



American Royal Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 2, 2026
10:00 AM

Chair Melissa Bynum

*Commissioner, District 2, Bill Burns - Commissioner, District 8, Andrew Davis-
Commissioner, District 2 At Large-Andrew Kump, Mayor/CEO – Christal E. Watson*

Location: In Person

We invite you to view the meeting in person in the 5th Floor Conference Room, Suite 515, Municipal Office Building, 701 N 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

2. Revisions to Agenda

3. Approval of committee minutes from May 8, 2026

Item No. 1. - MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2026

Synopsis: Committee Minutes of May 8, 2026

Tracking #: 21540

4. Old Business

Item No. 1. - UPDATE: ALLOCATIONS TO DATE

Tracking #: 21548

Item No. 2. - UPDATE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

Tracking #: 21541

Item No. 3. - DISCUSSION: SMALL BUSINESS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS (ONGOING VS. ONE-TIME)

Tracking #: 21542

Item No. 4. - DISCUSSION: ACCELLA UPGRADES

Tracking #: 21543

Item No. 5. - DISCUSSION: SOAR, ILLEGAL DUMPING, ENFORCEMENT

Tracking #: 21544

5. New Business

Item No. 1. - DISCUSSION: DRAINAGE/DITCH PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

Tracking #: 21545

**Item No. 2. - DISCUSSION: FIBER AND CAMERA/VIDEO INFRASTRUCTURE
EXPANSION**

Tracking #: 21546

Item No. 3. - DISCUSSION: LAND ACQUISITION FOR FUTURE FIRE STATION

Tracking #: 21552

6. Adjourn



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NOTICE OF AMERICAN ROYAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the American Royal Subcommittee of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, will be conducted in person on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.

The public is invited to view the meeting in person in the Fifth-floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



American Royal Subcommittee

Fifth Floor Conference Room

701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Chair Melissa Bynum

*Commissioner, District 2, Bill Burns - Commissioner, District 8, Andrew Davis-
Commissioner, District 2 At Large-Andrew Kump, Mayor/CEO – Christal E. Watson*

MINUTES

Friday, May 8, 2026

9:04 AM – 10:10 AM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Bynum (Chair)
- Commissioner Davis (Arrived at 9:06 a.m.)
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Kump
- Mayor/CEO Watson

Committee Members Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Jeff Conway (Legal Department)
- Rodney Lucas (Interim Assistant County Administrator)
- Chelsee Chism (Economic Development Director)
- Reginald Lindsey (Budget Director)
- Shelley Kneuveaun (Chief Financial Officer)
- Michael Peterson (Deputy Budget Director)
- Alan Howze (Assistant County Administrator)
- John Kelley (Director, Buildings & Logistics)

- Rachel Miskec (Neighborhood Resource Center Administrative Division Program Manager)
- Alicia Deville (Chief of Staff, Mayor’s office)

Call to Order

Chair Bynum called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Roll call was taken with all members present.

COMMITTEE AGENDA

No formal revisions to the agenda were announced. The Chair noted the agenda was fluid.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion Begins: 00:53)

Commissioner Kump moved to approve committee minutes from April 10, April 16 and April 29, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Burns, Kump, Bynum, Watson
- Nays: None
- Absent: Davis

OLD BUSINESS

Item No. 1. - FOLLOW UP: PROJECTS APPROVED BY COMMISSION Discussion Begins: 01:30)

Project Implementation Updates

Chair Bynum reviewed previously approved projects totaling \$865,000:

- \$150,000 downtown grocery store funding (replacement funding)
- \$250,000 Little Turkey Creek infrastructure (Public Works handling)
- \$300,000 economic mobility/business support
- \$150,000 small business grant program enhancement
- \$15,000 cultural training

Economic Mobility Project Coordination (Discussion Begins: 05:00)

Ms. Chism confirmed John Kelly will coordinate the \$300,000 economic mobility funding, which includes:

- Trash and beautification efforts
- Security enhancements/cameras
- Signage and gateway improvements
- Mural painting
- Corridor cleanup

Mr. Kelly confirmed ability to execute the \$300,000 in World Cup preparation activities, noting current camera installation progress on K-32 corridor with \$60,000+ remaining from previous \$100,000 allocation.

