

# FUNDING...

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be a disservice if that (tax funding) were to change,” she said. “I’m not sure that everyone entirely agrees with that, but that’s what I feel. I’m a taxpayer, so there’s that aspect of it. There are places you can use that that would probably be better served.”

Revelations that key management posts within the organization were paid salaries in the hundreds of thousands of dollars rankled county commissioners when the information became public earlier this spring. SEK director Nathan Fawson’s salary was listed on the organization’s federal tax forms at more than \$400,000 annually with some \$191,000 in additional compensation. County commissioners in most of the six-county region which includes Anderson,

Allen, Linn, Neosho, Woodson and Bourbon, have discussed the possibility of dropping or reducing their subsidies since SEK can afford those high salaries.

Spencer said the salary plan was a recommendation from a private consultant, who based them on commensurate salaries for similar duties across various industries in the U.S. She was comfortable at the time because she thought the company did “a very thorough and exhaustive job” in the analysis that led to the recommendations. Commissioners have made the point the pay levels are far and above averages for Kansas. Fawson’s salary is the highest paid to any executive director of all 26 mental health districts in the state.

County commission chairman Les McGhee said exponentially higher costs for county road supplies, insurance, payroll and other expenses as well as public outcry over valua-

tions and tax rates made public officials sensitive to examples of largesse involving tax money.

“We look at this from what we’re paying, and what the other five counties are paying, and then we look at his salary – and it doesn’t taste very good.” County commissioners the previous week refused to sign and send a regular cash disbursement check to SEKMHC of some \$32,000, citing unresolved angst over the salary revelations. Allen County Commissioners removed both their SEK board members earlier this month and appointed a county commissioner and another local man to the posts. Increasing Medicaid funding for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) under the Biden Administration was a key strategy for expanding public access to mental health and substance abuse services. Federal legislation like the Bipartisan Safer

Communities Act (BSCA) has allocated significant funding for CCBHC expansion, including both grant programs and Medicaid payments.

States are also encouraged to participate in the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program, which includes planning grants and demonstration grants to implement the CCBHC model.

The federal government allocated over \$1.7 billion for expansion grants and an estimated \$8.5 billion earmarked for CCBHC Medicaid payments between 2022 and 2032, according to the Amercan Journal of Managed Care.

But a focus on waste, fraud and abuse in federal agencies by the Trump Administration means CCBHCs and other Medicaid funded program may face fiscal examinations that could impact future funding and expansion.

Gillespie said grants might be available to fund a portion of the project. Commission chairman Les McGhee recalled the Welda Rural Fire Station project from 2019, in which requirements for the grant added an additional \$173,000 to its original \$307,000 estimated construction cost, while a Kansas Department of Commerce grant offered \$153,000 toward the project. Commissioners at the time opted to forego the grant.

Commissioners encouraged Gillespie to investigate a design and estimates for a new project for further discussion.

Garnett project would be mostly steel, Gillespie said.

Steel prices along with concrete and costs of labor are still high in the Midwest, analysts say, but the region is still one of the more affordable ones in which to build when looking at other regions like the Northeast or West Coast. Kansas City Federal Reserve reports say Builders in the Kansas City region have felt pressured by “robust increases” in material prices, particularly for materials like lumber and oriented strand board. Labor costs in the construction sector are on the rise, but tariff talks and market uncertainty in construction has many builders considering workforce reductions.

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effort in recent years to update rural fire facilities across the county in order to increase the effectiveness of fire and emergency response in rural areas outside Garnett and to assist first responders in nearby communities. The proposed project was estimated initially at between \$750,000 and \$800,000, but the lowest initial bid came in at \$1.6 million.

Price hikes hit the entire country in those early days of the pandemic. The U.S. Bureau of Labor reported comparisons

between the summer of 2019 and the summer of 2020 that showed a 25.7 percent increase in the costs for softwood lumber with nearly a 10 percent increase over the 30 days from July to August of that year. Plywood products were up 19.2 over the year and 20.2 percent month-to-month as well. The site said a 31 percent jump in the price of diesel fuel from June to July amounted to about half the overall increase. Concrete prices also doubled between 2020 and 2021.

Calming of the construction economy since Covid and higher interest rates that impacted construction brought lumber prices to near pre-pandemic levels, analysts say, but the

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and on the terrifying doorbell camera videos of armed thugs lashing out at any homeowner who seems to be likely prey?

Turning to public education to fix the country’s morality crisis seems all the more absurd when you contemplate the possibility that it’s actually the source of much of the problem.

“The unrest we see,” Dr. Kent Ingle, president of the Christian Southeastern University, writes in an op-ed, “is the natural consequence of moral and spiritual decay. And that decay didn’t come from

nowhere. It was cultivated deliberately, over decades, in our nation’s classrooms.”

