



Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas

Board of Commissioners

Commission Chambers
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Mayor Tyrone Garner

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AGENDA

Thursday, March 6, 2025

7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. REVISIONS TO AGENDA**
- 5. MAYOR'S AGENDA**

**5.1 RECOGNITION: GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD**

Synopsis: Recognition for the Budget Department, which was awarded with GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award. This award represents a significant achievement by the entity.

For information only

Tracking #: 21194

5.2 PROCLAMATION: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Synopsis: A Proclamation proclaiming the month of March as Women's History month.

Tracking #: 21187

5.3 PRESENTATION: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONORS

Synopsis: In honor of Women's History Month, Mayor Garner honors women in our community representing a wide range of accomplishments and achievements. The mayor will recognize the following individuals: Cindy Cash, Loretta Colombel, Annie Der, Elnora Jefferson, Veda J. Monday, Teresa C. Pacheco, and Carolyn Wyatt.

Tracking #: 21191

6. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 MINUTES

Synopsis: Minutes from the regular session of November 13, 2023, and Strategic Retreat of February 22, 2025.

Tracking #: MINUTES

6.2 WEEKLY BUSINESS

Synopsis: Weekly business materials dated February 13, 2025.

Tracking #: WEEKLY BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

8. STANDING COMMITTEES' AGENDA

8.1 ORDINANCE: APPROVING PARTIAL RELEASE OF MORTGAGE AND REMOVING PROPERTY FROM STAR BOND PROJECT DISTRICT (BUC-EE'S PROJECT)

Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance correcting a legal description in the Amended Partial Release of Mortgage and removing certain property from the Star Bond Project District (Prairie-Delaware Redevelopment Project Area A). This item is requested to be fast-tracked to the March 6, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting for final approval.

*This item was heard by the **Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, on March 3, 2025. This item was approved to be fast-tracked to the March 6, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting by unanimous vote.*

Tracking #: 21132

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA

9.1 APPOINTMENTS: WITNESS DESTRUCTION OF ELECTION BALLOTS AND RECORDS

Synopsis: Appoint Commissioner Bynum and Commissioner Lopez to witness on March 19, 2025, the destruction of ballots and records that no longer need to be retained.

Tracking #: 21186

10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

10.1 ORDINANCE: ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO UNIFIED GOVERNMENT ETHICS CODE

Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance amending the Ethics Code of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

Tracking #: 2129

11. LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

11.1 LAND BANK OPTIONS

Synopsis:

The following option application(s) was presented at the 02/03/2025 meeting:

Please visit the new site to review the applications below

<https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html>

Single Family Homes – 3 Homes

1. Rickey Ramsey – 1 home
1915 N Thompson St – 110819
2. Lannell Devol Harper – 1 home
1961 N Thompson St – 109850
3. Randy Waits – 1 home
6707 Parallel Pkwy – 925111

Tracking #: 21188

11.2 LAND BANK PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Synopsis:

The following **property transfers application(s)** was presented at the 02/03/25 standing committee meeting:

Please visit the new site to review the applications below

<https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html>

PT – Property Transfers

Unified Government – Storm water project

516 H N 9th St - 090304

Tracking #: 21189

12. BOARD OF HEALTH

12.1 UPDATE: PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION OVERVIEW

Synopsis: Presentation and update from the Wyandotte County Health Department introducing the Health Department Leadership Team and an overview of divisions and programs within the department.

Tracking #: 21190

13. ADJOURN

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Report to Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	Reginald Lindsey, Director rlindsey@wycokck.org x5292	Finance
AGENDA ITEM #5.1.		
RECOGNITION: GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD		
BACKGROUND		
Recognition for the Budget Department, which was awarded with GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award. This award represents a significant achievement by the entity.		
<i>For information only</i>		
RECOMMENDATION		
For information only		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		
For Immediate Release - Budget Award		

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 30, 2024

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(Chicago, Illinois)--Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that **Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas**, has received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This has been presented to **Budget, Strategy & Research Department**.

There are over 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 22,500 members and the communities they serve.



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** annually during March we celebrate the achievements, contributions, and progress of women and girls in the United States and around the globe; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, Women's History Month offers an important opportunity for us to celebrate our extraordinary legacy of trailblazing women and girls who have built, shaped, and improved upon our community; and
- WHEREAS,** as a result of the pandemic, women have been hardest hit with many seeing previous economic gains erased given their responsibilities to their families, both immediate and extended, who were most disproportionately impacted; and
- WHEREAS,** many women were charged with managing their homes and maintaining a sustainable income while balancing the educational and social needs of school-aged children; and
- WHEREAS,** Wyandotte County | Kansas City, KS Unified Government (UG) employs 35% of women residing in the local area who contribute greatly to our organization; and
- WHEREAS,** our local awardees have enacted policy, provided community service, and partnered with other agencies in our community to provide support to residents and other women from underserved and/disadvantaged circumstances for many years throughout their careers; and
- WHEREAS,** the world comes together annually during March to celebrate women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements and to reinforce our commitment to women's equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2025, as:

“Women’s History Month”

in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and we reaffirm our commitment to support women in our community, workplace, schools, and colleges; enabling our daughters, sisters, mothers, and friends, equitable access to all the resources available which enable women to thrive. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO



Report to Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	Irene Caudillo, Chief of Staff icaudillo@wycokck.org x5010	Mayor's Office
AGENDA ITEM #5.3.		
PRESENTATION: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONORS		
BACKGROUND		
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RECOMMENDATION		
For information only		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
n/a		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		
Womens History Month 2025 Presentation FInal (002)		

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.

Women's History Month Mayor Tyrone Garner's Wyandotte County Honorees

MARCH 2025



Cindy Cash



- Came to KCK in 1968 as Manager of the Indian Springs Shopping Center
- Cindy met her husband Wayne in KC and married on the Missouri River Queen at Kaw Point in 1993
- She was a member of the economic development committee of the county-wide planning in 1989-1990 creating WYEDC
- Joined the Chamber and Economic Development Organization as their marketing director in 1993 and became President from 2001-2013
- Participated in the 1996 consolidation study and was at the opening of the Kansas Speedway and Village West
- After leaving the chamber Cindy joined her husband full-time in their property Management business

Loretta Colombel



- **An Original Dotte, activist, business owner and elected official**
- **She worked at Faegans Café on Minnesota Ave, where her mother also worked**
- **Upon the owner's retirement she purchased the restaurant and renamed it Loretta's Café, maintaining the wonderful home cooking and meeting place**
- **Living in the St Peter's Neighborhood, Co-Founded Wyandotte Countians Against Crime (WYCAC)**
- **In 1998 appointed to fill a vacant seat on the KCK BPU, elected in 1998 and served until 2013, serving as President of the Board in 2008 and 2009**
- **In March 2003, married the late Bill Epperheimer and enjoyed 20 years of travel, events and combined children**



Annie Der



- At 21 years of age arrived in this country in 1968 responding to a marriage proposal from Wally Der
- She had no knowledge of the English language
- In the 60's her husband began working at Wongs Chinese Restaurant, mentored by his employer he wanted to own his own restaurant
- Chef Annie and her husband opened Tao Tao in 1972 at 13th Minnesota
- For 53 years, husband and wife worked side by side with their 4 children, all worked cleaning tables, windows, cutting veggies, and contributing to the family business
- The dedicated customers are Chef Annie's close friends, giving her hugs and checking in on her, at 78 years young, cooking and serving others is what lights up her world

Elnora Jefferson



- Born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas, she was a Manager at AT&T
- She is a graduate of Sumner High School, University of Kansas, Université de Bordeaux, Lyle School of Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Rockhurst University
- She volunteered as Human Relations Commissioner, Chair of Mayor Marinovich's Domestic Violence Taskforce, Mayor Garner's Government Efficiency Taskforce, Land Bank Advisory Committee, and Vibrant Health Core Group
- Co Founder of multiple grassroots organizations: Groundwork NRG, formally Historic Northeast-Midtown Association and Unity with Purpose
- Established domestic violence advocate position for District Court, Advocate for Land Bank Policy reform, established sister city relationship Dakar, Senegal and KCK, and produced judicial and political voter forums



Veda J. Monday



- Graduated from Sumner High School, University of Kansas, University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Park University
- Began as substitute teacher quickly expanding roles including counselor, educator, and advocate
- Building a network of community-based learning initiatives including the Health Careers Pathways Program at KU Medical Center
- Member of the National Alliance of Black School Educations and Greater Kansas Alliance of Black School Educations
- Devoted Community member: Board Member for Bailey Christian Education Fund, Parent Volunteer PTA President at Wyandotte High School, Co-Founder of 20 Good Men and City Council of KCK Council District One Representative

Teresa C. Pacheco



- Teresa is married to Carlos Pacheco, retired Master Captain, Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. Celebrating 40 years of marriage with Two sons: Alejandro Pacheco and Dr. Carlos Pacheco III, wife Jenny, two granddaughters Vivienne, age 4, and Lilly, age 3
- Proud “DOTTE” & “Nonprofits are in my blood”
- Member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Kansas City, Kansas
- Retired as a Project Manager in 2016 from the Kansas City, Missouri School District after 30 years of service.
- Past board chairs of El Centro, The Children’s Museum, American Red Cross of WYCO, United Way of WYCO
- Other honors include United Way Volunteer of the Year for El Centro, Hispanic Chamber Carlos Cortez Humanitarian Award, KCKPS Reasons to Believe, and Outstanding Women of Colour Award from Women of Colour Coalition of Greater KC



Carolyn Wyatt



- After a successful career at Hallmark Cards, the Board of Public Utilities, and Allied Signal (Bendix), she channeled her passion for working with kids into impactful community initiatives
- Started a boys' basketball team at the JFK Recreation Center. Determined to revitalize the center, she attended park board meetings, rallied neighborhood support, and mobilized local leaders
- Her efforts culminated in the center's reopening in 2014
- In 2018, she Co-Founded Unity With Purpose, a group that fosters community engagement through forums, meet-and-greets, and voter registration drives
- Carolyn exemplifies the spirit of activism and dedication to community well-being.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

STATE OF KANSAS)
WYANDOTTE COUNTY)) SS
CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS)

REGULAR SESSION
November 16, 2023

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Regular Session Thursday, November 16, 2023, with seven members present via Zoom and on-site; Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; Davis, Commissioner Eighth District; Garner, Mayor/CEO, presiding. Townsend, Commissioner First District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; and Kane, Commissioner Fifth District, were absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Wendy Green, Assistant Counsel; Debbie Jonscher, Interim Chief Financial Officer; Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director; Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works; Sarah Shafer, Public Works CMIP Program Manager; Dennis Rubin, Interim Fire Chief; LaVert Murray, Economic Development Advisor to the Mayor, Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk, and Brittnie MacDonald, UG Clerk's Office.

Mayor Garner said before I call the meeting to order, I want to announce that some commissioners, staff, and the public are attending remotely via Zoom, by phone, or on-site. All participants joining by phone should mute their phones when not speaking to avoid background noise.

During the meeting, please make sure that you announce yourself by name and title every time you speak so the public that is observing knows who is speaking. Please be sure to speak directly into the microphone when speaking so the public can hear your comments and there's an accurate recording of the meeting for the minutes. This is critical given the number of remote participants and is current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

Mayor Garner called the meeting to order.

Roll call: Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis, Garner.

November 16, 2023

Mayor Garner said we have an invocation, given by Annie Erickson, Grandview Park Presbyterian Church to lead us in an opening prayer, after which we will have our pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Garner said Clerk, are there revisions to the agenda tonight?

Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk, said there are two revisions. Item number one under the Standing Committee, the Kansas Speedway item is being removed at the request of the applicant, and we are adding a new item to the Mayor's Agenda, item number eight which is a resolution and ordinance for debt project authorization.

VI. MAYOR'S AGENDA

Item No. 1 – 212853...RECOGNITION: GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

Synopsis: Recognition for the Finance Department, which was awarded with GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award. This award represents a significant achievement by the entity, submitted by Mayor Garner.

Mayor Garner said that takes us to the Mayor's Agenda. Item number one is a recognition of our Budget Department as a recipient of the Governance Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This award reflects the hard work and long hours our budget staff puts in every year to provide comprehensive information to the Commission and public regarding the Unified Government's financial outlook. I believe that this is the 10th year that the department has received this award based on their outstanding work and in providing information that is understandable for everyone. Please join me, I don't know if anyone would like to come forward from the Budget Department. We've got Reggie Lindsey you want to come and give some remarks. (Inaudible) Thank you everyone. Does anyone on the team want—have some remarks if you'd like, don't be shy. Okay, well thank you all so much, we appreciate your work. I think what this really signifies is that your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is very valued and appreciated, not just by this Commission and the Administrator and everybody that works here but by the people

that call Kansas City Kansas and Wyandotte County home. So, thank you so much for your hard work, it's greatly appreciated.

Action: **Recognitions were heard.** For information only.

Item No. 2 – 212861... PRESENTATION: LEGENDS OUTLET DEVELOPMENT

Synopsis: A presentation on current development and security at the Legends Outlet by Stacy Scheelk, Senior Director of Operations and Business Development, Legacy Development for Legends, submitted by Mayor Garner.

Stacy Scheelk, Legends Outlet Director of Operations and Business Development, said thanks for having me. I'm Stacy Scheelk with Legend Outlets and when Mayor Garner asked me to come and speak to—sorry is that better. Okay, when he asked me to come and speak about developments, construction, what's going on in Village West and within Legends proper, he asked me to touch on security as well as the growth and the sales and the occupancy. It's all good news. I love to talk about this, so I will just kick it off with some of the really good news. Legends Outlets right now has the highest occupancy in terms of full-time leases in 360 miles, all the way to St Louis and to Omaha. We have sales that are over \$400 per square foot, which is higher than the ICSC normal. We only have five vacant spaces out at the Legends. I'll outline them for you, one is the old Stanford's Comedy House. We do have plans for redevelopment that would include a high-end food court and pickle ball courts. Currently it's being used by the local Police Department agencies for K9 Officer training and drills. The old Hash House A Go-Go is on the far west side. When they vacated, they actually took all the utilities with them so there are no utilities in that space so it's very hard, very large space to lease. We have shown it to several national breakfasts and brunch restaurants, and we do think that that will come to fruition once the apartments open. The old Christopher and Banks they filed for bankruptcy, it is vacant. There is remnant space in the back of the Charming Charlie space. We resinized that and opened Rally House. It is the second largest Rally House in Kansas City and exceeds \$1,000 per square foot. It's really doing great at Legends. In the old Hagar space, it's currently leased with some breakout cages for storage because of our occupancy levels the stores don't have enough space for storage in their backrooms.

Openings that we've done in the last 24 months, Dutch Brothers opened their first store in Wyandotte County and western Johnson County at the Legends. We relocated Tory Birch Outlet popup into a permanent location paying triple net rents in a double square foot size. BOSS Outlet is opening on December 1st. It is the first in the market. It's an outlet, it has an NFL partnership and Patrick Mahomes is their spokesperson so be watching for a visit. World of Wonder is opening in January, it's an educational toy store. The closest one is in Omaha, it is a franchise. KPOT is opening a Korean barbecue restaurant. It's a in the table grill concept where you grill your own food at your table, there is one in Leawood. It's opening in the old Fuddruckers store. La Fuente Street Food opened, they have three locations in Kansas City in the old Taco Bueno store. Love Bubble Tea and QZ Ramen opened last year. Lee Wrangler Outlet opened in August just in time for back to school and Tropical Smoothie Cafe plans a February opening in the old sonic building. You've probably seen that construction happening. Deposit The Work opened in October, it's a cross-fit gym and a personal training center on the west side. Legends 267 are the luxury apartments that we're building. They're nearing completion. They're pre-leasing right now and they plan to move tenants in this winter. There's 267 units ranging from studios to two bedrooms, they're very high-end. There's a three-level parking garage with controlled access and they're about half least right now.

I am also the president of the Village West Association and there's a lot of good news going on outside of the Legends as well. We successfully converted Cabela's to Bass Pro Shop in time for the NASCAR race at Kansas Speedway. HomeField and Camping World and Frontier Justice while outside of the boundaries of Village West, we have become very close partners because as we continue to grow we don't want the community to see the boundaries of the tourism dollars. The addition of Margaritaville, Compass Minerals expansion, HomeField Village and the new west patrol base for KCKPD is unprecedented growth in this economic climate. Monarchs won their second championship in three years. They have completely redefined the stadium. The inclusion of the play areas for special need kids, evenings fully dedicated to the Kansas City, Kansas Community making sure that anyone who wants to see a game can. The Savannah Banana set Wyandotte County records two years in a row. Tacos and Tequila, The Latina Festival, Country Roots Festival, and many more all pouring sales and hotel room tax dollars into Kansas City, Kansas. Enchant is opening on Black Friday at Legends Field. They are producing this magical walk, skate through, LED maze in seven stadiums this year across the country. Kansas City is out

selling all of them in pre-ticket sales. The goal was to host 260K people and they are now estimating that we will host over 300K guests at Enchant. It's opening November 24th, and it will be inside of the stadium through December 31st. American Royal continues to develop. Kansas Speedway and ISC have a huge development that will change the landscape of I-70 and 435 quadrants. Legends Outlets least to near capacity, pulling unleased parcels out of the ground with a you build it they will come mindset, as leasing continues to turn away retailers and demise space to add and maintain sales levels with our appropriate square footage. We have a two bedroom—or two parcel building that is nearing completion outside of Stix with no tenants. That's how confident we are in the tenants that are knocking on our door.

Legends Village West is the number one tour destination in the state of Kansas. Legends Outlets host 3M visitors annually and the brunt of those shoppers are about to come from Black Friday to December 24th. Last Saturday, we kicked off our holiday shopping season with our 16th annual tree lighting ceremony. We hosted over 4,000 shoppers and we had one incident that resulted in one police report. A child was separated from his parents in the crowd and the police on property reunited the family in under 15 minutes. It's pretty great for 4,000 people. We have always provided 24/7 private security on our property with fully accessible dispatch in the parking garage. Rockwell Security has been our partner for many years, and we run two people midnight to noon, three people noon to 8 and two people 8 to midnight. Fridays and Saturdays there's an extra person from 8 to 8. It is 24/7 surveilled. We have a total of 10 officers including a security director. The working relationship between KCKPD and Rockwell Security is solid with Village West officer added by Major Joyce. the daily partnership of Officer Evans and Officer Abbott in Community Policing, and the support of West Patrol that we get from Captain Holloway and Captain Moses, along with any units that are always patrolling unable to stop into dispatch. I feel very proud of the working relationship and the minimal threats that we have at Legends Outlets. We always have and we always will be a partner of the KCKPD as the largest asset in Wyandotte County to protect, to grow tourism, and to make sure that we debunk all of the stereotypes that we have heard about Wyandotte County for so many years. A collaboration between Rockwell Security and Kansas City, Kansas Police Department has proven itself in its growth, in its hotel and tourism taxes, in heads and beds, in new construction market exclusive retailers entering the Kansas City market in Wyandotte County.

I sat down and pulled some numbers for calls for service that are pretty astounding that I would love to share with you. In 2022, we compared 2022 to 2023 year-to-date. Armed disturbances in '22 we had eight this year, year-to-date in 11 months we've had one. Robberies in 2022 we had one, this year we've had zero. Sex offenses, three in each year. Stolen Autos, this is a good one. In 2022 we had 25 stolen autos and in 2023 year-to-date which is 11 months, we've had 30. 22 of which are Kia and Hyundai's.