Dr. Kneuvean clarified this funding is specifically for before, during, and after World Cup activities, not ongoing programs.

Chair Bynum reported remaining balance of \$4.135 million available for allocation.

Item No. 2. - REPORT: WORLD CUP CULTURAL TRAINING (Discussion Begins: 03:35)

Cultural Training Implementation

Ms. DeVille confirmed the Mayor's office will handle the \$15,000 cultural training contract through Deputy Chief of Staff Daniel Silva, working with Visit KCK. Training may include security personnel pending Chief Oakman's input. Mr. Lindsey reported the funds are available immediately for distribution.

Item No. 3. - DISCUSSION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN (Discussion Begins: 12:36)

Ms. Chism reported ongoing research into costs for comprehensive economic development strategic plan, estimating \$750,000+ based on complexity similar to the \$1.2 million comprehensive plan.

Mayor Watson stated for the record desired study outcomes should target economic development competitiveness and a return on investment, and should include: Where should Wyandotte County grow? What infrastructure is needed? Which incentives produce real return? Workforce, housing and fiscal return measures. What land is truly development ready? How do we protect taxpayers? How do residents, small businesses and workers benefit?

Commissioner Kump requested implementation costs to put the plan in motion.

Commissioner Davis questioned departmental contribution possibility. Economic Development confirmed limited budget availability for contribution. In addition, staffing skills, needs and professional development should be included in the plan.

Discussion included a potential phased funding approach and RFP process requirements for projects of this magnitude.

Item No. 4. - UPDATE: KANSAS AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT CONSIDERATION AND GRANT MATCHING (Discussion Begins: 20:56)

Limited discussion due to absence of Public Works staff. ACA Howze reported earmark request submitted to Congresswoman Sharice David's office for planning funds.

Commissioner Kump moved to approve an allocation of \$1M to be set aside as economic development grant matches, including infrastructure grants. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Davis. The allocation will be included in a comprehensive package detailing remaining fund recommendations to the commission at a future date. **(Motion made at timestamp 1:06:49, after discussion of other items.)**

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Davis, Burns, Kump, Bynum, Watson
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

Item No. 1. - DISCUSSION: SOAR/ ACCELLA (Discussion Begins: 31:54)

Mr. Peterson and Mr. Knapp presented a comprehensive overview of the previous SOAR (Strategic Operations for Area Revitalization) program, which operated as coordinated anti-blight initiative using data-driven approach.

Program Components Previously Included:

- Cross-departmental coordination (Code Enforcement, Land Bank, Public Works, Planning)
- Tax delinquent property targeting
- Accelerated tax sales (increased from 2-3 annually)
- Illegal dumping enforcement
- Vacant property identification using postal/utility data
- Neighborhood-specific interventions (Park Drive pilot project)

Proposed Restoration Budget - \$1.6 Million Total:

- Abatement team: \$900,000-\$1,000,000 (\$500,000 staffing + \$400,000 equipment)
- Strategic performance management system: \$100,000
- Coordinator position: \$135,000
- Additional mowing funding: \$300,000
- Illegal dumping enforcement: \$100,000
- Livable neighborhood staffing: \$100,000

Note: \$1.1 million represents ongoing operational costs, with \$700,000 in personnel expenses.

Commissioner Davis supported visible impact projects, specifically demolition funding for problem properties like Rosedale Ridge apartment complex. Mr. Talkin, Director of the Neighborhood Resource Center, sent an email that referenced average demolition cost of \$22,000 per dangerous building, recommending additional \$200,000 in demolition budget.

Commissioner Kump noted Rosedale Ridge is scheduled for the October tax sale, requiring several hundred thousand dollars for demolition. Mayor Watson recommended a discussion with Judge Martinez to investigate possible community service participation.

Mayor Watson suggested bringing SOAR presentation to full commission during budget discussions.

Due to lack of time, no substantive discussion was held regarding Accella. This item will be heard at the next meeting.

