

Harvey County 2020 Highlights and Accomplishments

January

- Designated INTRUST Bank as the official depository for public funds.
- Designated the Newton Kansan as the official County newspaper.
- Reorganization of the Commission with Commissioner Randy Hague as Chairman.
- Approved a letter of support for Red-Wood Development's tax credit application.
- Received the results of the Harvey County Construction and Demolition Landfill Feasibility Study.
- Approved a tax foreclosure sale resolution.
- Toured the completed Communications Mobile Command Center vehicle.
- The 43rd Annual Trappers Rendezvous was held at West Park.
- Accepted the public dedications for Claassen Meadows Plat.
- Awarded a contract with Vance Brothers for the 2020 asphalt sealing program.
- The 4th Annual MLK Day of Service Project was held by the Department on Aging.
- Approved a lease agreement with Hesston College for Hangar K at the Newton City/County Airport.

February

- Received the 2019 year-end financial report.
- Sent a letter to residents encouraging their participation in the 2020 Census.
- Approved the improvement project for Taxiway E at the Newton City/County Airport.
- Entered into an agreement for the 2020 KDOT Federal Funds Exchange Program.
- Approved an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to perform crossing improvements on Harvest Hill Road between SE 84th and SE 96th.
- Held the annual Township Meeting at the Courthouse.
- Received a presentation from MKEC on the feasibility for a bike/pedestrian path along Hesston Road between Newton and Hesston.
- Approved a contract with MKEC to perform the biennial bridge inspection.

March

- Received permit approval from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to allow expansion of the north and south cells of the construction and demolition landfill.
- Received the first public health preparedness update from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The first Harvey County Safety Fair was held at the Chisolm Trail Center.
- Conducted the annual exemption review for the Budde Enterprises, Inc. tax abatement.
- Approved a contract with C & C Group to upgrade the HVAC system controls in the detention center.
- Applied for Kansas Department of Health and Environment grants for the Health Department.
- Approved internal temporary policy modifications related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Commission meetings moved to the basement community room.

- Provided \$25,000 in funding to the Newton Ministerial Alliance's Harvest of Love Food Pantry to support individuals and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Provided \$50,000 in funding to the Central Kansas Community Foundation to be disseminated to charitable entities experiencing increasing service demands due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Awarded a contract to Dondlinger Construction for the replacement of Bridge M-7.6 on NW 36th Street at West Park.
- Accepted the public dedications for Martins' Meadow Plat.
- Received and approved the Noxious Weed annual report.
- Thanked Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers for providing a combined 28,639 hours of service in the past year.
- Approved a resolution closing all County facilities due to the Governor's stay-at-home order.
- Started streaming County Commission meetings via Zoom due to Commission meetings being closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Confirmed Harvey County's first COVID-19 case.
- Approved a proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved a proclamation in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

April

- Received weekly public health preparedness updates from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved a letter of support for the Newton Public Library's request for 2020 Kansas State Community Service Tax Credits.
- Approved the 2021 Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan and Kansas Department of Corrections grant applications.
- Approved the 2019 township annual reports.
- Received the 1st quarter financial report.
- Reviewed recovery and reopening plans related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved a change order to the Law Enforcement Center remodel to include replacement of the gun range HVAC system.

May

- Held special Commission meeting to adopt the Harvey County Health Reopening Plan and Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer implementing Phase 1 of the Reopening Plan.
- Received weekly public health preparedness updates from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Reopened County facilities to the public, with some county services being provided by appointment only.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the sale and conveyance of property to Bigs Property, L.L.C. in connection with their 2009 industrial revenue bonds.
- Approved a proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week.
- Approved a proclamation for National Police Week.

