

Cattle Chat: Keeping Your Facilities In Working Order

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Many people will agree driving a manual transmission vehicle is much more challenging than driving an automatic, leading them to opt for the easier driving experience when making a vehicle purchase.

As with the driving experience, moving cattle through the on-farm processing facilities is best done with a well-main-

tained pen and chute system that allows for the easy flow of the animals, say the experts at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute, joined recently by guest K-State beef cattle extension veterinarian A.J. Tarpoff.

Speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast, the group recommended evaluating the current processing facilities before moving animals or making adjustments.

“Before processing, start

with basic preventative maintenance, such as making sure the gear teeth are in order, that the movable points are well-oiled, and similar chores,” K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers said. “Also, walk through the alleyways to make sure they are safe and are free of loose, sharp edges.”

He added: “By doing this, we can reduce the likelihood of injuries for the people and the cattle.”

Another tip is to make sure that the facilities are set up in a way that works best for the size of the cattle that are being handled.

“Think about what is the right size for the herd — how many cows will I need to move, can I change the width easily for cows versus calves? These are questions producers should be thinking through,” said K-State veterinarian Bob Larson.

As the herd's needs change, Tarpoff said it is important to think about investing in the facilities.

“A simple, well-built straight alley with functional sorting gates that can

be used for sorting, loading, and processing is one of the best investments producers can make for their cow-calf operation. It's easy to invest in something you regularly use,” Tarpoff said.

Along with those recommendations, K-State beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster said it is important to build a facility with the labor in mind because sometimes people are moving cattle alone.

“Keep it simple. You don't need to build an elaborate facility, but instead design a system that will work for the labor you have available,” Lancaster said.

One last tip came from K-State veterinarian Brad White.

“Before you start moving cattle through the system, walk through the alleyways to see if there is anything protruding that will cause the cattle to get injured or balk as they are being pushed ahead,” he said.

To hear the full discussion, listen to Cattle Chat on your preferred streaming platform.

Kansas Cattle On Feed Down 2%

Press Release
MANHATTAN, KS - Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.34 million cattle on feed on April 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 2% from last year. Placements during March totaled 430,000 head, up

8% from 2024. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 400,000 head, up 3% from last year. Other disappearance during March totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Find agricultural statistics for your county, State, and the Nation at www.nass.usda.gov

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Anthony, outlasted 35 other students to become Harper County Spelling Bee champion for 1985. Jason Morgan of the Harper School finished second behind Williams. Jannica Beam. 13-year old daughter of Sam and Judy Beam of Anthony, took third.

Eight year olds, Daniel Gibson, Phillip Ricker and Joey W. Duhon were busy constructing their own club's clubhouse by some old sheds near an old abandoned house at 534 South Anthony Street. The boys were using a set of junior-sized tools that Daniel's mother had given him for Christmas.

Seniors from Harper

County named Kansas Hon-or students by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and the Kansas University Endowment Association included from Chaparral were: Carol Anne Bascom, Shayla Diane Bonham, Melissa Jan Burnet, Melissa R. Dennis, Brian Joseph Erker, Kimberly Kaye Koeppen, Mandra Lee Loesch, Timothy James

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NOTICE OF ROAD VACATION

THE HARPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSES TO VACATE a portion of County Road 741 U and 741 V, more particularly described as follows:

SW 10 Ave, a north-south road, with its southern terminus at the intersection with SW 60 Rd, proceeding North two (2) miles on the section line between sections 22 and 23, and sections 13 and 14, to the intersection with SW 40 Rd (Township 34 Range 07).

Said road(s) is not a public utility by means of neglect, non-use, or inconvenience, or from other cause or causes. Said road has become practically impassable and the necessity for said road(s) as a public utility does not justify the expenditure of the necessary funds to repair said road(s) or put the same in condition for travel.

The Board of Commissioners will give final consideration to vacate the above-described road in their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 at the Courthouse at 10:00 a.m.

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City of Anthony – Request for Proposal

Project 1: Water Main – CCTV

Project 2: Water Main – GeoTech

The City of Anthony is accepting sealed bids for closed circuit television inspection services and geotechnical services associated with investigation of the city 16" water main.

Due to critical water interruptions, the city is seeking an expedited timeline for services. Interested CCTV bidders should obtain a CCTV bid packet and interested GeoTech bidders should obtain a GeoTech bid packet at the City of Anthony.