Item No. 2. - DISCUSSION: FEE WAIVERS (Discussion Begins: 1:02:26)

Commissioner Davis clarified fee waiver discussion focused on ongoing small business support rather than World Cup-specific relief.

Ms. Miskec reported business license and occupational tax generates over \$3 million annually. Short-term rental fees are \$50 per unit with approximately 60 applications processed for World Cup.

Item No. 3. - DISTRIBUTION: DISTRICT-BY-DISTRICT FUND DISTRIBUTION

Due to lack of time, no substantive discussion was held regarding this item.

**Item No. 4. - FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (Discussion Begins: 1:00:56)
ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

- Economic development strategic plan firm numbers
- ACELLA program presentation
- Small business enhancement programs (ongoing vs. one-time)
- SOAR allocations
- Senior property tax rebate education program
- Property tax circuit breaker program funding
- Drainage/ditch program improvements
- Public Works infrastructure updates
- Police fiber optic system upgrades
- Demolition funding for priority properties
- Additional illegal dumping enforcement cameras and messaging

MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES (Discussion Begins: 1:07:21)

Next Meeting Scheduling

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27 at 3:00 PM. [After the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting date was changed to **June 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**]

Adjourn (Discussion Begins: 1:14:02)

Commissioner Kump moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Davis, Burns, Kump, Bynum, Watson
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Report to American Royal Subcommittee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| 06.02.26 | | UG Clerk |
| AGENDA ITEM #IV.1. | | |
| UPDATE: Allocations to Date | | |
| BACKGROUND | | |
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| RECOMMENDATION | | |
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| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| ATTACHMENTS | | |
| American Royal Subcommittee Funding Allocations 6.2.26 | | |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

American Royal Subcommittee Funding Allocations

\$5,000,000

Initial Allocation

Approved by BOC:

\$ 150,000

Downtown Grocery Store Replacement Funding

\$ 250,000

Little Turkey Creek Infrastructure

\$ 300,000

Economic Mobility Business Support

\$ 150,000

Small Business Grant Program Enhancement

\$ 15,000

Cultural Training

Approved by Committee, Waiting BOC Approval:

\$1,000,000

Grant matching for Economic Development Grant
Matches, including Infrastructure Grants

(\$1,865,000)

Total allocated

\$3,135,000

Funds available June 2, 2026



Report to
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| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| 06.02.26 | | Economic Development |
| AGENDA ITEM #IV.2. | | |
| UPDATE: Economic Development Strategic Plan | | |
| BACKGROUND | | |
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| RECOMMENDATION | | |
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| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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Report to American Royal Subcommittee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| 06.02.26 | | Economic Development |
| AGENDA ITEM #IV.3. | | |
| DISCUSSION: Small Business Enhancement Programs (Ongoing vs. one-time) | | |
| BACKGROUND | | |
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| RECOMMENDATION | | |
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| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| ATTACHMENTS | | |
| 6.2.26 Small Business Grant Presentation | | |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

American Royal Subcommittee

June 2, 2026

The Small Business Grant

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Small Business Grant

A program to assist small businesses in Kansas City, Kansas by offering funding while addressing the economic fact, 80% of Wyandotte County businesses are classified as small businesses. The funds will support:

- Renovation costs (sheetrock, flooring, painting, etc.)
- Facade and minor roof repairs (painting, sealing, etc.)
- Inventory costs (other than office supplies)
- Equipment cost
- Marketing (web page, signage, etc.)

History

- 2015 - Pilot program initiative
- 2016 - Purpose statement was initiated to stimulate growth, urban innovation and sustainability of small businesses in Kansas City, KS.
- Grants up to \$10,000; award amount based on need and matching investment.
- 2025 – \$10,000 funded to each awardee, no match required

Program Requirements



- At least 1 year of operation
- Less than 25 employees
- Proof of ownership or lease agreement of the business address located in Kansas City, KS
- Previous year business taxes
- Occupational tax certificate
- Secretary of state registration certificate
- Business plan outlining existing business/expansion plans related to the grant request
- Summary report detailing the intended use of the requested amount and how it will benefit the local community
- Budget verifying each year of projections for the next three years