- Approved a grant application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for a Solid Waste Department compost tractor.
- Held special Commission meeting to adopt the revised Harvey County Health Reopening Plan and Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer implementing Phase 1.5 of the Reopening Plan.
- Approved a reopening plan for the county parks.
- Began implementation of the Everbridge Mass Notification System.
- Received the presentation of the 2019 Financial Audit, which noted no budget or cash basis law violations.
- Received an allocation of \$31,727.71 in CARES funding for election expenses.
- Held special Commission meeting to adopt the revised Harvey County Health Reopening Plan and Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer implementing Phase 2 of the Reopening Plan.
- Approved an agreement with BNSF for crossing safety improvements on South River Park Road.
- Approved a proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Held special Commission meeting to adopt the revised Harvey County Health Reopening Plan and Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer implementing a modified Phase 2 of the Reopening Plan.

June

- Received weekly public health preparedness updates from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Commission meetings reopened to the public.
- Approved updated internal temporary policy modifications related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer implementing Phase 3 of the Harvey County Health Reopening Plan.
- Approved a grant application for the Bureau of Justice Assistance from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program.
- Conducted 2021 budget hearings.
- Approved allowing gas micro turbine aircraft at the Harvey County Radio Control Park.
- Approved a consulting agreement with McCully and Associates for appraisal services.
- Approved an amendment to the Tower Co-Location Agreement with KanOkla Communications, L.L.C.
- Approved an agreement with Allied Business Solutions, L.L.C. for a telecommunications audit.
- Approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer implementing Phase Out of the Harvey County Health Reopening Plan.
- Approved a municipal lease agreement with Motorola Solutions Credit Company L.L.C. for emergency communication radios and consoles.
- Approved agreement with Local Workforce Development Area One Chief Elected Officials Board for a period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025.
- Approved the Camp Hawk cabin rental fee agreement.

- Toured the cabins at Camp Hawk.
- Held special Commission meeting to watch a CARES Act funding webinar and discuss CARES Act funding.
- Approved an allocation of \$5,000 from the Special Alcohol and Drug Program fund to provide monies for the STAND program in Harvey County.
- Approved a resolution accepting the County's allocation of \$6,988,960 in SPARK Phase 1 CARES Act funding.

July

- Received weekly public health preparedness updates from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Held a special Commission meeting to override the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 to not require the use of face masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved an Emergency Solutions Grant application for the Harvey County DV/SA Task Force and SafeHope.
- Approved a grant request for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program from the United States Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- Approved a resolution creating the CARES Act Fund.
- Created the Harvey County CARES Act Committee and appointed 7 members.
- Held a special Commission meeting to review the proposed 2021 budget.
- Approved a temporary policy modification requiring employees to wear face masks in indoor spaces.
- Approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer requiring the public to wear face coverings or masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved adding temporary grant funding positions to the Health Department to perform contact tracing and case investigations.
- Approved a hangar lease agreement with Tri-Rotor Crop Services and Wiebe Ag for Hangar L at the Newton City/County Airport.
- Approved an agreement with Swindoll Janzen Hawk Loyd to provide 3rd party assistance for administration of the County's CARES Act funds.
- Accepted a \$400,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield Pathways to a Health Kansas 4-year grant.
- Approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer extending Phase Out of the Harvey County Health Reopening Plan.
- Approved a proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Received the 2nd quarter financial report.

August

- Received weekly public health preparedness updates from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved a contract with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to continue the archery deer and waterfowl hunting at East Park for 2020-21.
- Received a report of the needs assessment survey responses for consideration by the County when creating programs to be funded with the CARES Act monies.

