusion of the statutory 14-day protest period, the Conditional Use Permit Application will be submitted to the County Commissioners for their consideration of the Planning Commission recommendation.

**25-106 Contents of a Development Plan and Plan of Operation:** The information listed below shall be submitted with the conditional use permit application. It shall be the duty of the Zoning Administrator to determine when a conditional use permit application is complete and ready to schedule for a public hearing. All information listed below shall be submitted prior to the Planning Commission making a recommendation. The Planning Commission or County Commissioners may require additional information not listed below.

1. A project map drawn at a scale of not less than 1" = 100' showing the additional information as outlined in Article 25-106.
  - A. All applicable development plan requirements under Article 8-103 of the Zoning Regulations.
  - B. Project boundary and the total acreage.
  - C. The location of any buildings, structures, transformers, equipment racks, battery storage buildings, and solar panels within the project boundary
  - D. The number of solar panels and the type of system mounting (i.e., fixed-tilt on a ground mount, axis tracking ground mount, other type of system mounting).
  - E. The maximum height of the solar panel from the ground elevation to the top of the solar panel.
  - F. The power capacity of the project.
  - G. Topography of the parcel with one-foot contour intervals.
  - H. The location of any temporary assembly area(s) used during construction of the project.
  - I. All public roads, ingress/egress easements, and private access roads serving the project.

- J. Lands identified as a special flood hazard area.
  - K. Lands identified by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, and Parks or U.S Fish and Wildlife Service as a wetland, native vegetation area, wildlife habitat, or critical species habitat worthy of special consideration or protection.
  - L. All required setbacks and requirements around land uses as described in Article 25.
  - M. The project shall indicate compliance with all requirements contained in Article 25.
2. A general site description which includes a project introduction, the information listed above, the anticipated construction schedule, and other relevant information as deemed appropriate by the applicant or as required by County staff, the Planning Commission, or County Commissioners.

**25-107 Documents, Plans, Studies, Reports, Other Permits:** The information listed below shall be submitted with the conditional use permit application and used to evaluate compliance with the Zoning Regulations. The Planning Commission may require additional information not listed in Article 25-107 or conduct separate studies for the purpose of evaluating the proposed conditional use permit.

- 1. List of property owners within the then current minimum zoning regulation requirement of the subject property boundary proposed to receive a limited scale commercial solar energy system project or a temporary use associated with the project. The list of adjacent property owners shall be from the subject property boundary not from the lease area.
- 2. All solar panels must be designed and constructed to minimize glare or reflection onto adjacent properties, roads, aircraft, or create a safety hazard per any Local, State, or Federal Regulation.
- 3. Documentation on how the limited scale commercial energy system project will manage stormwater runoff, soil erosion, grading, re-vegetation, and other construction management practices. The document shall address how the disturbed area will be re-seeded or some other sediment control practice utilized and how noxious weeds will be controlled. The vegetation plan shall describe how the ground beneath the solar panels will be restored. The use of native prairie grasses suitable for livestock grazing on cultivated land is an acceptable and encouraged ground cover. The utilization of gravel, rock, or other impervious material beneath the solar panels is prohibited. Access roads or driveways may utilize gravel, rock, or other impervious material with an approved stormwater management plan.
- 4. The applicant shall provide a list of all required local, state, and Federal government agencies required to review or approve of a limited scale commercial solar energy system project. A copy of each approved permit shall be provided to the Zoning Administrator prior to the construction of the solar energy system facility. Approval of a conditional use permit without all other submitted permits does not grant authority to the applicant to begin construction on the limited scale commercial energy system facility. The County will not be held liable for the applicant not contacting the required local, state, or Federal government agencies for needed review and/or approval.

**25-108 Additional Required Topics to be Included in Submittals:** In addition to the requirements of Article 8, an application for a limited scale commercial energy system project shall address specific issues related with the project that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. In addition to strict conformance to all performance standards and development plan requirements as detailed in the Zoning Regulations, the development plan shall address the following:

- A. The "boundary" of the project shall be the property included within the legal description on which the project is proposed to be constructed and show the specific location of the solar panels, including any above ground components. The limited scale commercial energy system may be shown conceptually within the development plan and is permitted to be moved and adjusted as necessary during the construction process without modifications to the approved development plan so long as new land is not added to the original "boundary" of the project and the relocation conforms to all requirements of Article 25. Any relocation of individual components contrary to the approved site plan shall be identified on a revised site plan and submitted to the Public Works Department for review and approval.
- B. No limited scale commercial solar energy system project shall be located within two miles (10,560 feet) of an existing limited scale commercial solar energy system or another proposed limited scale commercial solar energy project. A location map with section-line roads shall be submitted indicating the location of the proposed limited scale commercial solar energy project and the nearest existing facility or project.

A commercial scale solar energy system or project or a limited scale commercial solar energy system or project located within an incorporated city limit boundary or a city's extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction are exempt from the two-mile calculation.

The two-mile restriction is calculated from the nearest parcel boundary line or lease boundary line of the limited scale commercial solar project subject to the conditional use permit and the nearest parcel boundary line or lease boundary line of an existing limited scale commercial solar system or other proposed limited scale solar energy system project.

2. **Setbacks:** The following setback requirements shall be the minimum distance for any solar panel located within a limited scale commercial energy system project. Setbacks shall be measured from the property line to the nearest end of the solar panel when the panel is horizontal to the ground. Additional setback requirement may be implemented through the conditional use permit process to assist in mitigating a site-specific issue(s).
- A. 100 feet from a public road right-of-way and all non-participating landowner's property lines in effect at the time the conditional use permit application is accepted by the Zoning Administrator as being complete.
- B. 500 feet from a non-participating landowner's principal building.
- C. 25 feet from a fence associated with providing security for a solar energy system facility.
- D. No limited scale commercial solar energy project shall be located within any recorded easement. The applicant shall consult with the owner of an easement to eliminate any blanket easements on a parcel of land and to establish a defined legal description for the easement.
3. **Height:**
- A. The maximum height of the solar panels shall not exceed 15 feet measured from the elevation of the ground surface at the base of the solar panel to the highest point of the solar panel when the panel is vertical to the ground.
- B. The height restriction shall not apply to transmission lines. All other buildings shall comply with the height restriction under Article 13 of the Zoning Regulations.



**4. Fencing:**

- A. A limited scale commercial solar energy system facility shall be enclosed by a perimeter fence. The fence shall be constructed of new chain link or other material reviewed by the Planning Commission. All other materials not originally intended to be used for constructing or maintaining a fence, including corrugated metal, are prohibited.
- B. Barbed wire or razor-wire is permitted on top of a fence to aid in security of the limited scale commercial energy conversion facility if indicated on the site plan.
- C. The fence shall be a minimum of eight feet in height to aid in restricting unauthorized access to the solar energy facility. The fence is not required to be located on the lease area or property line.

**5. Lighting:**

- A. No lights shall be installed at a limited scale commercial solar energy system facility unless reviewed by the Planning Commission and approved by the County Commissioners during the conditional use permit process.
- B. Any lighting required by Federal or state regulations is exempt from this requirement if written documentation is submitted with the conditional use permit application.
- C. Temporary lights needed for investigating concerns or repairing the limited scale commercial solar energy facility are exempt from this requirement.

**6. Communication and Distribution Lines:**

- A. All new communication and distribution lines associated with a limited scale commercial solar energy system facility shall be installed underground in the project area covered by the conditional use permit.

The method of underground installation chosen shall result in the least amount of disruption and damage as possible to the surface soil and natural features. When conditions on-site are found to make installation of underground supporting lines impractical or infeasible, for example, the presence of existing underground electrical lines or pipelines that conflict with such type of construction, above ground transmission lines may be used to avoid the obstruction.

- B. Installation of above ground or below ground communication lines or power collection lines within a Special Flood Hazard Area will require a floodplain development permit.

**7. Signs:**

- A. Warning signs shall be installed as required by Federal or state regulations identifying the potential dangers of entering the facility. The signs shall also include emergency contact information.
- B. The solar energy system facility lease area shall not display any advertising signs, billboards, flags, streamers, or other items excepted as required under Article 25-107(7)(a).

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8. **Battery Energy Storage System:** All battery energy storage systems shall comply with requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 855 *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems* and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations. The following standards shall apply:
- A. Battery energy storage systems, including all mechanical equipment, shall be enclosed in a building with a locking mechanism to aid in preventing unauthorized access.
  - B. The area within ten (10) feet on each side of a battery energy storage system shall be cleared of combustible vegetation and surfaced with gravel or other non-combustible material.
  - C. Warning signage spacing shall be the minimum Federal or state requirement.
  - D. Battery storage shall not be located within 500 feet of a non-participating property owner's principal building. For this section, an existing principal building shall mean that the principal building is on-site at the time the conditional use permit is approved or a zoning permit is approved, but not expired, prior to approval of a conditional use permit.
9. **Noise:**
- A. The operational noise generated from the solar installation equipment, including inverters, battery energy storage systems, components, and associated ancillary equipment shall not exceed a noise level of 60 decibels (60dBA) as measured from the nearest outer wall of a non-participating landowner's principal building.
  - B. Transformers, inverters, or other sound or vibration generating equipment must be placed so that low level recurring ambient noise does not exceed the noise level in Article 25-108(9). Noise levels can be minimized with the type of equipment or the placement of equipment interior to the site, shielded by proposed solar panels, and/or by specifically placed noise and vibration deadening fence, landscaping, or other efforts.
10. **Operation Requirements:**
- A. The limited scale commercial solar energy system and its associated facilities shall not be operated and cause microwave, television, radio, telecommunication, or navigation interference contrary to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations or other laws to occupied structures existing as of the date of the conditional use permit approval. In the event the limited scale commercial solar energy system and its associated facilities or its operations cause such interference, the applicant shall take timely measures necessary to mitigate the interference.
  - B. Outdoor storage of any materials or equipment associated with a limited scale commercial solar energy system is permitted only while constructing the facility, decommissioning the facility, repairing or replacing components of the facility, or as permitted by an approved conditional use permit.
  - C. Kansas identified noxious weeds must be sprayed and controlled within the solar energy system facility. The solar energy system parcel or leased area, including the land underneath the solar panels and between the rows of solar panels, shall not contain grass greater than three feet in height.
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**11. Soil Erosion, Sediment Control, Stormwater Runoff, and Wetlands:**

- A. The Applicant shall develop a Soil Erosion, Drainage, Sediment Control and Stormwater Runoff Plan. The Plan shall address what type of erosion control measures will be implemented during the development of the project. The Plan shall address the following concerns:
- (1) Grading.
  - (2) Construction and drainage of access roads.
  - (3) Necessary soil information.
  - (4) Design features to maintain downstream water quality.
  - (5) Re-vegetation of disturbed area to ensure slope stability.
  - (6) Restoration of the site after project activities have ended.
  - (7) Protection of wetland areas.
  - (8) Disposal or storage of excavated materials.
  - (9) Protection of exposed soil.
  - (10) Stabilization of restored material and removal of silt fences or barriers when the area is stabilized.
  - (11) Maintenance of erosion control measures throughout the life of the project.
- B. If required, the Applicant shall obtain an erosion control permit for the limited scale commercial solar energy system project from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The approved erosion control permit shall be submitted prior to construction of the solar energy system facility. The measures listed above shall be the minimum required under the issued KDHE permit.

**12. Special Flood Hazard Areas:**

- A. If required, the Applicant shall obtain a floodplain development permit from the Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources and the County, for any development identified as being in a special flood hazard area. Such development could include, but not be limited to, the placement of a solar panel, construction of a road, construction of a berm, location of an electrical line under a stream, or the location of a building.
- B. To the extent feasible, the design of a limited scale commercial solar energy system project should have minimal impact of land identified as within a special flood hazard area. It is expected of the applicant to locate all solar panels and buildings out of the special flood hazard area so the project will have no impact on the special flood hazard area.

- C. Any part of a limited scale commercial solar energy system project, including buildings used to store batteries, is prohibited from being located within a regulatory floodway. Removal of land within a regulatory floodway by a Letter of Map Change (LOMC) process is prohibited.

**25-109 Special Regulations Applicable for a Conditional Use Permit for a Limited Scale Commercial Solar Energy System:** The timeline restrictions in Article 8 and Article 15 are not applicable to a limited scale commercial energy system because of the overall length of time necessary for construction of the development. With respect to a limited scale commercial energy system approved after the adoption of this section:

1. For all conditional use permits issued for a limited scale commercial solar energy system, construction shall commence within two (2) years of the approved conditional use permit. Approval of the conditional use permit is effective (the "EFFECTIVE DATE") when the County Commissioner Resolution approving the same is published in the official county newspaper or other such requirement. If construction cannot be commenced within that two (2) year period, the applicant may obtain a single one-year extension upon the submission of a written report to the County Commissioners describing the reason(s) for the delay and the plan for commencing construction within the one-year extension period. The one-year extension must be approved prior to the expiration of the original two-year period.
2. For all conditional use permits approved for a limited scale commercial solar energy system, such permit shall be permitted to continue, as long as all conditions placed on the permit are met. However, if construction has not commenced within two (2) years following approval of the conditional use permit or any extension thereof as aforesaid, the conditional use permit shall have expired, and the development plan is forfeited. In such event, the Applicant, or a new Applicant, will not be permitted to pursue the Development Plan until a new application is submitted, a new public hearing held, and a new conditional use permit is approved.

**25-110 Decommission Agreement:** Upon the EFFECTIVE DATE of a conditional use permit by the County Commissioners, the applicant agrees to comply with all requirements listed in Article 25-110.

1. Decommissioning of a limited scale commercial solar energy system facility shall consist of the following requirements:
  - A. The parcel or leased land area shall be returned to the property's original condition in existence prior to construction of the limited scale commercial solar energy facility, such as cropland or native grass.
  - B. Enforcement of this Article shall commence when the limited scale commercial solar energy system facility has not produced any electricity for twelve (12) consecutive months. If requested, proof of electrical production shall be the responsibility of the applicant in order to cease decommission requirements.
  - C. Upon written notification from the County, the applicant shall commence decommission of the facility within two months of the notification. Decommission shall be completed within six months of the commencement notification. Extensions of time may be granted by approval of a majority of the County Commission.

**25-111 Construction Requirements:**

1. The Applicant shall inform all employees, contractors and others involved in the construction of the limited scale commercial solar energy system facility of the terms and conditions of the approved conditional use permit. Violations of the conditions associated with the conditional use permit are the responsibility of the Applicant/owner of the limited scale commercial solar energy facility, not the landowner leasing or selling the parcel.
2. Any off-site construction needs outside of the permitted conditional use permit shall comply with all applicable Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
3. Cleanup: The Applicant, or its construction company, shall remove all waste, scrap, and temporary erosion control measures that are the product of construction, operation, restoration, and maintenance from the site and properly dispose of it upon completion of the solar energy system facility.
4. Transfer of Ownership: If ownership of the limited scale commercial solar energy system facility is transferred from the solar energy project Applicant identified in the original permitting documents to any entity, the new owner shall be responsible and accountable for the terms and conditions of the approved Conditional Use Permit, the zoning permit requirements, and all applicable requirements of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Notice of such transfer and acknowledgment by the new owner of compliance obligations shall be provided to the Zoning Administrator.



**Comments received prior to the Scheduled Public Hearing  
Solar Energy Systems Text Amendment  
Case #2023-10**

**WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hi Mark and Don, I recently viewed your 7-20-23 meeting on the Reno County YouTube page. I know there were a few questions and concerns raised during the meeting. I am attaching a third-party research document on utility-scale solar. This document will help with the questions and concerns. I truly appreciate you being welcoming and encouraging feedback from viewers of the meeting to help address questions, concerns, and answers. Below are a few bullet points on topics addressed in the meeting. Please do not hesitate to reach out in the future. I will continue to monitor the YouTube page.

- Harsh chemicals are not used, only a water solution is used to clean panels.
- Native grasses would be planted below panels.
- Setback from roads, wetlands, and property lines are typically 25'. Residences 200'
- As discussed in the meeting technology is rapidly changing, but current panels do not exceed 20' in height.