There are several cities in the United States right now that have filed suit against Kia and Hyundai. They include New York, Cleveland, San Diego, Milwaukee, Columbus, and Seattle. These lawsuits come after thousands of Hyundai and Kia thefts that use a method popularized on Tik Tok and other social media channels. to aim and address this surge in thefts and related crimes stating that it's not fair for taxpayers to have to bear the burden of the cost of the problem that Hyundai and Kia have created and have made no effort to correct. Total calls for 227, which is the Village West area, compasses a little bit more than Village West, 97th Street to 118th, and I-70 to Parallel Parkway, 8,718 calls year-to-date November 10th is when I sat down with Chief. Legends had 1,964 of those calls, that's 23%. Walmart had 776 which is 8%. All the commercial north of Parallel Walmart, KOHL'S, Sams, the restaurants, the liquor stores 23% and all commercial south of Parallel take them all out of it had 13%. And outside of Village West specific addresses which include Speedway, Sporting, Village West apartments, and hotels had the most with 33%. Chief Oakman, Overman, and Captain Fidian pulled some actual numbers from the real-time crime center for me to share tonight. Keeping in mind that there have been zero robberies and zero shootings year-to-date in 11 months. There have been 419 calls to the Kansas Speedway, 210 to Bass Pro Shop, 151 to Great Wolf Lodge, 196 to Target, and 69 to McDonald's. 656 of those calls have come in and out of Legends Kansas City dispatch office. These can range from business checks, foot and bike patrol, meetings, follow-up investigations, etc, that all use that office address as dispatch. 60 calls per month. There is nothing alarming going on at the Legends Outlets, based on the sheer volume of people in a confined area with these numbers. The alarming issue at Legends Outlets is the amount of national retailers that refuse to stop shoplifters. Refuse to call security, refuse to utilize our Police Department, and prosecute criminals, repeat offenders, and known traveling theft rings. Of 66 of our soft good retailers, 39 of them will prosecute shoplifters but more shocking is 21 national brand retailers refuse to stop, call police, or prosecute criminals. six retailers decide on a case-by-case basis, whatever that means. This is how theft rings and

boosting thrive. How reputations and stereotypes are backed up, this isn't a secret. High shrink and welcome theft is a recipe for higher cost of goods, an invitation to criminal activity, loss of tourism, a huge waste of our Kansas City, Kansas Police Department's resources and putting my private security at risk. Plus, it's our shoppers, it's our Community Police, it's thousands of employees that we're putting at risk. I am pleading with brokers as we are working on our new leases to proactively work with loss prevention, our local agencies, and set a standard of what we are not willing to accept in Kansas City, Kansas. The plan is in motion, and it will be promoted as a center-wide initiative with Rockwell Security and Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and I beg for your support.

Mayor Garner said thank you for that information. Don't go anywhere, if you come on back. That's good information. It's good information to know all the development going out there as we continue to expand on the number one tourist attraction in the state of Kansas. That's really good information to know that the Legends continues to thrive in the Kansas City metro where I'm watching just a lot of news reports where other retailers are being challenged and so I'll open it up, any questions from our commissioners.

Commissioner Bynum said I just was curious, just thought of this in the last couple days so I'm happy to see you. Thanks for the fantastic report. In your openings comments you had mentioned, for example, Tropical Smoothie Café, so you're making me think. Also, you mentioned La Fuente, you're making me think that Legends encompasses parcels outside of what we think of as the shopping center, correct? Not necessarily Target but La Fuente is in that parking lot. **Ms. Scheelk** said that's correct and that is Legends. **Commissioner Bynum** said what about the Applebee's, the Longhorn, the Bob Evans, are those considered Legends? **Ms. Scheelk** said yes ma'am.

Commissioner Bynum said those spots, Culver's and all of those restaurants on the west side of Village West Parkway, do they share with you like a common maintenance agreement? **Ms. Scheelk** said yes, it's an ECR. **Commissioner Bynum** said just purely out of curiosity, just thought of the question the other day and here you are. That's really all I wanted to know but they're in an agreement with Legends. **Ms. Scheelk** said they are, it's actually within Village West. There's a Master Declaration that has an easement agreement with all of the parcels. There are four owned tracks that make it up and then everything else is a parcel. Some are landowners and

some are leases, but all of them are in an ECR which we maintain, and they pay a pro-rata. **Commissioner Bynum** said okay, thank you very much.

Commissioner Burroughs said thank you Stacy for that overview. It's always exciting when we hear such good news and maybe push back against the misinformation that may be going around about our community and as I stated clearly to my colleagues, we need to be ambassadors for our community, and I appreciate you making that statement. I just recently toured the 267 and excited about the opening and the density that will occur out there that will also enhance the shopping and security out there at the Legends. So, I wonder how you feel about and excitement about that. All the times I've been out there I didn't realize they had a cut out onto Parallel out of the parking lot.

Ms. Scheelk said well that's new. We're so excited about it because it doesn't end the traffic when the mall closes, and the restaurants will really thrive being able to serve 267 apartments past shopping center hours. I think with everything that is around there, I think everything will get a little bit better. The bus system has to get better for the people to walk. I don't know if you've seen the bus huts in the sidewalks of between Monarchs and Legends, between Sporting and Nebraska Furniture Mart and that is really the biggest concern that Luke Draily, the construction company has talked to us about that's their biggest concern. The construction of the three-story garage connects with a pedestrian walkway straight into our shopping center. They are also going to be part of an ECR. It's a separate ECR, so we will manage it the exact same way. You won't be able to see any difference in pushing snow and picking up trash and in-house security. All of our partners are very excited for these tenants to move in.

Commissioner Burroughs said well I know the growth out there has been phenomenal. I was out there just the other day and for the first time I had to park clear up at the very top of the parking garage because there was no spots available in the parking lots. I drove around for a little bit and I kind of smiled because I can remember when we didn't have that kind of out migration into Wyandotte County spending tax dollars. I'm excited to see the continued growth out there and the continued support that it provides for our budget through sales tax. Thank you for all your work.

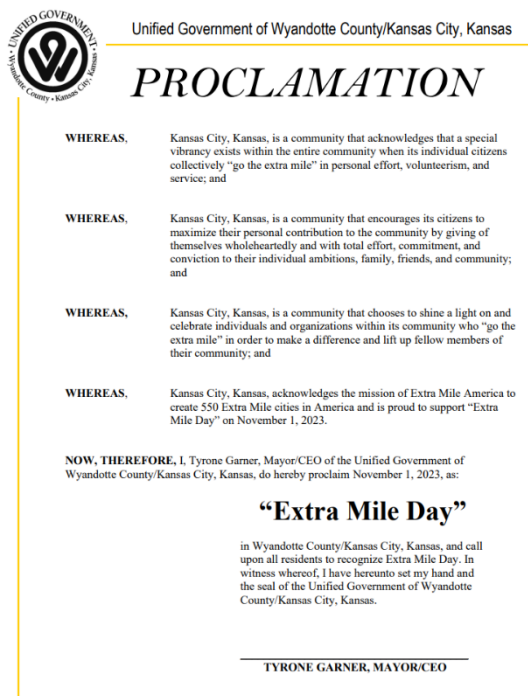
Mayor Garner said thank you so much appreciate your time.

Action: For information only.

Item No. 3 – 212860... PROCLAMATION: EXTRA MILE DAY

Synopsis: Proclamation proclaiming November 1, 2023, as Extra Mile Day, submitted by Mayor Garner.

Monica Sparks, Interim UG Clerk, read the following proclamation.



Action: The proclamation was read.

Item No. 4 – 212858... PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL WOMEN IN APPRENTICESHIP DAY

Synopsis: Proclamation proclaiming November 16, 2023, as National Women In Apprenticeship Day, submitted by Mayor Garner.

Monica Sparks, Interim UG Clerk, read the following proclamation.



Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, rising costs of higher education and workforce training make registered apprenticeship an increasingly important and affordable career training pathway; and

WHEREAS, Companies that employ a more diverse workforce see greater increases in productivity, profitability, and lower staff turnover; and

WHEREAS, Women of color and white women make significant contributions to our communities and should receive equal opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS is committed to supporting and growing women's participation in apprenticeship programs; and

WHEREAS, Women, especially women of color, have historically been excluded from apprenticeship opportunities that lead to family-supporting wages; and

WHEREAS, Economic equality for all who live in the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS is measured not only by protection from discrimination but also by equitable access to quality job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Apprenticeship is a critical pathway for women of color and white women to participate fully and equally in the county's growing economy; and

WHEREAS, Apprenticeships, particularly in fields like construction where women traditionally have had less access, offer a gateway to the middle class, delivering opportunities for apprentices to earn and learn through structured on-the-job training and to receive credentials for achieving competency; and

WHEREAS, Apprenticeship helps alleviate racial and gender disparities in the workforce by providing more opportunities to women of color and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Apprenticeships are partnerships between industry, labor, education, and government with a shared commitment to enhancing career opportunities for thousands of workers to compete in the 21st-century economy; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS prioritizes including women of color and white women in apprenticeship programs leading to careers with family-sustaining wages. Today's observance provides an opportunity to acknowledge the skills, dedication, and leadership of the many women who improve our state and nation through their contributions in every sector of the workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim November 16th, 2023, as:

"National Women in Apprenticeship Day"

in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and urge all citizens to recognize National Women in Apprenticeship Day. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO

Action: The proclamation was read.

Item No. 5 – 212859... PROCLAMATION: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND FIRST A.M.E. CHURCH DAY

Synopsis: Proclamation proclaiming November 19, 2023, as First Baptist Church and First A.M.E. Church Day, submitted by Mayor Garner.

Monica Sparks, Interim UG Clerk, read the following proclamation.

November 16, 2023



Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the significant location of First Baptist Church, at Fifth Street and Nebraska Avenue, just two blocks from downtown and a main east-west interstate highway, is part of the early history of Kansas City, Kansas, and is therefore a landmark; and

WHEREAS, in 1859 a small prayer band of escaped slaves, met on the edge of Wyandotte Village, now known as Fifth Street and State Avenue, led by a Baptist and a Methodist minister marked the beginning of First Baptist Church and First A.M.E. Church—before Kansas; and

WHEREAS, this Church has preached and advocated a type of faith which has, for 164 years helped men and women of the community to gather up their life, and give it direction; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of First Baptist have helped in a variety of ways to influence decisions regarding the welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, many have fortified the church with their blood, their sacrifices, their prayers, and their tears; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist Church at Fifth and Nebraska Avenue continues to be a highly regarded partner in making our community a wholesome place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2023, as:

“First Baptist Church and First A.M.E. Church Day”

in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and encourage all citizens to recognize First Baptist Church and First A.M.E. Church. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO

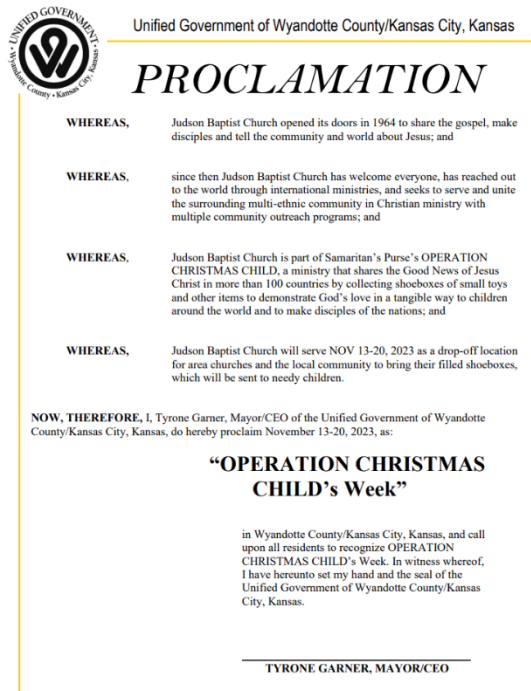
Action: **The proclamation was read.**

Item No. 6 – 212857... PROCLAMATION: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD'S WEEK

Synopsis: Proclamation proclaiming November 13-20, 2023, as Operation Christmas Child's Week, submitted by Mayor Garner.

Monica Sparks, Interim UG Clerk, read the following proclamation.

November 16, 2023



Action: The proclamation was read.

Item No. 7 – 212769... VETO - RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE: DEBT PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS

Synopsis: Veto of Mayor/Chief Executive Officer Tyrone A. Garner to Resolution R-62-23 and Ordinance O-130-23 relating to debt project authorizations, submitted by Mayor Garner.

Item No. 8 – 212874... RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE: DEBT PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS (ADDED PER BLUE SHEET)

Synopsis: A resolution and ordinance authorizing debt projects, submitted by Debbie Jonscher, Interim Chief Financial Officer.

Mayor Garner said Clerk this takes us to item number seven. It's a Mayor veto. It's the last item on my agenda, well next to last. It's a resolution and ordinances previously past by the governing body related to debt project authorizations. This is more for the Commission. LaVert Murray and myself and some of my team members, JD Rios. We looked at things that were on the Consent Agenda that we approved last and I'd like to first of all apologize to the public. Part of my

responsibility as Mayor is to make sure that this Commission has all the information they need to make an informed decision on items that ultimately the Mayor authorizes to go before them. Some things weren't caught on the front end and on the tail end and so here we are. A lot of those things involved projects I believe totaling, if I'm correct, about \$200M worth of projects and after we vetted him talking to our County Administrator, we sought to do line item veto's. That wasn't an option based on the totality of everything that was there. My veto encompassed the entire Consent Agenda at that time. After further discussions with both Finance, Budget, our Administrator, and Legal, it was determined that a lot of these projects were pretty much already far along to the point of just to make it simple the train has left the station. There's no way to undo a lot of the projects that are there. Yeah, you can pump the brakes and slow them down but nevertheless over the course of several years these projects have culminated into what we saw packaged in the Consent Agenda. It's a combination, really an ecosystem of different grants, fundings, authorizations, passed incrementally by the Commission for several projects, and so here we are.

The takeaway from this was that I talked to the Administrator about is, not just staff but myself and my team, believe engaging with the Commission more as well as with the Administrator more to really look at these items to make sure that these items not only reflect the will and the values of our residents and is working in the best interest of our residents based on what they have told myself and our Commission what they want. But also items that reflect the will of this Commission and the things that they've approved, passed or the things that they're expected to approve moving forward based on where they stand on a lot of these items. What will be coming before you today is a veto of the package, that is the process that I have to take to get to where I'm trying to go with only two items that we'll be looking at. At this time before I actually get into the vote, I believe I have Ms. Jefferson, if you want to come forward and talk about some of those items that you had concern with.

Elnora Jefferson said I'm a resident of Kansas City, Kansas and I'm here today because I've had several discussions during the day about the two items that Mayor Garner is referencing. One is definitely the Jersey Creek project and the other has a concern about the sewer improvement plan that's coming out of Waterway. I'm going to speak from two points of view. From Elnora Jefferson's point of view, I've done some research and deep discussions with Groundwork NRG, which is one of the organizations that I have co-found. I believe I have a very good knowledge of

those projects. I believe those projects will help to improve or turn convert that term about doing development in the older part of town versus development on green infrastructure out west. I attended some Brownfield conferences, so I feel confident about that and have a good working relationship and talk relationship with Jeff Fisher and with Gunner Hand. That's from Elnora Jefferson's point of view.

Now from Elnora Jefferson's point of view as being co-founder of the MBR. The MBR represents all points of view within that community, the northeast community, and I have to be honest to say that everyone in the northeast community does not believe as I do. I had an opportunity of talking to someone before that said, I really don't know what it's all about. Even though we've had sporadic types of community engagements. We've had signs done and images on the walls and so forth. We've had an opportunity of looking at the northeast Kansas City, Kansas Heritage Trail and other types of projects. At large the community does not have a good idea, a talking point idea of what it means for the Jersey Creek overflow, the Consent Decree, the Green Infrastructure and the benefit of that. I am here therefore to support Mayor Garner's thinking and his desire to veto those two items, with the ask that they be considered for further and entrenched and deliberate intense community education and knowledge. Now I recognize as I spoke with Mayor Garner earlier that, that is the responsibility not only of our local government but that's also the responsibility of the people who voice their thinking that they don't know anything because you can put the very best community engagement plan out there. But if for some reason someone does not attend or for some reason unknown, they don't like the color paper that the plan was put on or whatever it is. **Ms. Sparks** said you have one minute remaining. **Ms. Jefferson** said then spend a lot of time and you're right back in the same point. Though I am not a community engagement scientist, I don't even know if it is science, but I would think that if I were going to manufacture something and I would ask you, say okay would you like to have these widgets, and you say, yes, I love to have these widgets and I go to work and making these widgets in these projects and so forth and I come back and say okay here your widgets and I'd like to get a check. You would simply say to me maybe, I don't like that, I'm not going to buy and I say well why. Well, I'm not going to buy because they're in the color purple. So, I forgot as the person who's selling the plan, as a person who's looking to have the city match, to ask you what it is that you need in order to vote yes or to vote no for the project. That's what I have to say. I hope that that's the element of that and I thank you very much for your time.

Mayor Garner said Ms. Lawson, if you'd like to just give an overview of the recommendations and ask and obligations pertaining to the veto tonight to the Commission, that would be great.

Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel said yes, as contained in the packet, the Mayor and as he stated vetoed this action. The options now for the Commission are if—well if no is taken the veto stands. There could be a motion to override the veto, that requires seven votes and given the number of attendees this evening the Mayor would vote in that. If that did not pass, then the veto would stand. Next up on the agenda is a resolution and ordinance quite similar to the one that was vetoed, it has two items that were removed for funding, and I would call Debbie Jonscher to go into more information on those two items, but it does have those two items that the Mayor was concerned with and removed from that ordinance and resolution.

Debbie Jonscher, Interim Chief Financial Officer, said the two items that were removed were the Jersey Creek Naturalization project and the Green Infrastructure Improvements project. All of the other items that were included are still in the new ordinance/resolution. **Mayor Garner** said what's the second item? **Ms. Jonscher** said the Green Infrastructure Improvements. **Mayor Garner** said Commissioner Markley has a question.

Commissioner Markley said I'm just—I'm very confused. So, on this it shows the Jersey Creek project on the newest blue sheet. Am I crazy people. Is anybody else seeing this, did I get the wrong version. **Ms. Lawson** said no that confused us as well. It is a separate Jersey Creek project. **Commissioner Markley** said okay, then I'm comparing this list to the list that was in Debbie's memo, which maybe I shouldn't be doing and maybe I'm not understanding how those two relate. But of the items that were listed in Debbie's memo from I don't know yesterday or something like that where she noted the items that were going to be removed from the ordinance, there are four items that are on that list that are not in here. The Plant 20 Biosolids, the Green Infrastructure which we discussed, the PBC Courtroom, and the PBC Community Care Center. I don't see them anywhere in the new ordinance, but they were noted in Debbie's memo as having been removed.

Mayor Garner said let me simplify this for you and Counsel you can weigh in at any time. The only items—if the veto stands what is being asked is that everything you all voted on in the

complete pasture the Consent Agenda will move forward. The only things that won't are the things that Miss Jefferson talked about, which is the Jersey Creek and the Green Initiative that involves Waterway and Big 11 Way. Those things would stand for further discussion based on the request of some of the folks that live in the Northeast. Everything else that you voted on, this Commission voted to approve with the Consent Agenda will move forward as approved by this Commission, other than those two items. **Commissioner Markley** said I appreciate that clarity. I'm just trying to figure out how that's what this says.

Ms. Jonscher said I think I can answer that. On the list that I sent on Tuesday it listed you're noticing the Jersey Creek Basin Storm Water Improvements and then there was Jersey Creek Naturalization. The Jersey Creek Naturalization project is the one that was removed. Jersey Creek Basin Storm Water Improvement was one of the WIFIA projects and that one remains, and I believe that you're looking at page three of the resolution, those projects there are only the WIFIA projects. This section of the resolution talks about the Utility Revenue Bonds which is if we issue the WIFIA projects they would be issued as utility revenue. So that's why they're listed in this section. The other General Obligation section was the larger packet and I apologize for this meeting we did not have a new packet, but we will get that provided. We did not print a new packet, but we did remove the two projects, the Green Infrastructure and the Jersey Creek Naturalization from this packet.

Commissioner Markley said so the full list would be the separate Exhibit A that isn't there. **Ms. Jonscher** said that's correct. **Commissioner Markley** said perfect, that's what I needed, thank you.

Commissioner Bynum said could I just have please perhaps someone from Public Works. The two items removed from the new resolution, Jersey Creek Naturalization and Green Infrastructure Improvements, if I could just have someone from Public Works just give us a brief rundown of what those are. Mayor, I believe our conversation prior to the meeting was we're just going to look at those separately at a later date possibly to bring them back? Okay, thank you very much but if I could just maybe for the public's benefit, what are these projects. What were they intended to do for the community.

