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RESOLUTION 2026-04

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION OR EXPANSION OF DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS; DIRECTING THE REVIEW OF THE HARVEY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND HARVEY COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO DATA CENTER PROJECTS BE REVIEWED AND REVISED TO INSURE EFFECTIVE REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE.

WHEREAS, questions and concerns about the regulation governing the development of Data Centers as well as related activities in the unincorporated areas of Harvey County have been raised; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution, "data center" shall mean a building, group of buildings, enclosed trailers or containers or facility whose primary use is data processing or data storage, and is used to house computer systems, servers, and associated components, such as but not limited to central processing units, graphical processing units, neural networks, quantum bits, quantum processors, memory, data routing, data storage, data warehouse, server farm, cryptocurrency or bitcoin mining, crypto processing, blockchain verification facilities, virtual private networks, virtual servers, artificial intelligence training or processing, image processing, cloud computing, email servicing, a telecom hotel, telehouse colocation, or any other term applicable to facilities which are used for such purposes.

WHEREAS, due to the unknown number of impacts that Data Centers and related activities might have on property for both current and future property owners, the Board of County Commissioners recognize that a need exists to review, consider potential changes and potentially adopt land development regulations and/or standards that may pertain to such property uses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to provide adequate time for the Harvey County Planning Commission to properly evaluate and implement the aforementioned actions by providing for the suspension of acceptance or processing of applications or permits pertaining or related to the establishment, operation or expansion of any data center uses, including but not limited to applications for building permits, site plan and architectural reviews, variances, floodplain development permits, conditional use permits, grading permits, rezoning applications or occupancy permits; and for the suspension of construction and erection of Data Centers including related activities in the interim; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with K.S.A. 12-741 et seq. and K.S.A. 19-101 et seq., the County has police power and statutory authority to regulate the conduct of rural development through Zoning Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS, that:

1. The Harvey County Planning and Zoning Department and Harvey County Planning Commission are hereby directed to suspend accepting or acting upon any application or permit received for operation, development, erection and/or construction of a Data Center or related activities and components associated with Data Centers.

2. The establishment of any Data Center including related activities in the unincorporated area of Harvey County is hereby suspended and prohibited and the same is hereby declared to be a violation of the public interest of Harvey County so long as this Resolution shall remain in effect.

3. The Harvey County Planning and Zoning Department and the Harvey County Planning Commission, with the assistance of any consultant retained for that purpose, are directed to review and update the Harvey County Comprehensive Plan to provide additional guidelines with respect to Data Centers including related activities and development in the unincorporated area of Harvey County, Kansas. Further, to draft and consider text amendments to the Harvey County Unified Development Code to ensure the interest of promoting public health, safety, and welfare.

4. The Moratorium imposed by this Resolution shall be limited to the stated prohibition applicable to Data Centers, including related activities, and not to individual systems in existence or subsequently developed for personal or private property owner use and are not intended to be of a commercial enterprise of any kind or character.

5. The Moratorium imposed by this Resolution may be extended, terminated earlier than its expiration date, or otherwise amended by a properly adopted subsequent resolution of this Board of County Commissioners.

6. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official county newspaper and shall remain in effect until Jan. 1, 2029.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commissioners of Harvey County, Kansas, this 13th

day of January 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS

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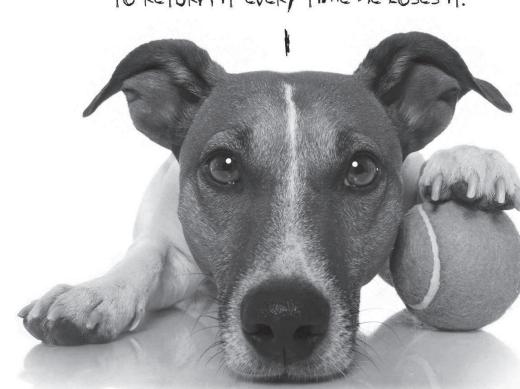
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by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "Life is very interesting; in the end some of your greatest pains become your greatest strengths." — Drew Barrymore

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North 01-24-26

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West

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East

♠ J 10 6 3

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South

♠ A K Q 7 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A J 9

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Dealer: North

Vulnerable: Both

South West North East

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HOW HIGH ARE YOU THINKING?

Niccolò Machiavelli, an Italian who is famous for writing "The Prince", said, "Ambition is so powerful a passion in the human breast that however high we reach, we are never satisfied."

At the bridge table, we must decide how high we wish to reach. In this deal, North opens one diamond, South responds one spade, and North raises to three spades (yes, he might bid four spades). Now South normally has three choices. He can pass with no interest in game. He can raise to four spades. Any other suit bid shows interest in a slam.

Here, four diamonds is a control-bid (cue-bid), usually indicating the ace. However, since it is partner's first-bid suit, South might have only the diamond king when he does not have the club ace. (Do not make your first control-bid with a shortage -- void or singleton -- in partner's second suit.)

North then control-bid four hearts. (If North-South had been using Roman Key-Card Blackwood, North would have bid four no-trump.) This allowed South to use Blackwood twice before jumping to seven spades. (Yes, South might have bid seven no-trump.)

West leads the club queen.

After winning trick one with his king, South cashes the spade ace, getting the bad news. Now he crosses to dummy's club ace and plays the spade nine, capturing East's 10 with his king. Back to the board with heart, another spade through East picks up his trumps and allows declarer to claim.