**Chris Evans**

Project Manager NEER Development  
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Hi guys,

I have been meaning to email you with some solar input but time has gotten away from me this summer just trying to survive. Cannot believe it is already August. I have been trying to watch the Planning Commission meetings online when possible and know you are progressing.

At the bottom of this email is an article regarding a couple in Georgia who were just awarded \$135 million for a lawsuit regarding sediment filling in their trophy fishing lake.

On that note, since most of the land the developer is signing up is located just a few miles north of the Cheney Lake, the landowners in our area are definitely concerned about how drainage from a utility scale solar field (1,000 -4,000 acres) could affect the lake. Cheney Lake was built for 2 reasons:

....to provide Wichita with quality drinking water and for recreation purposes. It would be disastrous if sediment were to fill in the lake as what happened to the Georgia couple. No doubt there would be numerous lawsuits filed.

Another concern is the control of vegetation under the panels using toxic chemicals which ultimately would drain into the lake.

**Here is an excellent link that may give the commission some guidance or reasons for writing into the regulations the prohibition of Utility Scale Solar fields in the Cheney Lake Watershed Area:**

<https://haleakalasolar.com/do-solar-panels-contaminate-drinking-water/#:~:text=One%20area%20of%20concern%20is,chemicals%20into%20the%20water%20supply>.

We have also been researching other counties' solar regs. There seems to be more and more issues happening with these large projects as time goes on.. As the developer (NextEra) noted at their public meeting in June at the Fine Arts Center, there are no utility scale solar fields in Kansas at this point. There are several projected, but at this point none have been started. I am in contact with a lot of these counties where they are projected and most of them are in a moratorium, also, allowing for more research and regulations.

I did hear in some of your meetings some comments that these solar fields do NOT make noise. If I can find it again I do have a video of the noise they do make. It is terrible... and constant as long as the inverters are converting the current from DC to AC in order for it to be transmitted.

Thank you for sharing my thoughts with the Planning Commission members. I'm sure you will be receiving more emails and possible phone calls once school starts back up and life returns to somewhat of a normal pace out here..... whatever normal is !!

Margy

Here is the article from the Associated Press. I couldn't attach it... computer problems.. so just cut and pasted it below.

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**Georgia couple awarded \$135.5M over damages by solar company, contractor**

By Associated Press

Published May 4, 2023

[Georgia](#)

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**STEWART COUNTY, Ga. - A federal jury has awarded a Georgia couple \$135.5 million for damages to their property by a Tennessee-based solar company and its contractor.**

**The award against Silicon Ranch Corp. and its contractor, IEA Inc., was announced Friday by James E. Butler, attorney for plaintiffs Shaun and Amie Harris who live near Lumpkin, Georgia, south of Columbus, WRBL-TV [reported](#).**

According to the lawsuit, Silicon Ranch Corp. has developed more than 160 solar panel facilities across the country, many of which were built by IEA. At "Lumpkin Solar," IEA cleared and mass-graded about 1,000 acres of timberland, farmland and land near the Harris couple that was previously used for recreational hunting and fishing — without installing adequate measures for erosion and sediment control, Butler said in a news release.

"The result was what one would expect — when it rained, pollution poured downhill and downstream onto the neighbors' property, inundating wetlands with silt and sediment, and turning a 21-acre trophy fishing lake into a mud hole," Butler said.

The companies "created, operated and maintained a nuisance ... that caused sedimentation to pollute plaintiffs' wetlands, streams and lake. The court further finds that this nuisance has continued for approximately two years unabated," U.S. District Judge Clay D. Land said in the order.

The jury returned a compensatory damage verdict of \$10.5 million.

In the punitive phase, where jurors consider an amount that would punish the companies for their actions, the panel found that SRC, IEA and an IEA subsidiary — IEA Constructors, LLC — acted with specific intent to cause harm. The jury imposed \$25 million in punitive damages against SRC, \$50 million against IEA Inc., and \$50 million against IEA Constructors, LLC, the news release said.

Margy Westfahl

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Good Afternoon,

\*\*Mark please forward this to the members of the planning & zoning department.

Thank you very much for your service to our county and being willing to sacrifice your time (and sanity! haha) to serve the people of Reno County.

As talk of large scale solar comes more and more prominent, let's step back and think about our recent history with a certain Fortune 500 business. This is a company that not only lied to our past commissioners and staff repeatedly, they maligned our constituents repeatedly, and they literally sued the county when they did not get their way.

So let's take a minute to consider if this particular company, or any like it, is going to bring our county something that is REALLY good for us....Hmmm....

Now as to the matter of the utility scale project within the Cheney Lake Watershed area. Most people do not know what chemicals are used in the making of solar panels. I unfortunately do. A quote from the [scdhec.gov](http://scdhec.gov): "Solar panel waste can include heavy metals such as silver, lead, arsenic and cadmium that - at certain levels - may be classified as hazardous waste."

And this "...a number of solar panels release nitrogen trifluoride (NF3), a chemical compound 17,000 times worse for the atmosphere than carbon dioxide". That quote was from an article *Solar Panels Produce Tons of Toxic Waste - Literally* put out on [fee.org](http://fee.org).

Very recently we had multiple storms with large hail in the area. The panels would have been destroyed if the current project being considered had been up and running. All these chemicals would have leaked into the soil quite easily and entered into the watershed that we are supposed to be protecting. These chemicals are NOT something that I want my children playing in (swallowing!) as we enjoy the lake. Considering my proximity to Cheney Lake (1/4 mile away!), this is a very real danger for us.

Also, I imagine my family who lives in Wichita could do without the chemicals in the water that they drink. Although Wichita does receive water from the Ogallala Aquifer as well, we all know that there is still a very significant portion coming straight from Cheney Reservoir.

For your consideration, I've included a link to the watershed area.

[https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Location-of-Cheney-Reservoir-watershed-and-streamflow-gaging-water-quality-sampling\\_fig7\\_285767597](https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Location-of-Cheney-Reservoir-watershed-and-streamflow-gaging-water-quality-sampling_fig7_285767597)

Honestly this is just the tip of a very large iceberg. I've barely researched large scale solar farms and it's one issue after another. The above quotes are all taken from a very short google search. Please do your research on this!! Keep this option out of our county and especially away from the Cheney Lake Watershed area that covers much of the area!!

Thank you again for your service and your time to read this letter.

God bless you all,  
Susan Helten  
10408 E. Smoots Creek Rd  
Cheney - Reno County



PLZ, Staff, & County Commissioners:  
Thank you for working on Commercial Solar regulations.

If understanding the Article 25 draft correctly, 20-foot-tall solar panels and their power conversion stations could be placed 50 feet from our property line, or 25 feet with a 6-foot berm, with 8-foot-tall fencing with razor wire. Horrible to imagine. Please consider banning Commercial Solar in the SE corner of the county.

Our once-again growing area remains in the recovery phase from the Commercial Wind episode which tore many of us apart. Please help us continue to fix and improve our relationships with our families, friends, neighbors, and parishioners.

Respectfully,

Joseph & Catherine Hieger

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August 30, 2023

Dear County Commissioners and Planning Commission Members,

We are reaching out to express our concerns regarding the current proposed solar regulations for Reno County. In researching and comparing the Reno County proposed draft with some other Kansas counties' solar regulations we find Reno County's to be very inadequate.

Our proposed regulations are not to the caliber of other counties which are very detailed and favor their citizens' protection. **Attached** are approved, as of August 29th, the Butler County solar regulations along with the approved Douglas County solar regulations. Also attached are proposed Harvey County regulations. Harvey and Butler County are part of our Quad County group and have studied and researched what is best for the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens. We challenge you to please review these regulations . A major concern of ours is where land is being leased in the southeast part of our county for a utility-scale solar facility. Some of the leased land is either within the Cheney Lake Watershed or has tributaries draining directly into the watershed which then drains into the Cheney Lake. In addition to water recreation, the purpose of Cheney Reservoir is to provide safe, quality drinking water to the citizens of Wichita and surrounding communities.

The City of Wichita is constructing a new water treatment plant expecting to start operations by the beginning of 2025. This new facility is being built to handle up to 100% of incoming water from Cheney Lake compared to the existing facility that can only handle up to 30% at any one time. Have you considered the ramifications of possible contamination of this water from the sediment and pesticides from a utility-scale solar facility only a few miles from the Lake. **Attached** also find lawsuits that have occurred in other states due to contamination of water sources due to sediment from solar fields.

We highly recommend more time be taken by the Planning Commission to review these other counties' regulations. If an extension of the current moratorium is needed, then that should be asked for and granted.

Respectfully,

Reno County Citizens for Quality of Life (RCCQL)  
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*(Attached were Harvey, Douglas, and Butler County solar regulations and links to lawsuits from solar facilities – County staff)*

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Mark,

Please forward this email on to the Reno County Planning Commission as well as to the County Commissioners as soon as possible on Thursday. I would like them to have the opportunity to read my thoughts before the special Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 5.

Thank you in advance for timely forwarding this email to them.

Jean Conkling

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**Dear Planning Commission members and County Commissioners –**

As you continue to work on Reno County's solar facility regulations, looking at regulations implemented by several other Kansas counties (or other states) regarding their Solar Facilities regulations can help guide you in your research in updating / revising Reno County's plan.

Below are a few considerations I'd like to share with you that are important to me -

**1) Regarding environmental oversight –**

a) Allowing the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks to have sufficient time to review & weigh in / comment on the construction regarding protection of wildlife & having an opportunity to provide environmental oversight is important. KDWP should also be allowed appropriate regulatory time to review & report their concerns.

An official completed review / response back from KDWP about environmental concerns should be considered before the county approves any CUP applications.

b) Requiring the solar companies to conduct scientifically rigorous multi-year pre- and post-construction surveys as well as making all their environmental reports and data publicly available

c) Ground cover underneath solar panels

It is considered to be more appropriate to be replanted to provide native plants - unless specified by landowner. Vegetation / pollinator habitats - not gravel.

d) Wildlife permeable fencing around the solar facility to allow wildlife movement

e) What about water runoff in the disturbed land area?

**2) Setback distances are a very important consideration.**

Sufficient setback distances - 1000 meters residential setback - to protect non-participating & participating landowners should be thoroughly reviewed, not just going with what the solar facility would recommend.

Also, distance setbacks should be based on the facility footprint & boundary fencing, not just from the solar panels.

Setback distances should further delineate a distinction between participating & non-participating landowners.

**3) Include appropriate safety regulations about Visual & Audio impact**

a) Considerations should be provided regarding sounds (decibels emitted) from the total operation of the solar facility - movement of solar panels as well as from electrical / transmission lines, i.e., total infrastructure

b) Light pollution – Lighting required by federal guidelines have to be met,

so lights may be on from Dusk to Dawn. Lights not only affect people around the facility but also birds & bats and other nocturnal wildlife, both local & migratory.

4) **Wave interference** considerations - with radio/navigational - GPS / tv / microwave / phone / telecommunications

5) Will the **county** get any **payments / benefits** from this facility? Tax income?

Thank you for taking the time to protect our county as well neighboring counties, not only by your diligent work but also by listening to and addressing the concerns of Reno County citizens.

Sincerely,

Jean Conkling  
21806 S. Broadacres Rd.  
Pretty Prairie, KS 67570

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Thank you all for your continued work on adopting strong regulations for industrial solar in Reno County.

During this process, please make sure that the regulations make sense for Reno County. Counties in our area like Butler, Harvey, and Douglas County, have developed regulations that are examples of ensuring the health, safety, and well being of the citizens of Reno County.

I would also like to remind you that southeast Reno County is an area of growth in our county. People are moving in, building homes, and improving their properties. We have a huge county. Why is the area of growth, the area that needs to have a large industrial solar field? The field will prevent further development within and immediately surrounding the footprint. Furthermore, this area of the county is also home to Cheney Lake, a source of drinking water, and with previous lawsuits having taken shape regarding water contamination related to industrial solar, it would be prudent to make sure that the regulations protect the lake, water shed areas, and tributaries.

With this in mind, I encourage you to continue the process of developing strong and common sense regulations for Reno County related to industrial solar.

Thank you. I am praying for your wisdom as you move forward.

Kristy Horsch

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Dear County Commissioners and Planning Commission Members:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the current proposed solar regulations for Reno County. After reading and comparing the Reno County draft proposal with a handful of other Kansas County's solar regulations, it looks to me as if Reno County's proposed regulations are more than a little inadequate.

I believe that Reno County's regulations need to be more specifically detailed, and that they need to reflect a position that favors the protection of its citizens, including their lives, lands, livelihoods and future wellbeing.

After personally reviewing the Butler, Douglas and Harvey County's solar regulations it appears to me that they have done much more research and invested much more study regarding what is truly best for the health,

welfare and safety of their citizens. I would like to ask that each of you personally review these other County's regulations and that Reno County would model ours after theirs.

Please note, and be aware, that what happens in Reno County, especially in South-Eastern Reno County, affects Sedgwick County in some pretty significant ways. With that said, it looks to me as if much of the land that is being leased, and being pursued for lease, for a utility-scale solar project is either within the "Water Quality" area of Cheney Reservoir, the Cheney Lake Watershed, or it has creek bottoms and drainages that drain directly into Cheney Reservoir and the Ninescah River. As you well know, Cheney Reservoir provides a significant portion of the drinking water for the populous of Wichita, KS, and Sedgwick County as a whole. What long-term risks are there actually for water quality and pollution problems, unforeseen ecological situations and liabilities, not to mention what future acts of litigation are we potentiating by allowing the leasing of Reno County land for a future large-scale, industrial solar complex?

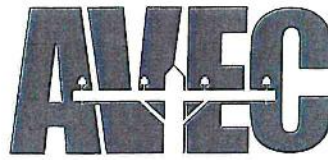
In light of this, I have also heard that the City of Wichita will begin constructing a new water treatment plant that is expected to be up and running by 2025. It is my understanding that this new facility is being built to treat up to 100% of incoming water from Cheney Reservoir compared to the existing facility that can only handle around 30%. Have we *thoroughly* considered what might, or could possibly happen if this water becomes tainted by herbicides and pesticides that run-off from a utility-scale solar facility only a few miles from the Lake? And, has anyone done any study of possible groundwater contamination due to run-off from a utility-scale solar facility smack dab in the middle of some of the very best farm ground in Reno County? My family and I live in Rural Reno County. We get our water from a well on our property, but our water is naturally connected to a vast groundwater system. What happens to hundreds of other families like mine if our groundwater, our well water, becomes contaminated by a large scale solar project?

It is my opinion, that the risks of a utility-scale solar facility anywhere in Reno County far outweighs any projected economic benefits. And, I, as does every neighbor I have talked to about this, highly recommend that more time be taken by the Planning Commission to review these other County's regulations, the true and real world liabilities of a utility-scale solar project, and that an extension of the current moratorium be granted.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert E. Schmutz  
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Haven, KS 67543  
620-465-2471

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## ARK VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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October 13, 2023

Reno County Planning and Zoning Commission  
600 Scott Blvd.  
South Hutchinson, KS 67505



Dear Commissioners,

This letter is in regard to the moratorium placed on commercial solar. Ark Valley Electric has the opportunity to utilize a 1MW solar array for the members of Ark Valley Electric if allowed. The site itself is limited to 1MW and would be used to serve the rural members of Reno County which are provided power by Ark Valley Electric. We feel that the size and purpose of this solar site does not fit the spirit in which the moratorium was placed. The power generated by the solar installation will only be utilized by Ark Valley's members and will not be sold on the energy market which is the purpose for commercial solar farms.

The site will be limited to 8 acres and does not have the ability to expand in the future. The proposed location (see attached map) will require minimal site grading and will consist of a 1 MW AC/1.4 MW DC single axis tracking solar system. This project will be constructed by Today's Power, Inc., on behalf of Ark Valley Electric Cooperative. Ark Valley Electric will own the land and Today's Power, Inc., will own, operate, and maintain the solar array. As can be observed on the map provided, we located an 8-acre piece of ground that is currently pasture for this project, so it will not remove any ground used for crop production. Also, the location was chosen because it would not have a negative impact on the neighboring area but would still meet the needs of our electric system.