Sarah Schaefer, Public Works CMIP Program Manager, said the Jersey Creek Naturalization project is a partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers for the Naturalization of Jersey Creek through a corridor of the Jersey Creek space. We will be bringing it back to you all in order to have that as a separate resolution as we develop the project further for the request of the community. **Commissioner Bynum** said just to interject there, it's a naturalization project. So that tells me that it's going to return it to more of a natural environment. I don't want to misspeak I want to understand. **Ms. Schaefer** said yes, basically it is a restoration, an ecosystem restoration project. In our budget is \$1.5M over the course of a few years. **Commissioner Bynum** said that one was \$1.5M? **Ms. Schaefer** said yes. **Commissioner Bynum** said and the Green Infrastructure, please. **Ms. Schaefer** said yes, our Green Infrastructure Improvements, those are in support of our storm water and CSO projects. It's approximately \$7M across Jersey Creek and with that being removed we'll bring those back for consideration as well as they are fully developed.

Commissioner Bynum said okay thanks and that was kind of multiple things? **Ms. Schaefer** said correct, and we started an investigation on it in 2019 and 2020. We approximately have 6.9, 7M we'll call it for good favor, remaining in that budget that will be returned and will no longer be eligible for use with the veto.

Mayor Garner said if I can just weigh in. On part of that some of the folks that I talked to, especially with Jersey Creek, they had concerns. I'm not sure, maybe Mr. Fisher you can tell, I don't know but I know a lot of work, engineering thought went into the building of Jersey Creek to basically take it from a swamp. They were mosquitoes, settling water, there was stench coming from the creek at one time. There was a lot of engineering that went in it, it concreted, it floated and from my understanding into the river, I believe that's where it goes or to some basin. The concern was the amount of money, time and energy, and thought that went into this in previous years and to tear it up and return it back to its natural state of what was filled in to make it a creek. I believe there's pathways, and walkways and other things that are attached to that. That was concern to some of the public as to why and what would be the benefit and some view it as a dismantling of needed infrastructure during that time before all of us were here. That era of leaders thought that it had some value, and I think along with Ms. Jefferson's and the group she talked to today, the concern was—is why now and as opposed to upgrading Jersey Creek and providing beautification and of those sorts, why return it to a natural state that was decided years ago that

needed to be corrected with creating a more solidified Jersey Creek to channel the water to a certain point of exit.

Jeff Fisher, Director of Public Works, said yeah, I understand Mayor. It does happen on occasion where you use engineering principles of the past you know 20, 30, 40, 50 years ago and you find out over time that those don't work as well as just letting mother nature do its thing. I understand the concerned and if Ms. Jefferson has concerns with people's understanding of the project, then I'm concerned. We have a great relationship, and we'll do the work to figure out what the community desires and then we'll make things happen.

Commissioner McKiernan said I know this has been said out loud but I'm a really simple man, so let me just make sure I understand this. Approving item number seven will veto all of the debt project authorizations previously approved in the Consent Agenda, and then approving item number eight will re-approve all of those debt project authorizations except the two that we have broken out and have identified to be considered at a later date, is that correct?

Ms. Lawson said almost, item seven is the veto which has already occurred, so right now those items have been vetoed. The Commission will need to decide if they wish to make a motion to override the veto. If no motion is made, then the veto will stand. If the motion is made and it fails, then the veto stands. Only if it's overridden will all those items come back. If that does not happen then we move on to item eight, which is as you described the two items have been removed, and the Commission will have the opportunity to vote on the new ordinance and resolution of the authorization with all the projects except for the two that were mentioned. **Commissioner McKiernan** said thank you Ms. Lawson, I was assuming that item seven would stand.

Commissioner Burroughs said with that in mind the original resolution has a price tag in it, is there the total amount of dollars mentioned in that resolution, counsel? The reason why I ask is because if we go into item number eight, then we're talking about removing close to 10 million out of that and I would hate to—I just want to know if we're going to go ahead and bond it and fund it and then go back and review it and implement it, but if we don't bond it, then we need to review it then pass another resolution to put the money in. I'm just kind of curious that's what I'm trying to

ensure that whatever we do, we do it correctly. If I'm hearing correctly, we need to pull those two items out, financial support for those two items, and put that new total in with the new two items should they come forward at a later date with a new resolution.

Ms. Schaefer said to my understanding and this is great clarification. My understanding is once it's vetoed then we will have to come back to the Commission for those two projects. We will then request approval of those two projects and it will be budgeted in a later year. So, it would have to go through the process of being approved and put into a budget at a later time. We would not be eligible to pull funding or consider funding for these two items utilizing debt during this particular budget year.

Ms. Lawson said yes, the amount in Section 3 has been amended to reflect a lower amount. It was about 107 and now it is 106. Those have been removed, they would as stated have to be brought back for reauthorization. **Commissioner Burroughs** said okay, great thank you. I just wanted that as a point of clarity. I hate to beat a poor dead horse but the question I have, if we choose to take action and override this veto, then the entire pro—all the bonding, resolution stands. If we sustain his veto, then we come back with the new resolution, number eight, and that will include minus the two projects to be considered at a later date. Great thank you. Yeah, that's a difficult one to understand committee. I just want to make sure that we're on it. Thank you, counsel.

Mayor Garner said we have Ms. Wyatt, I didn't see you. I know you were part of the comments if you wanted to make comments, you're more than welcome.

Carolyn Wyatt, 359 Troup, said I have lived in this area all my life when the old Jersey Creek was there, when they had the Princess Theater on Fifth Street. You had to walk across that bridge to the theater and it smelled so bad that you had to walk on the other side of the street. Once it was concreted and fixed you didn't smell that stench anymore. The whole area was smelling, and you know, being young you're not knowing what it was all about but as you got older you know that was Jersey Creek that was smelling, all the sewer and all the bad stuff in there. Now it looks nice. They have lights down there, you can walk through there, you can walk next to it, and it was a good thing. That'd be a lot of money that was wasted if they tear it up and a lot of people kind of like what it looks like. They have an area where you can play basketball up there and you have houses around. Like you say it was improvement, so you don't really want to go backwards, you

always want to go forward. As I said, I always lived in the area, and I still live in the area and just saying that it was a real improvement. I don't think that it needs to be torn up and spend a whole lot more money that we don't have. I just want to say that, that I agree with the Mayor and the neighborhoods that they—like what going on also at Big 11 Lake. Also, I've been around there all my life. It was a beautiful place and it's right there next to Beatrice Lee. It's been there for a long time, and they had pastors that always took care of it making sure that the lake stayed nice, mowed and everything, greenery. Just my comments about it that I think everything should stay right now as it is and to future we do have money that you can do something or more investigation because everybody don't really understand everything about what's going on. We just need more information about things before we get into it, thank you.

Commissioner Davis said Ms. Jonscher, I just have a few questions for you. What is the relationship between these bonded packages and then kind of this CMIP in the budget that we adopted about six weeks ago.

Ms. Jonscher said the CMIP all the projects listed in the Capital section, when the budget is approved that gives us budget authority to proceed with the projects. We list them out by both cash and debt. The debt project are the ones that are in this authorization that when we approve them we say that we intend to issue debt to pay for those projects. Then the next step is getting the project, the project authorizations needed for debt issuance. That's the step that we're doing tonight. Previously this had been included in the budget document and it was approved. The resolution was included with all the other approvals that were done with the budget. This authorizes the projects to be paid for with debt. **Commissioner Davis** said and you said previously it all had been done together meaning when we adopted the budget we would also... **Ms. Jonscher** said right for the last several years we've done it that way.

Commissioner Davis said okay, but this year we've done it differently. **Ms. Jonscher** said this year with our staffing capacity, my office just didn't have time to get the resolution and all of the authorizations in place to get them into the budget document, so we had to come back after the budget. **Commissioner Davis** said our budget calendar, remind me, what's our fiscal calendar, is it October to October? **Ms. Jonscher** said it's January through December. **Commissioner Davis** said it's January through December. So, if we were let's say it takes a little bit more time to go

ahead and kind of work with the community for these projects would these projects that the Mayor is wanting us to take out, how would that impact the budget that we adopted?

Ms. Jonscher said there those projects are still in the budget, so they have budget authority. When we pull those two projects out we no longer—and we don't approve the authorization, we don't have the ability to finance them with debt. **Commissioner Davis** said so, we would have to use cash or? **Ms. Jonscher** said we have to use cash or not do the project. **Commissioner Davis** said can you remind me, last question and let's just say we go ahead we adopt this, what is the next step to getting these projects bonded. What's the rest of the process after we vote on this particular item. **Ms. Jonscher** said for the rest of the projects or the two that were? **Commissioner Davis** said yes. **Ms. Jonscher** said for the rest of the projects what we would then do in December is bring a sale resolution showing the projects that we intend to finance in the next debt issuance which occurs—will need to occur in February. We have a one-year temp note that's about \$50M. It's scheduled to be maturing April 1. We need to be able to issue financing to cover the projects that have been spent within that temp note.

David Johnston, County Administrator, said Debbie if you could add a clarification. We have in the past had more than one debt issued during a fiscal year, correct? **Ms. Jonscher** said yes, we have. Previously we used to probably about 10 years ago, we used to issue—we used to do one issuance in the spring and then we do another issuance in the fall but mostly we've been doing one issue. Then if something—if a special situation comes up, we've been known to issue them in the fall also. **Mr. Johnston** said so if after we have a good community engagement with the folks in and around this service area and we come back to the Commission, they can provide more authorization for debt financing to cover these two projects. **Ms. Jonscher** said right, we would just simply need to authorize the—approve the project authorization and sale resolution to be able to issue another temp note.

Commission Burroughs said in light of the request by the public to review the two other items, I'll make—and it saves our budget money at this particular time and it allows us to go back and review the budget situation later on in the year. In light of that, I'd make a motion that we adopt item number eight.

Action: **Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adopt item #8.**

Mayor Garner said is there a motion on seven before we get to that?

Commissioner Burroughs said Mayor if I may, then I'll remove my motion and I'll renew a motion if provided my second allows me to do. **Ms. Lawson** said to be clear there does not have to be a motion on seven. There can be but there needs to be an opportunity. **Commissioner Burroughs** said okay, go ahead Mayor.

Mayor Garner said is there a motion on number seven? Seeing none.

Action: **No motion made. Veto stands.**

Commissioner Burroughs said I'll repeat my motion to adopt resolution number eight ordinance debt project authorizations.

Mayor Garner said there any further discussion? Seeing none, Clerk roll call.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-65-23/ORDINANCE NO. O-133-23** "A Resolution and Ordinance authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bonds and/or Temporary Notes to finance portion of Utility System Revenue Bonds to finance portion of cost of improvements and request PBC to issue its Leasehold Revenue Bonds." **Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stites, to adopt the resolution and approve the ordinance.** Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Garner said we are at the Consent Agenda. Do any members of the Commission or County Administrator wish to set aside any items on the Regular Consent Agenda. If an item is not set aside, all items on the Regular Consent Agenda will be voted on by one vote.

Action: **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve all as submitted.**

Mayor Garner said I'll accept those motions and the second, any further discussion.

Commissioner Stites said and I mean this kind of tongue and cheek here but has it been fully vetted, so we don't have a veto a while later? **Mayor Garner** said yes, it has. Lesson learned, it's been vetted. Yes, you all can make an informed decision with this one. There's a motion and second, Clerk roll call.

Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Item No. 1 - 212817... RESOLUTION: INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

Synopsis: Adoption of a resolution recognizing the growing problem of antisemitism in the United States and the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism, as an important tool to address the problem, submitted by Irene Caudillo, Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor/CEO.

On October 23, 2023, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-66-23**, "A resolution recognizing the growing problem of antisemitism in the United States and calling for the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism as an important tool to address the problem." **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Item No. 2 – 212813... RESOLUTION: TRANSIT GRANT FOR EDWARDSVILLE MICROTRANSIT UTILIZING ARPA FUNDS AS MATCH

Synopsis: Microtransit is an on-demand shared ride transit service that operates in a specific radius, connecting riders to in-zone transit hubs for fixed route access, a match requirement in the amount of \$43,800, Edwardsville Microtransit Expansion (KDOT Funded), submitted by Deasiray Bush, Director of Public Transportation.

On October 23, 2023, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-67-23**, “A resolution for the approval of local set aside ARPA funds to be used as matching funding to secure grants to support the Edwardsville Microtransit Expansion improvement project.” **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Item No. 3 - 212819... RESOLUTION: TRANSIT GRANT FOR 7TH STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS UTILIZING ARPA FUNDS AS MATCH

Synopsis: KCATA will manage the 7th Street Corridor transit project on behalf of UG. KCATA will procure and award all third-party contracts, including those for design and construction, oversee project implementation, and ensure all federal and local requirements are met. Implementation will be done in close cooperation with the UG Transit and UG Public Works staff, a match is required of \$227,200, Deasiray Bush, Director of Public Transportation.

On October 23, 2023, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-68-23** “A resolution for the approval of local set aside ARPA funds to be used as matching funding to secure grants to support the Regional Transit Corridor improvements, 7th Street Corridor project.” **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Item No. 4 – 212773... RESOLUTION: STATE AVENUE TRANSIT ENHANCEMENTS UTILIZING ARPA FUNDS

Synopsis: Unified Government has received a \$1 million grant for State Avenue Transit Enhancements from the Federal Surface Transportation Program Grant. The enhancements include bus shelters, trashcans and landscaping improvements. This request is for \$200,000 for the 20% local match from ARPA set-aside funds, submitted by Deasiray Bush, Director of Public Transportation.

On October 23, 2023, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-69-23** “A resolution for the approval of local set aside ARPA funds to be used as matching funding to secure a grant from the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority’s Regional Surface Transportation program to fund State Avenue Transit Enhancements.” **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Item No. 5 – 212790... GRANTS: 2023-2024 CHILD DEATH REVIEW AND FETAL INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW TEAMS

Synopsis: Request to apply for the grant “2023-2024 grants to address: Building Capacity for Local, State, and Tribal Child Death Review and Fetal-Infant Mortality Review Teams” through the National Center of Fatality Review and Prevention. The Health Department requesting \$72,000, no matching funds are required, submitted by Hannah Lang and Christina VanCleave, Wyandotte County Health Department.

On October 23, 2023, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Item No. 6 - 212814... GRANT: LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM

Synopsis: Request to apply for the Wyandotte County LEPP grant, to address repair/replacement of failing onsite wastewater systems and private water well testing in the amount of \$50,000 for a period beginning 11/1/2023 and ending 6/30/2024. No matching funds are required, submitted by Amanda Harrop and Jennifer Stewart, Wyandotte County Health Department.

On October 23, 2023, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Item No. 7 - MINUTES

Synopsis: Minutes from the Regular Session meeting on October 27, 2022, and the Special Session meeting on September 28, 2023.

Action: Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Item No. 8 - WEEKLY BUSINESS

Synopsis: Weekly business materials dated October 19th, 2023.

Action: Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

No items

IX. STANDING COMMITTEE'S AGENDA

Item No. 1 – 212843...ORDINANCE: AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF PROPERTY FROM PROJECT AREA A IN THE KANSAS SPEEDWAY REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Synopsis: Adopt an ordinance authorizing the removal of property from Project Area A in the Kansas Speedway Redevelopment District for the purpose of other development, submitted by Jeff Conway, Assistant Counsel.

*On November 13, 2023, the **Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted 4/2 to approve and fast-track to the full commission on November 16, 2023.*

Action: **Item was removed at the request of the applicant.**

X. ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA

Item No. 1 - 212816... APPOINTMENT: VOTING DELEGATE FOR KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Synopsis: Appoint David Johnston, as voting delegate, Dr. Elisha Caldwell as first alternate, and Bridgette Cobbins as second alternate, for the Kansas Association of Counties 48th Annual Conference & Exhibition submitted by Bridgette Cobbins, Assistant County Administrator.

Mr. Johnston said the Kansas Association of Counties is the member group that represents county interests on many different fronts. They are paying attention to legislation before the state legislature, often testifying on the county's behalf on impacts of state potential laws on counties. They also provide significant training opportunities for elected officials and staff. There's a few other important services that they provide. Each year they have an annual conference and at that annual conference the members do get to vote on various agenda items that are proffered by the Executive Committee of the Kansas Association of Counties. It's one way that the wider membership throughout the state gets to put their imprint on the business of the association. We were given the opportunity to provide three delegates, one voting delegate and two alternative delegates. Since we were having three people attending, myself and Bridgette Cobbins, our Assistant County Administrator, and our new Director of Public Health, Dr. Elisha Caldwell. We

will be attending. What we're asking the Commission to do is to approve me as the voting delegate, Dr. Caldwell is the first alternate and Ms. Cobbins serving as second alternate.

Action: **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve as submitted.**

Mayor Garner said there's a motion and second. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Clerk, roll call.

Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Mayor Garner said Administrator, you have one more announcement.

Mr. Johnston said yeah one more announcement. I am pleased and privileged to let you Commission and the public know that I have hired our Interim Fire Chief, Dennis Rubin, to serve as the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department's full-time Fire Chief starting January 1, 2024. I do want to add that part of this process we have had meetings with the with the Fire Union and I've had considerable conversations with a few of the men and women of the Fire Department. They are impressed with the leadership and the opportunity to really build the Fire Department into a 21st century Fire Department. We are fortunate that when Chief Rubin was asked, well do you want the job, he said give me a day. Came back another day and said I'll take it. I like what I do here. I like the men and women who are in the department, and we are having an effective working relationship in the Fire Department. How could I say no. He's accepted, welcome aboard Chief. **Mayor Garner** said Chief, come on up.

Dennis Rubin, Interim Fire Chief said Mr. Mayor and commission members, along with our County Administrator and of course our public, thank you for what a great opportunity. When I arrived on June 1st, one of the very first things was to spend about an hour or two with the County Administrator and of course with my new boss, the Assistant County Administrator. What was mentioned that day is that if you'll love Kansas City, Kansas, it'll love you more back. That was a

pretty powerful statement that the bosses made and, you know, they were right. What a great community this is, what an honor it is here to be the 18th Fire Chief of simply a great organization of men and women that go out every day to help this community. I pledge that I'll do my very best to continue the direction that we're going in to serve folks with dignity and pride. We have a very simple mission statement and that is to "prevent harm in the community, for us to be able to survive and thrive as a community, and then finally to be nice and be kind." I pledge that we'll continue on that path and again thank you for the confidence.

Mayor Garner said thank you Chief. I can say Chief, Administrator, and Commission, before I became Mayor there were a lot of challenges that the Fire Department was facing. I can say that this Commission has really took unprecedented actions to make sure that the morale of the Fire Department was brought up. That started with really directing the Interim Administrator at that time to get the men and women of our Fire Department a contract that not only they wanted but they deserved after five years, that happened. Next, what has happened under the leadership of our new permanent Administrator, is leadership at the helm that just my dealings with the men and women of the Fire Department that I've talked to, they respect, they value, and they really appreciate the leadership and the new type of vision and eyes that you bring to the Fire Department. The people I've talked to said you have their utmost respect and confidence. I wanted to share that with you.

The third note I should say is and I don't know if I can say this or not, but I'll put it out here anyway. This Commission took the precedent, another unprecedented act to open the fire station in Fairfax. As a result, I can tell you that there is a major, and just use your imagination, there is a major taxpayer in Fairfax that is looking at next year of upwards of a half billion-dollar investment in the Fairfax area. I can tell you the feedback that is coming to me, believe it or not, is because of the result of this Commission's resolve to say let's open that fire station. That showed a commitment to Fairfax and those businesses and the Fire Department and that was based off the recommendations of the men and women of the Fire Department. We are seeing a 1000% potential return on that investment. Thank you for your leadership and thank to all our public safety servants out here that are working hard to keep our community safe. **Chief Rubin** said Mayor, my team, we won't let you down.

XI. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

No items

XII. LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CONSENT AGENDA

No items

XIII. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

No items

Mayor Garner said with no further business before this governing body I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

XIV. ADJOURN

Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to adjourn.

Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Bynum, Burroughs, McKiernan, Markley, Stites, Davis.

Mayor Garner said I can say with adjournment, tomorrow is the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting at Memorial Hall from 4 o'clock to 9. Everyone is welcome, please invite your family and friends.

