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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 AND HIGH PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO HIGH PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.**

**WHEREAS**, Rural Fire District No. 1 of Leavenworth County, Kansas (“Fire District No. 1”) was formed in 2003 by the Board of County Commissioners of Leavenworth County, Kansas (“County”) under K.S.A. 19-3601 *et. seq.*, the Fire Protection Act; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fire District No. 1 is comprised of the City of Lansing, Delaware Township, and High Prairie Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, the City of Lansing, Delaware Township and High Prairie Township all entered into an Interlocal Agreement under K.S.A. 12-2901, *et. seq.*, the Interlocal Cooperation Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the County delegated all of the governing powers of Fire District No. 1 to a board of trustees in the Interlocal Agreement under K.S.A. 12-3612a; and the Interlocal Agreement set forth the terms and conditions governing the joint operation and management of the Fire District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Agreement was terminated on December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the County became and constituted the governing body of Fire District No. 1 under K.S.A. 19-3601 on January 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, to ensure the provision of adequate fire protection services within the boundaries of Fire District No. 1 after December 31, 2024, entered into a contract with the City of Lansing to provide fire protection services within the boundaries of Fire District No. 1 for a period of one year; and

**WHEREAS**, K.S.A. 12-2908, entitled Contracts between Municipalities authorizes the parties to cooperate in public functions; and

**WHEREAS**, K.S.A. 19-3608, entitled Agreements with Cities or Townships for Fire Protection Services, specifically authorized the County and the City of Lansing to enter into agreement for fire protection services; and

**WHEREAS**, K.S.A. 19-3604(b) sets forth the process for the alteration of a fire district; and

**WHEREAS**, High Prairie Township formed their own township fire department on March 6, 2025 pursuant to K.S.A. 808-1919 *et. seq.* and intends to begin providing fire

protection services within the geographic boundaries of High Prairie Township on April 1, 2025;  
and

**WHEREAS**, High Prairie is willing and able to provide or cause to be provided fire protection services within its geographic boundaries and provide for the use, operation, care and maintenance of any fire apparatus or equipment belonging to High Prairie or the Fire District;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire District has determined that it is in the public interest to establish a revised one (1) year plan for fire protection services in High Prairie.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING IN REGULAR SESSION DOES HEREBY FIND AND RESOLVE:**

1. That the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Leavenworth County, Kansas is hereby authorized and directed to execute in the name of the County the attached Agreement between the County, as the governing body of Fire District No. 1., and High Prairie Township for the provision of fire protection services to High Prairie Township.
2. That the County Administrator and other County staff are directed to take any action required and to execute any instruments necessary to satisfy the intent of this Resolution.
3. That this Resolution and the Agreement shall take effect and be in full force on April 1, 2025.


ADOPTED the 26th day of March, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

absent

Mike Smith, CHAIR

  
Jeff Culbertson, MEMBER

  
Vanessa Reid, MEMBER



ATTEST:

Fran Keppler  
Fran Keppler, CLERK

Willie Dove  
Willie Dove, MEMBER

Mike Stieben  
Mike Stieben, MEMBER