Grant Funding

- The Small Business Grant Program has historically been funded through a percentage of the UG Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) issuance fees
- 2020 - 2022 funding in lieu of COVID-19, KCK Small Business Resiliency Grants, Small Business Relief Loans through the CARES Act and ARPA funds totaling over \$825,000
- 2025 – \$50,000 funded from The Economic Development budget
- 2026 – \$100,000 program funding increase from the American Royal Funding

Small Business Grant Goals



- Offer financial assistance to qualified applicants with existing businesses primed for expansion moving to the next level of growth
- Increase the number of small business in Kansas City, KS
- Support growth in the downtown core while revitalizing our legacy urban areas in the community
- Increase awareness and utilization of the small business grant
- Educate business owners of useful tools, programs and resources to discover additional strategies of local success

2023 Small Business Grant Awardees



2024 Small Business Grant Awardees

Altar Support

\$10,000 Facility expansion

Beautiful Outdoors

\$10,000 Upgrading equipment & expansion

No Limit Fitness KC

\$10,000 Services & programs implemented promoting good health

Right Touch

\$10,000 Facility expansion, haircare tools & products

2025 Small Business Grant Awardees

Brasa Nation, LLC

\$10,000 Maintenance, branding & advertisement

Candy Factory Creative, LLC

\$10,000 Upgrading façade, improve storage of materials

Leah's Laundromat on the Q, LLC

\$10,000 Maintenance & upgrading equipment

RMVK Enterprises, LLC

\$10,000 Upgrading Diagnostic & technological equipment systems

VIVE Promo & Print

\$10,000 Equipment upgrades



2026 Small Grant Submission Status

7 applications submitted
3 pending approval



Program Updates

- ✓ **Faces Of Entrepreneurship – an opportunity to engage, network and celebrate local businesses**
- ✓ **Collaborate with Kansas City, MO, to highlight and showcase WYCO business in lieu of the World Cup**

Coming Soon

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DotteBiz

Get help for your business
from the Unified Government

Get help with...

Starting a Business

Expanding a Business

Becoming a Vendor and
Working with the UG

Business Certifications

Obtaining Financial Assistance

Preparing a Business Location

Getting started is easy!

- 1 Go to dottebiz.wycokck.org
- 2 Answer a few questions about your business and your goals.
- 3 Get a customized list of steps for you to take to achieve your business goals.
- 4 Get more help from UG staff when you need it.



Dotte Biz

A program that offers a step-by-step guide for those interested in starting a business and those growing their business by offering a user-friendly detailed checklist and resource guides. This platform makes it easier than ever to find information regarding certifications, grant programs and other financing options, as well as how to become a Unified Government vendor for goods and services.

Moving Forward

UG website updated with current program and application details

Social media outreach launched to increase community awareness

Utilizing the digital platform by transitioning to a fully online application, eliminating paper to improve efficiency internally and for the applicant

Interview with the UG media team for marketing and program awareness

Strengthen internal, external and community partnerships to promote available opportunities and resources

Form a small committee to help validate and review application approvals

Questions & Comments



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Report to American Royal Subcommittee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| 06.02.26 | | Neighborhood Resource Center |
| AGENDA ITEM #IV.4. | | |
| DISCUSSION: Accella Upgrades | | |
| BACKGROUND | | |
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| RECOMMENDATION | | |
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| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| ATTACHMENTS | | |
| American Royal Subcommittee 200k ask Accela Platform 5 6 2026 | | |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.



Proposal: Continued Funding for Accela Platform Optimization (26–27)

Executive Summary

The Accela Platform is the Unified Government's primary system for permitting, licensing, inspections, and plan review. Over the past year, significant modernization work has transformed Accela from an aging, highly customized, unstable system into a cloud-based, secure, scalable platform that supports faster service delivery for improved customer experience.

To maintain this momentum and prevent regression, this proposal requests \$175,000 for a 12-month Managed Application Services (MAS) contract for 2026–2027, along with device upgrades for field operations. Continued investment will directly support economic development by shortening approval timelines, improving reliability, and enabling a seamless digital experience for residents and businesses.

Accomplishments Since Cloud Migration (April 2025–April 2026)

Following the migration of Accela to the cloud in April 2025, the Unified Government team—supported by MAS—completed substantial improvements that strengthened the platform and improved service delivery:

- **Security & Stability:** Comprehensive security reviews, remediation of long-standing system breaks, and stabilization of critical workflows.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Increased document upload limits, resolved configuration defects, and improved staff workflow performance.
- **Customer Communication:** Adoption of in-platform notifications replaced email-only communications, improving responsiveness and transparency.
- **Internal Capacity Building:** Staff development in enterprise change control, configuration, and testing to reduce reliance on external vendors over time.

- **UG Website Integration:** Embedded Accela directly into the UG website to streamline access and reduce navigation barriers for residents and businesses.
- **Payment Processing Improvements:** Strengthened back-end payment integration, reducing failures and improving trust in online transactions.
- **Training Resources:** Developed structured training guides and onboarding materials for staff.
- **Workflow Enhancements:** Implemented targeted workflow and reporting improvements addressing persistent user pain points.
- **Innovation Through Real-Need BETA Testing:**
 - **Short-Term Rental Application for the 2026 World Cup:** End-to-end digital workflow, integrated Fire review, digital notifications, and portal-based payments.
 - **Customer Kiosks:** Installed kiosks in the NRC lobby, expanding digital access for walk-in customers.

These improvements have moved the platform closer to modern permitting and licensing standards, helped staff work faster, and improved the citizen experience.

Current Challenge: Funding Risk

MAS support is at risk for 2026–2027, which threatens the ability to:

- Respond quickly to issues affecting public services
- Maintain security and regulatory compliance
- Continue workflow modernization and reduce manual processes
- Meet increasing customer expectations for digital government services

Loss of MAS would continue the Unified Government's reactive, slow-response posture and erode the progress made over the last year.

Why Continued MAS Funding Is Essential

Accela Managed Application Services provide:

- **Proactive Optimization:** Continuous system tuning and performance improvements rather than only reactive “break/fix” support.
- **Release Management:** Risk assessment and testing for each new product release to ensure stability and compliance.
- **Enhanced Reporting:** Access to the Enhanced Reporting Database (ERDB), restoring advanced analytics and improving reporting accuracy.

- **Configuration Expertise:** Dedicated specialists to refine workflows, reduce processing time, and enhance user experience.
- **Scalable Capacity:** Ensures the system can handle growing demand without performance degradation.

The level of Accela optimization expected by residents, developers, and businesses cannot be sustained without professional support.

Additional Field Technology Needs

To complement MAS and ensure field staff can fully leverage the optimized platform, device upgrades are required for inspectors and field personnel. Current devices are nearing end-of-life and struggle to support modern cloud-based applications.

Upgrading to newer, secure, and faster tablets and laptops will:

- Improve real-time data entry and inspection reporting
- Reduce downtime caused by hardware limitations
- Enhance connectivity for mobile workflows
- Support digital signature capture and photo documentation in the field

These upgrades will directly improve service delivery, reduce manual data re-entry, and strengthen the connection between field operations and the Accela platform.

Financial Summary

| Item | Description | Estimated Cost |
|---|--|------------------|
| Managed Application Services (MAS) Contract | 12-month engagement for proactive system management, optimization, and support | \$175,000 |
| Field Device Upgrades | Replacement of aging tablets and laptops for inspectors and field staff | \$25,000 |
| Total Requested Funding | | \$200,000 |

Expected Outcomes

- Sustained system stability and security compliance
- Faster permit and license processing times

- Improved customer satisfaction and transparency
- Reduced dependency on emergency vendor support
- Enhanced data accuracy and reporting capabilities
- Strengthened digital infrastructure supporting economic growth

Conclusion

The Unified Government's investment in Accela modernization has delivered measurable improvements in efficiency, reliability, and customer experience. Continued funding for Managed Application Services and field technology upgrades is essential to preserve these gains, sustain innovation, and ensure the platform continues to meet the evolving needs of residents, businesses, and staff.