- Received the final results from the Official 2019 Real Estate Appraisal and Sales Ratio Study, which stated that Harvey County has met the established overall statistical performance standards for commercial/industrial and residential classes of property.
- Approved a hangar lease agreement with Horizon Aviation LLC for Hangar A at the Newton City/County Airport.
- Approved a ground lease agreement with Midwest Electric Transformer Services, Inc. at the Newton City/County Airport.
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the City of Newton for a Justice Assistance Grant program award for Sheriff's Office body cameras.
- Approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer extending Phase Out of the Harvey County Health Reopening Plan.
- Approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer extending the order requiring the public to wear face coverings or masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Conducted a budget hearing for the 2020 Harvey County budget.
- Adopted the 2021 budget and 2021-25 capital improvement plan, which included an estimated mill levy increase of 0.269 mills.
- Held a special Commission meeting to conduct the vote canvass for the August 4, 2020 primary election.
- Reviewed and approved Harvey County's SPARK Phase 1 CARES Act funding reimbursement request and direct aid plan.
- Approved the Health Department to apply for a SPARK Phase 2 CARES Act grant.
- Accepted a \$56,250 Kansas Department of Health and Environment Solid Waste grant for the purchase of a tractor to pull the compost turner.
- Received a presentation and report from SJCF Architecture on the Courthouse Space Study and Courthouse Facility Assessment.
- Received a report that the Camp Hawk Cabins opened to the public.
- Approved the 2020 update to the Harvey County Regional Solid Waste Plan.
- Approved an amended agreement with Pictometry International Corporation for aerial photography in 2021.

September

- Received weekly public health preparedness updates from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Received weekly CARES Act funding updates from Administration.
- Approved a grant application for the Kansas Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) program.
- Approved the 2022 Healthy Harvey Wellness Program.
- Approved the 2021 Central Plains Area Agency on Aging Area Plan.
- Approved a grant application for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant program for outdoor warning sirens at East Park and West Park.
- Approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer extending the order requiring the public to wear face coverings or masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer extending Phase Out of the Harvey County Health Reopening Plan until rescinded.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the sale of general obligation refunding bonds.

- Approved an agreement with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. for medical services in the Harvey County Detention Center.
- Accepted a \$122,022 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation for the operation of the Safe House.
- Approved a proclamation for 4-H Week in Harvey County.
- Approved a contract with Hopps Sound for a virtual court project in the District Court.
- Approved a grant award of \$67,629.50 from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to be used for election expenses.
- Approved an agreement with the Central Kansas Community Foundation to grant administration and support for the County's CARES grant programs.
- Approved a proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic which extends until rescinded.
- Approved Harvey County CARES Act grant program guidance and applications.

October

- Received weekly public health preparedness updates from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Received weekly CARES Act funding updates from Administration.
- The Harvey County Health Department was recognized as Health Care Heroes by the Wichita Business Journal.
- Received a bond rating of AA- from S&P Global Ratings for the GO 2020A bond refinance.
- Recognized savings of approximately \$374,000 by refinancing two bonds issues with Series 2020A General Obligation bonds.
- Approved a SPARK Phase 1 CARES Act funding report and change memo for August and September.
- Hosted an employee in-service day for County employees, which included departmental level meetings due to being unable to meet as a full group.
- Approved applying for an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.
- Approved an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for grant funding to add a precision approach path indicator system at the Newton City/County Airport.
- Approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer requiring the public to wear face coverings or masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and extending the order until rescinded.
- Approved an Off-System Bridge Project with the Kansas Department of Transportation for structure E-30.6.
- Approved an agreement with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered for a 2020 Single Audit due to receiving CARES Act funding.
- Approved a contract with WAV Services Inc. to install video/audio streaming equipment to be utilized for County Commission meetings.
- Approved Harvey County CARES Act grant program awards for the Long-Term Care Support Program and Community Testing Program.
- Received the 3rd quarter financial report.