The City of Anthony, Kansas will receive sealed bids for the CCTV Project and the GeoTech Project separately at City Hall, 124 S. Bluff, P.O. Box 504, Anthony, KS 67003 until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 6th, 2025. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Seven (7) separate copies of the Bid shall be placed in one envelope marked clearly on the outside "CCTV Bid" or "GeoTech Bid" respectively. Bids will be opened at the Regular City Commission meeting on **May 6th at approximately 6:00 p.m.** Bids may be awarded at a later meeting after review and references have been verified.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

For more information, please contact

Cyndra Kastens at 620-842-5434.

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HARPER COUNTY- COUNTY CLERK'S CLAIMS PUBLICATION REPORT

	BEGINNING CASH				ENDING CASH
	BALANCE	01/01/2025	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	BALANCE 03/31/2025
GENERAL FUND	\$	3,618,226.03	\$ 3,619,195.00	\$ (1,817,701.09)	\$ 5,419,719.94
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$	623,599.18	\$ 1,035,412.28	\$ (645,133.09)	\$ 1,013,878.37
SPECIAL HIGHWAY IMPRO	\$	453,232.97	\$ -	\$ (84,610.00)	\$ 368,622.97
SPECIAL BRIDGE	\$	181,743.22	\$ 230,363.05	\$ (133,595.70)	\$ 278,510.57
EMS	\$	382,902.03	\$ 424,291.37	\$ (256,346.23)	\$ 550,847.17
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$	353,668.21	\$ 151,146.38	\$ (130,059.52)	\$ 374,755.07
APPRAISER	\$	70,589.26	\$ 207,805.91	\$ (113,547.37)	\$ 164,847.80
CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEM	\$	4,310,512.91	\$ 35,161.13	\$ (37,509.25)	\$ 4,308,164.79
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	\$	6,803.55	\$ 223.23	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ 5,826.78
NOXIOUS WEED	\$	88,811.88	\$ 30,980.34	\$ (23,024.66)	\$ 96,767.56
EMPLOYER PAID BENEFIT	\$	1,674,503.01	\$ 1,381,865.70	\$ (813,704.87)	\$ 2,242,663.84
DEPARTMENT ON AGING	\$	87,910.87	\$ 87,771.75	\$ (66,268.15)	\$ 109,414.47
PLUMB THICKET TONNAGE	\$	3,727,157.51	\$ -	\$ (18,687.00)	\$ 3,708,470.51
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESE	\$	4,030,851.42	\$ 3,330.00	\$ (196,821.00)	\$ 3,837,360.42
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT R	\$	119,246.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,246.92
SHERIFF EQUIPMENT FUND	\$	35,083.56	\$ 1,125.00	\$ (1,722.76)	\$ 34,485.80
SPECIAL ALCOHOL	\$	31,795.73	\$ 3,110.89	\$ -	\$ 34,906.62
SHERIFF ASSET FORFEITU	\$	25,747.55	\$ -	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ 22,247.55
SPECIAL LIABILITY	\$	14,990.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,990.82
911 EMERGENCY TAX	\$	244,674.11	\$ 17,467.00	\$ (14,108.36)	\$ 248,032.75
SPECIAL M.V.L.S.	\$	2,033.29	\$ 16,076.00	\$ (10,461.68)	\$ 7,647.61
TECHNOLOGY FUND FOR R	\$	24,863.73	\$ 1,962.00	\$ -	\$ 26,825.73
PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMEN	\$	44,282.27	\$ 169,080.19	\$ (156,715.51)	\$ 56,646.95
HARPER COUNTY CID	\$	53,873.24	\$ 102,497.93	\$ (100,664.29)	\$ 55,706.88
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	26,269.04	\$ 72,920.37	\$ (35,139.27)	\$ 64,050.14
CO ATTORNEY EQUIP FUN	\$	19,698.71	\$ 18.22	\$ -	\$ 19,716.93
MEMORIAL FUND	\$	137.33	\$ 770.00	\$ (29.99)	\$ 877.34
EM / NOTIFICATION SYSTE	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EMS EDUCATION GRANT	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CAP EQUIP RES/ATTY EQUI	\$	21,476.17	\$ 47.35	\$ (179.66)	\$ 21,343.86
DARE PROGRAM	\$	24,695.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,695.86
CLERK TECHNOLOGY FUN	\$	6,160.41	\$ 487.50	\$ -	\$ 6,647.91
TREASURER TECHNOLOGY	\$	9,347.78	\$ 487.50	\$ (1,817.71)	\$ 8,017.57
MUNICIPALITIES FIGHT AD	\$	15,166.14	\$ 614.15	\$ -	\$ 15,780.29
	\$	20,330,054.71	\$ 7,594,210.24	\$ (4,662,547.16)	\$ 23,261,717.79

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office. Copies of such statements, with advance notice, shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

Ami E DeLacerda, County Clerk

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