**MAYOR GARNER
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:10 P.M.**

Monica Sparks
Acting Unified Government Clerk

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November 16, 2023

STATE OF KANSAS)
WYANDOTTE COUNTY)) SS
CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS)

STRATEGIC RETREAT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in a Strategic Retreat, Saturday, February 22, 2025, with seven members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burns, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Hill, Commissioner Fourth District (left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.); Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; Davis, Commissioner Eighth District and Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District and Mayor Pro Tem (left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.) Bynum was presiding as Mayor Pro Tem starting at 11:53 a.m. Garner, Mayor/CEO; Townsend, Commissioner First District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Lopez; Commissioner Sixth District; were absent. The following officials were also in attendance: David Johnston, County Administrator; Alan Howze and Bridgette Cobbins, Assistant County Administrators; Angela Lawson, Interim Chief Counsel; Shelley Kneuvean, Chief Financial Officer; Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director; Michael Peterson, Assistant Budget Director; Rodney Lucas, Interim Assistant County Administrator; Ashley Hand, Director of Strategic Communication; Monica L. Sparks, Unified Government Clerk; and Maiyee Lor, Deputy Unified Government Clerk.

NOTICE OF STRATEGIC RETREAT of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be conducted in person on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 8:40 a.m. at the Children’s Mercy Park Sporting KC Soccer Stadium, Mazuma Plaza, Fifth Floor Audi Sports Club. The public will be able to attend the event in person.

CONSENT TO MEETING of the governing body of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, accepting service of the foregoing notice, waiving all and any irregularities in such service and in such notice, and consent and agree that we, the governing body, shall meet at the time and place therein specified and for the purpose therein stated.

Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and there were seven “Ayes,” Hill, Kane, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burns, Burroughs.

There was no recording of this Strategic Retreat. The Agenda and PowerPoints were presented and are attached.

Action: **The meeting was adjourned due to lack of a quorum at 12:16 p.m.**

Monica L. Sparks
Unified Government Clerk

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Memorandum

To: David Johnston
County Administrator

From: Monica L. Sparks
UG Clerk

Date: February 13, 2025

Re: Weekly Business Material

Attached is a listing of weekly business items presented to the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, for informational purposes.

In addition to the listing of the items, we have indicated the action taken by the Unified Government Clerk.

Attachments

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Weekly Business Material for February 7, 2024 – February 13, 2024

1. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES:

- Quincy Andrews, Kansas City, MO, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 02/03/2025.
- Tyszu Coggs, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal property on 02/09/2025.
- Sharon Cushon, Kansas City, MO, alleging damages to personal vehicle on 12/13/2024.
- Lazier Dupree, Kansas City, KS, alleging damages to personal property on 01/06/2025.
- Joan Green, Kansas City, MO, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 01/28/2025.
- Monica Moses, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 01/10/2025.
- Adam Shafer, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 01/25/2025.

Action: Received and filed. Copies previously forwarded to Legal.

2. SUMMONS:

- Eduardo Campos, vs. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, KS., Case No. WY-2025-CV-000095.

Action: Referred to Legal. Copy previously forwarded to Legal.

3. TRAVEL REQUESTS:

- Maya Banks, KCKPD, travel to Dallas, TX, from 08/03/2025 through 08/07/2025, to attend Crimes Against Children Conference, 100% VOCA Training & Travel.
- Adam Brown, Legislative Auditor's Office, travel to Minneapolis, MN, from 05/03/2025 through 05/07/2025, to attend 2025 ALGA Annual Conference, Employee Training & Travel.
- Alejandra Garcia, and Ellie Moreno, KCKPD, travel to Wichita, KS, from 03/31/2025 through 04/03/2025, to attend KS Crime Victims' Rights Conference, Employee Training & Travel.
- Mark Health, KCKFD, travel to Indianapolis, IN, from 04/07/2025 through 04/12/2025, to attend JEMS Innovation Summit, Employee Training & Travel.
- Monica Kennedy, KCKPD, travel to Dallas, TX, from 05/18/2025 through 05/22/2025, to attend Nat'l Conference on Crimes Against Women, 100% VOCA Training & Travel.
- Brett McCoy, KCKFD, travel to Orlando, FL, from 02/19/2025 through 02/22/2025, to attend PSTraxEDU, Employee Training & Travel.
- Wendy Medina, KCKPD, travel to San Francisco, CA, from 07/21/2025 through 07/25/2025, to attend Nat'l Org Victim Assistance, 100% VOCA Training & Travel.
- Ellie Moreno, KCKPD, travel to Anaheim, CA, from 08/25/2025 through 08/29/2025, to attend Nat'l Sexual Assault Conference, 100% VOCA Training & Travel.
- Reyna Rosales, KCKPD, travel to Wichita, KS, from 04/01/2025 through 04/03/2025, to attend KS Crime Victims' Rights Conference, 100% VOCA Training & Travel.
- Reyna Rosales, KCKPD, travel to Anaheim, CA, from 04/21/2025 through 04/24/2025, to attend Int'l End Violence Against Women Conference, 100% VOCA Training & Travel.

- Dennis Rubin, KCKFD, travel to Myrtle Beach, SC, from 04/26/2025 through 05/02/2025, to attend 2025 Metro Fire Chiefs Conference, Employee Training & Travel.
- Andrew Wilcox, KCKPD, travel to Gulfport, MS, from 02/27/2025 through 03/22/2025, to attend TEEX Motorcycle Instructor School, Employee Training & Travel.

Action: Approved by Administrator's Office and received and filed.

4. BUSINESS BONDS:

- Electrical Bonds:
 - All Electric KC LLC.
 - Arizona Solar Solutions Inc. d/b/a Suntria
 - Big Electric, Inc.
 - City Wide Electric, Inc.
 - Crown Electrical Services, LLC.
 - Haas Electric, LLC.
 - Hemingray Construction Services, LLC.
 - Precision Lighting & Electric, LLC.
 - SBA Network Services, LLC.
 - Scott Electric, LLC.
 - Smart Home Innovation, LLC.
 - Smooth Electric
 - Sun Solar, LLC.
 - The Oscar W. Larson Company d/b/a OWL Services USA
 - Total Electric Contractors, Inc.
- Mechanical/HVAC Bonds:
 - All Climate Refrigeration, LLC.
 - Automated Control Systems Corp.
 - Brush Creek Heating & Cooling
 - Elite Heating and Air
 - Elite Heating and Cooling, LLC.
 - Reddi Services, Inc.
 - SGI
 - Stadium Sheet Metal
 - Thermal Services, Inc. d/b/a Santa Fe Air Conditioning
 - Universal Service Agency, LLC.
 - Western Enterprise, Inc.
- Plumber's Bonds:
 - R & J Mechanical, LLC.
 - Reddi Services, Inc.
 - Western Enterprise, Inc.
- Hauler's Bonds:
 - Hydro-Klean, LLC.

Action: Referred to License.

5. CONTINUATION CERTIFICATES:

- Plumbers Bonds:
 - B & L Plumbing Services, Inc.
 - Blue River Plumbing, Inc.
 - Kaw Valley Plumbing
 - LUTS Plumbing
 - Farr Mechanical, LLC.
 - Five Star Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
 - Mad City
 - The Plumbing Pro, Inc.
 - Thomas Comfort Systems LLC.
- Mechanical/HVAC Bonds:
 - Andrew Hay d/b/a Hometown Heroes KC LLC.
 - Koch Heating & Cooling
- Electrical Bonds:
 - ECE, LLC.
 - Greenway Electric, Inc.
 - Reflection Energy LLC.
- General Bonds:
 - Alan Allio

Action: Referred to License.

6. CANCELLATION NOTICE OF INSURANCE/BOND:

- Electrical Bonds:
 - C3 Electrical, LLC.
 - Southwind MVP Services, LLC.
- Mechanical/HVAC Bonds:
 - Double Check Co.
 - Southwind MVP Services, LLC.
- Plumbers Bonds:
 - Southwind MVP Services, LLC.
 - Polestar Plumbing, Inc.
- General Bond:
 - William Powell, III

Action: Referred to License.



Report to

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
MAR 03 2025	Chelsee Chism, Director cchism@wycokck.org X8046	Economic Development
AGENDA ITEM #		
ORDINANCE: APPROVING PARTIAL RELEASE OF MORTGAGE AND REMOVING PROPERTY FROM STAR BOND PROJECT DISTRICT (BUC-EE'S PROJECT)		
BACKGROUND		
Approval of an ordinance correcting a legal description in the Amended Partial Release of Mortgage and removing certain property from the Star Bond Project District (Prairie-Delaware Redevelopment Project Area A). This item is requested to be fast-tracked to the March 6, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting for final approval.		
RECOMMENDATION		
Approve Fast Track		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		
Ordinance - Release Site from Speedway District (UG), Amended Partial Release of Mortgage (1041476-2xA006D), Redline- Amended Partial Release of Mortgage (1041793xA006D)		

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.

WAC
2/20/2025

Approved: J. [Signature]

(Published in *The Wyandotte Echo* on March __, 2025)

ORDINANCE NO. O-____-25

AN ORDINANCE MAKING FINDINGS AND REMOVING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE STAR BOND PROJECT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS (PRAIRIE-DELAWARE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA A) CONTINGENT UPON CERTAIN EVENTS.

WHEREAS, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas (the “Unified Government”) desires to promote, stimulate and develop the general and economic welfare of Kansas City, Kansas and the state of Kansas (the “State”) and to assist in the development and redevelopment of eligible areas within Kansas City, Kansas, thereby promoting the general welfare of the citizens of the State and the Unified Government, by acquiring property and providing for the development and redevelopment thereof and the financing relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1770 *et seq.*, as amended (the “Act”), the Unified Government is authorized to adopt redevelopment project plans within established redevelopment districts, as said terms are defined in the Act, and to finance all or a portion of redevelopment project costs from tax increment revenues and various fees collected within such redevelopment district, revenues derived from redevelopment projects, revenues derived from local sales taxes, other revenues described in the Act, or a combination thereof or from the proceeds of full faith and credit tax increment bonds of the Unified Government or special obligation tax increment bonds of the Unified Government payable from such described revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government on March 19, 1998, passed Ordinance No. O-11-98, which created a redevelopment district within Kansas City, Kansas, the boundaries of which were defined in said Ordinance (as amended from time to time, the “Redevelopment District”) and containing three redevelopment project areas, including Project Area A (as amended from time to time, “Project Area A”); and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government passed an ordinance on June 25, 1998, adopting a redevelopment plan for Project Area A (the “Redevelopment Plan”) for the Kansas Speedway project; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government previously issued its Taxable Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (Kansas International Speedway Corporation Project), Series 1999 (the “Bonds”) to finance certain improvements within Project Area A; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are secured in part by that certain Kansas Mortgage, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated as of January 15, 1999 (as modified and amended, the “Mortgage”), executed by Kansas International Speedway Corp. and delivered to the Unified Government and Security Bank of Kansas City, as mortgagees; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Findings. The governing body of the Unified Government hereby finds:

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**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED
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OF MARCH, 2025.**

[SEAL]

Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO

Attest:

Monica L. Sparks,

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Approved as to form:

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(Note: For course orientation the bearings in this description are based on the North Right-of-Way line of Village West Parkway having a bearing of North 80° 28' 22" West as shown on the recorded plat of KANSAS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC -LOT 1.)

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of Lot 1, KANSAS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC - LOT 1, a subdivision of land recorded August 1, 2011, in Plat Book 43, Page 59, and filed as Document Number 2011R-09133, monumented by a found 5/8-inch reinforcing rod.; Thence South 80° 28' 22" East, 163.34 feet, on the North Right-of-Way line of Village West Parkway, to a found 5/8-inch reinforcing rod, with a cap stamped CLS 175, and the beginning of a tangent curve, concave to the Northeast, having a radius of 2211.83 feet; Thence Southeasterly on said curve, to the left, and said North Right-of-Way line, an arc length of 255.79 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of South 83° 47' 09" East, and a chord distance of 255.64 feet; Thence South 02° 54' 05" West 160.00 feet, to a point on the South Right-of-Way line of said Village West Parkway, and the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave to the Northeast, having a radius of 2371.83 feet; Thence Northwesterly on said South Right-of-Way line, on a curve to the right, an arc length of 274.29 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of North 83° 47' 09" West, and a chord distance of 274.14 feet; Thence North 80° 28' 22" West, 751.04 feet, continuing on said South Right-of-Way line, to the beginning of a tangent curve, concave to the Southeast, having a radius of 1557.02 feet; Thence Southwesterly on said curve, to the left, and said South line, an arc distance of 536.69 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of South 89° 39' 09" West, and a chord distance of 534.04 feet; Thence South 79° 46' 40" West, 123.41 feet, continuing on said South Right-of-Way line, to its intersection with the East Right-of-Way line of 110th Street; Thence North 02° 42' 33" West, 161.39 feet, on said East line, to its intersection with the North Right-of-Way line of Village West Parkway; Thence North 79° 46' 40" East, 102.31 feet, on said North Right-of-Way line, to the beginning of a tangent curve, concave to the Southeast, having a radius of 1717.02 feet; Thence Northeasterly on said curve, to the right, and said North Right-of-Way line, an arc length of 591.84 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of North 89° 39' 09" East, and a chord distance of 588.91 feet; Thence South 80° 28' 22" East, 587.70 feet, on said North Right-of-Way line, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.



Report to Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	Zach Hunt, Deputy Election Commissioner zhunt@wycokck.org x8500	Election
AGENDA ITEM #9.1.		
APPOINTMENTS: WITNESS DESTRUCTION OF ELECTION BALLOTS AND RECORDS		
BACKGROUND		
Appoint Commissioner Bynum and Commissioner Lopez to witness on March 19, 2025, the destruction of ballots and records that no longer need to be retained.		
RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.



Report to Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	Reed Partridge, Senior Audit Manager RPartridge@wycokck.org x8043	Legislative Auditor
AGENDA ITEM #10.1.		
ORDINANCE: ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO UNIFIED GOVERNMENT ETHICS CODE		
BACKGROUND		
Approval of an ordinance amending the Ethics Code of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.		
RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
Approve on 1/30/25		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
NA		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
NA		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
NA		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
Legal department contributed in writing these updates		
ATTACHMENTS		
Ethics ordinance		

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to amendments to certain sections of the Ethics Code of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; and repealing such original sections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY,
KANSAS:**

Section 1. That Sections 2-251, 2-253, 2-254, 2-255, 2-256, 2-257, 2-258, 2-259, 2-260, 2-261, 2-262, 2-265, 2-266, 2-267, 2-269, and 2-271 of the Code of Ethics of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas be and are hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Sec. 2-251. Declaration of policy.

The unified government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS seeks to serve its citizens in a just and equitable manner. To that end, the unified government established a code of ethics as the standard for that service. It is the policy of the unified government that the proper operation of democratic unified government requires that unified government representatives be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people; that unified government decisions and policy be made in proper channels of the unified government structure and that public office not be used for personal or private gain or the gain of another; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of the unified government. In recognition of these goals, a code of ethics for all the unified government representatives is adopted.

(Ord. No. O-75-09, § 1, 10-1-2009)

Sec. 2-253. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Administrator means the ethics administrator.

Ad hoc ethics commission appointment panel means the panel consisting of the administrative judge of the county district court, the district attorney of the county and the duly appointed legislative auditor of the county. The panel appoints the five member ethics commission. Membership on the panel shall be voluntary and only for and during their respective terms in office. Any action by the panel shall require a quorum of two members.

Affected means, in the case of a person, entity or property, reasonably likely to be subjected to a direct economic effect or consequence, either positive or negative, as a result of the vote or decision in question. For instance, a person or entity owning real property, entering into a contract with the unified government or seeking a permit or franchise is "affected" by a vote or decision such as zoning of property, approval of a contract or granting of a permit. The term "affected" does not include those persons or entities who are subject to an indirect or secondary effect from official action. Creditors, independent contractors, or guarantors of a person "affected" by a vote or decision are not ~~also~~ deemed to be "affected" by virtue of their relationship with the affected person. The vote or decision need not be the only producing cause of the economic effect or consequence reasonably likely to result. In determining whether a person, entity or property is or was "affected" by a vote or decision, it shall not be necessary to prove the actual existence or occurrence of an economic effect or consequence if such effect or consequence would be reasonably expected to exist or occur. Additionally, a vote or decision to place a matter on a ballot is deemed to affect a person, entity or property to the same extent that the results of the election would affect the person, entity, or property.

Business entity means any person, corporation, partnership, independent contractor, sole proprietorship, or joint venture organized or existing under the laws of any state, the United States or a foreign country transacting or engaged in commerce, or any type of business operation whether for profit or not for profit.

Business with the unified government means any one or any combination of sales, purchases, leases, contracts or grants to, by, from, or with the unified government, or any agency thereof, involving disbursement of \$5,000.00 or more on a cumulative basis during any 12-month period. As of the awarding or execution of a contract or lease, the total then ascertainable consideration thereby committed to be paid, regardless of the period of time over which such payments are to be made, shall be included.

Child means and shall include a natural child, adopted child, stepchild or foster child, of whatever age.

Contribution means any advance, conveyance, deposit, distribution, gift, loan, or payment of money or any other thing of value, but does not include services.

Decision means any ordinance, resolution, contract, franchise, formal action, or other matter voted on by the unified government board of commissioners, any unified government board or commission, or the ethics commission, as well as the discussion or deliberations thereof that can or may lead to a vote or formal action by that body. A "decision" of a unified government employee means any action in which the employee exercises discretionary authority,

including, but not limited to, the issuance of permits, imposition or collection of fines or fees, authorizations for expenditures, and other non-ministerial acts.

Elected official means the mayor/chief executive officer, unified government board of commissioners, sheriff, and register of deeds.

Ethics commission means the five-member board appointed by majority vote of the ad hoc ethics commission appointment panel.

Financial interest means:

- (1) Ownership of any interest as the result of which the owner has received within the past three years, or is presently receiving, or is entitled to receive in the future more than \$1,000.00 per year; or
- (2) Ownership, or the ownership of securities of any kind representing or convertible into ownership, of more than five percent of a business entity.

Gift means the transfer of anything of economic value regardless of the form without adequate and lawful consideration. The term "gift" does not include the solicitation, acceptance, receipt or disposition of political campaign contributions regulated in accordance with the provisions of federal, state or local law regulating the conduct of elections or the receipt of political campaign contributions. Complimentary admissions to special events, including dinners, athletic, charitable, cultural or political events, or any other occasion or entertainment or item, when furnished or available to be furnished to all similarly situated unified government representatives are excluded from this definition. The term "gift" does not include gifts from a family member or other relative within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity.

Interest means any legal or equitable pecuniary interest, whether or not subject to an encumbrance or a condition, which was owned or held, in whole or in part, jointly or severally, directly or indirectly, at any time during each unified government fiscal year (January 1 through December 31). However, "interest" shall not include an interest held solely in the capacity of a personal representative, agent, custodian, fiduciary or trustee, nor an interest in a time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor an interest in an insurance or endowment policy or annuity contract under which an insurance company promises to pay a fixed number of dollars, either in a lump sum or periodically for life or some other specific period.

Ministerial act means an act performed in a prescribed manner and not requiring the exercise of any judgment or discretion.

Parent means and shall include natural parent, adoptive parent, step parent, or foster parent.

Usual and customary means those actions or conduct taken in keeping with agreeing with or established by custom or common usage; the regular or routine duties of an official or an employee; the accepted conventional, established, ordinary or traditional actions or conduct of an official or employee such as those actions germane to the fundamental functions of government. For instance, it would be "usual and customary" constituent service for an elected official to

attend or participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new business or entity in his or her district. It would not be “usual and customary” constituent service for an elected official to engage in general, direct fundraising solicitation using his or her unified government letterhead, email or title for the benefit of one non-governmental, non-profit entity to the exclusion of others. For purposes of interpretation of this term under the ethics code there is a presumption that those constituent or employee activities or relationships with non-profit entities that existed and allowed the use of title or resources prior to the adoption of the ethics code were considered to be within the “usual and customary” exception. Use of title for personal gain of either an official, an employee or a third party would not be considered “usual and customary” constituent service or employee duty.

Regulate or regulated means subject to the control or governed by the rules and regulations of a unified government agency or required to have a license, permit, or other written authorization from a unified government agency.

Social Media is defined broadly to mean any forum on the World Wide Web on which people can share ideas or information. Social media includes websites or web pages maintained by the unified government and those maintained by persons outside the unified government on which unified government employees may share ideas or information. Examples of the latter include websites or blogs having comment or feedback sections, wikis, social networks (such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn), sites for posting photographs, audio recordings, or videos (such as Flickr and YouTube), virtual worlds, and message boards. Sharing of ideas or information may take many forms, including posting of articles, comments, photographs, music, videos, or podcasts, wall postings, tweets, and other forms in which ideas or information are shared.