November

- Received weekly public health preparedness updates from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Received weekly CARES Act funding updates from Administration.
- Approved Harvey County CARES Act grant program awards for the Community Support Program, Private Schools and Colleges Support Program, and Senior Center Sustainment Program.
- Approved an addendum to the agreement with Swindoll Janzen Hawk Loyd to provide 3rd party assistance for administration of the County's CARES Act funds.
- Approved the Harvey County Health Modified Reopening Plan and an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer implementing Phase 3 of the Reopening Plan.
- Approved Harvey County CARES Act grant program awards for the Public Health Grant Program.
- Approved a SPARK Phase 1 CARES Act funding report and change memo for October.
- Approved the CIC annual Peopeware agreement for maintenance and enhancements.
- Held a special Commission meeting to conduct the vote canvass for the November 3, 2020 general election.
- Received a briefing on the Wheat State Fire, which burned approximately 5,000 acres in western Harvey County.
- Approved cancelling the 2021 Trapper's Rendezvous Event at West park due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved moving forward with constructing a new bait shop and park office at East Park.
- Approved the KDOT State Fiscal Year 2022 Public Transportation Grant Application.
- Approved adding three temporary full-time case investigators and 3 temporary part-time contact tracers for the Health Department in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approved replacing the Harvey County Health Modified Reopening Plan with the Harvey County Mass Gathering Local Health Order and approved an Emergency Order of the Local Health Officer implementing the mass gathering limit.
- Approved an addendum to the agreement with the Central Kansas Community Foundation to grant administration and support for the County's CARES grant programs.
- Approved a contract with the Harvey County Legal Services Panel.
- Approved extending the agreement with the Newton Kansan to serve as the County's official newspaper for legal publications.

December

- Received weekly public health preparedness updates from the Health Department related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Received weekly CARES Act funding updates from Administration.
- Approved a SPARK Phase 1 CARES Act funding report and change memo for November.
- Presented longevity awards to employees with between 5 and 35 years of service.
- Presented a retirement plaque to David Yoder who is retiring after serving as Harvey County Attorney for 19 years.
- Approved a lease extension agreement with the Harvey County Radio Control Club.
- Approved 2021 – 2025 Strategic Goals for Harvey County.

- Received a report that staff collected 1,168 pounds of food to be donated to local non-profits.
- Approved a SPARK Phase 1 CARES Act funding report and change memo for December, completing the spend down of \$6,988,960 in CARES Act funding.
- Approved awarding a bid to Dondlinger Construction for the reconstruction of Taxiway E at the Newton City/County Airport.

Harvey County Departmental Highlights and Accomplishments

Administration

- Oversaw and administered a countywide CARES program totaling \$6,988,960.
- Served in the Unified Command and COVID-19 Task Force for Harvey County during the COVID-19 global pandemic.
- Completion of the Courthouse space study, which identified the best use of work environments, maximized space efficiency and addressed safety concerns.
- Enrolled 38 new employees and facilitated 111 media requests, 108 media releases, and 42 media conferences.
- Received positive audit results, and adopted a 2021 budget that maintains reliable, timely services for our citizens and includes a responsible, forward-thinking general fund balance.

Aging

- Harvey County Interurban purchased a software program to assist with scheduling rides which has made the process more effective and has helped with the monthly KDOT reports. iPads were supplied for the drivers to assist them with their routes, mileage and reports. It has been a process with the hope to have a more efficient operation.
- In the year of COVID-19 the Department on Aging, RSVP and Transportation worked successfully in helping seniors and providing needed transportation to the public. When the County shut down our transportation continued to transport individuals to their critical medical appointments. The RSVP program changed the 911 project from collecting emergency blankets for the first responders to hand out to accident and fire victims to collecting food for the families that lost employment. Our SHICK program worked hard for seniors so they were able to make the right decision for their pharmaceuticals saving them tens of thousands of dollars.

Appraiser

- Sent out 2020 values and held informal hearings.
- Sent out 2020 personal property values.
- Prepared 2021 values send out.
- Sent PVD information all year on our values along with printouts
- Attend Board of Tax Appeal hearings with legal counsel.

Attorney's Office

- Just like all Harvey County departments, and frankly the rest of the county and the country, the County Attorney Office suffered numerous setbacks to our office productivity in 2020, due to the pandemic, the temporary shutdown in the spring, and working for part of the year on rotating schedules and limited staffing. Despite the challenges, the office managed to stay open and productive throughout most of the year.
- The inability to hold jury trials throughout almost all of 2020 created a severe backlog of cases awaiting trial. Our office responded by working many necessary hearings remotely through the liberal use of Zoom and other media. Despite the courtroom challenges, our office managed to negotiate pleas in numerous criminal cases, getting them resolved in manners outside of the jury trial process.