This project will receive a PE stamp from a civil PE and an electrical PE during the engineering design phase. Silt fencing will be used as directed by the engineered civil plans. The perimeter of the site, like cooperative substations, will be surrounded by a 6-foot chain link fence with three-strand barbed-wire. The ground underneath the panels will be revitalized with native seeds, preserving the natural landscape and prosperity of the region. The gravel-paved entrance road will lead up to the concrete transformer pad.

The project will have minimal impact to the land during construction and use. At the end of the project term of 25 plus years, the equipment will be removed leaving little evidence the project ever existed. Post construction, during use the site will not make any noticeable noise, and there will no nighttime lighting. This site will have all buried utility lines going to it. The site will meet all federal and state requirements and all electrical requirements by the National Electrical Safety Code and National Electrical Code.

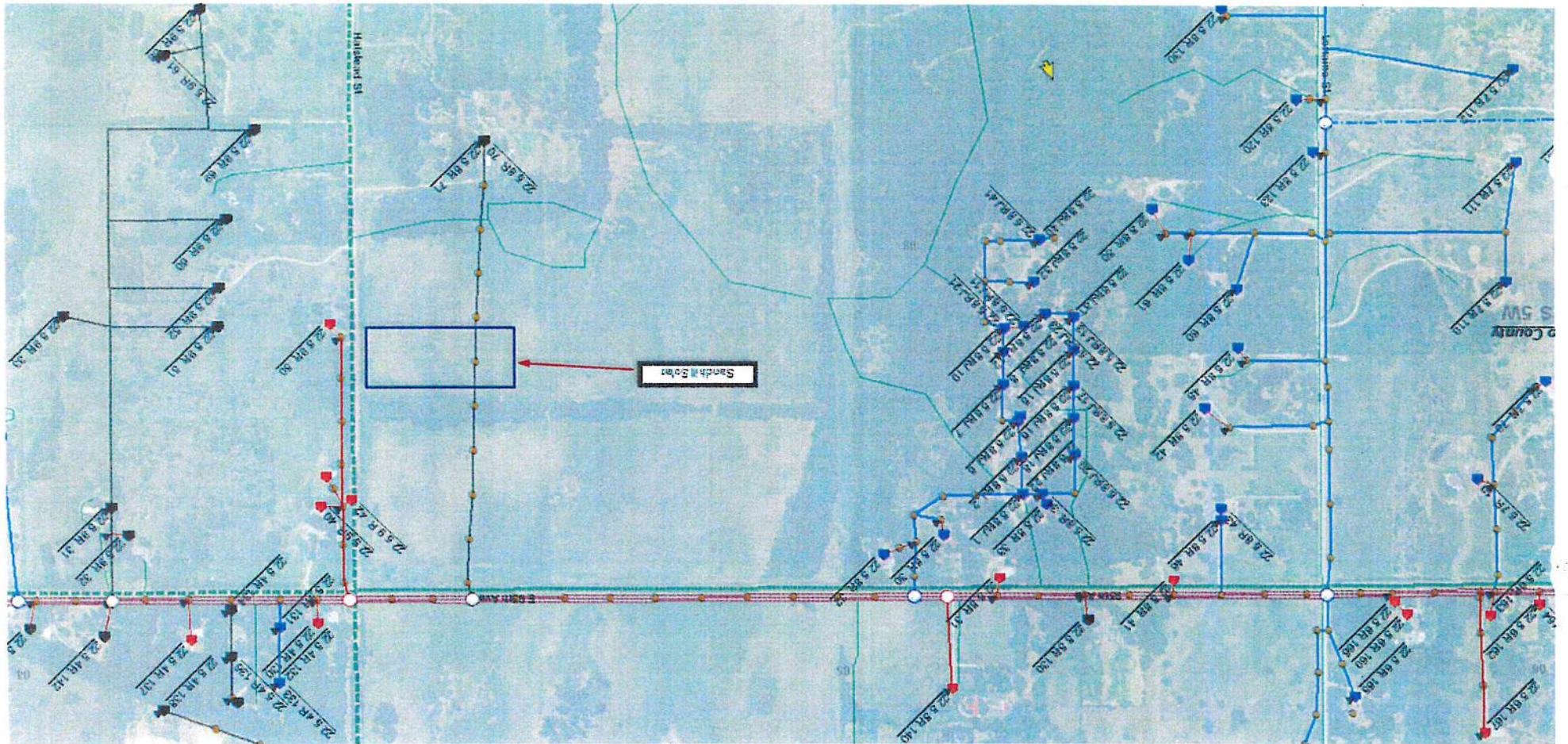
Thank you for your consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jackie Holmberg  
General Manager

Attachment

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*Anonymous review. Submitted by Dorothy Barnett, Climate and Energy Project*

25-103 Definitions

- 25-103 (7&8) defines participating and non-participating landowner as someone who has signed a lease, this also needs to allow participation by way of "good neighbor" or "participation" agreement

25-105 Circumstances Requiring Application of Commercial Solar Energy Systems Article:

- 25-105 (2)(b) "5% increase in the number of individual solar panels" -This is not a fair condition for reapplication. Changes in panel technology may cause this threshold to be surpassed.

25-107 Documents, Plans, Studies, Reports, Other Permits:

- 25-107 (3) There should not be a requirement to get a written document from an agency, or any third party, that is not otherwise obligated to provide such a document. They may not provide this document and that creates a problem.
- 25-107 (4b) Avian studies – typically not required at county level
- 25-107 (5)
  - only FAA registered airports and airstrips and the FAA should be the one that dictates distance.
  - It is our understanding that each solar project is screened by the FAA to determine if it must file a Notice of Proposed Construction ("NPC"). If the FAA screening determines there is no need to file a NPC, an FAA Determination of No Hazard is not required and will not be received because it is not needed and poses no risk to the airport. This section, and the requirements under the FAA screening and notice regulations, make the requirement for a 1-mile setback from airports unnecessary as the FAA already makes those necessary determinations.,
  - Airports routinely have solar installed on, and around, airports. Examples include airports in Austin, Texas, Honolulu, Hawaii, Denver Colorado, and a project is being planned for the Kansas City Airport Private airstrip allowance here is too broad, and could potentially allow for airstrips to be submitted just for the purpose of blocking a project.
- 25-107 (6)
  - Requirement to provide solar glare hazard analysis using the "Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool or its equivalent to evaluate the solar glare aviation hazard"? Is not needed. Glare analysis is part of the FAA process and, therefore, this is already covered and not needed.
- 25-107 (8) "copy of each approved permit prior to construction", just want to flag that some permits may not be approved, but pending, at the time of CUP application. Prior to construction is okay.
- 25-107 (9) Points of interest seems broad, can we get a clearer definition?
- 25-107 (12) – This is an FAA issue and not one where we the developer is required to satisfy anyone, whether reasonable or not.

#### 25-108 Additional Required Topics to be Included in Submittals

- 25-108 (2)(a) – The property line setback should only be for “Non-participating” property lines
- 25-108 (2)(d) – We should not be limited by recorded easements and should not be required to eliminate blanket easements. This provision should be deleted entirely.
  - Agreed, this is a good way to handle. Additionally, and for background, when a landowner agrees to an oil and gas lease, they are not losing their right to use the surface of their property. The law in Kansas is clear that the party that possesses the mineral estate has the right to use the surface only as necessary to exercise its right to access the minerals. A party that leases the surface of the land, whether for solar energy, agricultural uses or to build a shed, may use the surface so long as the mineral owners right is not unreasonably infringed. It is then incumbent upon the surface user to make sure they accommodate the mineral estate owner. To take away the property rights of a landowner by taking away the surface use in this way is unnecessary and an extreme and wholly against the legal principles that have governed mineral estates and oil and gas leases in Kansas
- 25-108 (2)(e) – This is vague as to whether or not substations could be included
- 25-108 (8)(a) - last sentence use “mitigate” instead of “correct”
- 25-108 (9)(g) - This is something in the purview of the USFW and Kansas Parks and Wildlife and should not be required at county level

#### 25-110 Agreements and Requirements

- 25-110 – Requires that a Development Agreement be executed within 120 days after CUP is approved, and if it is not executed within this timeframe, the county commissioners have the discretion to terminate the CUP approval. This could be a big issue – what if the commissioners hold out on agreeing to Development Agreement terms, or executing the document – this could be used as a way to invalidate an approved CUP completely at their discretion.
- 25-110 (2)(g) - add to removal of below ground components (down to a minimum of 48 inches below ground surface)
- 25-110 (2)(c) - This is not a standard requirement of county solar regulations, if landowners request specific decommissioning or construction conditions regarding topsoil that will be covered in private lease agreement
- 25-110 (2)(i) - We cannot be required to satisfy any landowner as they may be unreasonable. This must be that we met the regulations and any landowner issue is a private contract
- 25-110 (5) - Note: developer is already are paying all expenses, although there could be on going items that incur expenses for the county. That is different from a PILOT. This seems to be implying that a donation/contribution is required.
- 25-110 (7) – This provision is unclear – is it saying that a PPA must be submitted within the 120 day period during which the Development Agreement is negotiated, or the CUP becomes null and void? Is this essentially requiring that a PPA be in place for the project? If so, that is an issue. A PPA will likely not be in place at application, although it is possible. There really is no reason for this to be in the agreement but instead the county could require a PPA prior to construction.
- 25-110 (7) – “Specific request” is vague



**25-111 Requirements for Zoning Permit:**

- 25-111 – Is this a building permit?
- 25-112(3) – The developer should be the party that recommends the engineering firm and the county has an ability to approve

**25-112 Construction Requirements:**

- “The Applicant, or its construction company, shall disturb or clear a site only to the extent necessary” - Who determines what is necessary? Avoidance of clearing and grading is inherent in project development to make projects cost-effective



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**RENO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

None

**CITIES AND TOWNSHIPS**

None prior to 11/2/23.

**WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ark Valley Electric Cooperative, 10 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Hutchinson, KS 67505 – Jackie Holmberg – General Manager**

See separate letter and map dated October 16, 2023.

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**Jane Tolin (No address provided)**

Once again, Reno County is being targeted by large, industrial and commercial corporations. I strongly urge the Reno County Planning Commission and our County Commissioners to address three major concerns that are being imposed on our county:

1. Protection of the Cheney Reservoir Watershed
  - Wichita receives 63 - 70% of its water supply from Cheney Lake and its underlying Equus Beds.
  - Pollutants from a Commercial (Utility Scale) Solar Project (i.e. cadmium, lead, etc.) will have the potential to negatively impact urban and rural water supplies.
2. Comprehensive regulations on decommissioned solar modules (and lithium batteries).
  - Reports indicate that by 2030, the U.S. is expected to have accumulated over one million tons of solar panel waste.
  - Solar panels (silicon composites) contain amounts of heavy metals, prompting governments to classify them as hazardous wastes.
  - Landfills (i.e. Reno County Landfill) will potentially be clogged by end-of-life solar panels.
3. Consideration to identical problems previously presented by commercial wind energy installations.
  - Comprehensive regulations must be set forth and strictly monitored by our county.
  - Thorough and in-depth studies must again include: set-back allowances, excessive pollution, noise, glare & flickering, height, proper decommissioning of installations, destruction of wildlife and habitats, construction hazards, road maintenance, increased fire potential, transmission lines, eradication of prime agricultural ground, annihilation of aesthetic values, interference to the sanctity of rural life, land

devaluation, discontinuation of building projects, long-term contracts detrimental to land sales, evaluation of tax breaks, impact to residential growth, etc.

Again, Reno County faces life-altering and generational repercussions to its rural and urban populations. Repeatedly, citizens of Reno County are calling for our representatives to act aggressively in litigating comprehensive regulations to protect our county.

Sincerely,  
Jane Tolin

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**Sandra Coleman, 8314 E. Pleasant Valley Road, Haven, KS 67543**

Good Morning Mark,

As to the issue of the current regulations of commercial solar energy development in the unincorporated area of Reno County, I believe that important protections are crucial because we do not know the future impact of these systems: extent of noise pollution and possible sedimentation from runoff into Cheney Lake. We know that wind and solar are intermittent and require expensive backup systems. We know that every solution is a trade off with new problems to address.

Can we really trust the leaders behind the green energy movement to have conducted thorough long term studies that can assure us that they have considered all the possible ramifications to the soil, the water supply, our wildlife, and to human well being? After all, we are importing dirty oil from Venezuela and polluting our atmosphere while refining it in Houston, Texas. Not too reassuring.

Thank you for your service. We appreciate you.

Sandra Coleman  
8314 E, Pleasant Valley Rd.  
Haven, Kansas

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**COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE PLANNING COMMISSION PACKET WAS MAILED ON 11/2/23**

**Linda Yutzy, 14405 S. Obee Road, Haven, KS 67543**

My name is Linda Yutzy, and I live at 14405 Obee Rd, Haven, KS 67543. The county planner and planning committee has put in long hours to prepare a draft of regulations for Utility Scale Solar in Reno county. I appreciate the time they have put in, however, my recommendation is that there is a ban on such a facility in Reno county. Following are some of the reasons for my stance:

1. No good solution has been developed for the debris from solar facilities. While there are metals that could be salvaged in the components, a process that makes that feasible has yet to be developed. In the meantime, the replacement rate for solar panels is faster than was expected, and given the high recycling costs, there is a real danger that all used panels will go straight to the landfill. Are we equipped to handle that kind of waste? The recycling of solar industry waste has to catch up with the solar installation that government incentives are encouraging before we allow industrial solar. With the heavy metals that are used to manufacture these panels, if there is even a small chance that this can contaminate our ground water, it is too big a chance to take. (<https://hbr.org/2021/06/the-dark-side-of-solar-power>)

2. Despite the conversations on decommissioning, the reality is that rural land that is used for utility scale solar will be lost for the foreseeable future. Projects are expected to last 30 to 40 years. Construction requires the removal of trees, brush and root balls. Stripping and compaction removes topsoil, destroying healthy soil organisms.

3. Uncontrolled runoff of water and topsoil is a well-documented by-product of industrial scale solar. The massive increase in watershed sedimentation impacts all downstream rivers and estuaries. Removal of trees and deep rooted plants lead to long-term runoff and contamination issues. This would affect our groundwater as well as our rivers and lakes. <https://www.citizensforresponsiblesolar.org/10-reasons>

4. Property values will be reduced. This is refuted by the industry, but given the choice between living within a mile of a solar farm or battery storage facility vs the same home anywhere else, I'm willing to bet 98% of people will choose "anywhere else".

5. Fire hazards. A fire at a lithium battery storage facility in Morris, IL required evacuation of citizens for 5 days and specialized techniques to extinguish. Ultimately, the fire was largely extinguished by covering the area with Portland cement. [https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=15259](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=15259) BTW, a 128 MW solar facility would require a battery storage facility 5 times larger than the Morris, Ill storage area. Will local firefighters have ease of access, proper equipment and training to fight a similar fire? Who picks up the tab for that? And who will pay the cost of fighting the fire, evacuations, lost time and casualties?

6. Solar Panels are made using toxic materials like Cadmium, which causes lung, kidney and liver damage or failure. The EPA considers some solar panels to be hazardous due to the leachability of these materials, however, the EPA also leaves it to the operator to determine if its solar panels are hazardous. This is concerning, as the operator is financially incented to consider its solar panels as non-hazardous. <https://westgardnersolar.com/utility-scale-solar-health-and-safety-concerns/> Do we want to take the chance with the health of our citizens, our groundwater, or Cheney lake if we get a Kansas hail storm or tornado?

7. An industrial sized solar facility requires a lot of SPACE...translated a lot of rural farm or pasture land. The United States loses about 1.8 million acres of farmland every year, and it really irritates me that I (through my tax dollars) am paying huge incentives to an already rich-from-incentives company to take away more of it.

8. There are already some leases filed for a potential solar facility in Reno county. These are in the SE quarter of the county, which is the fastest growing part of the county. There are an astonishing number of new builds in that area just in the last 2 years. Why would we want to squash that growth?..because if an industrial solar facility were to be built in that area, that growth will stop immediately. In fact if there is a chance of one in that area, growth will stop.