Substantial interest means an interest in another person or business entity if:

- (1) The interest is ownership of five percent or more of the voting stock, shares or market value of the equity of the entity, or ownership of \$5,000.00 or more of the equity of the entity;
- (2) Funds received from the other person or entity either during the previous 12 months or the previous calendar year equal or exceed \$5,000.00 in salary, bonuses, commissions, or professional fees or \$20,000.00 in payment for goods, products, or nonprofessional services, or ten percent of the person’s gross income during that period, whichever is less;
- (3) The person serves as a corporate officer or member of the board of directors or other governing body for the for-profit business entity other than a corporate entity owned or created by the unified government board of commissioners, or
- (4) The person is a creditor, debtor, or guarantor of the other person or business entity in an amount of \$5,000.00 or more.

Substantial interest in real property means an interest in real property that is an equitable or legal ownership with a market value of \$5,000.00 or more.

Unified government agency means all departments, bureaus, boards, and commissions and persons not embraced in a department who exercise authority comparable to that of heads of departments and bureaus.

Unified government employee means any person employed by the unified government but does not include independent contractors hired by the unified government.

Unified government official unless otherwise expressly defined, includes the mayor/chief executive officer (CEO), unified government commissioners, county administrator, deputy county administrators, assistant county ~~administrator~~ administrators, clerks, department heads, ~~deputy departments~~, deputy department heads, municipal court judges, (including substitute judges) whether such a person is salaried, hired or elected, individuals appointed by the mayor/chief executive officer (CEO), or members of the unified government commissioners and members of all unified government committees, boards, task forces, or other unified government bodies unless specifically exempted from this Code by the unified government board of commissioners, and all other persons holding positions designated by the unified government consolidation plan as it may be amended ~~form~~ from time to time.

Unified government representative means elected officials, unified government officials, and employees.

Sec. 2-254. Ethics commission.

- (a) The purpose of the ethics commission shall be to ensure proper implementation of the code of ethics and to review and report on any and all other violations of the code of ethics.
- (b) The ethics commission is responsible for conducting meetings no less than semiannually and deliberating on ethical issues and rendering advisory opinions to the ethics administrator, or requesting the ethics administrator to render advisory opinions on its behalf. The ethics commission shall be composed of five members residing in the county appointed by the ad hoc ethic commission appointment panel. Two of the commissioners shall be appointed to serve two-year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment to one four-year term. The remaining three members of the ethics commission shall be appointed to serve one single nonconsecutive four-year term. All appointments thereafter shall be for ~~a single nonconsecutive~~ one four-year term. The panel shall select one member of the ethics commission to serve as chairperson of the commission for a two-year renewable term. Any action of the ethics commission shall require a quorum of three members.
- (c) In selecting candidates for membership on the commission, the panel shall establish procedures relating to selection which at a minimum provide as follows:

- (1) Acceptance of letters or applications of interest from anyone;
 - (2) Eliminates from consideration persons convicted of a felony or crime or moral turpitude; and
 - (3) Persons appointed to the ethics commission shall be of good moral standing and reputation.
- (d) Persons appointed to the ethics commission shall have no conflicts of interest as defined in section 2-258 and shall be broadly representative of the diverse populace of the Wyandotte County.
 - (e) The ethics commission shall have the powers to recommend ways to improve the ethics code to the unified government board of commissioners.
 - (f) The ethics commission, through the office of the municipal court, may subpoena documents and witnesses before the ethics commission or to assist the ethics administrator in the investigation and resolution of complaints.
 - (g) Whenever requested by a unified government representative, or whenever it deems it in the public interest, the ethics commission shall render advisory opinions or request the ethics administrator to do so on its behalf, in writing, concerning questions of ethics, conflicts of interest, and the applicability of the code of ethics. Copies of the ~~opinion~~ opinions shall be ~~made available to~~ maintained by the ethics administrator and the legislative auditor and made available to the unified government representative person making such request and, in redacted form, to the mayor/chief executive officer (CEO) and the unified government board of commissioners and the county administrator as may be appropriate. Such ~~opinion~~ opinions may also be released to the public at the discretion of the ethics commission with such additional omissions redactions as may be necessary to protect the confidence and privacy of any unified government representative the person requesting the opinion.
 - (h) The ethics commission shall have the power to make recommendations to the district attorney who may initiate and investigate matters deemed appropriate.
 - (i) All persons covered by the jurisdiction of the ethics commission shall receive training to include familiarization with the ethics oath, ~~the ethics handbook~~ the code of ethics, and the general subject of local governmental ethics to be administered by the ethics administrator under the direction of the ethics commission.
 - (j) All unified government representatives, except employees shall, in a public place, take an ethics oath to be administered by a person authorized by law to administer an oath and sign the ethics pledge. All such oaths and pledges for elected or appointed officials shall be retained in the office of the legislative auditor.
 - (k) Members of the ethics commission shall be subject to the ethics code.

- (l) Any commissioner appointed to the ethics commission shall be subject to removal by the ad hoc ethics commission appointment panel for cause found, after the panel meets with and interviews the commissioner and determines such removal is warranted or justified.

Sec. 2-255. Ethics administrator.

- (a) The ethics administrator shall be appointed by the legislative auditor of the unified government on the basis of a contract and shall function on a part-time basis. The ethics administrator shall ~~maintain a fully operational telephone, internet and facsimile capability for the receipt of~~ monitor receipt of complaints, requests for advisory opinions, requests for information, and suggestions. The legislative auditor may delegate to the ethics administrator the authority to resolve minor ethical matters and questions. At the direction of the ethics commission, the ethics administrator may conduct all investigations of an alleged violation of the ethics code and provide verbal and written advisory opinions. In conducting such investigations or the preparation of advisory opinions, the ethics administrator, when deemed appropriate by the legislative auditor, shall have access to and use of the resources of the office of the legislative auditor, the office of the district attorney, the office of the mayor/chief executive officer, the office of the county administrator, the human resources department and all other unified government departments, including but not limited to the police, sheriff and legal departments.
- (b) Compensation to the ethics administrator shall be in the form of billable hours not to exceed the amount usually budgeted for this purpose.
- (c) The ethics administrator shall have the authority to recommend to the legislative auditor to discipline or ~~censure~~ those in violation of the ethics code. Disciplinary or ~~Censure~~ proceedings shall include, but not be limited to:
- (1) A memorandum of private censure from the legislative auditor to the unified government representatives which shall be given to the unified government representative and a copy placed in a personal file of the official maintained in the legislative auditor's office or, in the case of an employee, in the personnel file of the employee with the unified government;
- (2) A memorandum of public censure from the legislative auditor to the unified government representative which shall be given to the unified government representative and a copy posted on the unified government ethics website. Each such memorandum of public censure, once issued, shall remain posted on the unified government ethics website for a minimum of ninety (90) days or up to and including the remaining duration of an elected or appointed official's term(s) in office or the duration of an employee's employment with the unified government, depending on the nature and severity of the violation. The time period for postings shall be specifically set forth in the memorandum of public censure when issued.

- (3) A memorandum of recommended removal from office from the legislative auditor to the appointing authority or authorities for any appointed board, commission or task force member.
- (3)(4) The authority to recommend and have ~~impose~~ imposed upon a unified government employee by the legislative auditor upon recommendation to the county administrator an involuntary leave with or without pay pursuant to personnel policy and procedure;
- (4)(5) The authority to recommend and have imposed upon a unified government employee by the legislative auditor's recommendation to the county administrator a verbal warning, written warning, demotion, or other administrative steps up to and including termination pursuant to personnel policy and procedure as ~~deemed~~ necessary by the ethics administrator with the approval of the legislative auditor; and
- (5)(6) Upon belief that the factual allegations support the reasonable belief that a crime may have been committed by a unified government representative, to recommend to the legislative auditor to refer the matter to the ~~to the~~ district attorney of the county for review and further action.
- (7) With respect to the potential actions contemplated in subsections 1-3 above, prior to the imposition of the same, the legislative auditor and/or the ethics administrator, at the request of the legislative auditor, shall provide a copy of the proposed memorandum of censure or removal to the unified government representative and provide reasonable opportunity for provision of a response, either verbal or written, within three (3) business days of such provision after which such memorandum shall be issued unless grounds for change or revocation are found warranted. There shall be no further right of appeal or review under the UG Ethics Code. The ethics code does not contain any provision for removal of an elected official.
- (8) In considering and determining the nature and extent of discipline or censure to be taken or recommended the following factors, including any others relevant to the particular factual situation, may be considered:
- a) The nature and severity of the misconduct;
 - b) The duration of the misconduct;
 - c) The position and responsibilities of the alleged violator;
 - d) The amount of financial or other loss to the unified government, if any, as the result of the misconduct;
 - e) The value of anything that was received or sought;

- f) The efforts taken by the alleged violator to either disclose and correct the misconduct, or to conceal it from, or otherwise deceive or mislead, other officials, employees, the ethics administrator, the ethics commission, or the public;
 - g) Whether the alleged violator in any way coerced or intimidated subordinates or colleagues into participating or failing to report the misconduct;
 - h) The costs incurred in enforcement;
 - i) Whether or not the alleged violator sought advice from the ethics commission or administrator and what the advice was;
 - j) Whether the violation appears to have been inadvertent, negligent or deliberate;
 - k) Whether the incident appears to have been singular or part of a pattern;
 - l) Whether a violation is a first violation, or the alleged violator has been found to have violated the provision or other provisions before;
 - m) Whether the conduct appears to have been induced, encouraged or aided by a superior, colleague, or someone outside of government;
 - n) Whether the alleged violator cooperated with the ethics administrator in terms of his or her own conduct or the conduct of others; or
 - o) Whether the alleged violator had prior notice or reason to believe, due to the handling of similar situations or training, that the conduct was prohibited.
- (d) The ethics administrator shall be responsible for ethics training for all unified government representatives. Training shall be mandatory for all new unified government employees and newly elected and appointed officials within one year of their hiring or taking office. Additionally, unified government representatives shall undergo “refresher” ethics training at least once every three years at the direction of the ethics administrator.
- (e) Matters assigned to or investigated by the ethics administrator shall be deemed personal or personnel matters and not disclosed to any person except the accused, the legislative auditor, ~~the county administrator,~~ and the ethics commission and when appropriate, the county administrator or the district attorney.

Sec. 2-256. Advisory opinions.

- (a) Where a member of the public or a unified government representative has a doubt as to the applicability of any provision of this division to a particular situation, or as to the definition of terms used ~~here~~ herein, he may apply in writing to the ethics administrator for an advisory opinion. The requesting party shall have the opportunity to present the facts at issue and the applicability of provisions of the division before such advisory opinion is made. The ethics administrator may seek the advice and assistance of ~~the~~ unified government attorney where interpretation of the law is required and input, review and approval from the unified government ethics commission. The ethics administrator and the unified government attorney shall each respond within a reasonable period of time.
- (b) No person who relies upon an advisory opinion rendered pursuant to this division may be found in violation of this division except where the person relying failed to produce or omitted material facts in the request for the advisory opinion.
- (c) Such opinion, unless amended or revoked by the ethics administrator, shall be binding on the unified government in any subsequent actions concerning the unified government representative who sought the opinion and acted on it in good faith, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the advisory opinion.
- (d) Any advisory opinion issued at the direction of the ethics administrator shall be in writing and made available to the public upon request. However, the name of the person requesting the opinion, the names of the person or business entities mentioned in the opinion, and any factual information that would tend to identify the person or business entities shall be deemed confidential information and shall not be disclosed by the ethics administrator or legislative auditor.

Sec. 2-257. Distribution of ordinance/advisory opinions.

- (a) The ethics administrator shall cause a copy of this division to be made available to every unified government ~~representatives~~ representative, candidate for a unified government office, and department head of the unified government. Each department head, at the direction of the ethics administrator, shall provide each employee with information about the provisions contained in this division or provide the employee with directions on obtaining a copy of it from the unified government ethics website.
- (b) Each new unified government representative shall be furnished a copy of this division and required to read and sign a statement indicating that he has read or has had the opportunity to read the same.
- (c) A copy of ~~these signed statements~~ the ethics pledges and oaths shall be kept by the ~~unified government clerk~~ legislative auditor for the elected officials; ~~and by the legislative auditor~~ for other unified government representatives, except that the

department of human resources shall keep ~~them~~ the ethics pledges in the personnel files of each unified government employee.

Sec. 2-258. Conflicts of interest; prohibited interests.

- (a) Except as provided in this section, no unified government representative shall have a substantial interest in or engage in any of the following activities:
 - (1) Any business entity regulated by or subject to the authority of that unified government representative or regulated by or subject to the authority of the unified government agency with which the unified government representative is affiliated;
 - (2) Any business entity that is negotiating or has entered into a contract to do business with the unified government;
 - (3) Any business entity that is receiving public grant money or funds directly from the unified government or as a pass through from state or federal agencies; or
 - (4) Solicit any funds or services from any known unified government vendor or contractor for any business entity in which the unified government representative has a substantial interest.
- (b) The prohibition of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to or prevent any unified government representative from:
 - (1) Having a substantial interest in a business entity that enters into a contract that is awarded as a result of competitive bidding or sealed bids under the ordinances and policies of the unified government or a contract between the successful bidder and its subcontractors, when the unified government representative's responsibilities and actions do not include participating on behalf of the unified government in any manner in the awarding, approval, formulation, or preparation of any such contract; or
 - (2) Having a substantial interest in a business entity or being associated with or employed by a business entity that represents or is employed by clients or others in transactions or matters before the unified government where the business entity is composed solely of members of a particular profession, including the ~~unified government~~ unified government representative, which are regulated by a code of ethics formally adopted by that profession; or
 - (3) Entering into contracts with the unified government pertaining to the acquisition of real estate or real estate interests by the unified government for any public purpose, when the amount of money to be paid by the unified government for the property involved does not exceed the value of the property as established by not

less than two competent real estate appraisers appointed by the unified government; or

- (4) Appearing, without compensation, before any unified government agency or the unified government commission on behalf of constituents or in the performance of any public, official, or civic obligation or duty; or
- (5) Accepting or receiving any benefit or facility which is provided for or made available to all citizens or residents or classes of citizens or residents under any housing or other general welfare legislation or in the exercise of the police power; or
- (6) Holding stock or investing in or holding any investment in any business entity whose stock is owned or held on a broad basis by the general public, as long as such an interest constitutes less than three percent of the ownership or investment in the entity; or
- (7) Having deposits of money in any banking institution made in the ordinary course of business.

Sec. 2-259. Conflicts of interest; disqualification.

- (a) Except as permitted by state law or a unified government ordinance, ~~the~~ a unified government representative shall be disqualified and shall not participate in any matter before the unified government agency with which the unified government representative is affiliated, except in the exercise of an administrative duty or ministerial act which does not affect the disposition or decision, if, to the unified government representative's knowledge, the unified government representative, the unified government representative's spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister may be affected by the result or if any of the following may be affected by the result:
 - (1) Any business entity in which the unified government representative has an interest or in which the unified government representative knows any of the relatives listed in this section has an interest;
 - (2) Any business entity in which the unified government representative is an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee or in which the unified government representative knows any of the relatives listed in this section holds such position; however, if the business entity involved is a non-profit entity from which the unified government representative or any of the relatives listed in this section receives no personal financial remuneration of any kind, the unified government representative may participate and vote so long as the unified government representative, prior to such participation or vote, publicly discloses the full nature and extent of any relationship with the entity and any and all involvement

or connection with the matter before the commission, board, panel or task force addressing the matter;

- (3) Any business entity with which the unified government representative or, to the unified government representative's knowledge, any of the relatives listed in this section is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment;
 - (4) Any business entity which is party to an existing contract with ~~such a~~ the unified government representative, or which the unified government representative knows is a party to a contract with any of the relatives listed in this section, if the contract could reasonably be expected to result in a conflict between the private interests of a unified government representative and his or her official duties;
 - (5) Any business entity, either engaged in a transaction with the unified government regulated by or subject to the authority of a unified government agency with which the unified government representative is affiliated, or in which a direct financial interest is owned by another business entity in which the unified government representative has a direct financial interest;
 - (6) Any business entity which is a creditor or obligee of the unified government representative, or which the unified government representative knows is a creditor or obligee of any of the relatives listed in this section, with respect to a thing ~~or~~ of economic value and which is in a position to affect directly and substantially the interest of the unified government representative or any of the relatives listed in this section.
- (b) If a disqualification pursuant to subsection (a) of this section leaves ~~anybody~~ any entity with less than a quorum capable of acting, or if the disqualified unified government representative is required by law to act or is the only person authorized to act, the disqualified person shall publicly fully disclose the nature and circumstances of the conflict and may participate or act, provided that such action is first approved by the unified government commission, a unified government agency, or ethics administrator as under the circumstances may be appropriate.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a unified government representative, after full disclosure or recusal or non-participation on a specific matter based on the above stated provisions, from voting on the general budget which may include an allocation for such an entity or matter.
- (d) Subsection (a) shall not apply or disqualify a unified government representative from knowingly doing any of the following, so long as the unified government representative provides full and complete public disclosure of the nature and extent of the interest at the time of the vote or at such time as the unified government representative becomes aware of the interest:

- (1) Holding stock or investing in or holding any investment in any business entity or mutual fund whose stock is owned or held on a broad basis by the general public, as long as such an interest constitutes less than five percent of the ownership or investment in the entity;
- (2) Having deposits of money in any banking institution made in the ordinary course of business, or
- (3) Accepting or receiving any financial benefit or extension of credit in the excess of \$5,000.00, which is provided for or made available to all citizens or residents, or classes of citizens or residents.

Sec. 2-260. Employment restrictions.

- (a) A unified government representative, except a member of the unified government board of commissioners, shall not be employed ~~at the same time as by the unified government representative is employed by the unified government~~ or shall not, within one year of terminating representation with the unified government, also be employed by:
 - (1) Any business entity regulated by or subject to the authority of that unified government representative or regulated by or subject to the authority of the unified government agency with which such ~~person~~ unified government representative is or was affiliated; or
 - (2) Any business entity that is negotiating or has entered a contract to do business with a unified government agency with which the unified government representative is or was affiliated.

This prohibition does not apply to an official who is appointed pursuant to a statutory requirement that persons subject to the jurisdiction of the authority be represented in appointments to it.

- (b) A former unified government representative, except a former member of the unified government board of commissioners, shall not assist or represent a party other than the unified government in a case, contract, claim, charge, or controversy or other specific matter involving the unified government if that matter is one in which the unified government representative personally and significantly participated as a unified government representative.
- (c) A unified government representative shall not assist or represent a party for contingent compensation in any matter before or involving any unified government agency other than in a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding.
- (d) A former unified government representative, unless the former unified government representative's last annual salary did not exceed \$25,000.00, shall not sell or attempt to sell supplies, services, or construction to the unified government for one year following

the date employment ceased. The term "sell," as used in this subsection, means signing a bid, proposal, or contract, negotiating a contract, contacting any unified government representative for the purpose of obtaining, negotiating, or discussing changes in specifications, price, cost allowances, or other terms of a contract, settling disputes concerning performance of a contract, or any other liaison activity with a view toward the ultimate consummation of a sale although the actual contract therefore is subsequently negotiated by another person; provided, however, that this section is not intended to preclude a former unified government representative from accepting employment with private industry solely because the former unified government representative's new employer is a contractor with the unified government, nor shall a former unified government representative be precluded from serving as a consultant to the unified government.

- (e) A former unified government employee may, within one year of terminating their employment, respond to and be awarded a contract as a result of a public request for proposal, bid, notice of need, request for qualification, or similar public solicitation.

Sec. 2-261. Solicitation or acceptance of gifts.

