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and elementary schools. The AES principal emphasized a need for consistent implementation of the Character Strong program. HES staff reported a strong candidate pool for open positions and emphasized planning for the upcoming school year. Additional topics included career pathway credits, strategic district goals, and ongoing improvement efforts. The board approved the Big Blue Backer agreement for the restroom and concession project and renewed the KASB Legal Assistance Fund contract.

Legal counsel decisions involved multiple executive sessions and ultimately resulted in the approval of the Kriegshauser Ney Law Group as counsel. Personnel actions included new hires and one resignation, approved after executive sessions. The board also entered executive session to discuss negotiations. Under new business, the board voted to rename the Individual Plan of Study to the “USD 361 Graduate Readiness Checklist,” aiming to increase student completion from 23% to 100% by spring 2028. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

Chaparral Roadrunners Baseball And Softball Players Earn CPL 2025 All-League Honors

Staff Report
Several members of the Chaparral Roadrunners baseball and softball teams received recognition on the Central Plains League All-League teams this season, highlighting the talent and hard work of the Roadrunners’ athletes. On the baseball diamond, four players were named to the All-League second team. Senior pitcher Conner Hostetler led the way, earning a spot for his standout performances on the mound.

Joining him were junior infielder Daxton Hostetler, junior outfielder Ty Hasdall, and junior designated hitter/utility player Kale Greve, all securing second team honors. Additionally, sophomore pitcher Carter Hostetler received an honorable mention. In softball, junior pitcher Emily Harding was recognized with an honorable mention for her contributions to the Lady Roadrunners’ season. Chaparral’s strong showing in the Central

Plains League continues to reflect the dedication of its student-athletes and coaching staff. The recognition of these players underscores their significant impact in a competitive league featuring schools from across south-central Kansas.



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ORDINANCE G-2876

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITY LAND BANK PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-5901 *et seq.*, DETERMINING MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ANTHONY LAND BANK.

WHEREAS, the City of Anthony recognizes that dilapidated, vacant, and unused properties can create a dis-incentive for new construction and infill;

WHEREAS, the 2023 Housing Assessment Tool identified the improvement of the community's aesthetic appearance by addressing dilapidated and condemned structures as a specific area of focus;

WHEREAS, within that specific area of focus a strategy is to develop a focused property management strategy for the city;

WHEREAS, land banking provides the City a viable tool to address abandoned and tax- delinquent properties; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a Land Bank as a proactive measure to return such properties to productive use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ANTHONY, KANSAS THAT:

Section 1. Creation; purpose. The City of Anthony, Kansas (hereinafter “City”), by the power vested in it by K.S.A. 12-5901 *et seq.*, hereby establishes the Anthony Land Bank. The Anthony Land Bank is an independent agency and instrumentality of the City with the primary responsibility and authority to efficiently acquire, hold, develop, manage, transform and convey surplus City properties and other abandoned, tax-foreclosed, or otherwise underutilized or distressed properties in order to convey these properties into productive use.

Section 2. Definitions. For the purpose of this Article, the words set out in this section shall have the following meanings.

- (1) “City” means the City of Anthony, Kansas;
- (2) “Board” means the Board of Trustees of the Anthony Land Bank;
- (3) “Bank” means the Anthony Land Bank established pursuant to this Ordinance; and
- (4) “Governing Body” means the governing body of the City of Anthony.

Section 3. Land Bank Board of Trustees; Appointment; Terms; Dissolution.