There are more reasons and each could be expanded upon, but I want to respect your time and keep this as succinct as possible. Solar panels require 10 times the materials to deliver the same quantity of energy as a natural gas plant (<https://briangitt.com/solars-dirty-secrets-how-solar-power-hurts-people-and-the-planet/>) but, I am also not writing to discuss the politics of renewable energy. I am writing as a lifelong citizen of Reno county who is concerned for our rural community, my neighbors, our growth, (safe) development and our quality of life both now and in the future. Quality of Life is mentioned 13 times in Reno County's comprehensive plan. Please protect us and that quality of life by implementing a ban on Industrial Scale Solar in Reno county, or at least in the Cheney Lake watershed.

Sincerely,  
Linda Yutzy

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**Bill & Leta Royer, 12100 S. Haven Road, Haven, KS 67543**

Attached are some concerns we would like to see addressed in the proposed commercial solar regulations for Reno County. Thanks for your consideration.

Bill and Leta Royer  
12100 S Mayfield Rd  
Haven, KS

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**Kevin & Teresa Achilles, 20511 S. Willison Road, Haven, KS 67543**

Reno County Planning Commission  
600 Scott Boulevard  
Hutchinson, KS 67505

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Proposed Commercial Solar Farm

Dear Planning Commissioner's,

I am writing to express my profound concerns regarding the proposed commercial solar farm in our community. While I understand the importance of transitioning to renewable energy sources, the potential consequences of this solar farm on our environment, health, and community welfare are deeply troubling. In this letter, I would like to highlight several key issues that must be taken into consideration before moving forward with this project.

1) Solar Radiation: The intensity of solar radiation generated by a commercial solar farm is a significant concern. Excessive exposure to solar radiation can have adverse health effects on both humans and wildlife. We must carefully assess the potential risks and implement measures to minimize exposure for nearby residents and ecosystems. Furthermore, I am concerned about the potential for adverse health effects associated with the electromagnetic fields (EMF) generated by the solar panels. While scientific consensus on the health impacts of EMF is still debated, there is enough uncertainty to warrant caution and further investigation.

2) Safe Distance from Non-Signed Properties: It is imperative that a safe distance of at least 1.2 miles from any non-signed property be maintained. Such a buffer zone is crucial to protect the well-being and property values of those who have not consented to the project. Ensuring that this distance is respected is a matter of fairness and safety.

3) Loss of Habitat: The development of a commercial solar farm often leads to the loss of natural habitats for local flora and fauna. It is essential to conduct comprehensive environmental impact assessments and adopt measures to mitigate the harm to the local ecosystem. Our community takes pride in its natural beauty, and the proposed site is home to lush green fields and scenic landscapes. The solar farm's installation would require clearing significant areas of vegetation and may disrupt local ecosystems, which could lead to irreparable damage to our environment. It's essential to consider the long-term environmental impact, especially on the wildlife and natural habitats that exist in our area.

4) Interference with Rainfall: There is growing evidence to suggest that large-scale solar farms may have a significant impact on local weather patterns, including interference with rainfall. This interference can lead to detrimental effects on agriculture, water resources, and the overall climate in the region. As Reno County has the Cheney Watershed project, it is of great concern for future water infrastructure.

5) Direct Contact Causing Injury or Death: The potential for injury or even death related to direct contact with the solar farm equipment is a genuine concern. Adequate safety measures and signage should be in place to prevent accidents and ensure public safety.

6) Effects on Global and Regional Climate: Commercial solar farms can influence atmospheric circulation patterns and, in some cases, affect the global and regional climate. It is imperative that thorough climate impact assessments be conducted to understand the full scope of potential consequences.

7) Effects on Airspace, Radio Frequency, Satellite, and Cell Phone Reception: The construction and operation of a solar farm can impact airspace usage, as well as radio frequency and cell phone reception in the area. Such disruptions can have wide reaching consequences for businesses, emergency services, and individuals relying on clear communication.

8) The noise generated by the solar farm's inverters and cooling systems, as well as the increased traffic and construction activity, may disrupt the tranquility of our neighborhood. This could affect the quality of life for the residents and reduce the appeal of our community as a place to live.

In conclusion, while I support the transition to clean energy sources, I believe that the proposed commercial solar farm may not be the right fit for our area. It is crucial that we address all concerns and take a responsible and sustainable approach to a commercial solar farm in our community. I urge you to consider these issues carefully.

Thank you for your attention to these matters, and I hope that the concerns will be taken into account.

Sincerely,

Kevin & Teresa Achilles  
20511 S Willison Rd  
Haven, KS 67543  
316-259-7633

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**Tom Hieger, no address provided.**

Hello to you all, just wanted to send a quick email on my thoughts on the wind/solar regulations.

As we have seen in the past, and still to this day, developments are creeping from Wichita to the West. There are actually a few new ones in the works in the Andale area also, that I am a part of once again. As this continues, it will keep pushing people to Reno County as well, specifically the SE portion of Reno County near St Joe Ost and the Cheney Lake area's and up toward the Schmidt and Sons business areas that is straight west of Andale.

As wind and solar are still a topic, I believe we should stay on the path with regulations that were put in place with wind farms. Utility scale Solar is just as bad for residential development and growth in all areas affected.

You can go to an area in between Colwich and Maize that is battling this also. Another developer purchased land at a premium price, had it all planned out, and has not sold any lots, the entire project on hold, due to the conversation of the solar farm that would be in the same area.

Please consider banning utility scale solar, commercial solar, or solar farms in these highly populated, highly potential development and growth areas just as things were discussed within the wind regulations.

The SE portion of Reno County that was recently rezoned, is a highly sought after area that families are wanting to move to. We are constantly looking for areas to develop in this portion of Reno County, and any solar or wind projects, would not make this possible.

Regards,  
Tom Hieger

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**Chris Evans, Project Manager, NextEra Energy**

Hi Mark and Don, I have been reviewing the proposed solar draft regulations for Reno County. Overall, the regulations look very fair for the county, residents, and for a developer. I do have concerns though.

1. As currently drafted, the wording on airports and airstrips is vague and highly discretionary. Below is wording from Ford County on public and private airports and airstrips. I will say that at this point in our development process, we could stay over a mile away from any public airport and not have any private airstrips within a potential project boundary, but as you know private airstrips can be easily registered to throw off projects.

**“PRIVATE AIRSTRIP: A location that, at the time an application for conditional use permit is received in the Ford County Zoning Office, is registered with the Kansas Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration, appears on aeronautical charts and has a landing surface(s) which is/are maintained and capable of providing a safe landing for aircraft.”**

**For Private Airstrips, all CSECS and/or CSEF solar panels/modules shall be set back at least three hundred feet (300') as measured from the nearest point on either side of centerline of any existing Private Airstrip and at least one thousand feet (1,000') as measured from the nearest point on either end of the runway or property line (whichever is less) of any existing private air strip at the time of application.**

2. What is the basis or idea for the groundwater monitoring plan? It says a groundwater monitoring plan may be developed. This seems to be vague without details or baseline testing. It also seems unnecessary for a solar project, and could be very expensive making a project not viable.

Everything else in the draft regulations looks terrific for all involved and we appreciate the time and effort that your staff and commission have put into this process. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, otherwise I will be in attendance for the hearing on Thursday.

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**Leon LeSage, 429 W. Dodge Street, Pretty Prairie, KS 67570**

Date: November 7, 2023

To: Mark Vonachen  
Reno County Public Works – Planning & Zoning  
600 Scott Blvd  
South Hutchinson, KS 67505

Re: Proposed Solar Development Regulations

I am writing regarding the regulations of commercial solar energy development in the unincorporated area of Reno County, Kansas.

The Reno County Planning commission has determined that public input is necessary and valuable to amending articles of the Reno County Zoning Regulations. Because a single solar energy project can span many acres in size, adequate protections for aesthetics and non-participating landowner property values should not be discounted. Such important protections to include, but not be limited to:

1. Minimum setback distance of 1,000 feet from any solar development boundary from a non-participating landowner’s property line.
2. The sound level produced by inverters within the solar development shall not exceed an average level of 35 dBA on non-participating properties. The maximum level allowance at any point in time shall not exceed 45 dBA on non-participating properties. All levels shall be measured from the non-participating property lines.

I am asking you to please consider the impact of these Solar Energy Conversion Systems on our county today and their imposition on future generations.

Thank you,

Leon LeSage  
429 W Dodge Street  
Pretty Prairie, KS 67570

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**Kristy Horsch, 22519 S. Kent Road, Haven, KS 67543**

Dear Planning Commission,

Thank you so much for taking on the task of putting in place regulations for industrial solar.

Upon review of the proposed regulations, I would like to encourage you to make a few updates to ensure that our county is a leader in industrial solar. A leader has standards that encourages growth, and foremost, ensures the health, safety, and well being of the county's residents.

With that being said, I would like to encourage you to update the regulations prior to their approval in the following ways:

\*Cheney Watershed - Industrial solar should not be within the Cheney Lake Watershed. This is an important area in our county. The watershed already has increased regulations to ensure the safety of the water and environment. It is vital that we protect this area from industrial activity to ensure that Cheney Lake continues to be an area of recreation, environmental protection, residential growth, and safe drinking water.

\*Setbacks - Nonparticipating landowners should be given the respect of at least a one thousand foot setback from their property line. Of course, any nonparticipating landowner could become a participating landowner and waive this setback. This helps to maintain property value, safety, and community participation and cohesiveness.

\*Sound Levels - In studying industrial wind, I was surprised to learn the importance of sound and the negative effects sound can have on the human body. Inverters at the industrial solar filed will make noise. The average sound level from nonparticipating landowner property lines should not exceed 35 dBA and the maximum level of sound should not exceed 45 dBA. Levels should be measured at nonparticipating property lines by a third party. Nonparticipating landowners can waive sound level monitoring if they become a participating landowner. Again, having this regulation in place will ensure the safety of the people rural Reno County.

Thank you so much for considering making these updates to the regulations. Reno County deserves to be a shining example of comprehensive industrial solar regulations that protect citizens' health, safety, and well being.

Praying for your wisdom,  
Kristy Horsch  
22519 S Kent Road  
Haven, Kansas 67543

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**Cheney Lake Watershed, Inc., Chloe Gehring, Project Manager, 18 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, S. Hutchinson, KS 67505**

See separate letter received on November 9, 2023.

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City of Wichita Public Works & Utilities, Don Henry, Assistant Director, City Hall, Eighth Floor, 455 North Main Street, Wichita, KS 67202-1606

See separate letter dated November 9, 2023



**Setbacks:** Minimum setback distance of 1,000 feet from any solar development boundary from a non-participating landowner's property line.

**Cheney Lake Watershed:** No utility-scale solar development shall be located within the Cheney Lake watershed.

**Sound Level:** The sound level produced by inverters within the solar development shall not exceed an average level of 35 dBA on non-participating properties. The maximum level allowance at any point in time shall not exceed 45 dBA on non-participating properties. All levels shall be measured from the non-participating property lines.

Bill & Leta Royer  
Received  
11/7/23

# Cheney Lake Watershed Inc.

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South Hutchinson, KS 67505  
620-669-8161, ext 4  
[www.cheneylakewatershed.org](http://www.cheneylakewatershed.org)



November 8, 2023

Attn: Mark Vonachen  
Reno County Planning Commission  
Reno County Public Works  
600 Scott Blvd  
South Hutchinson, KS 67505

Dear Planning Commission Members,

The Cheney Lake Watershed Inc. is an organization formed to improve water quality by working with watershed farmers on a voluntary basis over the 633,000 acres and parts of five counties contributing to Cheney Reservoir. Our governing board, the Citizen's Management Committee (CMC), understands that the Planning Commission is developing regulations for Commercial Solar Energy System in Reno County. The Cheney Lake Watershed is making a formal request to *not* be named as an entity to be contacted for solar proposal review in the Reno County Commercial Solar Energy Systems regulations.

The CMC weighed a variety of considerations as they arrived at this outcome, namely that the Cheney Lake Watershed works to support and promote voluntary conservation programs that improve the water quality and reduce nutrient/sediment loading in Cheney Reservoir. Our purview is non-point source and we are not a regulatory agency. In circumstances with known point source concerns- County, State and Federal regulations should apply.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. My office number is 620-888-2034 and my cell phone is 620-314-0676.

Sincerely,

*Chloe Gehring*

Chloe Gehring  
Project Manager  
Cheney Lake Watershed, Inc





November 9, 2023



Reno County Planning Commission  
206 W 1st Avenue  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

RE: Case Number 2023-10

Commissioners:

The City of Wichita owns and operates Cheney Reservoir in southeast Reno County, providing storage and delivery of municipal and industrial water supply to Wichita and several adjacent communities. The project provides flood control benefits and protection to downstream areas through cooperation between the Corps of Engineers, the City of Wichita, and the Bureau of Reclamation.

The reservoir has provided this otherwise arid region of Kansas with a variety of recreational uses and fish and wildlife benefits. Cheney State Park provides most species of sport fish common for Kansas. There are excellent camping, boating, swimming, and picnicking facilities, and trailer park facilities with electric, water, and sewer hookups. Nearby, the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission administers over 5,200 acres of land and 4,100 acres of water for conservation and management of migratory birds and other wildlife.

Clean and safe water is important for all these amenities, and the City of Wichita has supported efforts by partners in the Cheney watershed, working to correct pollution problems prior to runoff water entering the reservoir. Cheney Lake Watershed, Inc. was formed to improve water quality by working with watershed farmers. The Citizens Management Committee has set goals to reduce nutrients and sediment that reach the lake from agricultural sources. The City of Wichita has committed funding to help farmers reach our watershed goals. This project is partially funded by EPA 319 funds through the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The City of Wichita has supported efforts to identify and address potential sources of pollution from the Ninnescah River watershed that may be conveyed to Cheney Reservoir, one of Wichita's sources of water. We appreciate that Reno County is working to address

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potential pollution sources through rules that will apply to solar energy installations. It is important to address these concerns through local control, and proactively protect the public interest in an industry that has limited federal and state requirements for environmental clearances.

The proposed rules work to advance Cheney Lake Watershed's efforts to protect and restore water quality throughout the watershed, by addressing runoff conditions from proposed solar energy installations.

The proposed rules appropriately address the physical parameters of the terrain, such as slope, propensity to generate runoff, and soil type, that are important to controlling sediment movement from developed sites. However, it is important to address sediment transfer that can originate from streambank erosion and sloughing of the sides of rivers and streambanks. New developments, such as solar energy facilities, can generate higher runoff rates that can cause sediment in the streambed to migrate downstream with each high-intensity rainfall event.

The City of Wichita requests that the Reno County Commission adopt additional provisions as a part of the Solar Energy Systems Regulations (SESR), in order to provide improved assurance that developments will not negatively affect the drainageways downstream of the proposed development:

- 1) The provisions of the draft SESR cause the applicant to develop a "Soil Erosion, Drainage, Sediment Control and Stormwater Runoff Plan."

Advised new provision: These plans shall be developed and prepared under the supervision of a licensed Kansas professional engineer, geologist, architect, or landscape architect or a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control.

- 2) The Plan requires the applicant to "Design features to maintain downstream water quality."

Advised new provision: The Plan shall (1) Control stormwater volume and velocity within the site to minimize soil erosion in order to minimize pollutant discharges, and (2) Control stormwater discharges, including both peak flow rates and total stormwater volume, to minimize channel and streambank erosion and scour in the immediate vicinity of discharge points.

- 3) The Plan requires "maintenance of control measures throughout the life of the project."

Advised new provision: Long-term operation and maintenance of erosion control features should be included as an item in the Development Agreement. Downstream stormwater control infrastructure should be evaluated to ensure it can safely and efficiently convey the applicable design flows; that the infrastructure is durable and maintainable; and that structures are protected against flood damage even when the infrastructure experiences runoff events greater than the design flows.



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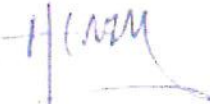
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- 4) The Plan should address the potential for industrial pollutants that may be generated during the life of the project.