Report to American Royal Subcommittee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| 06.02.26 | | Economic Development |
| AGENDA ITEM #IV.5. | | |
| DISCUSSION: SOAR, Illegal Dumping, Enforcement | | |
| BACKGROUND | | |
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| RECOMMENDATION | | |
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| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| ATTACHMENTS | | |
| SOAR Summary | | |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT SOAR PROGRAM

Summary & Overview

ORIGINATION & STRUCTURE

- WHAT WORKS CITIES INITIATIVE - 2016
 - SPECIFICALLY TARGETING BLIGHT REDUCTION
- FOCUSED ON COLLABORATION ACROSS DEPARTMENTS / DATA SHARING & ANALYTICS
 - BREAKING DOWN SILOS
 - DATA DRIVEN PROCESS IMPROVEMENT
 - CREATIVE SOLUTIONING & IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST PRACTICES
 - STRATEGIC REALLOCATION OF EXISTING RESOURCES & TARGETING OF NEW RESOURCES WHERE NEEDED

TOPICS ADDRESSED - EXAMPLES

- UNFIT PROPERTIES
- CODE VIOLATIONS
 - ABATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS
- LITTER & ILLEGAL DUMPING
- GRAFFITI
- NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION
- VACANT PROPERTIES / ABSENTEE LANDLORDS
- TAX DELINQUENCY
- MOWING

DEPARTMENT COLLABORATION

- Neighborhood Resource Center
 - Code Enforcement
 - Livable Neighborhoods
 - Demolition
- Appraiser
- Treasury
 - Property Tax
- Register of Deeds
- Police Department
 - Community Policing
- Fire Department
- Economic Development
 - Land Bank
- Planning & Land Use
- Community Development
- Transportation
- Sheriff
- Parks & Recreation
- Buildings & Logistics
- Public Works
 - Streets
 - Geospatial Services
 - Environmental Services
 - Engineering / Asset Management
- Health Department
 - Community Health Improvement Plan
 - AmeriCorps VISTA
- Strategic Communications
- County Administration
- Mayor & Commission
- Technology

POTENTIAL BUDGET IMPACTS / PROGRAMS

- SECOND ABATEMENT TEAM (FORMERLY QUICK RESPONSE TRASH TEAM)
 - ESTIMATED \$475k staffing plus \$350k equipment startup -> \$825,000
- BOARDING/DEMOLITION OF UNFIT STRUCTURES
- STRATEGIC/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ~ \$100,000 ESTIMATE
- STRATEGIC INITIATIVE COORDINATOR ~ \$135,000
- ADDITIONAL MOWING FUNDING ~ \$310,000 Reduction made in 2025 budget
- ILLEGAL DUMPING ENFORCEMENT ~ \$150,000 one-time 2026 allocation
- LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS STAFFING - \$100,000 cut in 2025 budget
- COMMUNICATIONS / EDUCATION INITIATIVES
- ADOPT-A-SPOT



Report to American Royal Subcommittee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| 06.02.26 | | Public Works |
| AGENDA ITEM #V.1. | | |
| DISCUSSION: Drainage/ditch Program Improvements | | |
| BACKGROUND | | |
| Ditching Program Overview | | |
| RECOMMENDATION | | |
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| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS | | |
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| ATTACHMENTS | | |
| Ditching Program Info Overview | | |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

Ditching Program Info Overview:

- The UG has had ditching maintenance deferred since the unification in 1997 (25+ Years)
- HG Consults was solicited to provide a comprehensive approach to reinstating the Ditching Program in 2023.
 - Development of Public Education and Outreach Materials
 - Implementation into the Stormwater Guide
 - No Ordinance changes were required as a result of this program establishment
 - ~1,000 ditches identified
 - ~600 culvert pipes identified
 - ¾ of the inspections were performed with desktop analysis for cost savings
- Current Ditching backlog of Service Requests in Lucity (203 Locations) - Actual Customer Requests
 - District 1 - 35
 - District 2 - 0
 - District 3 - 20
 - District 4 - 3
 - District 5 - 28
 - District 6 - 66
 - District 7 - 10
 - District 8 - 41
- Initial Ditching Project Locations
 - 6715 Webster Ave - 1st Ditching Location (Pics attached)
 - Completed in 2020
 - Amino Brothers
 - ~\$15,000.00
 - 2 Driveway Approaches
 - 2 Culvert Pipes
 - 3 Ditches reconstructed and stabilized
 - No Utility Conflicts
 - Did not solve the water getting into resident's basement, as she still had poor foundation drainage.
 - 2567 S 37th St
 - Completed in 2024
 - Dean and Sons Construction
 - Stormwater was not staying in the ditch and was creating a life safety traffic hazard for weeks after a storm event.
 - ~\$10,000.00
 - 3 Ditches reshaped and restored
 - 1 Culver Pipe replaced
 - 1 New driveway approach
 - 2920 N 78th St