- (a) A unified government representative shall not solicit any gift or knowingly accept any gift, directly or indirectly, from any person that the unified government representative knows or has reason to know:
- (1) Is doing business with ~~the~~, the unified government representative, the unified government board of commissioners or a member thereof, or as to the unified government representative, with their agency; or
 - (2) Has a financial interest that may be substantially and materially affected, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of the unified government representative's duty.
- (b) Unless a gift of any of the following would tend to call into question the impartiality and the independence of judgment of the unified government representative receiving it or, if of significant value, would give the appearance of doing so, or, if of significant value, the recipient unified government representative believes, or has reason to believe, that it is designed to do so, subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:
- (1) Meals and beverages;
 - (2) Ceremonial gifts or awards;
 - (3) Unsolicited gifts of nominal value or trivial items of informational value;
 - (4) Reasonable expenditures for food, travel, lodging, and scheduled entertainment of the unified government representative and spouse for a meeting, that are made in return for participation in a panel or speaking engagement at the meeting;

- (5) Gifts of tickets or free admission extended to ~~an~~ a unified government representative to attend a professional or intercollegiate sporting event or charitable, cultural, or political event, if the purpose of such gift or admission is a courtesy or ceremony extended to the unified government representative's office;
 - (6) A specific gift or class of gifts which the ethics administrator exempts from the operation of this section upon a finding, in writing, that acceptance of the gift or class of gifts would not be detrimental to the impartial conduct of the business of the unified government and that the gift is purely personal and private in nature;
 - (7) Gifts from a person related by blood, marriage, or a member of the household; or
 - (8) Honoraria.
- (c) The ethics administrator may by advisory opinion define further exemptions from this section as necessary or that are consistent with business practices generally.

Sec. 2-262. - Gratuities and kickbacks.

- (a) *Gratuities.* In addition to violating any other ordinance or any state or federal criminal statute, it shall be a violation of this division and a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any unified government representative or ~~former~~, former unified government representative or for any unified government representative or former unified government representative to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase requisition, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, proceeding, or application, request for ruling, determination of any claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore.
- (b) *Kickbacks.* In addition to violating any other ordinance or any state or federal criminal statutes, it shall be a violation of this division and a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a contractor, a subcontractor under a contract or order to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a contract, subcontract, or order.
- (c) *Contract clause.* The prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks contained in this section shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation therefore.

Sec. 2-265. Prestige of office.

- (a) A unified government representative shall not intentionally use the prestige of the unified government representative's office for the unified government representative's own private gain or that of ~~another~~ another, except as may be permitted under this division.
- (b) The performance of usual and customary constituent services as "usual and customary" is defined in Sec 2-253, or employment duties, without additional compensation, does not constitute the use of the prestige of office for a unified government representative's private gain or that of another.
- (c) The gain of another referred to in subsection (a) of this section is not limited to private gain.
- (d) It is the personal responsibility of each unified government representative to avoid any misuse of the prestige of office. Upon request, the ethics administrator may provide an advisory opinion to ensure proper compliance with this section.

Sec. 2-266. Nepotism.

~~No person shall be employed by the unified government if that person's spouse, child, sibling, or parent is the mayor/chief executive officer (CEO), a commissioner on the unified government board of commissioner or an employee in or assigned to the office of the mayor/chief executive officer (CEO), unified government board of commissioners, the unified government administrator, except that no person employed by the unified government prior to the adoption or substantive amendment of this provision shall be terminated for a violation of this section and, provided further, that no person employed by the unified government and becoming the spouse of another unified government employee after employment of both by the unified government shall be terminated for a violation of this section.~~

(a) Prohibitions of Hiring

- (1) A unified government representative shall not appoint or hire or participate in influencing the appointment or hiring of that representative's spouse, child, sibling, parent, or household member for any type of employment, including by contract (unless competitively bid), except in accordance with instructions and advice received from the Ethics Commission in a written advisory opinion.
- (2) "Household member" means persons having legal residence in or those presently living together at the same place of residence.

(b) Prohibitions of Supervision/Advocacy

- (1) A unified government representative shall not participate in any matter as part of his or her public duties if he or she has reason to believe or expect that any person within his or her family or any household member, as described in subsection (a) of this section, is a party to or a participant in such matter, or will

derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary loss, or obtain an employment advantage, as the case may be.

- (2) A unified government representative shall not participate in the direct supervision, evaluation, appointment, classification, promotion, transfer or discipline of any person within the representative's family or household, as described in subsection (a) of this section, in the office in which the unified government representative is serving or over which he or she exercises fiscal or jurisdictional control, except in accordance with instructions and advice received from the Ethics Commission in a written advisory opinion.

(c) Participation in Budgets.

- (1) *Specific Line Items.* In addition to the prohibitions set forth in Sec. 2-259, a unified government representative may not participate in discussion or decision-making relative to a budgetary line item that addresses or affects the employment, compensation, or benefits of any person within the unified government representative's family or household, as described in subsubsection (a) of this section, except in accordance with particular instructions and advice received from the Ethics Commission in a written advisory opinion.
- (2) *Vote on Entire Budget.* Notwithstanding the prohibitions set forth in Sec. 2-259, a unified government representative may participate in discussion or decision-making relative to approving or rejecting the entire budget as a whole, provided that the person within the unified government representative's family or household, as described in subsection (a) of this section, is impacted by the entire budget as a resident of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas as a whole, and not individually or to any greater extent than any other similarly situated resident of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

Sec. 2-267. Permitted and prohibited political activities.

(a) *Application to unified government representatives.*

- (1) The provisions of this section apply to all full-time, part-time, and temporary unified government representatives in both classified and unclassified positions, except that the provisions of subsections (c)(2), (c)(3), (c)(5) and (c)(7) shall not apply to any person employed pursuant to the authority of the mayor/chief executive officer (CEO) as an administrative assistant.
- (2) Employees in activities which are funded in whole or in substantial part by federal funds have the additional restrictions of federal law pursuant to 5 USC §1501 *et seq.* (hereafter referred to as the "Hatch Act"), and may be prohibited from taking an active part in the unified government, county, state or national elections. The

unified government's human resources department shall maintain a listing of positions subject to the Hatch Act.

- (b) *Permitted political activities.* Activities listed in this section are permitted for the unified government representatives on their own time or in accordance with declared policies of the unified government. These activities apply to county, state, and national elections and to municipal elections outside the unified government.
- (1) Each unified government representative, including an official or employee subject to the Hatch Act, may:
- a. Register and vote in any election;
 - b. As an individual, privately and publicly express an opinion on political subjects and candidates;
 - c. Be a member of a political party and participate in its activities consistent with this division;
 - d. Sign a political nomination or recall petition as an individual;
 - e. Make a financial contribution to a political party or candidate;
 - f. Participate in connection with a question that is not specifically identified with a political party, such as a constitutional amendment, referendum, or issue of similar character; or
 - g. Display bumper stickers, posters, banners, or pamphlets on private property for the endorsement of candidates or issues.
- (2) In addition, except as otherwise provided in this division, a unified government representative who is not subject to the Hatch Act may:
- a. Take an active part in the work and management of any political campaigns;
 - b. Solicit, receive, or account for funds for a political purpose;
 - c. Solicit votes in support of, or in opposition to, a political party's office;
 - d. Initiate or circulate nominating or recall petitions;
 - e. Serve as a delegate, alternate, or proxy to a political party convention;
 - f. Drive voters to the polls on behalf of a political party or candidate;
 - g. Endorse or oppose a candidate for public or political office in a political advertisement, broadcast, campaign literature, or similar material;
 - h. Seek election to political office as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

(c) *Prohibited political activities.*

- (1) *Compelled or coerced political activity.* No unified government representative shall be required to participate in or contribute to any political campaign. A unified government representative shall not be subject to direct or indirect political influence or coercion, and political affiliation or support is not a condition of employment with the unified government.
- (2) *Prohibited voluntary political activity—Employment related practices.* No unified government representative while utilizing equipment or materials of the unified government, while in a uniform normally identified with the unified government or while representing himself or herself as an employee of the unified government, except insofar as such representation is necessary for a candidate for public office to disclose a past and current employment status with the unified government shall:
 - a. Distribute campaign literature;
 - b. Give, solicit or receive contributions or subscriptions;
 - c. Promise or perform political services; or
 - d. Sign or circulate petitions for or on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office; or
 - e. Produce, authorize and/or forward social media communication (i.e., email, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to a personal computer or to others on a unified government computer or using unified government title or resources that advocates the nomination, election, support, or defeat of any identified political candidate or political issue.
- (3) *Prohibited voluntary political activity—Elections.* No official or employee of the unified government shall do any of the following:
 - a. Remain a unified government representative if the unified government representative is a successful candidate for elective office as mayor/chief executive officer, or commissioner on the board of commissioners for the unified government. Such unified government employee or official shall resign his or her employment or appointment on or before the date of his or her swearing into office. If such unified government representative does not resign his or her employment or appointment by such date, such employment or appointment shall be terminated on that date by the county administrator. Be a candidate for elective office as mayor or commissioner on the board of commissioners on the unified government unless that person resigns from employment prior to filing or declaring a candidacy for said elective office with the unified government, or be a member of the ethics commission upon filing or declaring a candidacy for said elective

- ~~office.~~ Exempted from the application of this provision is any person appointed as an official to all other unified government commissions, committees, boards, task force, or other unified government bodies or agencies and all persons holding positions designated by the unified government consolidation plan which includes the incumbent mayor/chief executive officer and the unified government board of commissioners.
- b. Circulate petitions initiating a referendum adopting, altering, or repealing a form of government of the unified government, providing for unified government officers, their manner of selection or term of office, electing to be or not to be a particular form of government, or otherwise mandating or advising elected representatives of the unified government.
 - c. Contribute more than the monetary limits established in K.S.A. 25-4153(a)(2) \$25.00 to the primary campaign or the general campaign of any candidate for elected unified government office or in support of or opposition to any referendum of the type described in subsection (c)(3)b of this section..
- (4) *Use of official authority, solicitation of funds.* No unified government representative may use his or her official authority to solicit funds or receive contributions from other officials or employees for political purposes.
 - (5) *Bumper stickers, posters, banners or pamphlets, buttons.* Bumper stickers, posters, banners, pamphlets, and buttons may not be displayed on unified government vehicles, property, or by an individual on a unified government work site, or in a uniform normally identified with the unified government. However, such articles may be displayed on private vehicles parked in employee parking areas.
 - (6) *Activities prohibited on duty, on unified government property, and/or in uniform.* Activities permitted in subsection (b)(2) of this section are prohibited when a unified government representative is on duty, including break periods. Such activities are also prohibited on unified government property and when unified government representative is in a uniform normally identified with the unified government.
 - (7) *Use of official title or designation of employment.* A unified government representative shall not use an official unified government title or designate employment with the unified government in political advertisements, endorsements, or speeches. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the mayor/chief executive officer (CEO) or any other employee acting at the direction of the commission from making statements on behalf of the unified government to local, regional, state, or federal legislative, executive, or administrative bodies, media representatives, or other interested persons or groups. Further, nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting any person from performing a service on

behalf of a person holding elective office in connection with the performance of that elected official's public duties. Further, nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting an incumbent unified government elected official from using his or her title in campaign materials, signage, or public announcements or speeches in his or her own re-election campaign.

(d) *Candidate for elective office.*

- (1) A unified government representative may seek election to a political office. During this campaign, the unified government representative shall not use an official unified government title in the political campaign other than for historical or background purposes, nor shall the person's official authority be used to affect the result of the election. In the case of an incumbent official, nothing shall prevent that official from using his or her title in campaign materials, signage, public announcements or speeches in his or her re-election campaign. If elected to political office, and such office is clearly inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to the unified government representative duties as a unified government employee, the unified government representative shall terminate his or her unified government position prior to assuming the elected position.
- (2) A unified government representative may be a candidate for a board such as, but not limited to, a school board or a library board while retaining active unified government employment and, if elected, may retain the unified government position.
- (3) An official or employee who becomes a candidate for mayor or commissioner on the board of commissioners of the unified government shall be terminated ~~upon the declaration of candidacy or filing of candidacy, whichever occurs first, unless said employee or official resigns prior thereto~~ by the county administrator on the date of his or her swearing into said office if he or she is the successful candidate in the election and has not resigned. Excluded from this prohibition are the individuals holding the positions of mayor/chief executive officer and commissioner on the unified government board of commissioners running for re-election.
- (4) A unified government representative subject to the Hatch Act may not be a candidate for elective office unless permitted under federal law.
- (5) A unified government representative may be a candidate for precinct committee positions or officer of a political party without taking an unpaid leave.

Sec. 2-269. Unified government representatives violating code.

Any unified government representative found by any court of competent jurisdiction or the ethics commission to have violated the provisions of this division, the Ethics Pledge, or the Ethics Oath may be subject to discipline as determined by the ethics commission in accordance with the provisions of this division.

Sec. 2-271. Ethics pledge for unified government representatives of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

Ethics pledge for elected officials, ~~candidates~~ unified government officials, and employees of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas:

I hereby pledge to adhere, to the best of my ability, to the following code of ethics.

1. I will perform all of my ethical and legal duties, including those specified in this code of ethics in good faith, interpreting them with integrity, sincerity, and a commitment to advance rather than evade or circumvent their spirit and purposes.
2. I will treat my office as a public trust, only using the powers and resources of public office to advance public interests, and not to attain personal benefits or pursue any other private interest incompatible with the public good.
3. I will not reveal confidential or sensitive governmental information, either anonymously or with personal attribution, unless I have good faith belief that there is a compelling public interest in revealing the information.
4. I will neither seek nor accept any form of personal benefit for performing my duties promptly, efficiently or fairly, or for the exercise of appropriate but discretionary representational authority.
5. I will take steps to assure that constituents and others who may be affected by public policies have a fair and equal opportunity to express their concerns, grievances and ideas without regard to their willingness or ability to provide me with personal benefits or political support.
6. I will not use public employees on governmental time or government property for private benefit.
7. I will not use, or allow others to use, the authority, title, or prestige of my office for the attainment of private financial, social or political benefits in any manner that is inconsistent with public interests.
8. I will not, during or after the term of my office, engage in any act or transaction which reasonably appears to sell or lend the stature and prestige of my office or otherwise creates a general perception that I have exploited my public position for private gain, or the gain of another.

9. I will not use or seek to use public facilities or employees, on government time, for political party activities, campaigning, fund raising, or other partisan or personal political activities.

10. I will not accept gratuities or engage in financial relationships that might reasonably be construed to affect my judgment or actions.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Section 2. That the original sections 2-251, 2-253, 2-254, 2-255, 2-256, 2-257, 2-258, 2-259, 2-260, 2-261, 2-262, 2-265, 2-266, 2-267, 2-269, and 2-271 are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force after its passage, approval, and publication in the official Unified Government newspaper.

**PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF
WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2025.**

Tyrone A. Garner

Mayor/CEO

ATTEST:

Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to form:

Angela Lawson, Chief Counsel



Report to Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
		Land Bank Approvals
AGENDA ITEM #11.1.		
LAND BANK OPTIONS		
BACKGROUND		
The following option application(s) was presented at the 02/03/2025 meeting: Please visit the new site to review the applications below https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html Single Family Homes – 3 Homes 1. Rickey Ramsey – 1 home 1915 N Thompson St – 110819 2. Lannell Devol Harper – 1 home 1961 N Thompson St – 109850 3. Randy Waits – 1 home 6707 Parallel Pkwy – 925111		
RECOMMENDATION		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		
FC Memo Land Bank Options 03.06.25_		

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Full Commission
FROM: Jud Knapp, Land Bank Manager
DATE: February 28, 2025
SUBJECT: Option applications for consideration

The following **option application(s)** was presented at the 02/03/2025 meeting:

Please visit the new site to review the applications below

<https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html>

A. Single Family Homes – 3 Homes

1. Rickey Ramsey – 1 home
 - i. 1915 N Thompson St – 110819
2. Lannell Devol Harper – 1 home
 - i. 1961 N Thompson St – 109850
3. Randy Waits – 1 home
 - i. 6707 Parallel Pkwy – 925111



Report to Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
		Land Bank Approvals
AGENDA ITEM #11.2.		
LAND BANK PROPERTY TRANSFERS		
BACKGROUND		
The following property transfers application(s) was presented at the 02/03/25 standing committee meeting: Please visit the new site to review the applications below https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html		
PT – Property Transfers 1. Unified Government – Storm water project 516 H N 9th St - 090304		
RECOMMENDATION		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
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ATTACHMENTS		
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M E M O R A N D U M

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 - i. 516 H N 9th St - 090304



Report to Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	Terrie Garrison, Interim Director tgarrison@wycokck.org x6726	Health Department
AGENDA ITEM #12.1.		
UPDATE: PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION OVERVIEW		
BACKGROUND		
Presentation and update from the Wyandotte County Health Department introducing the Health Department Leadership Team and an overview of divisions and programs within the department.		
RECOMMENDATION		
For information only		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		
03.06.2025 BOH slides final, WYCO PHD Manager Contacts Feb 2025, WYCO PHD Org Chart Page 1_02-20-2025, WYCO PHD Org Chart Page 2_02-20-2025, WyCo PHD 2024 Annual Report		

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Department and Division Overview



Board of Health Meeting – March 6, 2025

AGENDA

- Introduction of the Health Department Leadership Team
- Health Officer overview and comments
- Overview of the Divisions/Program Areas of the Health Department
- Broader Health Department comments from the Director's Office



Public Health
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HEALTH OFFICER

WYCO Public Health Department (PHD) Health Officer:
Dr. Allen Greiner

Responsibilities include advising and assisting the
WYCO PHD and the Board Of Health on health and
medical needs of the community

Kansas State Statute: K.S.A. 65-202

Wyandotte Co. Res. No. 2944, 8-17-1992; WyCo Code of Ordinances, Ch 17, Article I, Section 17-2



DIVISIONS



CLINICAL SERVICES

- Immunizations
 - Vaccines for Children (VFC)
- Laboratory Services
- Sexual/Reproductive/
Women's Health Services
- Other Healthcare Services
 - Limited Primary Care
 - Bonner Springs Satellite Clinic



COMMUNITY HEALTH



- Collaborates externally on health projects
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Substance Use
- Violence Prevention
- Tobacco Prevention and Retail Enforcement
- Health Equity Task Force
- Public policy analysis



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

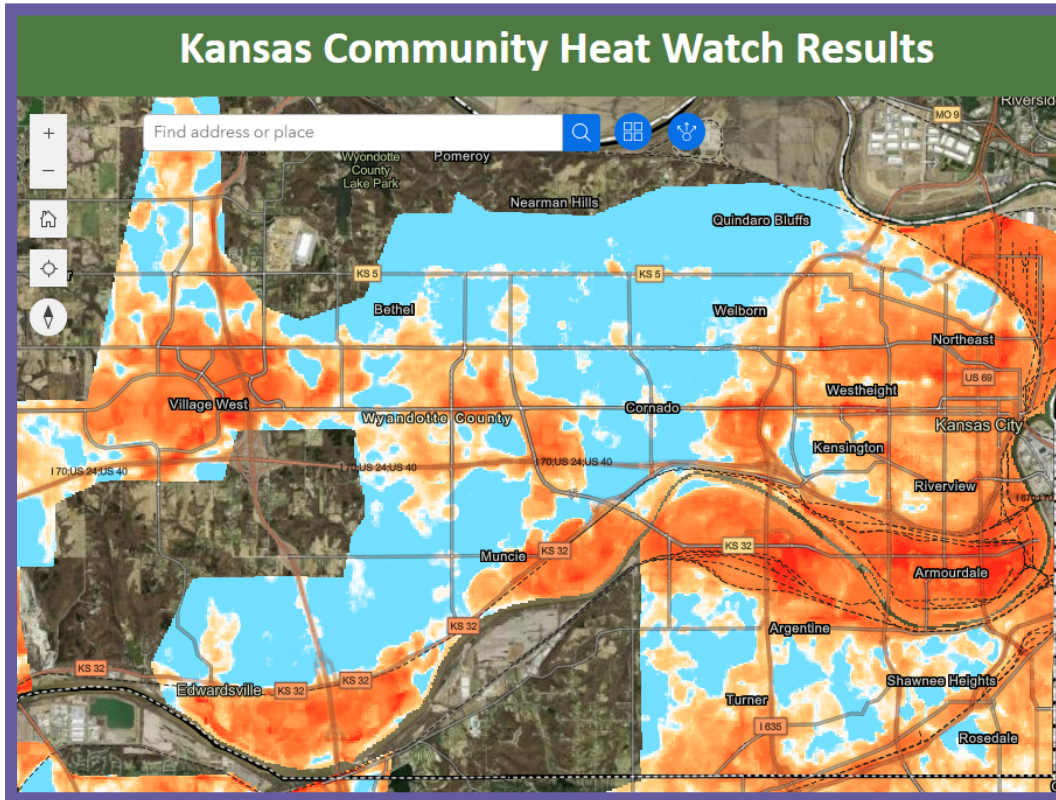
- Air Quality
- Child Care Licensing
- Environmental Inspections
- Lead Hazard Control Program
(kNOw Lead KCK)