The City considers these additional provisions integral to the long-term success of the Cheney Watershed Project and will serve to protect Cheney Reservoir from the effects of sediment transfer. Continued improvements to the quality of the Ninnescah River will extend the useful life of the Reservoir and will help attenuate the effects of eutrophication and harmful algal blooms.

The City wishes to thank the Board of County Commissioners and the Planning Commission for providing the opportunity to provide comments on this important matter. The proposed rules will provide an opportunity to protect water quality throughout the Cheney Lake watershed.

Sincerely,



Don Henry  
Assistant Director



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***Comments Received after the Public Hearing Was closed on 11/9/23  
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**RENO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

None

**CITIES AND TOWNSHIPS**

None after 11/9/23.

**WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**James Schlickau (no address provided)**

Last month, the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing to allow citizen comments with respect to proposed solar regulations for projects in Reno County. Overwhelmingly, residents and property owners opposed commercial solar projects, specifically at the location being pursued in the Cheney Reservoir area. Additionally, there were concerns about inadequacies in the content of the proposed regulations, largely by non-participating landowners with property adjacent to development sites. Commissioners Hirst and Whitesel were in attendance to hear those public comments, and at the subsequent County Commission meeting, Commissioner Hirst made recommendations that appeared to have full support of the other board members. I strongly support three proposals for your consideration. 1). Enact a six-month moratorium on any commercial scale solar developments in Reno County. Give direction to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and allow time to develop comprehensive regulations. 2). Limit the size of solar project development. Commissioner Hirst in his proposal, and the ensuing discussion by board members, appeared to arrive at a reasonable scale of no more than 10 acres of contiguous development, and limited output. 3). Prohibit commercial solar development within the Cheney Lake Watershed.

The area being pursued is in the southeast corner of Reno County. That is purely a business decision, made by the developer, due to the proximity to transmission. Energy produced will not be for the benefit of, or consumed by, local households or businesses. It will leave the State of Kansas. The impact to this area is multifaceted, which was well communicated by residents at the public hearing. These included impacts to residential development, recreational activities around the lake, wildlife and migratory bird impacts, but most concerning, in my opinion, is the potential risks to water quality. Nearly 70% of water consumed by the greater Wichita area is sourced from Cheney Reservoir. More than 500,000 people could be impacted if this source is contaminated. Solar panels contain heavy metals including, lead and cadmium and other toxic chemicals that are known carcinogens. It is not unrealistic to consider a weather event, such as hail or a tornado, that could fracture the panels and release these elements. A recent example is the devastation of a solar field in Scottsbluff, Nebraska in June 2023 to a hailstorm. All solar panels were destroyed. Generally, panels are not recycled. This is mostly due to the complexity to separate elements and the costs involved. That means they will end up in the landfill. How could this affect water quality? Runoff or absorption. Once the elements are in the soil profile, it is a short distance to the water table. I constructed cross-fencing for a rotational grazing system in the "redjaw" area. While digging post holes for braces, several of the holes filled with water before I was finished. That is less than 3 feet.

It would not be an unprecedented event for a water crisis in Reno County. In 2011, while serving on the County Commission, the KDHE provided a comprehensive report and mitigation plan with respect to the HABIT water contamination in the Yoder area. When the former naval base was decommissioned, well after the conclusion of WW2, a large hole was dug and items were buried, including solvents and degreasers. These products contained CT and CTE, which are carcinogenic. The plume is being drawn toward the well near Yoder. This is an example of a self-inflicted mistake. It could have, and should have been avoided. I'm urging you to not make an unforced error.

I would welcome your questions and feedback. I respectfully request your consideration as described.

James Schlickau  
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**J. Michael Conkling, 21806 S. Broadacres Road, Pretty Prairie, KS 67570**

Dear Reno County Commissioners,

Thank you for the thorough, in-depth discussion that was held at your last meeting in November regarding the complexity of the impact that very large commercial-scale solar facilities would have on our county.

I agree with the discussion and the consensus regarding prohibiting commercial-scale solar facilities in the zoned areas of Reno County, but I also feel that we should consider extending that prohibition, as in an overlay, out into the currently unzoned areas of Reno County - covering the entirety of Reno County, as Harvey County has done.

Landowners in these unzoned areas of the county, such as myself, also have considerable concerns about the construction & operation of these immense commercial-scale solar facilities.

I agree that trying to cut down on our use of and dependence upon oil and gas while increasing our use of alternative sources of energy, including solar, is very important for us now – BUT it is difficult to guide and hold solar energy providers to standards that consistently exhibit conscientious and responsible siting, construction, monitoring of wildlife and environment, and mitigation and decommissioning procedures in providing that solar energy.

Ark Valley's solar facilities are some that seem much more appropriate for our county as they are a smaller local energy provider acquiring solar energy to be distributed locally throughout the Ark Valley Electric service area.

Thank you for taking the time to protect our county, as well as neighboring counties, not only by your diligent work but also by listening to and addressing the information gathered and the concerns expressed by Reno County citizens.

J. Michael Conkling  
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**Garth Strand, 8901E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Buhler, KS 67522**

Commissioners:



I have read with interest your agenda for your Wednesday, December 13 meeting. I appreciate this information being made available online.

My understanding of the use of a Consent Agenda is that it should contain non-controversial, routine and/or recurring items such as minutes, committee reports, etc. There may also be items included in a consent agenda on which the Body has reached consensus but not yet voted on. I assume this may be the justification for including Item 6M on your Consent Agenda?

That being said, I don't believe Item 6M would meet a non-controversial or routine test. It may appear that this item simply extends the previous moratorium however, upon further review, this new resolution is significantly more far-reaching...down to the level of intruding on land owner rights to install a private, ground-mounted solar system. I find this is clearly a juxtaposed position compared to a previous discussion this Commission had earlier concerning landowner rights and forced clearing of cedar trees.

Additionally, I believe all of you fully support crystal clear transparency in government at all levels. I don't believe including item 6M on your consent agenda meets the transparency bar.

I respectfully ask that you consider removing Agenda Item 6M from your Consent Agenda, discussing and voting on it as a stand alone item. That would meet my bar for transparency in government, especially my local government.

Thank you for your consideration,

Garth Strand  
8901 East 43rd  
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**Pastor Rob Schmutz, 14601 S. Yoder Road, P.O. Box 71, Haven, KS 67543**

Dear Daniel,

Through this email, I'm attempting to reach out to each of the Reno County commissioners and the Reno County Planning Commission, this week to let you know that I, as a Reno County resident, am hopeful that there is a growing consensus among you regarding a PROHIBITION of commercial or utility scale solar for the whole of Reno County.

Originally I wrote to you in opposition to a utility scale solar project within the Cheney Watershed area, but in everything that I have continued to personally read and study on the issue as a whole, I have come to the conclusion that a utility or commercial scale solar project is actually NOT best for Reno County, anywhere in the county, in either the long or the short term.

My hope and prayer is that the County Commission and Planning Commission have come to the same conclusion. Please feel free to contact me personally if you have any questions about my views or conclusions as a Reno County resident.

Very Sincerely,

Pastor Rob Schmutz  
14601 South Yoder Road

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**Jan Beltz (no address provided)**

Dec. 15, 2023

To: Reno County Commissioners

Commissioners, I am writing to you to say that I agree with your discussion and consensus of prohibiting commercial scale solar throughout Reno County. I am writing as someone who was born and raised in Reno County and I continue to live here by choice. Our county is a beautiful, wholesome place to live. I was thrilled to raise my own children here and am delighted that my grandchildren are also growing up here. I feel that prohibiting commercial solar is a step in retaining our county's beauty and appeal.

Thank you for your time,

Jan Beltz

Reno County Resident

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Don Brittain, Director

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**Documents submitted at the Public Hearing on November 9, 2023**

To: Reno County Planning Commission

From: Dorothy Barnett, Reno County Resident and Executive Director, Climate + Energy Project

Date: November 9, 2023

Public Hearing Article 25

Solar Energy Regulations

Thank you for taking time to consider my position on the Reno County Solar Energy Regulations outlined in Article 25.

I'm speaking from several perspectives today. I've been a resident of Reno County for 47 years, I was the coordinator of the Reno County Wind Energy Taskforce and for the past 12 years I've directed the Climate + Energy Project, a statewide nonprofit focused on advancing the clean energy economy to create economic benefits and a healthy environment.

It may seem strange to bring up the Reno County Wind Energy taskforce at a Solar regulation hearing, but I think it's important to think about the economic benefits our county lost when, despite overwhelming support from Siemens Gamesa, the Hutch Reno County Chamber and two out of three County Commissioners, along with Reno County landowners and citizens, we ultimately pushed wind development to other places in Kansas.

We now have a chance to attract utility scale solar, so we can reap the economic and environmental benefits the clean energy economy continues to bring to counties across our state. Solar in the US is forecasted to triple in the next five years, and this year alone, it has grown 23%. Solar's visual and sound impact is among the lowest of all electricity generation and it poses little to no wildlife or environmental impact if sited properly. While Kansas currently does not have any solar projects over 20 MW, there are several being proposed across the state. This technology is not new to the region or the rest of the country, but because of our vast wind resource has had a slower start here.

Utility scale solar projects can bring substantial economic benefits to counties who host them. A recent University of Kansas report analyzed the impacts of a 320 MW solar array with a potential battery storage component, and determined short term benefits of \$31 million dollars to counties and long-term project benefits of \$218 million dollars of economic activity in the region over the 30-year project life.

Like the wind regulations, the solar regulations put together by this Planning Commission are reasonable and well thought out. They protect the health and safety of our county residents, and give clear guidelines to developers who want to site utility scale projects here in Reno County. Thank you for your work.





## Utility Scale Solar Myths vs. Facts



**Myth:** *Solar projects will impact soil and prime farmland in the future.*

**Reality:** While farmland under solar panels cannot be used for crop production during the life of the project, letting the soil rest during the project life can help the farmland remain productive in the future. When solar projects are decommissioned and removed, the underlying land can be returned to productive agricultural use. Voluntarily participating in a solar project provides area landowners and farmers an opportunity to diversify their income and harvest what they choose—the sun, crops, or both.

**Myth:** *Solar projects significantly impact the environment and drive away wildlife.*

**Reality:** Solar projects will work in harmony with the environment. It will not impact hunting or recreation on neighboring lands and is designed to minimize any impact to local wildlife. In fact, of all forms of energy generation, solar energy has among the lowest impacts as it emits no air or water pollution, requires no drilling or mining for fuel, emits little sound and creates no hazardous by-products from the power it generates.<sup>1</sup>

**Myth:** *Solar panels are dangerous and leach chemicals into the ground and pose a risk to public health.*

**Reality:** Modern, photovoltaic (PV) solar panels are made of materials typically found in electronic equipment and are encased so they don't pose a concern for water supply or public health. Panels are made of solid materials and do not pose a chemical hazard to the public, underlying soil or groundwater.<sup>2</sup>

**Myth:** *Solar projects cause higher ambient temperatures.*

**Reality:** All available evidence indicates there is no solar temperature increase caused by solar arrays. Solar panels absorb photons from direct sunlight and convert it to electricity. This minimizes the likelihood of substantially changing temperatures at the site or surrounding communities.<sup>3</sup>

**Myth:** *Solar panels are not safely disposed of after use.*

**Reality:** Although modern solar panels can be safely disposed of in landfills, they can also be recycled. PV solar panel recycling technologies that have been implemented over the past decade recover over 95% of semiconductor material and over 90% of the glass in the panels.<sup>4</sup>

**Myth:** *Solar projects are only being built because of government subsidies.*

**Reality:** The levelized cost of energy produced from utility scale solar projects has dropped by 82% of the past decade. Today, new renewable energy sources are cheaper than the operating costs of older, fossil, and nuclear generation.<sup>5</sup>

**Myth:** *Solar projects drive down property values*

**Reality:** There is no evidence to indicate solar projects impact neighboring property values. A 2021<sup>6</sup> study found no measurable impact on property values adjacent to solar projects. Additionally, solar projects bring numerous economic benefits to communities including millions of dollars in additional tax revenue.

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<sup>1</sup> 2020 Environmental, Social and Governance Report.

<sup>2</sup> Wisner, Ryan et al. "On the Path to SunShot: The Environmental and Public Health Benefits of Achieving High Penetrations of Solar Energy in the United States." National Renewable Energy Laboratory 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Clean energy results: Questions & Answers, Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Systems. Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

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<sup>5</sup> Solar costs have fallen 82% since 2010," – PV Magazine, June 2020.

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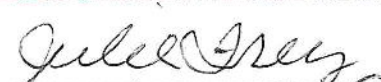





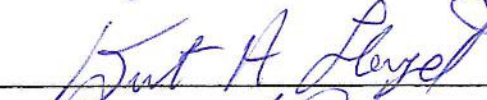


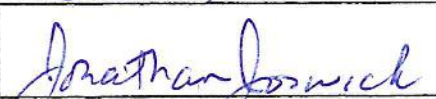


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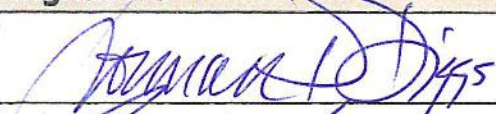

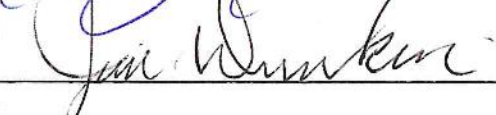
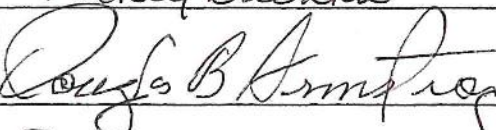
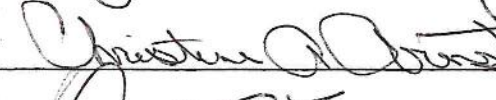


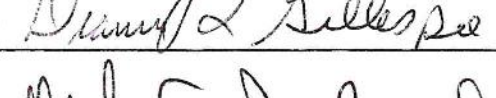

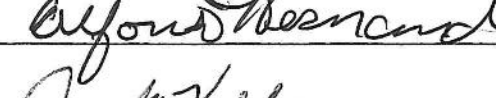

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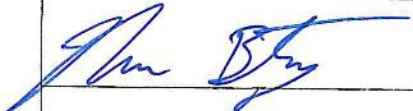



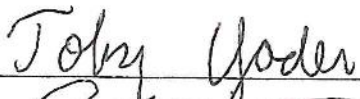







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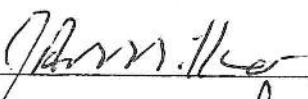

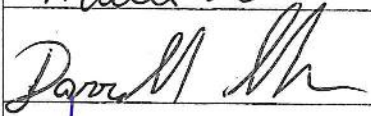
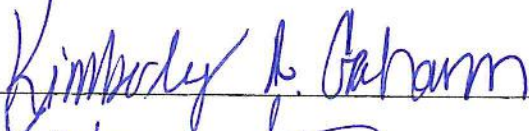
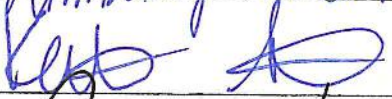
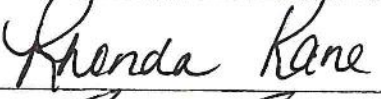
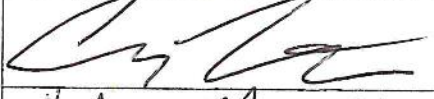


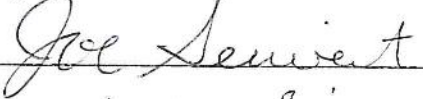
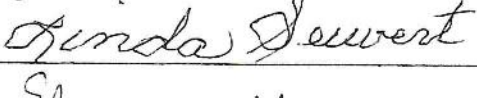
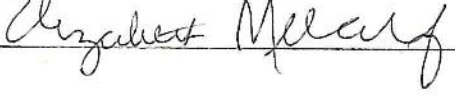
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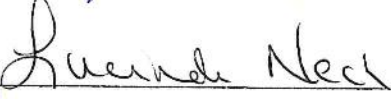
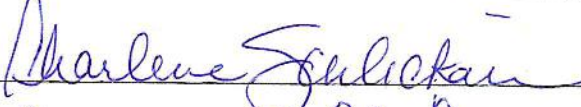