- a) There is hereby established a Land Bank Board of Trustees.
- b) *Appointment.* The Board shall be composed of five (5) members., who shall be appointed by the Governing Body in April of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible. Trustee shall take office at the next meeting held by the Board.
- c) *Term.* The initial terms of office for the Board of Trustees shall be staggered, one (1) for a term of one (1) year, two (2) trustees for a term of two (2) years and two (2) trustees for a term of three (3) years. All terms thereafter shall be for a term of three (3) years.
- d) *Vacancy.* Vacancies occurring on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by an appointment by the Governing Body.
- e) *Eligibility.* Trustees must be a registered voter in Harper County, have legal residency in the city limits of the City of Anthony or Township 3 of Harper County, be current on any property taxes for property owned by the trustee, and have not been in violation of a City Code of the City of Anthony for the previous three (3) years.
- f) *Removal from Office.* The Board may, by majority vote, request the Governing Body to remove a trustee when:
 - (1) A trustee has been absent for more than three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings;
 - (2) A trustee has conducted themselves in a manner that is determined to be detrimental to the Board or the City. Misconduct shall include, but is not limited to, non-compliance with policy, misuse of funds or equipment, or conduct that is considered injurious to the Board or the City.
- g) The Governing Body may remove a trustee by a majority vote.
- g) Trustees shall receive no compensation, but shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses in attending meetings and in carrying out their duties as members of the board.
- h) Primary City staff support to the Board will come from the City Administrator, or his or her designee. City staff will provide technical and professional support for Bank operations; additional support may be contracted as deemed necessary.
- i) The Bank may be dissolved by ordinance of the Governing Body, without cause. In such case, all property of the Bank shall be transferred to and held by the City and may be disposed of as otherwise provided by law.

Section 4. Officers; Organization.

- j) The Board shall select, annually, from its membership, a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer. The treasurer shall be bonded in such amounts as the Governing Body may require.
- k) The Board may appoint such officers, agents and employees as it may require for the performance of its duties, and shall determine the qualifications and duties and fix the compensation of such officers, agents and employees.
- l) *Regular Meetings.* The Board shall hold a regular meeting at least quarterly at Anthony City Hall, day and time to be set by resolution adopted by the Board. All meetings shall be subject to the Kansas Open Meeting Act, K.S.A. 75- 4317, et seq., and amendments thereto.
- m) *Special Meetings.* Special meetings may be called by the Chair of the Board by written petition of the majority of the Trustees with as much notice as possible. Notice of special meetings must be provided to City Hall as soon as date, time and location are set.
- n) A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No action of the Board shall be binding unless taken at a meeting at which at least a quorum is present.
- o) The members of the Board shall be subject to the provisions of the laws of the State of Kansas which relate to conflicts of interest of city officers and employees, including, but not limited to Anthony Code Chapter 1 Article 1 Section 1-112 and K.S.A. 75-4301, et seq., and amendments thereto.
- p) Subject to the provisions of the Kansas Tort Claims Act, K.S.A. 75-6101, et seq., and amendments thereto, if any action at law or equity, or other legal proceeding, shall be brought against any member of the Board for any act or omission arising out of the performance of duties as a member of the Board, such member shall be indemnified in whole and held harmless by the Board for any judgment or decree entered against such member and, further, shall be defended at the cost and expense of the Bank in any such proceeding.

Section 5. Powers of the Board. The Land Bank Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To sue and be sued;

- (2) To enter into contracts;
- (3) To appoint and remove staff and provide for the compensation thereof;
- (4) To acquire, by purchase, gift or devise, and convey any real property, including easements and reversionary interest, and personal property, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and state law;
- (5) To rebate all or any portion thereof, the taxes on any property sold or conveyed by the Bank;
- (6) To exercise any other power which may be delegated to the Bank by the Governing Body; and
- (7) To exercise any other incidental power which is necessary to carry out the purposes of the Land Bank and state law.

Section 6. Administration. The Board shall assume possession and control of any property acquired by it under this Ordinance or state law and shall hold and administer such property. In the administration of property, the Board shall:

- (1) Manage, maintain and protect or temporarily use for a public purpose such property in the manner the Board deems appropriate;
- (2) Compile and maintain a written inventory of all such property. The inventory shall be available for public inspection and distribution at all times;
- (3) Study, analyze and evaluate potential, present and future uses for such property which would provide for the effective reutilization of such property;
- (4) Plan for and use the Board's best efforts to consummate the sale or other disposition of such property at such times and upon such terms and conditions deemed appropriate;
- (5) Establish and maintain records and accounts reflecting all transactions, expenditures and revenues in relation to the Bank's activities, including separate itemizations of all transactions, expenditures and revenues concerning each individual parcel of property acquired; and
- (6) No less than thirty (30) days prior to the sale of any property owned by the Bank, provide notice to the City Clerk's office and to publish a notice in the official City newspaper announcing such sale.

