

## a Social Security 'bloodbath'

### Mass firings a 'total annihilation' of agency, despite promises by Trump

**Jake Johnson, senior editor, Common Dreams**

The Social Security Administration has begun the process of gutting whole segments of the agency and firing a huge portion of its already diminished workforce, sparking alarm among advocates who say the move will almost certainly result in benefit delays

and disruptions.

The *American Prospect*, which first reported that Acting SSA Commissioner Leland Duke was weighing staff cuts of up to 50%, has obtained an email indicating that the department has launched an "agency-wide organizational restructuring that will include significant workforce reductions."

"The email gives employees until March 14 to decide among a number of options," the *Prospect* reported. "They can seek voluntary reassignments, or 'separate from federal

**The goal of this effort is to hollow out an agency that currently delivers retirement benefits with a 99.7% accuracy rate, and hand over the keys to private equity and grifters who want to pillage Social Security for all it's worth.**

**Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.)**

service through retirement or resignation."

All employees at least 50 years of age with at least 20 years of service are being offered an 'early out' voluntary early retirement; that's lower than the typical benchmarks for federal employees. Early retirees are typically eligible for an annuity."

"In addition, between now and March 14

employees can take voluntary separation incentive payments of up to \$25,000, depending on job classification. Employees are also encouraged in the email to resign and take the payout of their annual leave," the outlet added.

President Trump has pledged that Social Security "will not be touched," but the progressive advocacy group

Social Security Works argued that the assault on SSA "has only one goal: The total annihilation of Social Security by firing half of the workforce and closing the field offices."

"Wall Street billionaires want to destroy Social Security so they can give themselves trillions in tax handouts," the group wrote on social media.

The *Prospect* reported that while the email sent to SSA staff "does state that some employees may be reassigned from so-called 'non-mission critical' positions to

direct service positions at field offices and processing centers, it would be difficult to achieve large-scale reductions in force without impacting staff at the more than 1,200 field offices across the country."

"Already, one large hearing office in White Plains, N.Y., has been shuttered, and there are unclear plans for other lease terminations on the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) website," the *Prospect* observed.

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### USD 466 Board of Education Agenda Monday, March 10 • 7:00 p.m. Administration Bldg. • 704 College St.

•Comments from the public

•Recognition of persons/delegations present

- 1) Board representative reports
- 2) Administrative reports

•Financials

- 1) Bills payable
- 2) Transfers, if needed

•Consent agenda

- 1) Approve previous minutes
- 2) Approval of driver's education program
- 3) Approval of summer weights program

•Consider items pulled from consent agenda

**New business**

- 1) Technology bid approval
- 2) Math curriculum adoption
- 3) Policy update approval

•Executive session

- 1) Non-elected personnel

•Resignations and hires

•Executive session

- 1) Negotiations

•Open discussion by board

•Adjournment

## Haskell University raising funds after Trump administration fires 25% of staff

**Daniel Caudill  
Kansas News Service**

LAWRENCE - A nonprofit that supports Haskell Indian Nations University is seeking donations after President Donald Trump's administration terminated 35 employees at the small college for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

In a post on its website, the Haskell Foundation said 100% of proceeds will go to its emergency fund, which would be used in part to temporarily fill vacant positions.

The foundation said it cannot permanently rehire

people who were fired by the federal government.

"While (permanent rehires) idealistically would be a tremendous support, this is not a realistic goal at this time," the foundation said in a statement.

"Haskell University employees are federal employees and we are not able to circumvent the federal process."

The firings are part of the Trump administration's plans to make deep cuts to federal funding and the federal workforce.

Thousands of primarily probationary employees at agencies like the Department of Education, IRS and Department of

Veterans Affairs have been fired.

Haskell is unique from most other colleges because it's funded and operated directly by the federal government based on U.S. trust responsibilities to Indigenous tribes. The Haskell Foundation is a nonprofit organization, though, and is broadly independent from the federal government.

Some of the donations to the emergency fund will also help provide assistance to employees who lost their jobs, ensure that remaining programs continue and support students who may be affected by federal grant freezes.

"The remaining

Haskell staff are overwhelmed and reeling," the foundation said. "In line with our mission, we are prioritizing the support of our family that remains at Haskell to help limit the effect of these disastrous orders on our students."

Haskell was originally founded in the late 1800s as a boarding school, which the government used in an attempt to forcibly assimilate American Indians.

Children were often separated from their families and prohibited from using their first language and practicing their customs.

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### Public Notice

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Security State Bank, a Kansas state-chartered non-member bank with its principal place of business at 506 Main, Scott City, Kansas, has filed an application with the State Bank Commissioner and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") for permission to establish a branch to be located at 1606 East Kansas Avenue, Garden City, Kansas.

The State Bank Commissioner considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments, in writing, with the State Bank Commissioner, at 700 SW Jackson Street, Suite 300, Topeka, Kansas 66603.

The State Bank Commissioner will consider your comments on the application if received on or before March 24, 2025. Public comments may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act; K.S.A. 45-201 et seq. For information about submitting a request for records, please refer to: <http://www.osbckansas.org/consumers/openrecords.html>.

Any person wishing to comment on this application to the FDIC may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the FDIC at its regional office located at 1100 Walnut, Suite 2100, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106. Comments must be received not later than March 21, 2025.

The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the FDIC regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

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Kansas Department of Corrections  
Prisoner Review Board  
Jayhawk Walk  
714 SW Jackson, Suite 300  
Topeka, Ks. 66603-3722

#### APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Marshall C. Herndon, who was sentenced on April 28, 2011, for Rape x2, and aggravated sodomy in Scott County, Kansas, has applied for executive clemency.

Persons wishing to comment should send information in writing to the above address within fifteen (15) days after the date of publication.

### Scott Co. LEC Report

#### Week of February 24 - March 3

##### Police Department

**Feb. 28:** 5:33 p.m. A non-injury vehicle accident occurred at 1711 Main Street.

##### Sheriff's Department

**Feb. 24:** 12:20 a.m. Apolonio Pulido-Zamora, 40, Scott City, was transported from Finney County to the Scott County jail on a warrant.

### Register of Deeds

Brandon and Jill Dirks to Croell, Inc., Lot 4, Blk. 2, Scotland Addition and water rights only for Lot 5, Blk. 2, Scotland Addition.

Steven Compton to Randall Trost, SE4, less a tract, in 30-17-31 and W2 in SW4, less tracts, in 29-17-31.

Steven and Shari Ratzlaff to Rodic and Jill Berning, N2 of SW4 in 9-18-34.

Christian and Adriana Rodriguez to Cayla Steinert, Lot 7, Blk. 3, East Acres Addition.

Blast, Inc., to Armando Rodriguez and Liliana Luna Bravo, Lot 10, Blk. 28, Original Town.

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