- Completed in 2024
 - Wiedenmann Heavy Construction
 - ~\$85,000.00
 - Most innovative (Infiltration Basins - #4)
 - Required minor design
 - Did solve the resident's concern with flooding down driveway and into basement.
 - The main reason this happened to begin with was due to a privacy fence installed into the drainage swale between homes.
 - 2900 N 78th ended up calling a year later and stating that they still have pooling in front of their property. Funding did not allow us to chase it beyond the immediate vicinity.
 - Major BPU Utility Conflict
- 4114 N 49th Dr
 - Completed in 2024
 - Linaweaver Construction
 - ~\$130,000.00 for first Construction
 - This did not cover all the work that we felt was necessary, but seemed to meet the immediate need.
 - Major hillside groundwater spring was causing severe damage to the roadway, as well as, creating a life safety hazard with moss/scum during the summer and ice in the winter.
 - July 12th, 2025 Storm Event
 - Damage occurred to this area that caused the road to be shut down.
 - Damage occurred outside of the original work limits. If we had the entire amount to do the work the first time, the damage would have been significantly worse.
 - Amino Brothers (2026)
 - \$290,000.00 for re-construction
 - Currently under construction
- 2122 N 43rd St
 - Completed in 2025
 - Multiple homes impacted with flooding.
 - SAK Construction
 - ~\$15,000.00 for some minor ditching and rock lining
- 5100 Sewell
 - Linaweaver Construction
 - ~\$40,000.00
 - Entire hillside of property was sloughing off into the roadway. UG performed a culvert upsize and it started to erode the foot of the hillside.
 - Common sense approach to hillside stabilization, ditching, and utility and ROW management.

We have others listed, as well as additional pictures that can be submitted. Please let me know if you would like more pics and locations.

Bottom Line – While the initial analysis identified approximately \$13 million in ditching work needed throughout KCK, completing the identified work can sometimes create additional downstream impacts that must also be addressed. For example, reestablishing a ditch at one location without evaluating downstream conditions could unintentionally create ponding issues that result in greater damage or flooding than currently exists. As a result, ditching projects often experience cost increases as each location is more thoroughly evaluated and designed. Because of this, stating that \$13 million will address all deficiencies would likely not be accurate by the time each project is fully designed and constructed. Based on the work completed since the Ditching Program was established, we have consistently identified additional project-specific costs during implementation. We will continue refining our estimates in the future to better account for these unknowns.

Below are some pictures from completed projects:





Sep 23, 2025 8:40:17 AM
2124 North 43rd Street
Kansas City
Wyandotte County
Kansas



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4615 Greeley Avenue
Kansas City
Wyandotte County
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| 06.02.26 | | Technology |
| AGENDA ITEM #V.2. | | |
| DISCUSSION: Fiber and CameraVideo Infrastructure Expansion | | |
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Proposal: Priority Funding for Fiber & Camera/Video Infrastructure Expansion (2026–2027)

Executive Summary

Robust fiber and video infrastructure is one of the most powerful economic development tools available to the Unified Government (UG). It enables high-bandwidth connectivity for businesses, supports efficient public safety operations, strengthens neighborhood livability, and serves as a core amenity evaluated by developers when determining where to invest.