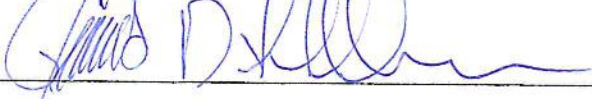
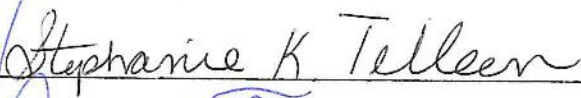

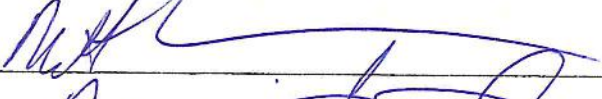
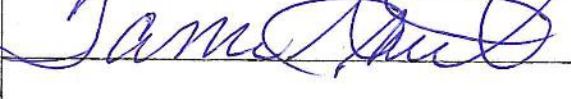

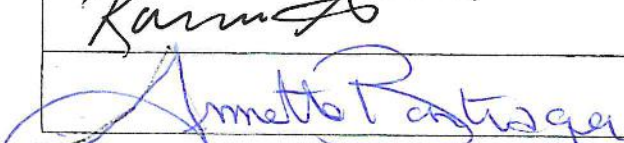
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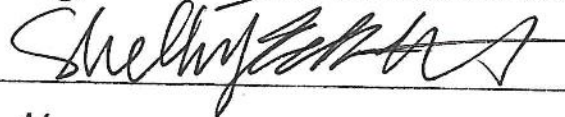
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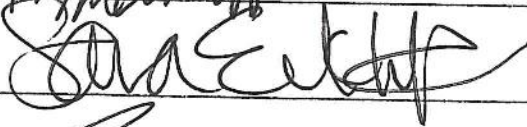
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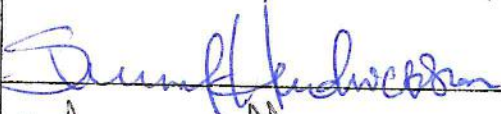
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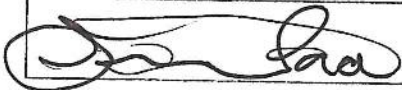
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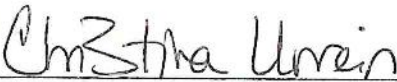

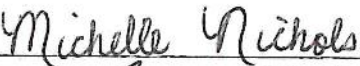


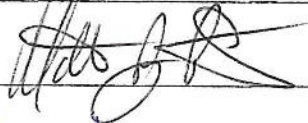
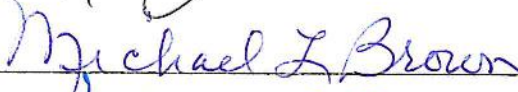


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	Angela Mans	14918 East Maple Grove Rd Mt Hope KS 67108
	Catherine Mans	14918 E. Maple Grove Rd Mt Hope KS 67108
	Claire Mans	14918 E. Maple Grove Rd Mt Hope KS 67108
	Christha Urrein	14814 E. Maple Grove Rd Mt. Hope KS 67108
	Benedict K. Urrein	14814 E Maple Grove Rd Mt. Hope, KS 67108
	Michelle Nichols	25511 Woodberry Rd. Mt. Hope, KS 67108
	Eric V. Nichols	25511 Woodberry Rd Mount Hope, KS 67108
	Daniel Mans	14918 E Maple Grove Rd mt Hope KS 67108
	Matthew Pilgrum	14704 S Haven Rd Haven, KS 67543
	Michael L. Brown	15215 S HAVEN Rd Haven, KS 67543
	Vicki L. Brown	" "
	Kevin Achilles	20511 S. Willison Rd HAVEN KS, 67543

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<i>Donald Graber</i>	Donald Graber	707 W 25th Ave Havel 67502
<i>Marilyn Etchison</i>	Marilyn Etchison	PO Box 345 Haven, KS 67543
<i>Diane Johnson</i>	Diane Johnson	1801 E 30th Hutchinson 67501
<i>Tim Decker</i>	Tim Decker	1229 E 8th Havel KS
<i>Justa Giefer</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	8306 E Castleton Rd Haven KS
<i>Jenna Giefer</i>	<i>Jenna Giefer</i>	8306 E. Castleton Rd. Haven, KS
<i>Drew Thalmann</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	18007 S. Haven Rd Haven KS 67543
<i>Rachel Thalmann</i>	<i>Rachel Thalmann</i>	18007 S Haven Rd Haven KS 67543
<i>Leslie Roederer</i>	<i>Leslie Roederer</i>	11712 S Yoder Rd Haven KS 67543
<i>Paul Roederer</i>	Paul Roederer	11712 S Yoder Rd Haven, KS 67543
<i>Ernest E. Eash</i>	Ernest Eash	12117 S. Yoder Rd Haven KS, 67543
<i>[Signature]</i>	Jerry Metalf	9215 E. Silver Lake Rd. Haven, KS 67543

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Larry Webb	Larry Webb	25209 S. Cedarview Dr Mt Hope KS 67108
Linda Webb	Linda Webb	same as above
Bob Appelhaus	Bob Appelhaus	25210 S CEDARVIEW DR MT HOPE KS 67108
Denise Appelhaus	Denise Appelhaus	25210 * same
Charles Williams	Charles Williams	Mt Hope KS 25209 S Cedarview Dr
Chris Estes	Chris Estes	Mt Hope KS 25208 S Cedarview Dr
Dana L Scott Armenta	Dana L Scott Armenta	25204 S Cedarview Dr <sup>Mt Hope</sup>
Connie Bellamy	CONNIE BELLAMY	25302 S. CEDARVIEW DR.
Charles Bellamy	CHARLES BELLAMY	25302 S. CEDARVIEW DR.
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Joyce Wilson	Joyce Wilson	905 W. 24th, Hutchinson, KS.
John Murphy III	John Murphy III	1005 Lenox, Hutchinson
Karen Swanson	Karen Swanson	4305 PinOak Hutchinson
Dori Sims	Dori Sims	3005 Malloy St. <sup>Hutch</sup> KS
Ronald K Paul	Ron Pauls	101 E. 11th Ave Hutch
Paul Shelite	Paul Shelite	1106 Old Farm Hutch
Sheri Seachris	Sheri Seachris	2904 N. Rayl Rd Buhler
Freddie Seachris	FREDDIE SEACHRIS	2904 W. RAYI Rd. Buhler
Brenda Decker	Brenda Decker	1229 E. 8th Ave Hutch
Lydia Rostine	LYDIA ROSTINE	1300 N. HENDRICKS HUTCH.
Lornie Martens	Lornie Martens	2402 B Kent Place
Tess Anderson	Tess Anderson	1001 Barbbery Av

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*Kathleen L. Ewertz*

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344 Sevy  
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*Candace Bartholomew*

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4107 Sobe Rd  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

*Ray E Bartholomew*

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4107 S. Obee Rd  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

*Babe M Parks*

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214 W 25<sup>th</sup>  
Hutchinson, KS 67502

*Tim Sears*

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1101 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave 67501

*Bonnie J. Sears*

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1101 W 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. 67501

*Robert Dickson*

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517 E 3rd Ave

*Dawn Varney*

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34 E 27<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Hutchinson, KS 67502

*Dixie Withers*

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624 cloverdale 67501

*Maxine Julian*

MAXINE JULIAN

37 Rambler Rd.

*Justin B. Anderson*

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1001 Barbary Dr, Hutchinson, KS 67502

*Ryan Patton*

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<i>Thomas L May</i>	Thomas L May	2104 E Arlington Hotelinson Ks
<i>Marie Bontrager</i>	Marie Bontrager	6118 E Arlington Rd Haven KS
<i>Wendell Bontrager</i>	Wendell Bontrager	6118 E Arington Rd Haven KS
<i>Tom F. Roeder Jr</i>	Tom F. Roeder Jr	5116 E. ARNINGTON RD HAVEN KS
<i>Shayla Roeder</i>	Shayla Roeder	5116 E. Arlington Rd Haven KS
<i>Carolyn Fishburn</i>	Carolyn Fishburn	17002 S. Willison Rd, Haven, KS
<i>Phillip Fishburn</i>	Phillip Fishburn	17007. S. Willison Rd, Haven KS
<i>Lynn Thalmann</i>	Lynn Thalmann	15817. S. Haven Rd Haven
<i>Carol Thalmann</i>	Carol Thalmann	3403 B Ridgewood, Hotelinson
<i>Stephanie Thalmann</i>	Stephanie Thalmann	15817 S. Haven Rd, Haven
<i>Sarah B. Hendrixson</i>	Sarah B. Hendrixson	1116 Saratoga Rd. Hatchinson

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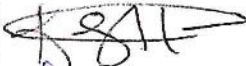
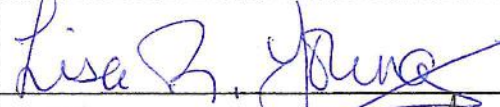
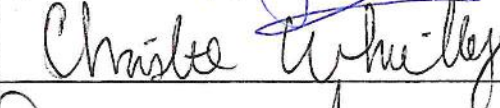

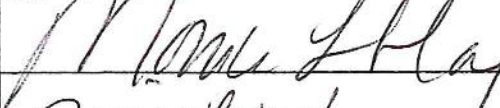
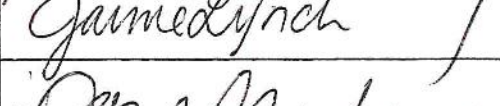
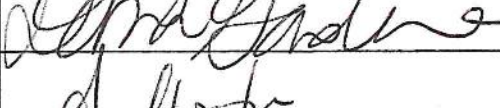
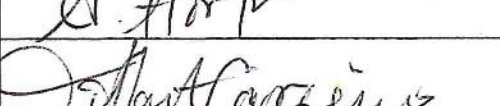
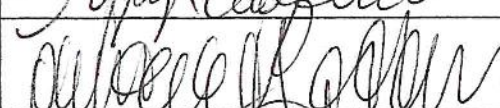

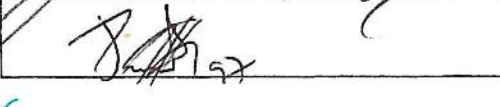
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	Kristina Horsch	22519 S Kent Rd Haven, KS 67543
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	Christie Whitley	4702 S McNew Rd Hutchinson KS 67501
	Shannon Goble	27304 W. Morgan Plevna, KS 67568
	Monica L. Hoy	5205 N Tobacco Rd. Hutchinson, KS 67502
	Jaime Lynch	123 W. 7th Hutchinson, KS 67501
	Dana Gardner	2405 W Greenfield Hutchinson, KS 67501
	Amy Horton	3519 N. Willison Rd buhler, KS 67522
	Tiffany Casquini	2704 Malloy St. Hutchinson, KS 67502
	Danielle Tajchman	4712 E. 4th Hutchinson, KS 67501
	Janice Marcum	8616 N. Lorraine St. Hutch, KS 67502
	Josvé Pineda Dale	1200 E 33rd Ave Hutchinson, KS

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	Margaret Westfahl	3907 E Irish Creek Rd Haven KS 67543
	Dennis Hershberger	8812 S. Hutchinson KS Halstead 67501
	Delmar Eash	11908 S. Yoder Rd Haven KS 67543
	Carl Bontrager	8609 S. Sand Creek Rd. Hutchinson KS 67501
	Vonda Eash	11908 S. Yoder Rd. Haven KS 67543
	Carl Walsten	19902 S Haven Rd Haven KS 67543
	Richard J. WALSTEN	19902 South HAVEN Rd HAVEN, KS 67543
	JAN Beltz	21104 S. Victory Rd HAVEN, KS 67543
	Alan Howard	21309 So. Willison Haven KS 67543
	Joyce E. Howard	" " "
	Amy C. Williams	10215 E Pleasant Valley Rd Haven, KS 67543

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<i>Sherrri Johnson</i>	Sherrri Johnson	12505 S. Mayfield Rd, Haven
<i>Sandra Coleman</i>	Sandra Coleman	8314 E Pleasant Valley Rd. Haven
<i>Gary R Coleman</i>	GARY R. COLEMAN	8314 E PLEASANT VALLEY RD HAVEN
<i>Wade Spencer</i>	Wade R. Spencer	<del>17005</del> S Haven Rd. Haven
<i>Tommian Spencer</i>	Tommian Spencer	17005 S. Haven Rd Haven
<i>Clint Luttgeharm</i>	CLINT LUTTGEHARM	22408 S WILLISON RD HAVEN KS 67543
<i>Shannon Luttgeharm</i>	Shannon Luttgeharm	22408 S Willison Rd Haven KS 67543
<i>Marilyn H. Byrd</i>	MARILYN H BYRD	22408 S WILLISON RD HAVEN KS 67543
<i>Dorn Moore</i>	Dorn Moore	12803 E Pleasant Valley Rd Haven KS 67543
<i>Andrea Moore</i>	Andrea Moore	Haven KS 67543 12803 E Pleasant Valley Rd
<i>Daryl Williams</i>	Daryl Williams	10215 E. Pleasant Valley Rd HAVEN KS 67543
<i>Patricia E. Williams</i>	Patricia E. Williams	10215 E. Pleasant Valley Rd HAVEN KS 67543

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<i>William L Royer Jr</i>	William L Royer Jr	12008 S MAYFIELD Rd HAVEN KS 67543
<i>William L. Royer, Sr.</i>	William L Royer SR.	12100 S. Mayfield Rd. Haven KS 67543
<i>Marion B. Bontrager</i>	marion B Bontrager	203 S. King St Partridge, KS 67566
<i>Judy Bontrager</i>	Judy Bontrager	203 S. King St. Partridge KS 67566
<i>Martha L. Holmes</i>	MARTHA L. Holmes	17 N. Stadium Dr HAVEN, KS 67543
<i>Carla J. Long</i>	Carla J Long	9 Bluestem S. Hutchinson KS 67505
<i>Monte Long</i>	Monte Long	9 Bluestem S. Hutchinson, KS 67505
<i>Alek Royer</i>	Alek Royer	12008 S Mayfield Rd Haven, KS 67543
<i>Koby Royer</i>	Koby Royer	12008 S Mayfield Rd Haven, KS 67543
<i>Chad Mathis</i>	Chad Mathis	6706 East Casketon rd Haven KS 67543
<i>Sue A. Rettig</i>	Sue A. Rettig	6706 E. Casketon Rd. Haven, KS. 67543

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<i>Diana Franz</i>	Diana Franz	16101 S. Kent Rd. Haven, KS
<i>Pam Lehner</i>	Pam Lehner	6307 E Arlington Rd Haven
<i>Robert E Schmutz</i>	Robert E Schmutz	14601 South Yoder Rd. Box 71 Haven KS 67543
<i>Angel Schmutz</i>	Angel Schmutz	14601 S. Yoder Rd Haven KS 67543
<i>Mary Foreman</i>	Mary Foreman	14404 S. Halstead St. Hutchinso
<i>Lee Foreman</i>	LEE FOREMAN	14404 S. HALSTEAD HATCHINSON
<i>Katy Gantz</i>	Katy Gantz	7406 E. Fountain Green Rd Haven KS
<i>Ernie Weve</i>	Ernie Weve	10505 E Parallel Rd. Haven, KS 67543
<i>Sharon Weve</i>	SHARON Weve	820 E Parallel Rd Haven, KS.
<i>Mary E Pitchers ne Whitney</i>	MARY E PITCHERS (ne) WHITNEY	15114 S KENT ROAD HAVEN, KANSAS 67543
<i>Kevin J. Schoenthal</i>	Kevin J. Schoenthal	16818 S. Kent Rd Haven, KS 67543