How far has education fallen? Consider: Harvard University, today more a fount of antisemitism than morality, was founded as a way to educate would-be ministers.

“For generations,” Ingle opines, “education in America had a noble purpose. It wasn’t just about imparting knowledge – it was about forming character. Schools worked hand in hand with families and communities to instill timeless values: respect for authority, love of country, personal responsibility, faith, and virtue.

“These were the qualities that prepared young men and women to become productive citizens and moral leaders. But somewhere along the way, we abandoned that mission.”

Indeed. And the courts appear poised to make sure that mission continues to be forsaken.

You think a mere politician can fix this? Or a teacher who isn’t allowed to offer students the only sure off-ramp to immorality?

Lawmakers can, and probably should, continue to fight to get morality back in public schools. But we have to assume it won’t work. It can’t even be considered Plan B. Or C. Or D, E, F or G.

Plan A for reclaiming righteousness has to be us – a groundswell of the God-fearing, divinely unafraid and resolved to restoring morality in America.

–Michael Ryan is executive editor of The Heartlander. See more at heartlandernews.com.

# MARCUS...

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self-deporting and violent criminals being taken off the streets and out of the country,

there will be fewer grieving parents with children lost to violence, fewer grieving children with parents lost to illegal driving.

Just six months into his second stint on Pennsylvania Avenue, Trump’s secure border is already making every

American, of every party, much, much safer.

In 2020, American voters took Trump’s first-term hard work on the border for granted, and by electing Biden opened the floodgates to millions. This time, let’s understand and appreciate how important

a secure border is, and make clear that we are never going back.

David Marcus is a columnist living in West Virginia and the author of “Charade: The COVID Lies That Crushed A Nation.”

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Notice of Petition for Foreclosure

(First published in the Anderson County Review on June 26, 2025.)

**DISTRICT COURT, ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
CIVIL DEPARTMENT**

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK & TRUST, v.  
ERIC W. SEABOLT, MELISSA S. SEABOLT, KENNETH SEABOLT, et al.

CASE NO. AN-2025-CV-000020

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO:

ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Foreclosure has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, by Community National Bank and Trust, praying for foreclosure of certain real property described as follows:

Tract 1: The Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Eighteen (18) East of the South Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas, except all minerals, but such exception not including right to attach dwelling unit to natural gas for domestic use.

Tract 2: The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Nineteen (19), East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas, except all minerals.

Tract 3: The West Half (W/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Nineteen (19) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas, except all minerals.

Tract 4: The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Eighteen (18) East of the South Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas, except all minerals, but such exception not including right to attach dwelling unit to natural gas for domestic use.

Tract 5: The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Nineteen (19), East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

and you are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 6th day of August 2025 in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Respectfully Submitted:  
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MINTER & POLLAK, LC AS ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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## Notice of suit to quiet title

(First published in the Anderson County Review on June 19, 2025.)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

LEON J. MORGAN,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
CHRISTY WOLKEN,  
MARIANNA RUTLAND,  
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY OF KANSAS  
and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants, the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such defendants as are or were partners or in partnership, and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability,

Defendants.

Case No. AN2025CV0000005

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns

of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are hereby notified that a First Amended Petition to Quiet Title has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, on May 15th, 2025, by Leon J. Morgan, praying for an order quieting title in and to certain real estate with a legal description of, to-wit:

The West Sixty (60) feet of Lots Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block forty-four (44) of the town of Greeley, Anderson County, Kansas.

You are hereby required to plead or answer said First Amended Petition to Quiet Title on or before July 30th, 2025, or forty-one (41) days after the date this notice is first published in the Anderson County District Court at Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered in due course upon said First Amended Petition.

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## Court costs notice- City of Westphalia

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**Charter Ordinance No. 206**

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF WESTPHALIA, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-4112 RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF COURT COSTS AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City Of Westphalia, Kansas:

Section 1. The City of Westphalia, Kansas, by the power vested init by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 12-45112 which applies to this city but is part of an enactment which does not apply uniformly to all cities.

Section 2. Court costs may be assessed against the accused person for the administration of justice in any Municipal Court Case where the accused person pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found guilty. Cost shall be assessed as provided by ordinary city ordi-

nance and, in addition thereto, the Municipal Judge may assess witness fees and mileage as set forth inK.S.A. 12-4411, as amended, together with all other fees and assessments set forth in K.S.A. 12-4112, as amended

. Section 3. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Anderson County Paper.

Section 4. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12 Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 14th day of May 2025,

Governed by  
/s/Drake Dieker, Mayor  
  
Attested by:  
/s/Janey Huss, City Clerk

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