Over recent budget cycles, capital dollars for fiber expansion have been removed from proposed funding packages, leaving only a limited \$200,000 operations budget to support ongoing hardware, software, basic troubleshooting, networking contracts, and maintenance. This constraint limits the ability to expand strategic corridors, connect critical facilities, and build the resilient digital foundation that modern development requires.

To remain competitive and continue attracting investment to Wyandotte County, priority funding is requested for a set of high-impact fiber and video expansion projects totaling **\$500,000**, identified and prioritized by the Fiber/Camera/Video Governance Team, comprised of UG departments and BPU.

Current State & Operational Realities

The current **\$200,000 operating budget** must cover essential enterprise functions, including:

- Network and security contracts required to support fiber and video systems
- Troubleshooting for fiber, networking, and camera systems not maintained by DOTS
- Small-scale fiber and video deployments
- Ongoing vendor-provided maintenance

This operating budget is insufficient to support expansion. It covers only “keeping the lights on,” not the forward-looking infrastructure development necessary for business attraction, smart city modernization, or public safety advancement.

Critical Need for Investment

The lack of capital funding has stalled progress on projects previously identified by the governance team, despite their high value to economic development, public safety, and strategic growth planning.

Proposed Priority Expansion Corridors (2026–2027)

1. Leavenworth Road Fiber Extension (Beyond 77th Street)

Impact:

- Connects Fire Station at 3046 N. 81st Street, traffic signals, and LPR sites
- Improves emergency response reliability and real-time data flow
- Supports commercial reinvestment along Leavenworth Road
- Builds the foundation for future residential and mixed-use development

2. Parallel Parkway Extension (Reaching the Edge of the Potential Chiefs Stadium Area)

Impact:

- Supports one of Wyandotte County's highest-profile development zones
- Lays the foundation for fiber-ready infrastructure for stadium-related, entertainment, hospitality, and mixed-use development
- Prepares the district with the connectivity required for event operations, traffic management, and public safety technologies

3. Fairfax Business District Expansion

Impact:

- Supports manufacturers, logistics companies, and industrial employers with modern connectivity
- Improves site competitiveness for future expansions and new business recruitment
- Enhances camera coverage and traffic signal integration in one of the county's most economically significant job centers

4. Metropolitan Avenue Expansion (West to I-635)

Impact:

- Improves network redundancy and connectivity across a high-traffic corridor
- Supports small business growth and neighborhood services
- Enables better integration of traffic cameras, license plate readers, and video analytics

Why Fiber Expansion Drives Economic Development

Business Attraction & Retention

- High-speed fiber connectivity is a baseline requirement for modern businesses, influencing site selection and investment decisions.
- Reliable infrastructure supports advanced manufacturing, logistics, and technology-driven industries.

Public Safety & Smart City Integration

- Expanding fiber and video networks enhances real-time monitoring, emergency response, and data-driven decision-making.
- Supports integration of traffic management systems, license plate readers, and public safety cameras.

Neighborhood Livability & Equity

- Expanding fiber access improves digital equity, enabling residents and small businesses to participate in the digital economy.
- Strengthens community resilience through improved connectivity for schools, libraries, and public facilities.

Long-Term Fiscal Efficiency

- Investing in UG-owned fiber reduces reliance on leased networks, lowering long-term operational costs.
- Creates scalable infrastructure that supports future technologies and development without repeated capital outlays.

Funding Request Summary

Total Requested Capital Investment: \$500,000

Purpose: Expansion of UG fiber and video infrastructure across four strategic corridors

Outcome: Strengthened economic competitiveness, improved public safety, and enhanced digital readiness for Wyandotte County

Conclusion

Strategic investment in fiber and video infrastructure is essential to the Unified Government's mission of fostering economic growth, public safety, and community connectivity. By prioritizing these projects in the 2026–2027 budget cycle, the UG can position Wyandotte County as a leader in digital infrastructure, ready to support the next generation of development and innovation.



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| 06.02.26 | | Economic Development |
| AGENDA ITEM #V.3. | | |
| DISCUSSION: Land Acquisition for future Fire Station | | |
| BACKGROUND | | |
| Discussion regarding \$300,000 for possible land acquisition of future fire station near 78th & I70. | | |
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