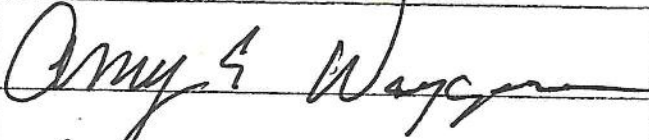
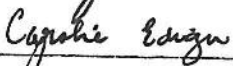


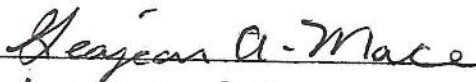

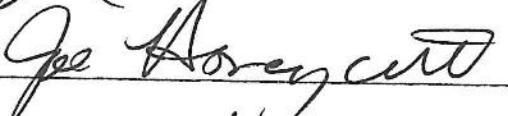
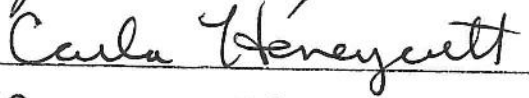


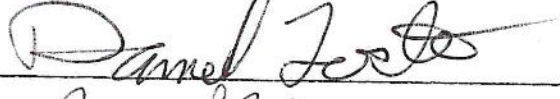
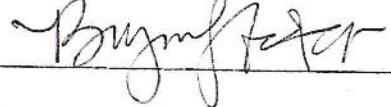
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	Carolie Ediger	9204 E Illinois Ave Hutchinson KS 67501
	Ronald K Ediger	9204 E Illinois Ave Hutchinson KS 67501
	JOHN W. HENDRIXSON	11116 S. SARATOGA Rd HUTCHINSON KS 67501
	Georgian A. Mace	Haven, 7705 E. Castleton Rd KS 67543
	Lloyd B. Mace	Haven 7705 E Castleton Rd KS 67543
	Joe Honeycutt	200 Marshall <sup>South Hutchin</sup> KS 67505
	Carla Honeycutt	200 Marshall South Hutchinson, KS 67505
	Aaron Honeycutt	200 Marshall south Hutchinson KS 67505
	LILA Honeycutt	14511 S WILLISON Rd Haven, KS 67543
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	Chris Mullins	600 Rustic Rd
Kennedi Smith	Kennedi Smith	1715 N VAN BUREN
	JEFF SMITH	1715 N VAN BUREN
	Thomas Powell	1411 E. Ave G.
Thomas Blick	Thomas BLICK	1109 E - 20 <sup>th</sup>
Devon Peak	Devon Peak	1411 E Ave G
Steven S. Mullin	Steven S. Mullin	45 E 29th Pky Hutchinson, KS
Rick Spencer	Rick Spencer	Medora, ks
Michael Murphy	Michael Murphy	35810 W Greenfield Rd Sylvia, KS
Linda Blevin	Linda Blevin	35810 W Greenfield Rd Sylvia
Cathy Powers	CATHY POWERS	321 S. MAIN ST, SYLVIA
Janis Murphy	Janis Murphy	35810 W. Greenfield Rd Sylvia

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<i>Katherine Solent</i>	Katherine S Link	3506 N Lorraine St Hutchinson, KS 67502
<i>Arelie G. Craig</i>	Arelie G. Craig	2396 W 82nd Avenue Hutchinson, KS 67502
<i>Connie Collins</i>	Connie Collins	605 Barnes LK Rd Hutchinson, KS 67501
<i>Jennifer Brillhart</i>	Jennifer Brillhart	201 East 9th Ave Hutchinson KS 67501
<i>Esther Egli</i>	Esther Egli	1115 S Halstead, 67501
<i>Amarda Hensley</i>	Amarda Hensley	1 Crescent Blvd Hutchinson, KS 67502
<i>Jade Marcum</i>	JADE MARCUM	8616 N LORRAINE HUTCH, KS 67502
<i>Rana T Pyle</i>	RANA T PYLE	4815 N HALSTEAD ST. HUTCH KS 67502
<i>Jennifer C Masar</i>	Jennifer C Masar	5919 N Lorraine St Hutchinson, KS 67502
<i>Margaret Green</i>	Margaret Green	1401 E. 23rd Apt 126 Hutchinson, KS 67502
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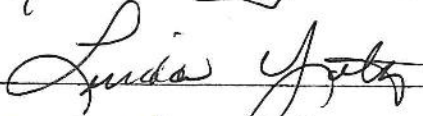
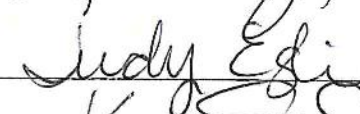


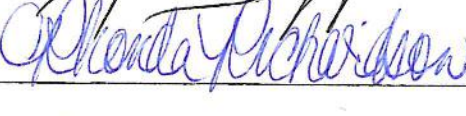



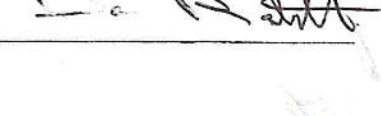

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	Linda Yutzey	14405 S. Obee Rd Haven, KS 67543
	Judy Egli	13016 S Sand Creek Rd Hutchinson KS 67501
	KURT EGLI	13016 S SANDCREEK RD HUTCHINSON KS 67501
	Jody Ratzlaff	9409 J. K-14 Hutch. KS, 67501
	Rhonda Richardson	8200 E Pleasant Valley Rd Haven, KS 67543
	Hylee Douglas	9411 S K-14 HWY Hutchinson, KS 67501
	Mason Smith	9411 S K-14 Hwy Hutchinson, KS 67501
	Nick Douglas	9411 S K14 HWY Hutchinson, KS 67501
	Dave Ratzlaff	9409 S K14 Hwy Hutchinson KS 67501
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<i>Aaron Valentine</i>	Aaron Valentine	" "
<i>Angela Valente-Rohlman</i>	Angela Valentine-Rohlman	7118 E Silver Lake Rd Pretty Prairie, KS 67571
<i>Brian Rohlman</i>	Brian Rohlman	" "
<i>Nicholas Eck</i>	NICHOLAS ECK	22904 S. Wildlife Rd, Pretty Prairie, KS
<i>DENISE ECK</i>	Denise Eck	22904 S. Wildlife Rd, Pretty Prairie, KS
<i>James Amos</i>	JAMES AMOS	25011 S. HAUGEN RD mt Hope, KS, 67088
<i>Senator Mark Steffen</i>	Mark Steffen	3500 N. Mayfield Rd, Hutchinson
<i>Deanna Steffen</i>	Deanna Steffen	" " " "
<i>Teresa Achilles</i>	Teresa Achilles	20511 S Willison Rd Haven KS

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*[Signature]* Mark Schmidt 12004 E. Silver Lake Rd Mt. Hope, KS

*[Signature]* Richard Swisher 1237 Stonebridge Hutch KS

*[Signature]* Jane Swisher 1237 Stonebridge Drive Hutchins, KS

*[Signature]* Mary Schmidt 23400 S. Rayl Rd. Mt. Hope, KS 67108

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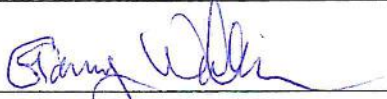

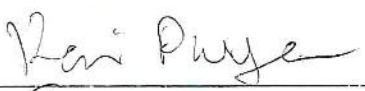

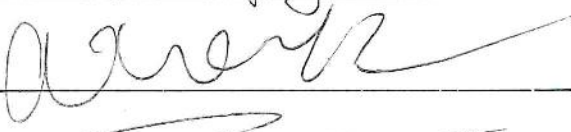
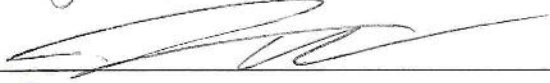
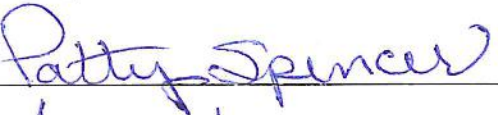
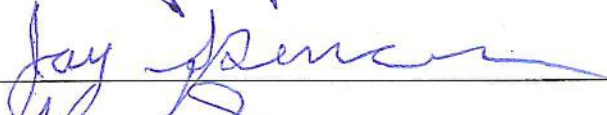

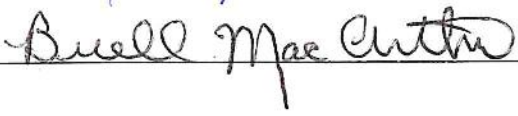
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	Kim Walker	7202 Medora Rd Hutch. KS
	Kami Puyear	7405 Medora Rd Hutch. KS
	Brent Puyear	7405 Medora Rd Hutch. KS
	Ali Walker	7208 Medora Rd Hutch. KS
	Jeff Webb	7208 medora rd.
	Patty Spencer	9156 Blanchard Ave
	Jay Spencer	9156 Blanchard Ave
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	Buell MacArthur	6405 E Irish Cr. Rd. Haven KS

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21806 S. BROADACRES  
PRETTY PRAIRIE KS 67570

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Katherine V. Conkling

7815 W. Quail Lane, Wichita, KS 67212  
(Reno County landowner)

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21806 S. Broadacres Rd  
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Hunter Hill

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Kevin Marks

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24108 Timberlodge Ln.  
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Penelope Wolfe

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*Betty Seiwert*

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103 Blue Spruce Hutch

*Victoria Helmuth*

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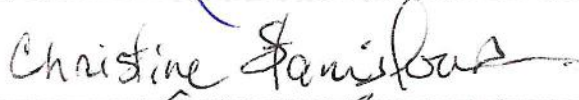
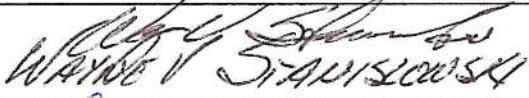
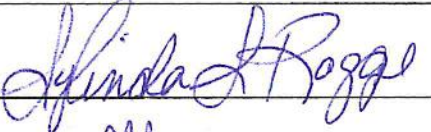

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	Christine Stanislawski	22818 S. Sand Creek Rd Pretty Prairie KS 67570
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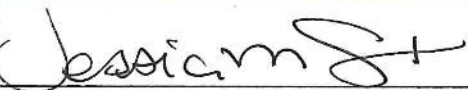

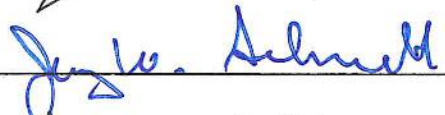

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<i>Dennis Marcotte</i>	DENNIS MARCOTTE	717 W 12 Hudd 1d5
<i>Jimmy L Evans</i>	JIMMY L - EVANS	701 PIERCE ST HUTCHKS.
<i>Carla Jewell</i>	Carla Jewell	3400 Pershing, Hutch KS

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	Justin Schmidt	13114 E Lake Cable Rd Haven, ks 67543
	JERRY SCHMIDT	13010 E. LAKE CABLE RD HAVEN, KS. 67543
	Jimmy D. Schmidt	12904 E Lake Cable Rd Haven, ks. 67543

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4505 E. Arlington Rd  
Haven, KS 67543

*Nancy S. LaFond*

NANCY S. LAFOND

Same as above

*Gary A. Smith*

Gary A. Smith

1716 E. Arlington Rd., Hutchinson











## AGENDA ITEM

## **AGENDA ITEM #7.E**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Don Brittain, Public Works Director and Mark Vonachen, County Planner II

**AGENDA TOPIC:**

Planning Case #2023-10 - A resolution approving a text amendment to the Table of Contents and creating Article 25 of Zoning Regulations. This item is related to Agenda Item 7.D

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

This resolution journalizes the County Commissioners' decision to amend the Table of Contents and create Article 25 of the Zoning Regulations. Article 25 will provide regulations for the placement of limited-scale commercial solar energy projects within the zoned area of the County.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the text amendments by a 7-0 vote on February 15, 2024.

The County Commissioners are scheduled to discuss and possibly vote on the text amendments at the March 13, 2024, meeting.

The County Counselor has reviewed and approved of the proposed resolution.

**ALL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve of the resolution as presented.
2. Approve of the resolution with changes.
3. Deny the resolution.
4. Return to staff the resolution for corrections.

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Approve and sign the resolution.

**POLICY / FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**RESOLUTION 2024-**

**A RESOLUTION REVISING AND UPDATING THE APRIL 2016 EDITION OF THE RENO COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS BY AMENDING THE TABLE OF CONTENTS, CREATING ARTICLE 25 AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE NEW REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-757 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to provide for the adoption or amendment of zoning regulations, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-757 the Reno County Planning Commission has recommended to the Board of County Commissioners that the Zoning Regulations of Reno County, 2016 Edition as amended be amended further, and;

WHEREAS, all public notice and public hearing requirements have been satisfied and all other statutory requirements prerequisite to the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Regulations have been met, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of Reno County to create Article 25 pertaining to limited-scale commercial solar energy systems of the Zoning Regulations and to adopt and incorporate by reference said amended regulations based upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the Board’s deliberations, Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to amend the Table of Contents and create Article 25 of the Reno County Zoning Regulations and to adopt and incorporate by reference the text amendments pertaining thereto found in the Reno County Planner’s oral report on March 13, 2024. Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS, that:**

1. The April, 2016 Edition of the Reno County Zoning Regulations, as reflected on the official zoning district boundary map, and the proposed amendments thereto at the Table of Contents and Article 25 are hereby adopted, and the same are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to K.S.A. 19-3303.
2. At least one copy of the Reno County Zoning Regulations shall be filed with the County Clerk marked "Official Copy" as Incorporated by Resolution No. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_ and to which there shall be attached a published copy of this Resolution, said copies to be open for inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours.
3. Any provision of this Resolution which shall be declared invalid shall not affect the validity and authority of any other sections.

4. All applications duly submitted prior to the effective date of this Resolution, with appropriate payment of all fees, and in the process of being considered by Reno County officials under the provisions of the Reno County Zoning Regulations in effect prior to the effective date of this resolution, shall be considered and acted upon under the provisions of prior editions of said Zoning Regulations. Similarly, all orders issued by the District Court of Reno County, Kansas, enforcing provisions of the Reno County Zoning Regulations in effect prior to the effective date of this Resolution, which said orders remain within the continuing jurisdiction of the Court, shall be considered and acted upon under the provisions of said previous Reno County Zoning Regulations.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication once in the official county newspaper.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED in regular session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Parks – Chairman

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Don Bogner – Vice-Chairman

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Daniel Friesen – Member

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Ron Hirst – Member

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John Whitesel - Member

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Patton – County Clerk



## AGENDA ITEM

## **AGENDA ITEM #7.F**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor; Don Brittain, Public Works Director

**AGENDA TOPIC:**

Resolution Continuing the Temporary Solar Moratorium on Solar Energy within the Unincorporated Area of Reno County, and Terminating the Moratorium on the Zoned Portion of Reno County

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

Last meeting the Commissioners had a discussion regarding the current state of solar regulations and staff were directed to provide an update and some options for discussion at the current meeting. Currently, the planning commission has drafted proposed regulations for Limited Scale Solar Projects, and if approved by the commission those regulations will go into effect in the zoned 1/3 of the county only. (Limited Scale Solar Projects are defined as producing energy used offsite but under 10 acres in size and generating 2 Megawatts or less of electricity.)

The planning commission intends to work next on residential and private solar regulations. Staff are requesting that, if the limited scale regulations are approved, the moratorium be lifted only regarding that use and only in the zoned portion. That moratorium is included with this agenda item.

One continuous source of public confusion is that only a portion of Reno County is zoned. If the entire county were zoned then the regulations on solar, wind, and other uses would be uniform. If the county were fully zoned, large portions of the currently 'unzoned' portion would be agricultural and agricultural buildings are exempt from zoning regulations, however any solar, wind and other restrictions would apply to those areas.

Moving forward on solar, staff are requesting guidance from the commissioners on the following questions:

- Should large scale commercial solar be allowed anywhere in the county?
- Should commercial wind be allowed anywhere in the county?
- Should residential and private solar be regulated?
- Does the commission want to consider county wide zoning? If so should public hearings be held in the affected areas?

Staff are available for discussion and questions.

**ALL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve the Proposed Solar Moratorium
2. Deny the Solar Moratorium
3. Direct staff to modify Solar Moratorium and bring back at a future meeting

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUEST:**

Approve the proposed Resolution for the Solar Moratorium

**RESOLUTION 2024-**

**A RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS;**

**AND TERMINATING THE MORATORIUM ON THE ZONED PORTION OF RENO COUNTY FOR LIMITED SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS, RESOLUTION 2023 – 41** provided a temporary moratorium on solar energy development within all of Reno County, included both the zoned and non-zoned portions of the County, and;

**WHEREAS,** Reno County now has Zoning Regulations provisions regarding Limited Scale Commercial Solar Projects in the zoned portion of the Unincorporated Areas of Reno County; and

**WHEREAS,** for purposes of this moratorium a Limited Scale Solar Energy Project shall refer to only installations which are equal to or less than 10 acres of contiguous ground surface area or are capable of producing no more than 2 megawatts of electricity.

**WHEREAS,** this moratorium does NOT apply to private solar installations upon the roof of any building; and

**WHEREAS,** due to the number of impacts that a Solar Project might have on that property for both current and future property owners, the Board of County Commissioners recognize that a need exists to review, consider potential changes and potentially adopt zoning regulations and/or standards that may pertain to such property uses; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of County Commissioners desires to consider the creation of regulations and restrictions for other solar equipment within the portions of Reno County; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with K.S.A. 12-741 et seq. and K.S.A. 19-101 et seq., the County has police power and statutory authority to regulate the conduct of rural development through Zoning Regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS, that:**

1. The moratorium established in Resolution 2023 – 41 is hereby ended in the zoned portions of Reno County with regards to limited scale commercial solar projects.
2. The moratorium established in Resolution 2023 – 41 shall continue to be in effect for the remainder of Reno County as to all other solar uses.



3. The Moratorium imposed by this Resolution may be extended, terminated earlier than its expiration date or otherwise amended by subsequent resolution of this Board of County Commissioners.
4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official county newspaper and shall remain in effect until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Commissioners of Reno County, Kansas, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Parks, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Daniel Friesen, Member

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John Whitesel, Member



## AGENDA ITEM

## **AGENDA ITEM #8.A**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Randy Partington, County Administrator

**AGENDA TOPIC:**  
Monthly Department Reports

**SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:**

Every month, departments have been asked to provide an update on the previous month's major activities. The reports are intended to keep the county commission informed about the appointed and elected departments. Attached are reports for Aging-Public Transit, Appraiser, Automotive, Community Corrections, Communications, District Attorney, Emergency Management, and Health.



120 W. Avenue B, Hutchinson, KS 67501

(620)694-2911 Fax: (620)694-2767

**Monthly Report for February 2024**  
**Submitted by**  
**Barbara Lilyhorn**  
**Director - Department of Aging and Public Transportation**

All staff have been involved in performing self-evaluations, additionally, supervisory staff have been engaged in performing staff evaluations.

**Budget**

Aging Services has spent 11% and Public Transit has spent 10 % of the Department budgets respectively – a composite total of 10% of the entire 002 expenditure budget as of 12/22/2023. Composite revenue is 11 %.

13<sup>th</sup> Month expenses continued into early February for the FY 2023 budget. However, the overall budget remained the same as the January report. Aging Services has spent 87% and Public Transit has spent 70 % of the Department budgets respectively – a composite total of 75% of the entire 002 expenditure budget as of 2/21/2024. Composite revenue remains at 76 %.

I submitted 2025 CIP budget. Requests for FY 2025 funding from the Senior Centers and other agencies are coming in. The applications will be reviewed at the March meeting of the Council on Aging.

**Public Transportation**

**Staff-Rcat** has one driver position open and another driver is on extended medical leave.

**Operations**

I attended a meeting of the Kansas Public Transportation Association via ZOOM.

Federal law prohibits any operational pattern or practice that significantly limits the availability of service to complementary paratransit eligible persons. These patterns or practices may include trip delays at pickup or drop-off, trip denials, missed trips, trips with excessive trip lengths (due to chained trips). While Rcat monitors these patterns, we did not have an actual policy with set criteria which addressed how Rcat would formally measure performance. This was pointed out in the Federal Compliance Review (Triennial) December 13<sup>th</sup>. I am currently developing a policy which will provide operational standards and practices which will be used to measure and evaluate performance and compliance with the law. This will be submitted to the compliance review team for their acceptance.

**Aging**

**Staff** -The Social and Human Services position is open.

**Operations**

Aside from the normal assistance provided to citizens on a regular basis, staff have continued to see people who have been impacted by switching to Medicare Advantage plans during the recent open enrollment period. Although we do not have access to the data regarding how many Reno County citizens switched from original Medicare, parts A & B, to Medicare Advantage plans, part C, from the volume of inquiries the Department has had, we believe it is a significant number. Staff help people understand the differences in how payment is handled when comparing original Medicare, and Medicare Advantage plans. It is evident that people did not have a clear understanding of how costs were covered through Advantage Plans.



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Re: Monthly report for end of February 2024

To: Randy Partington, County Administrator

### **Staffing changes or issues**

The County Appraiser's office is fully staffed.

### **Financial Summary**

As of 2/26/24, the Appraiser's Office has spent approximately 15% of the year-to-date budget, with approximately 79% of expenses being payroll. The remaining expenses were primarily regular and seasonal/monthly expenses.

### **Projects/Issues/Challenges/Concerns**

#### Residential & Commercial Departments

- The 2024 valuation is complete. The valuation file has been sent to the printer and valuation notices will be mailed on Friday, March 1; they will begin showing up in mailboxes the following week. Values should be updated on the website (Beacon) at some point during the day of March 1.
- We are seeing a general increase in values county-wide, although not as much as last year.
- Staff continues to process payment under protest hearings as they come in from the Treasurer.
- Staff has already begun data collection for the 2025 valuation cycle.

#### Personal Property

- Staff is entering updates from personal property renditions as they come in. (Renditions were mailed at the beginning of January.)
- Staff is entering watercraft values for the 2024 valuation cycle.
- Staff is preparing for oil & gas renditions to begin coming in from Operators by the filing deadline of April 1.

#### Support Staff

- Staff continues to process deeds and update records accordingly.
- Staff continues to work with IT to determine best practices for workflow efficiency.
- March/April will be a challenging time for support staff as they deal with routing phone calls, scheduling appeals, creating appeal packets, and incoming oil & gas renditions.



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### **Budget YTD Summary**

As of February 21, 2024, we are at 16% of our overall budget of \$209,972. The internal services fund (fuel and parts) stands at 5% out of our budget of \$345,846. We have not purchased any vehicles yet this year out of the special equipment fund.

### **Projects/Issues**

We opened quotes for five replacement patrol vehicles on February 20<sup>th</sup> and will wait for board approval to get these ordered. We will be selling three surplus vehicles in March or early April on Purple Wave Auction. Other than that, it has been mostly routine service and maintenance. We have had several recalls for patrol vehicles that we are in the process of getting completed.

January fuel expenses came in at \$12,839.41.



# COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

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County Commission Report

February 2024

## Staffing

There are no open positions at Community Corrections.

## Projects/Concerns

We continue to work through refresher training during staff meetings. These are intended to keep staff focused on reducing risk factors that actually result in further criminal activity. It's easy for officers to refer people out for certain services but the hard work of changing behavior and reducing criminality is primarily their responsibility. One of the challenges officers deal with is clients who are very high needs. People who are homeless or have active psychosis need these areas addressed before focusing on reducing criminality. Research shows there is a most efficient and effective sequence for addressing client needs but it's not always as easy as it looks. When caseloads are high or community resources are lacking it is difficult to move clients through the process. Many of the people we supervise have barriers or characteristics which reduce the likelihood of them being the best candidates for some community resources. This means officers must invest more time in helping clients access services and make it to appointments.

We are expecting the first two felony drug diversion applicants to start the assessment process at the end of February. The policies are in place and staff have been trained on the additional assessment and procedures. We are looking forward to getting this program moving forward.

## Financial

On February 15 I provided testimony to the House Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee. They deliberated the Department of Corrections budget then on February 19. They passed the Governor's budget with several changes. However, they did not increase the Community Corrections grant enhancement beyond the \$2.5 million the Governor included in her budget. Since the Senate approved the full \$5 million enhancement the matter will have to be resolved in the conference committee discussions.

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## Communications Monthly Report – February 2024

**Press Release:** Pathways grant for \$25,000 to the Food Bank of Reno County.

**Graphic Design:** Early In-Person voting information, Reno County Health Dept. Car Seat Check Program flyer, Happy President’s Day post, Job opportunities – hiring Environmental Specialist and an Administrative Associate III, Environmental/Utilities, and Arlington Road opened after bridge repairs were completed.

**Website:** Janelle Shane - 2024 Dillon Lecture Series speaker, Pathways to a Health Kansas grant of \$25,000 given to the Food Bank of Reno County, grant opportunities from the Kansas Dept. of Corrections, Planning Commission recommends adoption of updated solar energy systems regulations, Presidential Preference Primary dates, Storm Fury on the Plains event, ribbon cutting for Naloxone vending machine, and 2024 Polar Plunge.

### Videos/Photos:

**Videos:** Polar Plunge event, new Naloxone vending machine.

**Photos:** Janelle Shane-2024 Dillon Lecture Series speaker, Keever Auto and Machine proclamation at BOCC meeting, ribbon cutting for new Naloxone vending machine, Pathways to a Health Kansas grant of \$25,000 given to Food Bank of Reno County, Storm Fury on the Plains event, sunset at the courthouse, Super Bowl LVIII potluck party for employees and renovation photos.

### Social Media: February 1 – 26, 2024

- Facebook Reno County: 4,132 followers (+14), 41 posts
  - Top Post: Reno County employees enjoyed a Super Bowl LVIII party (02.09.24)
    - 2,302 reach, 499 engagements, 1 share, 34 reactions, 1 comment
- Twitter: 879 followers (+5), 27 tweets
  - Top Tweet: Ribbon cutting for new Naloxone vending machine. (02.23.24)
    - 64 impressions, 6 media engagements
- YouTube: 364 subscribers (+1)
  - Top video: 2024 Polar Plunge (02.25.24)
    - 166 views
- LinkedIn: 119 followers (+0), 1 post
- Instagram: 27 followers (+3), 14 posts.

**Committee Meetings:** Hutchinson Community Foundation Strategic Impact Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Employee Engagement Committee.

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February 2024 BOCC Update

**Staffing Changes or Issues:** As of February 29, 2024, the Reno County District Attorney's Office employs 21 people when fully staffed: seven attorney/prosecutors; one investigator/coroner assistant; two part-time assistant coroners; one office manager; one victim/witness coordinator; one diversion coordinator; and eight office legal support staff. The office is fully staffed as of the end of February 2024 except for one attorney position. Although I have not been able to fill the attorney's full-time position, I have hired Bob Almanza as a temporary, part-time Assistant District Attorney. Bob works at least one day per week, and he handles first appearances on the days he works. He is also assisting in the process of charging out cases and performs any other duties to which he is assigned. I am hopeful that Bob will come on as a full-time employee once his current teaching contract expires.

There were two graduations from Drug Court in the month of February 2024. Graduation ceremonies are held when Drug Court participants complete the requirements of the program, so it is not unusual to have no graduations in a specific month.

**Budget Summary:** FY2023 expenditures are at 91% of budget as of February 29, 2024. My office has not received invoices for a few 2023 expenses. I expect those expenditures, which are related to autopsy costs, will be less than \$3,000. We will come in under budget for FY2023. FY2024 expenditures are at 12% of budget as of February 29, 2024

**Projects-Issues-Challenges-Concerns:** See prior reports.

The District Attorney's First-Time Felony Drug Offense Diversion Program has been operating since January 2. We have had several official applications since the inception of the program.

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Emergency Management

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2/23/2024

**Staffing changes or issues (if any)**

There are no staffing changes to report.

**Budget YTD summary**

Emergency Management has used 17% of the 2024 year-to-date budget.

**Projects/Issues/Challenges/Concerns**

Activities:

- Attended Kansas Emergency Management Association meeting and statewide meetings.
- As mentioned in previous reports, planning:
  - Our mitigation plan is expiring at the end of 2024. The mitigation plan will continue to be a focus of 2023 and 2024.
    - This plan is in the review phase. Once we complete the review, it will be sent to the BOCC in the coming weeks/months.
  - The County Emergency Operations Plans will be presented to the BOCC later this month for formal adoption.
- Lexipool fire district policies are completed and will be sent to the BOCC later this month for formal adoption.
- Hosted Storm Fury on the Planes where approximately 125 residents attended and learned from the National Weather Service.
- We expect to start wildfire season at the end of this month. This is generally our busiest time of the year. With the dry conditions, we expect to be active in the coming weeks.

Dear Randy Partington, County Administrator:

RE: Monthly report ending February 29, 2024

***Staffing Vacancies:***

All positions are filled.

***Program Updates:***

Admin/Finance/Health Information Management (HIM). Staff are collecting information and data for our Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) annual report that is due the end of March. Staff are also working on all of our Aid-to-local (ATL) Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) grant applications for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 grant year. These applications will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in March.

Childcare Licensing (CCL). Staff attended the task force monthly meeting with State KDHE members in attendance, attended Kaleidoscope monthly meeting, provided website updates, and conducted 2 orientation classes, 2 initial surveys, 18 annual surveys, 4 compliance visits, 2 regulations reviews, 1 complaint survey, and 1 illegal care survey.

Clinical – Basic Health Services (BHS), Maternal Child Health (MCH), Family Planning (FP), and Older Adult Services (OAS). Our MCH program seeks to assure access to quality care, reduce infant mortality, and provide and ensure access to comprehensive prenatal and postnatal care to women, especially for those with low incomes or limited availability of care.

Epidemiology and COVID-19 Update. Staff conducted 9 infectious disease investigations, with 8 confirmed or probable cases. There were 3 animal bite investigations conducted. As of 2/23/24, the percentage of COVID-19 emergency department (ED) visits was 0.4% of all visits. As of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, there were 4 patients hospitalized with COVID-19. ED visits for RSV are low but are high for Influenza. RSV ED visits accounted for 0.9% of all ED visits and influenza accounted for 4.7% of ED visits this past week.

Health Education – Chronic Disease and Risk Reduction (CDRR), Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program (COSSUP), Pathways to a Healthy Kansas, and Community Education. CDRR-Staff continue to meet with Haven High School and Prairie Hills Middle School on vaping/tobacco prevention. Staff continue to work with the Reno County Jail staff on the Kansas Tobacco Cessation Training (KaTCH) that provides jail staff and therapists with tools to help tobacco dependent individuals entering jail with cessation tools. The Food Advisory Committee is starting their data collection phase of a food system assessment.



COSSUP-Staff are building a process for recommendations, including the establishment of a governing committee. Pathways-Working with the food pantry board to help with hunger relief; they received their grant. Community Education-Staff attend regular meetings with the Tobacco-Free Living Workgroup, Rise Up Reno, Kansas Prevention Collaborative, Kansas Prevention Collaborative, Governor Behavioral Health Tobacco Workgroup, Pain and Opioid Stewardship Committee, Kansas Opioid and Prescription Drug Advisory Committee, and the Kansas Harm Reduction Workgroup.

Preparedness (PHEP). As part of a recruitment campaign, staff participated in a commercial for Medical Reserve Corps. Staff participated in the LEPC meeting, led a Reno County Lunch and Learn session on general preparedness, presented to staff on the upcoming storm season and reviewed our tornado drill procedure, and conducted 7 school inspections.

WIC – Women, Infant & Children. We have 1213 active clients (have used at least 1 item on food benefits) out of 1398 participating (received benefits). Breastfeeding Peer Counselors held 2 events with 10 participants, and staff assisted 13 individuals with breastfeeding. Staff assisted in teaching Bump to Baby classes; 8 participants.

Becoming a High(er) Performing Organization. Staff are actively involved in our Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Reaccreditation Readiness Assessment.

Upcoming Events.

March 4-6. Governor’s Public Health Conference, in Wichita. Staff will be attending the conference and multiple members of our Health Education staff were asked to present.

April 1-5. Public Health Week.

Sincerely,

Karla Nichols,  
Director of Public Health