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EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Communicable Disease Control (Infectious Disease Epidemiology)
- Social Epidemiology
- Informatics and Hot Spot Mapping



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAM / CORONER'S OFFICE

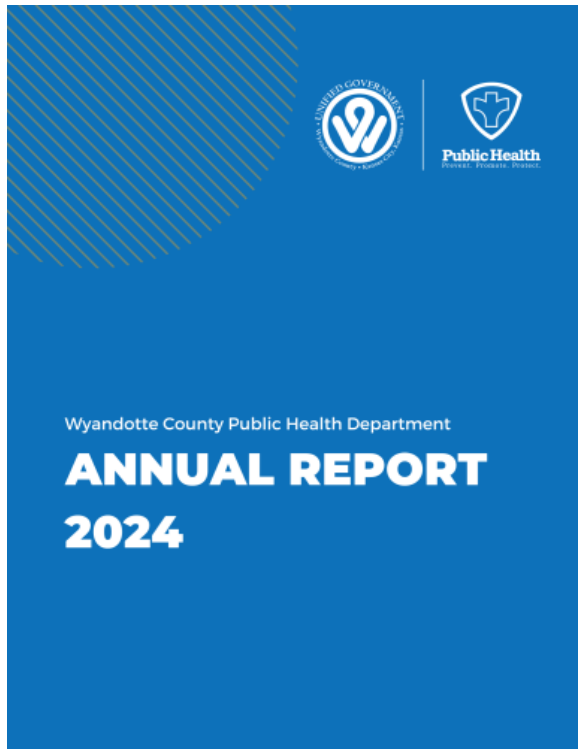
Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response:

- Mitigating, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from public health emergencies

**Coroner's Office
administrative support**



STRATEGIC OPERATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS



- Accreditation
- AmeriCorps
- Communications
- Strategic Planning
- Quality Improvement/
Performance Management



WIC | EARLY INTERVENTION & PREVENTION SERVICES

- **Women, Infants, and Children:**
Nutrition education, breastfeeding support and healthy foods
- **Healthy Families Wyandotte:**
Home Visiting Program - birth outcomes and child development
- **Youth Empowerment Services:**
Pregnancy and parenting case management (ages ≤21)

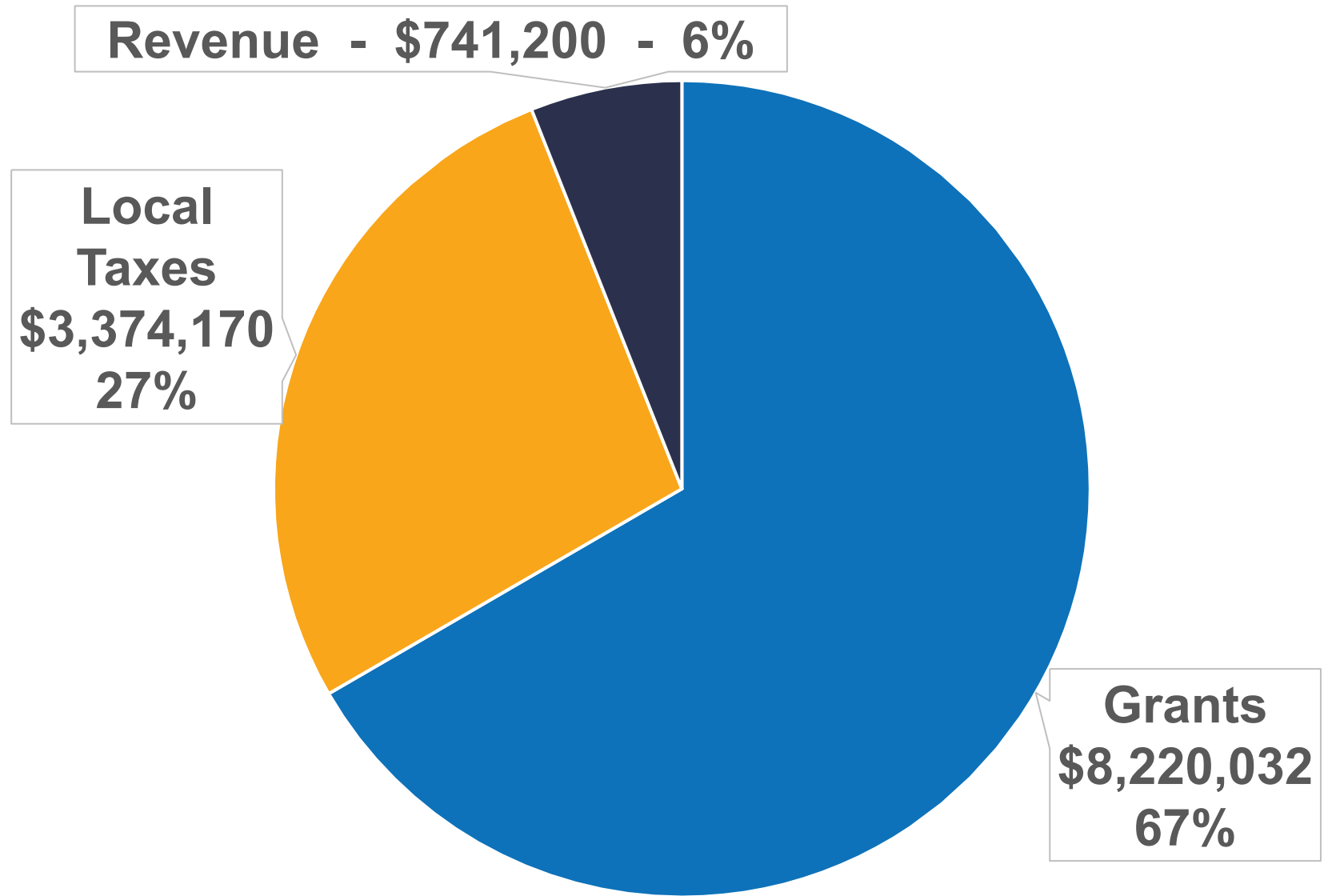


DIRECTOR'S OFFICE UPDATES



FINANCIALS

**2024 Total Operating
Revenue:**
\$12,335,402



Public Health
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OTHER UPDATES

- We currently have several vacancies we are trying to fill of these the hardest to fill are our nursing positions.
- Anyone that would like to tour the Health Department we would welcome the opportunity.
- Thank you again for the occasion to meet with you as the Board of Health.



QUESTIONS?





Wyandotte County Public Health Department

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Epidemiology

The Chief Epidemiologist position is currently vacant. Contact the Interim Director for more information in the meantime.

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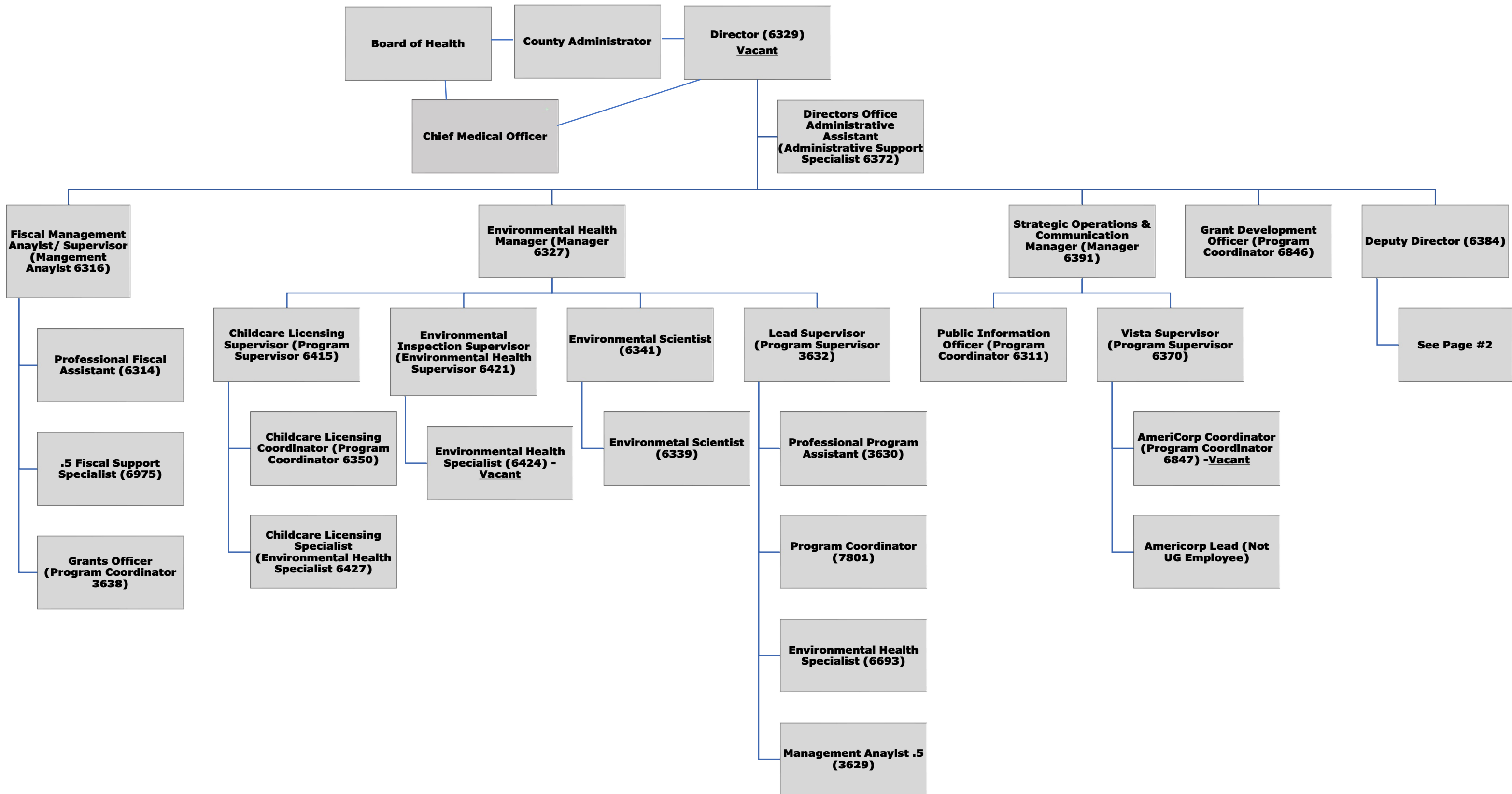
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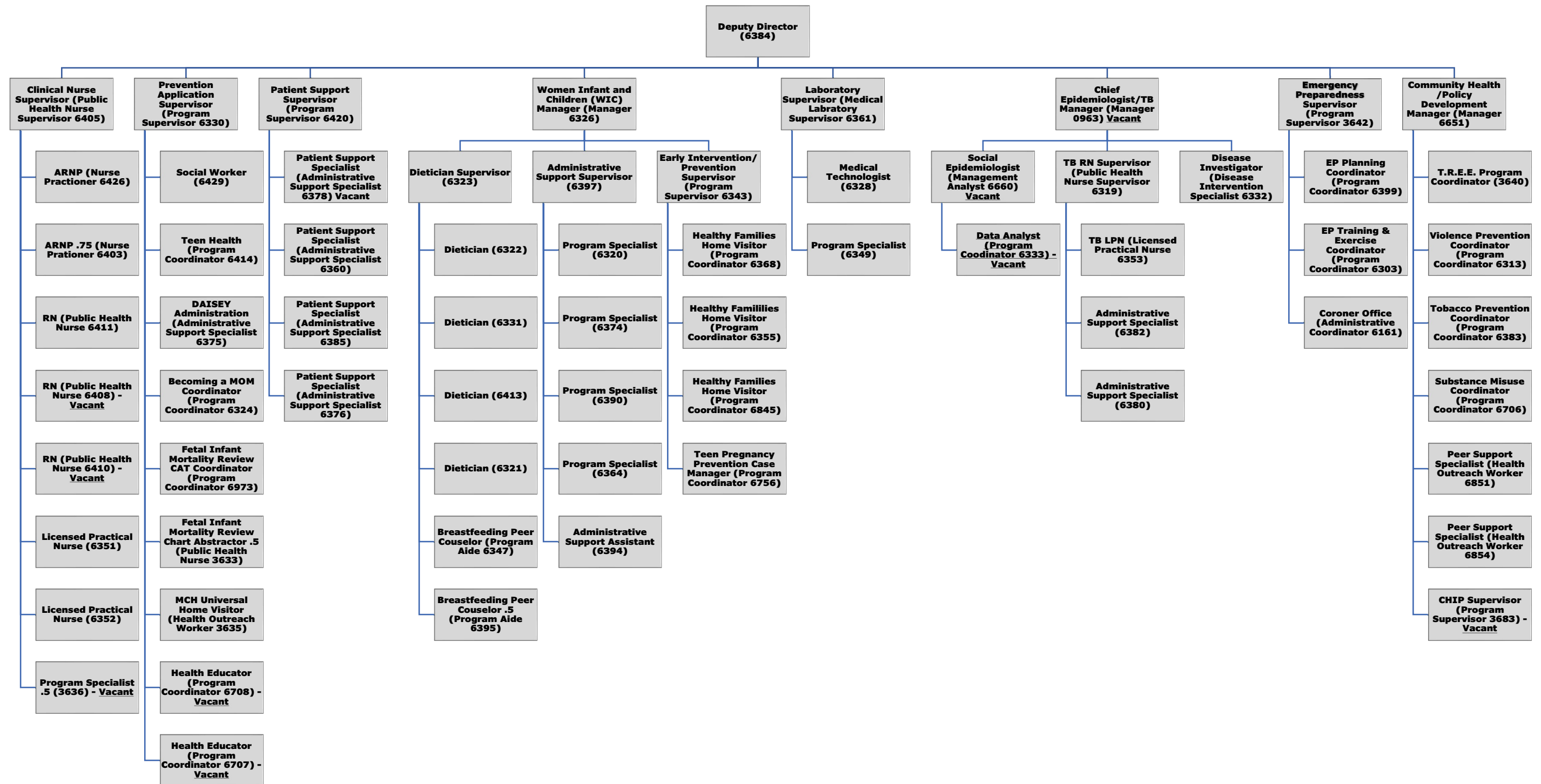
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ANNUAL REPORT

2024

WYANDOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mission

To prevent disease, promote wellness, and protect and improve the environment in Wyandotte County.

Vision

Healthy Wyandotte County residents living in a safe and clean environment.

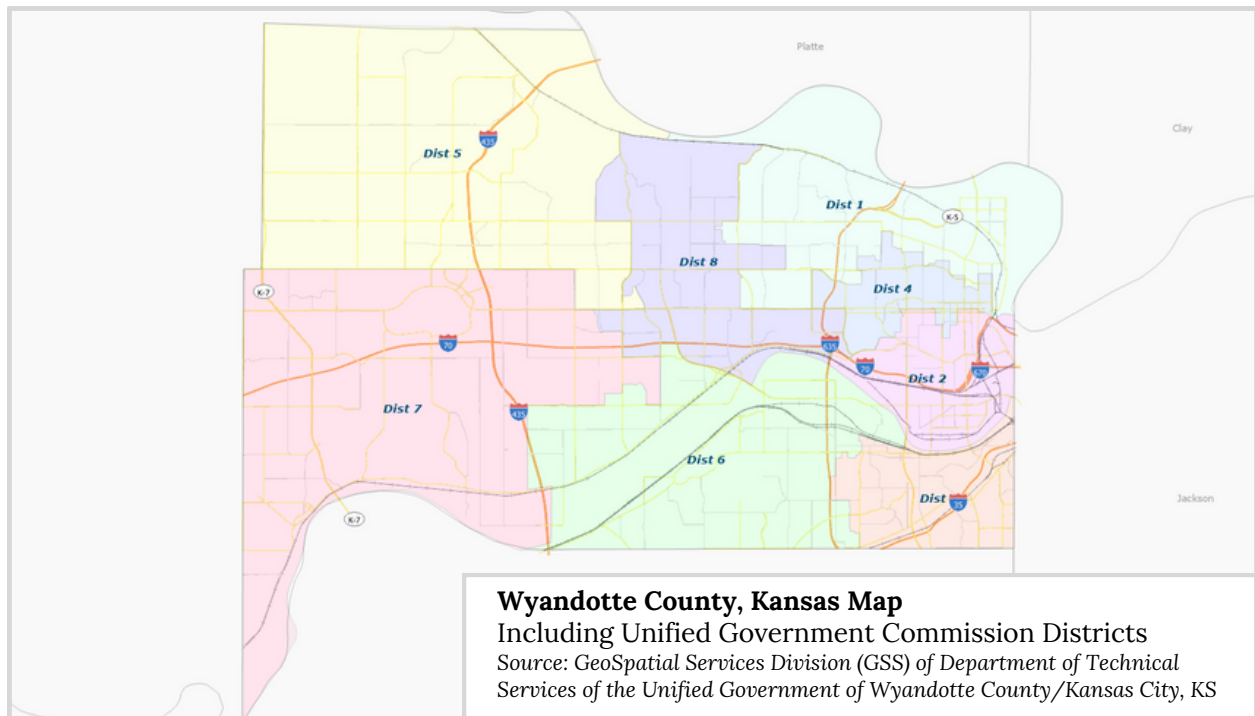


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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners and Community Members,

As we look back on 2024, I'm excited to share some highlights from the Health Department's work this past year. Here are just a few of the year's notable achievements:

- **Expanded Clinical Services:** We launched new clinical services, including treatment for common symptoms, employment physicals, and sports and camp physicals.
- **Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):** Together with community partners, we kicked off the 2024-2028 CHIP, focusing on jobs & education, health care access, safe & affordable housing, violence prevention, and behavioral health.
- **Grant Support for Septic System Improvements:** Secured a \$50,000 grant to help underserved residents repair or replace septic systems.
- **Vaccine Outreach:** Implemented a grant project to better understand why some families fall behind schedule on their kids' vaccinations while continuing vaccine outreach efforts.
- **Breast Milk Donation Site:** Established a local breast milk donation site in partnership with The Milk Bank.

This year, we also focused on planning for the future. In 2024, we launched a 5-year Strategic Plan to guide us forward. We also began getting ready for reaccreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board, which we'll apply for in 2025. Maintaining our accreditation reinforces our commitment to providing essential, high-quality public health services.

In this Annual Report, you'll also find insights into our financial stewardship. Most of our funding comes from grants, while less than one-third comes from local taxes. As we go into 2025, we will continue to look for new funding opportunities to help support our work.

As you are likely aware, Wyandotte County has historically faced many health challenges and inequities. Our county fares worse than Kansas and the U.S. on many factors that impact health, such as poverty and lack of health insurance, and we see poorer health outcomes, including lower life expectancy. We also see stark disparities across race and ethnicity, like higher infant mortality rates among Black residents. Because of this, we will continue to strive to build a focus on health equity and social determinants into our strategic plan implementation, reaccreditation efforts, our involvement in the CHIP, and our ongoing programs and services.

It's been an honor to serve Wyandotte County and work with the WyCo PHD throughout my first full calendar year as Health Department Director. I am incredibly proud of our team's hard work and deeply grateful for the collaboration of our community partners in 2024. I can't wait to see what we'll achieve together in 2025.

Thank you for your shared commitment to a healthier, stronger community.

Sincerely,



Dr. Elisha Caldwell

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Director, Wyandotte County Public Health Department

PHAB ACCREDITATION & STRATEGIC PLAN

PHAB Accreditation

Health departments in the United States are not legally required to be accredited, and the accreditation process is instead a voluntary undertaking that helps accredited health departments demonstrate their ability to provide the 10 Essential Public Health Services. Throughout 2019-2020, the Wyandotte County Public Health Department (WyCo PHD) worked hard to achieve initial accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), and, through our annual reports to PHAB in each following year, have continued to show our dedication towards remaining accredited. Reaccreditation is due in 2025, and the WyCo PHD has dedicated much time throughout 2024 preparing for the upcoming reaccreditation cycle.



