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Mike Amyx, Mayor Six East Sixth Street Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Mayor Amyx:

At our meeting this morning, we identified five loose ends between the Lawrence City Commission and the County Commission that we would like to resolve over the next few weeks. Those five issues are:

- 1) Land Use Plans for the Southeast area.
- 2) Availability of treated water to rural water districts.
- 3) Communications between commissions on personnel actions affecting jointly run departments.
- 4) The possibility of a joint City of Lawrence-Douglas County effort to plan future east-west arterial route(s) from highway 59 (south of Lawrence) to K-10. Clearly, these arterial routes will eventually be part of the City of Lawrence and therefore ought to be planned in the context of the City's needs. In addition, the City is currently planning to build a new wastewater reclamation facility along N 1100 and E 1600. The access routes to the plant will dictate design features of the nearby arterial routes.
- 5) We also anticipate that the construction of the new wastewater reclamation facility will significantly impact the maintenance needs of the county and township roads in the vicinity of the project. The County would like to work with the City to possibly negotiate reimbursement to the County and/or townships for any extraordinary costs that may result from this project.

My fellow Commissioners have asked me to meet with you to schedule a joint meeting with the Lawrence City Commission to discuss these five issues. Please let me know when you would like to meet.

Sincerely,

Bob Johnson, Chair