- Liberal use of Settlement Conferences resulted in resolution of numerous criminal cases that otherwise would still be awaiting jury trial in 2021.
- A smooth transition from current County Attorney David Yoder to incoming County Attorney Jason Lane has been accomplished, with Jason ready to take the helm in 2021.

Clerk/Election Office

- Planned and conducted successful Primary Election in August and General Election in November. Both elections had higher than normal turnout.
- Processed a significant amount of voter registrations and advance ballot by mail requests. For the August Primary, we processed about 5,350 advance ballot by mail requests and for the November election, we processed about 7,900 requests, more than twice as many as any previous election.
- Purchased and implemented hardware and software to process returned advance ballots; about 6,800 for the November election.
- Planned and implemented precautions to protect voters and poll workers from COVID-19 including encouraging advance voting, installing drop boxes for ballot returns and for in-person voting by providing PPE, installing transparent barriers between voters and workers and minimizing shared touch points.

Communications

- Started out the year strong, fully staffed, and then had to hire 3 people mid-year. Despite the typical struggles of recruiting and hiring, we were able to find 3 very good candidates who are close to completing their initial training and being assigned to a shift.
- COVID-19 brought challenges to us that were unique and took us into uncharted territory. As I write this, we are now up to 12 of our 21 staff who have had to quarantine as a positive test or close contact. Fortunately they have been spread out enough that it hasn't overtly affected our operations. We wrote one of the first mitigation plans for Harvey County on how we would respond to a severe staff shortage and isolating our on-duty staff to reduce exposure risk. In addition, Kansas APCO and NENA are working to achieve a first responder designation in the state for telecommunicators to alleviate some of the confusion and uncertainty that was witnessed in the early months of the pandemic.
- Wildfire season came early this year, taxing our resources in mid-November. Once again our staff stepped up to the plate and handled the heightened call volume in the center as well as the Mobile Operations Center and Command Post for 5 days. We had staff in Burrton for over 30 hours from mid-day Saturday through Sunday evening the first 2 days of the fire. The cooperation and resources of our Center along with Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement contributed to no loss of life or homes nor serious injuries.
- The state hosted 9-1-1 system continues to evolve and increase in capabilities and technology. Our staff have learned a new mapping interface and add-ons that help them locate callers more effectively and quicker.
- Training looked a lot different this year. Instead of attending in-person conferences and classes, we have invested our time in virtual conferences and webinars to keep our staff up on their skills and knowledge to meet our continuing education hours. NENA, APCO and vendors have all contributed to this new learning paradigm, and it has proven very successful.

District Court

- Established a GPS/Electronic Monitoring Program as an alternative to detention for juvenile offenders.
- Completed audio/visual upgrades in all three courtrooms creating virtual court capability.

Emergency Management

- With the support of the County Commission, multiple partners, and donations, we held the first annual Harvey County Safety Fair, which surpassed our initial expectations. The focus of the event was on safety and preparedness.
- In relationship to the COVID-19 pandemic the department facilitated initial pre-planning and organizational approach; setup logistics to forecast, evaluate availability, prioritize PPE needs, and acquired PPE; identified enhancements to the EOC, and facilitated implementation of enhancements through law enforcement center renovation, or EOC Enhancement Grant; fostered partnerships with community agencies to identify community needs, prioritized and addressed those needs; and sought out opportunities to support the healthcare response.
- Implemented a mass notification system within Harvey County.
- Supported the Wheat State Fire response in October of 2020.

Health

- Coordinate and manage COVID-19 pandemic demands with partners as a countywide effort.
- Awarded \$400,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield Pathways to a Health Kansas 4-year grant.
- Adapted responsiveness of programs for continued outreach to families with flu clinics, Connected Moms (virtual weekly sessions for new moms), and Community Baby Shower (virtual and recorded for additional sessions.)
- Women, Infants, and Children program maintained high outreach with clients through pandemic. 81% average enrolled participation January - October.
- Awarded and managed, in four months' time, \$142,900 in Public Health SPARKS funding through KDHE to assist individuals through agencies, including childcares, across the county.

Information Technology

- Met the need for remote working for departments.
- Setup and installed 72 computers, including 44 laptops.
- Upgraded 37 computers, including 17 laptops.

Maintenance

- Worked to ensure all facilities are kept clean and in compliance with KDOL safety requirements.
- Removed snow and maintained the grounds as necessary.
- Worked with departments on their facility improvement projects.
- Worked with contractors on the remodel of the Law Enforcement Center.

Noxious Weed

- Brush removal on Ridge Road from NW 12th to NW 48th.

- Tree trimming on SW 60th from Hoover Road to Ridge Road.
- Tree trimming on SW 60th between S. Kansas Road and Anderson Road.
- Tree trimming Ridge Road north from Bridge #16-A.6 to north city limits of Sedgwick.
- Tree trimming on N. River Park Road from Bridge #7-N.8 to Alta Mills site.

Parks

- Camp Hawk cabins opened to the public.
- Repaired dock in Captain's Cove.
- Completed 50 amp electrical upgrades on camping pads.
- Performed extensive trail work at West Park.
- Had one of the busiest camping seasons ever.

Planning, Zoning, and Environmental

- As of December 11, 2020 we issued 101 Building Permits at a total of \$6,293,812.00. Of those permits 18 were new homes at an estimated cost of 3,228,594.00 (average cost per home of \$179,388). In 2019 the County had 67 permits total for \$7,083,299.00 with 20 new homes built at a cost of \$4,577,000 (average cost per home of (\$228,850). This is the first year to issue over 100 permits since 2010.
- Our office met with Hutchinson Water Sports in Burrton about the regulations and requirements of their cabin owners to get permits prior to building. This is part of the increase in permits for this year as the County saw a large increase in permits requested for Hutchinson Water Sports. Many of the permits in this recreational park also required flood plain permits to be issued.
- Our office implemented a well driller's registration this year in an effort to get well drillers to obtain permits prior to drilling wells in Harvey County. The effort has been successful with less than 5 total wells drilled after the implementation without permits. As of December 11, 2020, 41 well permits have been issued. In 2019, we had 13 well permits issued which was about the average amount per year until this year. Many wells were getting drilled unpermitted by our office.
- Our office has permitted 32 sewer permits in 2020 as of Dec. 11, 2020. Last year 31 permits were issued. Each of the sewers were inspected upon completion.
- Our office also increased our out-reach to realtors this year in attempt to try to make sure all homes that were sold were inspected. Real Estate transaction have been taking place without the required inspection of sewers and wells. Our office sent a letter to the listing agent for every home that was listed letting them know inspections were required for all real estate transactions. Our office will continue to work to get better cooperation in getting inspections done. This year our office performed 27 real estate inspections.

Register of Deeds

- Passport recertification for Simone and Belen.
- Passport Certification for Raquel.
- With the large increase of the sales market for homes, our office has continued to process deeds, mortgages, etc... in a timely fashion.

Road and Bridge

- Replacement of Bridge M-7.6 (NW 36th St. at West Park)
- Completed regrade projects on S. Woodlawn and SW 60th.
- Completed almost 40 miles of pavement improvements.
- Continued development of Hesston Road rehabilitation plans.
- Collaborated with other departments when requested, including Elections and Solid Waste.

Sheriff's Office

- Upgraded our handguns and added red dot optics.
- Conducted an internal survey to analyze Sheriff operations and received feedback for areas of improvement.
- The Undersheriff completed LELA Command School and became a Certified Public Manager for law enforcement.

Solid Waste

- Passed all State of Kansas inspections.
- Implemented a mattress recycling program.
- Improved the composting program operations.
- Installed new lights in the transfer station and recycling building.
- Improved the household hazardous waste receiving, storing and handling process and installed tables for customers to place their products on.

Treasurer's Office

- Completed a tax foreclosure sale.
- Reorganized office operations to safely accommodate the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.