Section 7. Budget; Records; Report.

- a) The Bank shall be subject to the provisions of the Cash Basis Law, K.S.A.10- 1101, et. seq., and amendments thereto.
- b) The budget of the Bank shall be prepared, adopted and published as provided by law for other political subdivisions of the State of Kansas. No budget shall be adopted by the Board until it has been submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Governing Body. If the Governing Body elects not to ratify the budget, it must reject the plan in its entirety and remand it back to the Board with specific recommendations for reconsideration
- c) The Board shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Board shall be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant and the report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the Board.
- d) All records and accounts shall be subject to public inspection pursuant to K.S.A. 45-216, et seq., and amendments thereto.
- e) Any moneys of the Bank which are not immediately required for the purposes of the Bank shall be invested in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 12-1675, and amendments thereto. The interest of which shall be deposited in the general account of the Bank.
- f) The Bank shall make an annual report to the Governing Body on or before January 31 of each year, showing receipts and disbursements from all funds under its control and showing all property transactions occurring in each year. Such report shall include an inventory of all property held by the Bank. A copy of such inventory shall also be published in the official City newspaper on or before January 31 of each year.
- g) The Bank shall be subject to the statutory requirements for the deposit of public money as provided in K.S.A. 9-1401, et seq., and amendments thereto.
- h) The Board, without competitive bidding, may sell any property acquired by the Board at such times, to such persons, and upon such terms and conditions, and subject to such restrictions and covenants deemed necessary or appropriate to assure the property's effective reutilization.
- i) The sale of any real property by the Board, under the provisions of this Ordinance or state law, on which there are delinquent special assessments to finance public improvements shall be conditioned upon the approval of the Governing Body.
- j) The Board, for the purpose of land disposition, may consolidate, assemble or subdivide individual parcels of property acquired by the Bank subject to local and state requirements.
- k) Until sold or otherwise disposed of by the Bank, and except for special assessments levied by the City to finance public improvements, any property acquired by the Bank shall be exempt from the payment of ad valorem taxes levied by the State of Kansas and any other political or taxing subdivision of the state.
- l) Except for special assessments levied by the City to finance public improvements, when the Board acquires property pursuant to this Ordinance and state law, the Harper County Treasurer shall remove from the tax rolls all taxes, assessments, charges, penalties and interest that are due and payable on the property at the time of acquisition by the Board.
- m) Property held by the Bank shall remain liable for special assessments levied by the City for public improvements, but no payment thereof shall be required until such property is sold or otherwise conveyed by the Bank.
- n) The Governing Body may abate part or all of any special assessments which it has levied on property acquired by the Bank, and the Bank and the Governing Body may enter into agreements related thereto. Any special assessments that are abated shall be removed from the tax rolls by the County Treasurer as of the effective date of the abatement.
- o) Any moneys derived from the sale of property by the Bank shall be retained by the Bank for the purposes and operations thereof; provided, however, that the Board may use all or part of the proceeds from such sale to reimburse the City for delinquent special assessments due on such property.

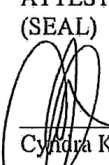
Section 8. Authority.


The Anthony Land Bank and Board shall have all powers and authority to conduct the business of the land bank in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, K.S.A. 12-5901 *et seq.* as may be from time to time amended, and as described in the Anthony Land Bank Bylaws approved by the Governing Body.

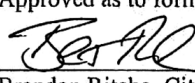
Section 9. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Anthony, Kansas this 19th day of June 2025.

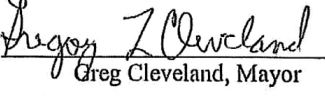
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