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A Garden City police car parks outside the Law Enforcement Center. TELEGRAM PHOTO

City approves interlocal agreement with county on sales tax proceeds

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The Garden City Commission approved an interlocal agreement with Finney County regarding the use of sales tax proceeds at the commission's regular meeting Tuesday.

The sales tax proceeds come from the anticipated Finney County Sales Tax Initiative, which will be up for voter approval as a ballot question on the Nov. 4 general election.

Matt Allen, City Manager of Garden City, said the state of Kansas earlier in 2025 passed House Bill 2275, which granted Finney County authorization to levy a half cent local retailer's sales tax to finance the "construction or remodel of a courthouse, jail law enforcement center facility or other county administrative facilities."

The County Commissioners will vote on the specific ballot language for the Nov. 4 ballot in August, Allen said.

"The proposed agreement outlines the administrative responsibilities of both agencies should the ballot initiative pass," he said. "The agreement outlines that the County would be responsible for the

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COURTESY LRZ

Red ruffed lemur pups receive names after voting

After a week of voting, the three red ruffed lemur pups born at Lee Richardson Zoo have names. Zoo staff would like to thank the 330 individuals who voted either in person or online.

The public has chosen Baobob, Ocotea, and Ramy for the triplets. Zoo staff presented a ballot of three themes, each with Malagasy words inspired by the pup's native country, Madagascar. The winning names were from the "Tree Theme".

Baobobs are known as the "tree of life" and are an iconic tree of Madagascar. Ocotea trees are a common food source for lemurs, and Ramy are a notably tall tree native to the forests in which red ruffed lemurs live.

Brothers Baobob, Ocotea, and Ramy reside in Primate Forest - Lemurs!, sharing a habitat with older siblings Mafy, Toky, and Zo, as well as Mom, Dad, and Uncle. The Zoo is also home to black and white ruffed and ring-tailed lemurs. There are over one hundred species of lemur and they are all native exclusively to the island of Madagascar.

Red ruffed lemurs are critically endangered due to threats including deforestation, hunting, and trapping.

Visit Primate Forest - Lemurs! at Lee Richardson Zoo to learn more about this species and how to help conserve these amazing primates! The zoo is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit [www.leerichardsonzoo.org](http://www.leerichardsonzoo.org) for more information.

Flea Market Festival set for July 12 at museum

More than 40 vendors participating in annual event

FINNEY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM RELEASE

The Flea Market Festival at the Finney County Historical Museum began back in 2010 with approximately 12 visiting vendors, and this year's 16th annual gathering will feature not just a dozen but dozens of booths with antiques, collectibles, art, crafts and a wide variety of additional items for shoppers to peruse in the sun and shade of Lee Richardson Zoo.

The free-admission event is set for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 12, and will also include over 4,000 square feet of quality donated merchandise spread across the museum's patio and adjacent Mary Regan Conference Room, much like a giant garage sale.

The vendor booths, from 13 Kansas and Texas communities, will offer antiques, bannanas, bags and purses, collectibles, cosmetics, crafts of all kinds, embroidered and crocheted items, glass blocks, hair bows, home décor, home improvement services, honey, household and personal care items, jewelry, military surplus, plants, plushies, records and CDs, Roseville vases, three-dimensional printed objects, salves, signage, soaps, sports logo goods, T-shirts, vintage and contemporary clothing, old-time and contemporary toys, plus other items.

American and Mexican-style food, snacks and beverages will be available, along with homemade pie, other baked goods and frozen treats.

Vendor registration has now closed, with crafters and entrepreneurs coming not only from Garden City and Holcomb, but also Cimarron, Deerfield, Hugoton, Ingalls, Lakin, Quinter, Scott City, Sublette, Ulysses and Wichita, as well as Amarillo, Texas.

Attendance in recent years has ranged from 3,200 to 3,700 people. The gathering also brings shoppers to the museum's gift store; along with the nearby Safari Shoppe, operated by the Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo.

On the day of the event, the museum will close at 4 p.m. rather than 5 p.m.

Organizers are

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Sharon Klaus browses through pots of flowers and plants to determine which she is going to buy at the Koehn's Country Gardens booth during last year's Finney County Museum's annual Flea Market Festival. This year's event will be held on July 12. BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM