

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A  
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN  
FOR A PORTION OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**REVITALIZATION PLAN**

The Board of County Commissioners of Rice County, Kansas pursuant to the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act, K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 12-17, 114 et. Seq., does hereby adopt a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (herein sometime called "Plan") for a portion of the County of Rice as follows:

**FINDINGS**

1. Rice County currently suffers from poor economic conditions as evidenced by the following:

(a) Rice County incomes are significantly below statewide averages. The per capita personal income for Rice County in 2003 was \$19,776, compared to the state of Kansas per capita income of \$29,438. That puts Rice County ranked 104 out of 105 counties in this statistic. In 2003, we had 1123 individuals, or 10.7% of our population earning incomes below poverty level in Rice County, and the statistics from 2000 show 8.5% of families are below the poverty level. (Source: County Economic Vitality and Distress Report prepared by Kansas, Inc., Dec. 2005)

(b) Rice County's population growth is below state and national norms and has actually dropped 0.77%, from 10,678 to 10,497 between 1994 and 2004 according to the latest figures. The state of Kansas grew by 6.01% from 1994 to 2004, approximately the same period. Rice County ranks forty-second in population out of 105 counties. From 1990 and 2000, the county had a population loss of 2.8%. The projected population for the year 2010 is 10,111; the projected population for the year 2020 is 9,926; 2030 projection is 9,759; and 2040 projection is 9,615. The population dropped from an 1890 population of 14,451 to a 1990 population of 10,610.

(c) The median age of Rice County is 38 years. Over 18% of the population of Rice County is 65 years or older, ranking it 52<sup>nd</sup> in the state. The County has 1867 people 65 and over. With this number of the population over 65, the County has many residents not in the labor force, living on fixed incomes. This does not enable them to renovate or rehabilitate their homes. With an older population, the labor force is less able to adapt to new technologies and undergo new training.

(d) According to 2000 statistical data, only 83.4% of the County's population over 25 years of age is high school graduates, in comparison to the state of Kansas' statistics of 86.0% high school graduates. In 2000, the County had 1735 people over 25 years of age with less than a high school graduate education.

(e) Coupling the aging population with the out-migration of youth to urban areas poses problems for future income earnings and leadership in the County. If this decreasing trend continues, either tax rates must increase, or cut backs will be made to public services. The County's most glaring weakness is the inability of the tax base to support the levels of governmental services residents have come to expect.

(f) As of 2000, the housing units have gone from 4525 units in 1980 to 4050 units in 2000. The number of households in the county has gone from 4107 in 1990 to 4050 in 2000.

(g) The total assessed valuation for Rice County in 2004 was \$94,689,488, or \$9,021 per capita, lower than the Kansas average.

2. Notice of hearing on this Plan has been given pursuant to K.S.A., 1996 Supp, 12-17,117(c) by publication in the Lyons News, official county newspaper, in the dates published, December 8, 2006 and December 15, 2006 editions of such newspaper and proof of such publication has been filed in the office of the County Clerk of Rice County.

2a. Notice of hearing on the amendment of this Plan has been given pursuant to K.S.A., 1996 Supp, 12-17,117(c) by publication in the Sterling Bulletin, official county newspaper, in the dates published, February 9, 2012 and February 16, 2012 editions of such newspaper and proof of such publication has been filed in the office of the County Clerk of Rice County.

3. By reason of the findings made in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, the County Commissioners further finds that a majority of the conditions as described in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 12-17, 115 exist in the portions of Rice County and are eligible for designation under the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act and that the rehabilitations, conservation and redevelopment thereof is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of these portions of the County of Rice.

**PLAN**

**1. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF AREA IN PLAN.**

(a) A legal description of the real estate forming the boundaries of the area included within the Plan is included as an attachment to this document.

**Chapter 18.—COUNTIES**

**Article 1.—NAMES AND BOUNDARIES OF COUNTIES**

18-180. Rice. The county of Rice is bounded as follows: Commencing where the south line of township seventeen intersects the east line of range six west; thence south with said range line, to the north line of township twenty-two; thence west with said township line, to the east line of range eight west; thence south with said range line, to the northeast corner of section twelve, township twenty-two, range eight west; thence west with section lines, to the northwest corner of section nine, township twenty-two, range eight west; thence north on section line, to the northwest corner of section four, township twenty-two, range eight; thence west on township line, to the northwest corner of section six, township twenty-two, range ten west; thence north on range line, to the north line of township eighteen; thence east with said township line, to the place of beginning;

**WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1.) The City of Lyons as defined in Boundary Resolution #346 of December 19, 2005;
- (2.) and the Neighborhood Revitalization Areas designated by the City of Sterling prior to the effective date of January 1, 2007.

(b) Maps depicting the existing Parcels of real estate covered by this Plan have been prepared and are on file in the office of the County Appraiser of Rice County and the same are adopted as a part of the Plan by reference.

**2. ASSESSED VALUATION.** The existing (2011) assessed valuation of the real estate included in the Plan, listing land and building values separately, is as follows:

Land	<u>\$ 27,254,483.00</u>
Buildings	<u>\$ 73,004,193.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 100,258,676.00</u>

**3. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OWNERS.** A list of the names and addresses of the Owners of record of the real estate included within the Plan constitutes a part of the records in the office of the County Appraiser of Rice County, and such list is adopted in and made a part of this Plan by reference.

**4. ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS.** The existing zoning classifications and zoning district boundaries and the existing land uses within the area included in the Plan are as set forth in the official zoning maps, records, resolutions and ordinances of the County of Rice and the cities therein.

**5. MUNICIPAL SERVICES.** The Plan does not include any proposals for improving expanded municipal services as described in K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 12-17, 117(a)(5) and, if any proposals for any such improvements or expansions of municipals services are hereafter proposed by the Governing Body, then any such proposal will be prepared and considered independently of this Plan.

**6. REAL PROPERTY ELIGIBLE.**

(a) All real property and all improvements thereon situated in the designated portions of the County of Rice are eligible to apply for Revitalization under the Plan.

(b) Rehabilitation of and additions to existing buildings and, also, construction of new buildings are each and all eligible to apply for Revitalization under the Plan.

(c) Exceptions will include, but not necessarily be limited to:

Non real estate items – sprinkler systems, fences, landscaping, gazebos, garden type structures, patios, hot tubs, swimming pools, irrigation wells and equipment, both agricultural and residential, and any state assessed property.

**7. CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY: PROCEDURE TO COMPLETE APPLICATION TO QUALIFY.**

(a) The Criteria to be used by the Governing Body to determine what specific property is eligible for Revitalization and for Property Tax Increment Rebates are as follows:

(i) (A) Construction of an improvement must have begun on or after January 1, 2007, the effective date of this Plan.

(B) Construction must be completed and such fact reported to the County Appraiser no later than the second January 1<sup>st</sup> following the date on which the County Appraiser conditionally approved the Application to Qualify And To Participate; otherwise the Conditional Approval will become null and void and the Improvements, if any, theretofore completed will not be eligible to participate in the Plan and the Rebate Program.

- (ii) In order to qualify for Revitalization, a Parcel of real estate:
- (A) Must have a minimum increase of 10% increase in building appraised value of the determined class, directly resulting from a qualified Construction and Improvement, for a Parcel of residential, agricultural, recreational, commercial and/or industrial real estate in order to be eligible to receive a Rebate.
- (iii) (A) All new Construction and all Improvements to existing property must comply with all zoning and building codes, rules, and regulations in effect at the time the improvements are made, and
- (B) To maintain its eligibility, such Parcel must continue to remain in compliance with all zoning and building codes, rules, and regulations during the entire period of time the Parcel remains eligible for Rebates.
- (iv) Any Parcel that is delinquent in the payment of any ad valorem property tax assessment or special assessment shall not be eligible for any Rebate and will be dropped out of the NRP and will not be eligible for any future rebates on the property where the NRP is applicable. Any Owner of other property within the County who is delinquent in the payment of any ad valorem property tax assessment or special assessment shall not be eligible for any Rebate and will be dropped out of the NRP and will not be eligible for any future rebates on the property where the NRP is applicable.
- (vi) Eligibility for Rebates is subject to the adoption and approval of the Plan by each taxing district. See County Clerk for taxing districts who have adopted the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.
- (vii) In the event of a transfer of ownership of a Parcel during the eligible Rebate period, such Parcel and the subsequent Owner thereof WILL remain eligible for the Rebate during the remained of the time for which the Parcel was eligible.
- (viii) (A) Multiple qualified improvements to the same Parcel completed within one calendar year shall be treated as one improvement.
- (B) In the event of multiple qualified improvements made to the same Parcel in different or succeeding years, which meet the required minimum requirements in any given

year, and therefore, create an additional qualification for and period of eligibility for a Rebate, the total Rebate in any succeeding year will be calculated and determined after the initial qualified Rebate is determined, and will be based upon the additional increase in the appraised value directly resulting from the succeeding qualified improvement.

- (ix) Rebates shall be payable only after Application is made and approved therefore pursuant to Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Plan. Rebates approved for payment shall be made within thirty (30) days after the next distribution date provided for in K.S.A. 12-1678a and amendments thereto next following approval for payment of the Rebate.
- (b) In completing an Application To Qualify And To Participate, the Applicant shall:
- (i) If required, secure a building permit prior to filing an Application.
  - (ii) Prior to commencement of construction, complete Part I of the Application, sign and date the Application, and file all copies thereof in the office of the County Appraiser.
  - (iii) Concurrently with filing the Application with the County Appraiser, the Applicant shall pay to the County Appraiser a non-refundable Application Fee of \$35.00.
  - (iv) Within fifteen (15) working days following filing of the Application, the County Appraiser will take action on the Application and will complete Part II thereof. Immediately following completion of Part II, the County Appraiser shall deliver a true and correct photocopy of completed Parts I and II of the Application to the Owner by personal delivery or via U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepaid. If deemed necessary, the County Appraiser has the option to inspect the property prior to completing Part II of the Application.
  - (v) When Parts I and II of the Application are completed, the County Appraiser shall deliver a photocopy thereof to the County Clerk for notification and information purposes.
  - (vi) As to any Construction and Improvement which is only partially completed as of the January 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following the County Appraiser's conditional approval under Part II of the Application, the owner shall report such fact in person to the County Appraiser

and shall complete Part III (a) of the Application. Such report shall be completed fifteen (15) working days following January 1<sup>st</sup>.

- (vii) As to any Construction and Improvement which is reported by the Owner pursuant to (vi) above as being only partially completed, the County Appraiser shall view, value and appraise such partially completed Construction and Improvement as of the January 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following the County Appraiser's conditional approval under Part II of the Application and such partially completed Construction and Improvement shall have taxes levied, assessed, and collected thereon in the usual and customary manner and the same shall not be eligible in the year of such levy and assessment as a partially completed Construction and Improvement for a Rebate under the Plan.
- (viii) Within fifteen (15) working days after any Construction and Improvement is completed, the Owner shall report such fact in person to the County Appraiser and shall complete part III (b) of the Application.
- (ix) Within fifteen (15) working days after the Owner shall have completed Part III (b) of the Application and filed the same with the County Appraiser, the County Appraiser shall conduct an on-site inspection of the Construction and Improvement completed on the Parcel of real estate described in the Application. On or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following tax year, the County Appraiser shall determine the increase in the appraised value of the Parcel of real estate described in the Application which is directly attributable to the Construction and Improvement described in Parts I, II and III of the Application, following which, the County Appraiser shall complete Part IV of the Application.
- (x) (A) Within fifteen (15) working days following the County Appraiser's compliance with (ix) next above, the County Appraiser shall deliver a true and correct photocopy of the fully completed Application (i.e. Parts I, II, III, and IV are all completed) to the Owner by personal delivery or via U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepaid.  
  
(B) In addition to complying with (A) last above, if Part IV is approved by the County Appraiser, the County Appraiser shall also forthwith deliver a true and correct copy of the fully completed, fully approved Application to the County Clerk thereby certifying that the Application and the Construction and Improvement completed pursuant thereto are now qualified in the Rebate program pursuant to the Plan.

- (xi) If the Owner is aggrieved by any act, action or omission by the County Appraiser pursuant to Parts II and/or IV of the Application, the Owner, if possible, shall complete remedial action, as shall be necessary to secure the required approval of the County Appraiser, if the Owner cannot secure such approval, then the Owner may appeal the County Appraiser's decision to the Board of the Rice County Commissioners and thence to the District Court using the procedures provided therefore in Section 9(c)(ii)(B) of the Plan as set forth hereinbelow.
- (xii) (A) In completing an Application To Qualify And To Participate all action required under this Section 7(b) shall be completed and submitted in person by the Owner or the Owner's agent or attorney unless the County Appraiser shall, in writing, authorize the Application to be submitted by the U.S. Mail or by some other alternative method.
- (B) The form attached hereto as Exhibit A and entitled "Application to Qualify And To Participate" is hereby approved and adopted for use in completing an Application pursuant to this Section 7.

8. CONTENT OF APPLICATION FOR REBATE. The content of an "Application to Qualify And To Participate" as authorized under K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 12-17, 118 is as set forth in the document which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and entitled "Application for Rebate Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" and is hereby approved and adopted as a part of the Plan by reference.

9. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR REBATE. The procedure for submission of an Application for Rebate of Property Tax Increments is as follows:

- (a) (i) On each November hereafter, concurrently with the mailing of the annual real estate tax statements, the County Treasurer will mail to the Owner of each Parcel of real estate approved for Revitalization pursuant to Paragraph 7 above an Application for Rebate form.
- (ii) Should any approved Owner, for whatsoever reason, fail to receive an Application for Rebate pursuant to (i) above, then such Owner may secure an Application for Rebate form from the County Treasurer's Office.
- (b) (i) The taxpayer will complete the Application for Rebate, with assistance from the County Appraiser and the County Clerk where necessary, and, upon completion thereof, shall submit the same to the County Treasurer for consideration and approval.

- (c) (i) Upon the County Treasurer's receipt of a completed Application for Rebate, the County Treasurer shall determine whether or not such Application meets all of the criteria to qualify for a Rebate.
- (ii) (A) If the County Treasurer approves the Owner's Application for Rebate, then the Owner shall file such Application with the County Clerk as per (d) next below.
- (B) If the County Treasurer disapproves the Application, then the Owner, if possible, shall amend the Application as necessary to secure the approval of the County Treasurer and shall thereupon proceed to file the Application with the County Clerk as per (d) next below, or, if the County Treasurer will not approve the Application, then the Owner may appeal the County Appraiser's or Treasurer's decision to the Board of County Commissioners in the manner provided for the filing of appeals by Taxpayers in K.S.A. 1996 79-1606(a) and (b). On the filing of such appeal, the same shall be heard by the Board of Commissioners prior to the September 1<sup>st</sup> next following filing of such appeal. If the Board of County Commissioners likewise disapproves such Application, then the Taxpayer may appeal to the District Court in the manner authorized K.S.A. 19-223.
- (d) Following the filing of an approved Application for Rebate in the office of the County Clerk, the County Clerk shall thereupon proceed to process such Application as a Claim in the manner authorized and provided in K.S.A. 12-105a and 12-105b.
- (e) An Application for Rebate approved for payment as a Claim pursuant to (a) through (d) above shall be paid for the County Treasurer, but such payment shall be made only at the next occurring time provided for the distribution of taxes by the County Treasurer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1678a (c) which follows the approval for payment of an Application for Rebate.
- (f) The Application for Rebate provided for in this Section 9 shall be made in person by the Taxpayer or the Taxpayer's agent or attorney unless the County Appraiser shall, in writing, authorize the Application to be prepared and filed via the U.S. mail or some other alternative method.

**10. CRITERIA TO BE USED WHEN CONSIDERING APPLICATION FOR REBATE.**  
 The standards or criteria to be used when reviewing Applications for Rebate for approval or disapproval thereof are as follows:

- (a) The Parcel must meet all criteria for eligibility as set forth in paragraph 7 above as of the date that the Application for Rebate is filed.

- (b) The Procedure for submission of an Application for Rebate as set forth in paragraph 9 must have been fully and correctly complied with.
- (c) All ad valorem taxes and all special assessments levied against the Parcel and all other properties owned by the Owner on which the Rebate is sought and all other properties owned by the Owner must have been paid in full prior to filing of the Application for Rebate.
- (d) All ad valorem taxes and all special assessments levied against the Parcel on which the Rebate is sought must have been paid in full prior to filing the Application for Rebate.
- (e) In the event the Owner does not pay all taxes and special assessments levied against the Parcel on which the Rebate is sought by December 20, then the Application for Rebate must be filed on or before June 5th next following the May 10th deadline for the payment of all taxes for which the Rebate is sought.
- (f) In the case of multiple Owners of a property eligible for a Rebate, absent a written agreement providing otherwise, the Rebate will be made payable to all Owners of record.

**11. MAXIMUM TAX REBATABLE; YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY.**

- (a) The amount of the Rebate is the resulting increase in the ad valorem tax, if any, which is directly attributable to the Construction and Improvement to the qualified Parcel and the increase in assessed valuation directly resulting therefrom, in any given year during the period of eligibility, calculated in accordance with the applicable percentage amounts as set forth in the following table:

Years of Eligibility	Percentage of Property Tax Increment Rebatable*
Years 1 through 5	95%
Years 6, 7, 8	75%
Years 9 and 10	50%

\*Percentage rebatable is of the increase in the amount of ad valorem property (tax increment) directly resulting from the qualified Construction and Improvement.)

- (b) A Parcel determined qualified for Rebates shall be entitled to such rebated in decreasing percentage amount for a period of ten (10) years provided the property declared qualified shall continuously maintain such qualification.
- (c) The full amount of the tax due, including the increase in the ad valorem tax (property tax increment) resulting from the qualified Construction and

Improvement shall be paid over to the Neighborhood Revitalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Neighborhood Revitalization Act to be distributed by law and this Plan.

- (d) No Rebate shall be paid to the Owner if it is \$10.00 or less, but shall be retained by Rice County for services rendered in connection with administration of the Plan.
- (e) Property Tax Increment not Rebated to the Taxpayer in accordance with the table set forth in (a) last above or retained by Rice County pursuant to (d) last above shall be distributed to the Taxing District for whom the Increment was collected.
- (f) In the case of a Rice County FEMA declared natural disaster, 100% of the new construction will be eligible which is directly attributable to the Construction and Improvement to the qualified Parcel and the increase in assessed valuation directly resulting therefrom, in any given year during the period of eligibility, calculated in accordance with the applicable percentage amounts as set forth in the following table:

Years of Eligibility	Percentage of Property Tax Increment Rebatable*
Years 1 through 5	50%
Years 6, 7, 8	35%
Years 9 and 10	25%

**12. DURATION OF THE PLAN; CONTINUATION OF REBATES ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY.**

- (a) The extension of this original plan shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five (5) years from and after January 1, 2012.
- (b) At any time during the period that this Plan remains in effect, any Owner of eligible real property may apply for Revitalization of such real property pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Plan.
- (c) Unless otherwise provided by any law of the State of Kansas hereafter enacted, any and all real property which shall have qualified for Revitalization and for Rebates prior to the final termination of the Plan as provided in (a) and (b) above shall continue to and remain qualified for Rebates pursuant to paragraphs 8, 9, 10, and 11 of the Plan notwithstanding the fact that other real property described in paragraph 1 above which has not theretofore qualified for participation under the Plan will no longer be eligible to do so.

### 13. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

The participating Public Agencies agree that the Board of County Commissioners of Rice County, Kansas, acting through the County Clerk's Office, the County Appraiser's Office and the County Treasurer's Office, shall administer the Plan. It is set forth that five percent (5%) of the increment as defined in K.S.A. 1995 Supp. 12-17, 115(d) shall be utilized by the Rice County to pay for administrative costs incurred by the County in implementing and administering the Plan. It is set forth that the County shall be responsible for creating and administering a Neighborhood Revitalization Fund as defined in K.S.A. 1995 Supp. 12-17, 118(a). It is further set forth that the Board of County Commissioners shall be responsible for the distribution of the administrative costs collected.

### 14. DEFINITIONS.

- (a) When the words "Applicant for Rebate", "Owners" and "Taxpayer", are used and referred to in the Plan, the same, where applicable, include the plural, as well as the singular.
- (b) As used in this Plan:
  - (i) Applicant means and refers to each and every person filing an Application pursuant to Section 7 and Section 9 of this Plan. Such word also means and refers to "Owner" and "Taxpayer" as defined in this Plan.
  - (ii) Application means and refers to each and all Applications filed pursuant to Section 7 of this Plan.
  - (iii) Application for Rebate means and refers to Applications filed pursuant to Sections 8 and 9 of this Plan.
  - (iv) Board means and refers to the Board of County Commissioners of Rice County.
  - (v) Construction and Improvement means and refers to rehabilitation of and additions to existing buildings or new construction, or both, which are completed and qualified under the Plan.
  - (vi) County Appraiser means and refers to the County Appraiser of Rice County, Kansas.
  - (vii) County Clerk means and refers to the County Clerk of Rice County, Kansas.
  - (viii) County Treasurer means and refers to the County Treasurer of Rice County, Kansas.

- (ix) District Court means and refers to the District Court of Rice County, Kansas.
- (x) Governing Body means and refers to the Board of County Commissioners of Rice County, Kansas.
- (xi) Increment means and refers to that amount of ad valorem taxes collected from the Parcel qualified under the Plan which is in excess of the amount which was produced from such Parcel and was attributable to the assessed valuation of such Parcel prior to the qualification of the Parcel under the Plan and which is directly attributable to that part of the assessed valuation of the Parcel directly resulting from Revitalization of the Parcel under the Plan. The term "Property Tax Increment", where used in the Plan, is synonymous with the work "Increment" as defined herein.
- (xii) NRA means and refers to the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act as set forth in K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 12-17, 114, et seq.
- (xiii) Owner means the Owner or Lessor of real estate which is described in an Application and in an Application for Rebate when filed pursuant to the Plan. Owner also means and refers to "Applicant" and "Taxpayer" as defined in this Plan.
- (xiv) Parcel means and refers to the tract or piece or parcel of real estate which is described by County Appraiser parcel number and by legal description in the Application and in the Application For Rebate.
- (xv) Plan means and refers to this Revitalization Plan adopted pursuant to the NRA.
- (xvi) Rebate means and refers to that part of the ad valorem property tax paid by a Taxpayer on a Parcel qualified under the Plan that is attributable to the increase in the assessed valuation of the Parcel which is directly attributable to Revitalization and which is refundable to the Taxpayer by a taxing district which has adopted the Plan under the NRA.
- (xvii) Revitalization means and refers to all Construction and Improvement completed on a Parcel which is qualified under the Plan.
- (xviii) Taxpayer means and refers to the Owner of a qualified Parcel who pays the ad valorem property taxes levied and assessed thereon.
- (xix) Taxing District means and refers to the County of Rice and any and every other unit of local government within the County of Rice which shall have adopted the NRA Plan and for whose use and purposes any Property Tax Increment shall be hereafter levied and collected.

**14. AMENDMENT OR REPEAL.**

- (a) This Plan may at any time hereafter, in whole or in part, be amended, supplemented, or repealed using the procedures set forth in subparagraphs (b) of this section.**
- (b) Prior to amending, supplementing, or repealing this Plan, or any part thereof, the Governing Body shall first conduct a public hearing upon the feasibility of any such amendment or repeal after first publishing notice of any such hearing at least once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper of Rice County. Such notice shall set forth the specific change or changes proposed, or a summary thereof, and shall advise of the time and place at which such proposed supplement, amendment or repeal shall be heard.**

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF  
FEBRUARY, 2012.

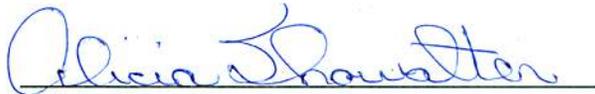
COUNTY OF RICE, STATE OF KANSAS  
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
William D. Oswalt, Chairman

  
Jack Bray

  
H. Derek McCloud

ATTEST:

  
Alicia Showalter, County Clerk  
(Seal)