WyCo PHD's accredited status shows its dedication to improving the health and wellbeing of the residents of Wyandotte County. By working collaboratively with multiple divisions both within the health department and throughout the Unified Government, the accreditation requirements and health needs of local residents continue to be met, showcasing our dedication to improving not just WyCo PHD's capabilities, but also the health of our community entirely.

Strategic Plan

The 2024-2028 strategic plan began development in 2023. Seven priority areas were chosen as the points of focus for the WyCo PHD over the next 5 years:

- Maternal and Infant Mortality
- Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Environmental Health
- Violence Prevention
- Organizational Effectiveness
- Clinical Services Evaluation

Multidisciplinary workgroups made up of staff from different divisions and programs focus on two subdivisions: clinical and community health services and organizational effectiveness. The clinical and community health services workgroups implement strategies and activities to work towards improvement in the priority areas of Maternal and Infant Mortality, Substance Use, Mental Health, Violence Prevention, and Environmental Health. The organizational effectiveness workgroups focus on safety, communications, clinical workflow, and internal systems, such as document management.

Monitorization and evaluation will be essential over the next four years to determine which areas are showing progress and which areas are remaining stagnant. In order to meet the needs of Wyandotte County residents to the best of our abilities, strategies that show lack of progress will need to be reworked and possibly replaced. Improvement, both internal through the WyCo PHD's organizational effectiveness and external through the community's improved health, will continue to remain our health department's highest priority.

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DIVISIONS

CLINICAL SERVICES

Overview

Our Clinical Services Division provides an array of healthcare services, including low-cost or sliding scale services for people who are uninsured or underinsured. Service areas include:

- **Family Planning:** Well-woman exams; breast and cervical cancer screenings; Universal Home Visiting; pregnancy testing; reproductive planning and counseling; and birth control, including oral contraceptives and long-acting birth control options (IUDs, implants, Depo-Provera).
- **Immunizations:** Childhood immunizations, travel vaccinations, and seasonal vaccines.
- **Laboratory:** Pregnancy testing, tuberculosis testing, and a variety of commonly requested direct access labs.
- **Limited Primary Care:** Treatment for common conditions, work physicals, and sports and camp physicals.
- **Prenatal Care and Resources:** Prenatal classes, low-cost prenatal care for uninsured women in the county.
- **Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Services:** Testing and treatment; HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
- **Free Naloxone (Narcan) and Fentanyl Test Strips** available at the front desk.

2024 Highlights

Tuberculosis outbreak response in collaboration with Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - TB outreach and in-house labs - **Satellite health clinic launched in Bonner Springs** - Launched new services, including treatment for common symptoms and employment physicals (ages 18+) and sports and camp physicals (ages 12+) - **Ongoing outreach vaccine events in partnership with school nurses** - Clinical/Maternal and Child Health services provided to Spanish-speaking families - **Immunization events for students behind schedule** - Expanded services for HPV and cervical cancer screening by providing colposcopies - **Vaccine outreach programs for Hepatitis A** - Neighborhood based clinics via American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and facilitated by Community Health - **Narcan distribution in collaboration with UG departments and WyCo libraries**

PHAB Measures

7.1.1: Engage with health care delivery system partners to assess access to health care services

7.1.2: Implement and evaluate strategies to improve access to healthcare services

7.2.1: Collaborate with other sectors to improve access to social services

7.2.2: Collaborate with other sectors to ensure access to care during service disruptions

Strategic Plan & Clinical Services Evaluation (CSE)

SP 1: Reduce barriers that prevent Wyandotte County residents of childbearing age from accessing family prenatal care and other needed healthcare services before -or early in- pregnancy | **SP 1:** Increase accessibility of WyCo PHD prenatal and other health services for Wyandotte County residents of childbearing age | **SP 1:** Increase trust in public health and healthcare systems by WyCo residents of childbearing age | **CSE Goal 1:** Increase the utilization of WyCo PHD STI and Family Planning Clinics | **CSE Goal 2:** Improve Clinical Flow Process from Scheduling to Checkout | **CSE Goal 3:** Improve internal and external customer satisfaction | **CSE Goal 4:** Enhance EMR utilization | **CSE Goal 5:** Close gaps in coverage, access, and quality of care among clients served

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Overview

- **Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):** Providing backbone support to implement the CHIP, a plan to improve health across our county, created every 5 years based on health data and community input collected during a Community Health Assessment.
- **Health Equity Task Force (HETF):** A collaboration between the community and WyCo PHD dedicated to improving health equity in Wyandotte County, Kansas.
- **Community Health Education Program:** Trained staff educate middle and high school students on puberty, abstinence, contraception, and adulthood preparation subjects.
- **Substance Use:** Programs and resources include a Peer Support Program, free naloxone (NARCAN®), free fentanyl test strips, and connecting people to other Kansas City Metro Area resources.
- **Tobacco:** Programs include treatment services to help people quit tobacco and stay quit and coordinating a Tobacco Free Wyandotte Action Team to reduce the burden of tobacco-related disease in our county.
- **Violence Prevention:** Initiatives to address community risk factors for violence and increase community protective factors against violence.

2024 Highlights

Launched the 2024-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan – Secured \$1.3M to provide sexual health education to KCK middle school students – **Fentanyl/Overdose PSA campaign with 1.5M impressions and 22K clicks for help** – Organized moms who lost children to fentanyl to pass Kansas Good Samaritan Overdose Law – **Peer support recovery program served 35 residents who use drugs** – Established new Local Tobacco Retail License program – **Implemented KanQuit and My Life My Quit campaigns with Spotify and bus ads** – Completed Legal Assistance project (ARPA) with Kansas Legal Services, 450 served, 55 evictions prevented – **Youth Fatality Review Committee expanded capacity through \$70,000 grant** – Hosted 14 neighborhood-based clinics through Health Equity Task Force, providing 621 clinical service engagements

PHAB Measures

- 4.1.1: Foster cross-sector collaboration to advance equity
- 4.1.2: Participate actively in a community health coalition
- 4.1.3: Engage with community members to address public health issues and promote health
- 5.1.1: Examine and contribute to improving policies and laws
- 5.2.1: Adopt a community health improvement plan (CHIP)
- 5.2.2: Encourage and participate in collaborative implementation and revision of the CHIP
- 5.2.3: Address factors that contribute to specific populations' higher health risks and poorer health outcomes

Strategic Plan

SP 2: WyCo PHD has increased collaboration with community partners to implement the behavioral health strategies in 2024-2028 CHIP | **SP 3:** Increase WyCo PHD internal capacity and resources to connect clients to needed SUD services and supports | **SP 3:** Increase collaboration between WyCo PHD community health and clinical programs regarding substance use and SUDs | **SP 4.2.4:** Increase retail tobacco compliance with UG's tobacco retail license requirements | **SP 5:** Support evidence-based Community Violence Intervention initiatives through collaborating and coordinating with the justice system, community organizations, and county residents | **SP 5:** Improve community partnerships, internal education and resources, and collaboration with intimate partner violence/domestic violence related services to reduce IPV/DV rates in Wyandotte County

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE & CORONER

Overview

The Emergency Preparedness and Response program champions WyCo PHD's readiness and efforts to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from a variety of public health threats, such as infectious diseases, natural disasters, biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events. Our department's Emergency Preparedness and Response program is part of and funded by the national Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program and Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI).

2024 Highlights

Started a new 5 year grant period with funding provided by the CDC through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement and the Cities Readiness Initiative program - Updated the Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP) which includes the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), Community Disease Containment Plan (CC), and the Public Information and Communication Plan (PIC) - **Emergency Preparedness staff completed training on chemical preparedness with the Department of Homeland Security, comprehensive resource management and credentialing, and psychological first aid** - Health Department staff completed annual training plans that included HIPAA courses, incident command classes, and emergency action plans - **Emergency Preparedness staff coordinated and completed a workshop exercise on the Community Disease Containment Plan and a full-scale exercise on use of the Propio One communications tool** - Safety and Security Committee completed updates on the Emergency Action Plan and the plan was approved by the Unified Government Safety Team - **Safety and Security Committee completed the annual Tornado Drill and a full scale fire and evacuation exercise**

PHAB Measures

- 2.2.1: Maintain a public health emergency operations plan (EOP)
- 2.2.2: Ensure continuity of operations during response
- 2.2.3: Maintain and expedite access to personnel and infrastructure for surge capacity
- 2.2.4: Ensure training for personnel engaged in response
- 2.2.5: Maintain a risk communication plan and a process for urgent 24/7 communications with response partners
- 2.2.6: Assess potential hazards, vulnerabilities, and resources in the jurisdiction
- 2.2.7: Conduct exercises and use After Action Reports (AARs) to improved preparedness and response

Strategic Plan

SP 6: WyCo PHD actively promotes the physical and psychological safety and security of staff and clients in the building and in the field

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Overview

The Environmental Health Division includes a variety of programs to monitor and address environmental conditions that can impact public health. Our Environmental Health programs work to improve the quality of life of our residents through education, inspection and the enforcement of environmental health laws and regulations in Wyandotte County. Our Environmental Health Division consists of four program areas:

- Our local **Air Quality** program works to provide a cleaner, healthier environment for the residents of Wyandotte County. We regularly inspect facilities operating under air permits to ensure that they abide by local, state, and federal air quality laws. We also monitor the ambient air quality of Wyandotte County at our local monitoring site, allowing for informed decisions on relevant environmental programs.
- The **Child Care Licensing (CCL) Program** works with all child care providers in Wyandotte County. The CCL team completes child care-related inspections, offers KDHE-approved trainings for child care providers, presents orientation meetings for new providers, and provides resources for licensed providers.
- **Environmental Inspections** is responsible for annual inspections of aquatic facilities (pools, spas, spray parks) and septic systems. Issues permits for: septic systems, septic installer licensing, and aquatic facilities.
- The **Lead Hazard Control Program (kNow Lead KCK)** provides services to lessen lead poisoning exposure and other home health hazards.

2024 Highlights

Received a KDHE wastewater grant (\$50,000) to assist underserved residents in repairing/replacing septic systems - Began digitizing septic records to identify underserved areas and sewer charge errors - **Offered lead testing and assessments throughout the year** - Conducted indoor aquatic inspections - **Implemented HUD grant activities to mitigate lead exposure in homes** - Collaborated with Children's Mercy Hospital for Healthy Homes inspections - **Conducted ambient air monitoring** - Provided training sessions on new childcare regulations - **Ongoing collaboration with USD 500 for Kindergarten Transition Kit training** - Hosted ITSN-approved training for childcare providers to earn required license renewal hours - **Focused on daycare provider recruitment efforts, including promoting startup grant resources and orientation sessions**

PHAB Measures

6.1.1: Monitor/improve inspection activities

6.1.2: Monitor/improve enforcement activities

6.2.1: Identify/implement improvement opportunities increasing compliance

6.2.2: Ensure investigation/enforcement activities are equitable

Strategic Plan

SP 4.1.1: Increase property owner awareness of- and access to- resources to address lead-based paint and other | environmental hazards | **SP 4.2.1:** Reduce the number of swimming pools that have unsafe drains | **SP 4.2.2:** Reduce the number of antiquated or failing septic systems in Wyandotte County | **SP 4.2.3:** Increase communication/collaboration between WyCo PHD divisions or programs and other UG departments that have a role to play in enforcing environmental health laws and policies | **SP 4.3.1:** Reduce health impacts of excessive heat and heat waves on Wyandotte County residents

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Overview

Our Epidemiology team collects, analyzes and interprets data about our community's health and works to stop the spread of diseases in the county. The Epidemiology Division's work includes:

- **Communicable Disease Control (Infectious Disease Epidemiology):** Monitors infectious disease data, investigates reports of communicable diseases in Wyandotte County, investigates potential outbreaks of disease, and works to prevent the spread of disease.
- **Social Epidemiology:** Collects and analyzes data relating to non-infectious diseases and social determinants of health.
- **Informatics and Hot Spot Mapping:** Collects and analyzes health-related data including population-level data and data gathered from WyCo PHD's EMR system.

2024 Highlights

Assisted in the outbreak response for a large tuberculosis outbreak - Led work for a NACCHO grant evaluating vaccine hesitancy and improving childhood vaccination rates - **Published data and interactive website regarding the Heat Mapping campaign conducted in 2023** - Conducted influenza surveillance during flu season as reported by medical providers in Wyandotte County - **Provided data and evaluation support for CHIP work** - Provided support and data to expedited partner therapy policy efforts - **Investigated a variety of communicable diseases in the county including campylobacteriosis (17 cases), cryptosporidiosis (8), hepatitis C (94), legionellosis, pertussis, shigellosis (14), and streptococcus pneumoniae (25)**

PHAB Measures

- 1.2.1: Collect non-surveillance public health data
- 1.2.2 T/L: Participate in data sharing with other entities
- 1.3.1: Analyze data and draw public health conclusions
- 1.3.2: Use data to recommend and inform public health actions
- 2.1.1: Maintain and improve surveillance systems
- 2.1.2: Ensure 24/7 access to resources for rapid detection, investigation, containment, and mitigation of health problems and EH hazards
- 2.1.3: Improve and collaboratively implement practices for investigation, containment, and mitigation of health problems and environmental hazards

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Overview

The Strategic Operations and Communications Division supports WyCo PHD operations as a whole through:

- **Accreditation:** Coordinated initial accreditation and facilitates efforts to maintain our accreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board.
- **AmeriCorps:** Supervises, manages, and facilitates the placement of 10-15 members (VISTA and Public Health Corps) per year throughout Unified Government departments and community partners.
- **Communications:** Works to promote and support the department's communication efforts through multiple channels, such as press releases, social media, etc.
- **Performance Management and Quality Improvement:** Facilitates standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the WyCo PHD and creation/oversight of the Workforce Development Plan.
- **Strategic Planning:** Reinforces and aligns goals and activities of the WyCo PHD with the evidence-based practice of accrediting bodies.

2024 Highlights

AmeriCorps VISTA Program: New members joined in Summer 2024 - \$204,800 workforce development grant allocated for staff education benefits: funded by KDHE - **Began Public Health and Accreditation Board (PHAB) reaccreditation application and data collection (to be submitted in 2025)** - Developed and built a performance management system for the WyCo PHD strategic plan implementation - **Launched WyCo PHD Communications Ambassadors Program for each WyCo PHD division**

PHAB Measures

- 3.1.1: Maintain procedures to provide ongoing, non-emergency communication outside WyCo PHD
- 3.1.2: Inform the public about public health's role and functions, and build a positive reputation of the health department in the community
- 3.1.3: Use a variety of methods to make information available to the public and assess communication strategies
- 3.2.1: Design and assess communication strategies to encourage actions to promote health
- 3.2.2: Implement and evaluate health communication efforts to encourage actions to promote health and well-being
- 8.1.1: Recruit and promote the development of a qualified and diverse public health workforce
- 8.2.1: Develop and implement a workforce development plan and strategies
- 8.2.2: Build a supportive work environment
- 9.1.1: Implement a performance management system
- 9.1.2: Establish a process that guides health department QI efforts across the department
- 9.1.3: Implement quality improvement projects
- 9.1.4: Nurture a culture of quality across the health department
- 9.2.1: Base programs and interventions on the best available evidence
- 9.2.2: Foster innovation

Strategic Plan

- SP 1:** Increase trust in public health and healthcare systems by Wyandotte County residents of childbearing age |
- SP 6:** Increase community awareness of and trust in the WyCo PHD STI, Family Planning and other clinical and community programs and services, particularly by populations experiencing health inequities

WIC/EARLY INTERVENTION & PREVENTION SERVICES

Overview

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

The Wyandotte County WIC program protects the health of low-income women who are pregnant or breastfeeding for up to one year or recently delivered up to six months, infants, and children under age five by providing:

- Nutritious foods at local grocery stores
- Breastfeeding support, including breastfeeding peer counseling
- Nutrition counseling
- Referrals to other health sources and social services

Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)

Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP) programs include:

- Healthy Families Wyandotte (HFW) – Intensive Home Visiting program for pregnant moms. Caseworkers work with the moms until their child turns 3 years old. The program focuses on child development, breastfeeding support, and birth outcomes.
- Youth Empowerment Services (YES) – Free case management for pregnant and parenting teens and young adults. Eligibility for the YES program: 1) age 21 or younger, 2) on Kansas Medicaid, 3) live in Wyandotte County, and 4) pregnant OR have a child under 12 months old.

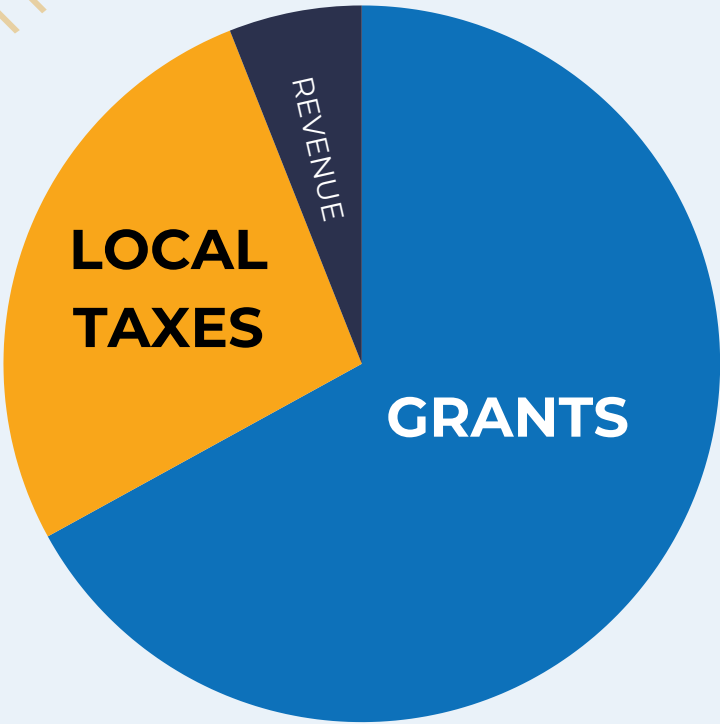
2024 Highlights

WIC celebrated 50 years with proclamation from Kansas Governor's Office – Mom & Baby Fair, hosted by WIC and the Wyandotte County Breastfeeding Coalition – **Established a breast milk donation site in partnership with The Milk Bank** – WIC served over 5,300 clients per month

PHAB Measures

7.2.1: Collaborate with other sectors to improve access to social services

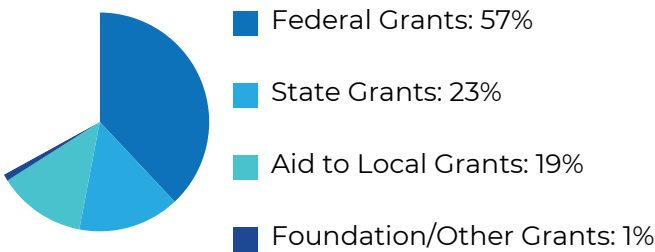
FINANCIALS



2024 Total Operating Revenue: \$12,335,402

Approximately two thirds of the WyCo PHD’s 2024 operating revenue came from grants, including a combination of federal, state, and foundation grants. Local tax dollars make up 27% of the budget, the majority of which come from the Health Tax Levy. Only 6% of the budget comes from other sources, including charges for some clinical services or for licenses, permits, and fees.

Grants: \$8,220,032 (67%)



In 2024, WyCo PHD received funds from nearly 40 different grants. These grants supported a wide array of service areas, including:

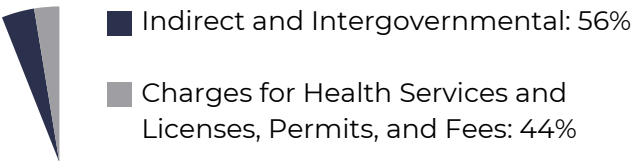
- Clinical services, such as Family Planning and Immunizations
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Home visiting for people who are pregnant or have young children
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Environmental health programs, such as lead paint remediation
- Community health initiatives, such as overdose prevention efforts
- Communicable disease control
- Public health emergency preparedness
- WyCo AmeriCorps program

Local Taxes: \$3,374,170 (27%)



County tax levies come from sources like real estate property taxes and motor vehicle taxes. The Health Tax Levy is meant to fund Health Department services.

Revenue: \$741,200 (6%)



Charges for health services include laboratory fees, immunizations, and other clinical services. Licenses, permits and fees include child care licenses, pool permits, and septic permits.



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November 14, 2024



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