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USDA secretary says Kansas food safety agency terminations were part of ‘imperfect process’

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Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — The firing and rehiring of federal workers at the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan was part of an “imperfect process,” U.S. Department of Agriculture secretary Brooke Rollins said Wednesday.

Rollins responded to questions from U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids, D-Kansas, at a U.S. House Agriculture Committee hearing. NBAF conducts high-level research of animal pathogens, zoonotic diseases, which are diseases that pass from animals to humans, and other issues that affect food safety.

“It’s the nation’s first bio-safety level 4 lab for livestock. It was built to protect us from the worst animal disease. I understand that 28 employees were fired on a single day, and then later, some of those firings were walked back,” Davids said. “I’m curious. Were the firings a clerical mistake or did someone have second



Rep. Sharice Davids questions USDA secretary Brooke Rollins about why there were terminations at Manhattan’s National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility. KANSAS REFLECTOR SCREEN CAPTURE FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE VIDEO

thoughts about the initial decision to fire these specific people?”

Rollins denied there were firings, calling it instead a “probation period” from which all employees were brought back. Davids

persisted, asking why any NBAF or food safety employees would be on the “chopping block” in the first place because of the important role they play in protecting the country from severe animal disease.

“It clearly was an imperfect process and one that we moved to rectify within hours if not days,” Rollins said, adding that maintaining a safe food supply is a priority of the administration. U.S. Rep. Angie Craig,

D-Minnesota, told Rollins the committee is concerned about whether the farm bill will pass and about how Department of Government Efficiency cuts are affecting farmers nationwide.

“I’m genuinely concerned that under this administration, agricultural policymaking has become more partisan and polarized,” Craig said. “This reckless push to cut nearly \$300 billion in funding to a title of the farm bill, instead of prioritizing getting a 12-title, five-year farm bill across the finish line is of particular concern of this committee, and it has put the bipartisan farm bill in jeopardy.”

Craig listed high input costs, bird flu concerns, food bank defunding, tariffs causing global markets to be lost, removal of ability for schools to buy local farm products, and more, as issues.

She did not ask a question, and Collins did not comment on the farm bill.

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RESOLUTION NO. 3199-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE NUISANCES FROM CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-63 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, KANSAS. (1906 Vinzant Street)

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Garden City has declared it unlawful for any person to maintain a motor vehicle nuisance on private property within the City of Garden City, and

WHEREAS, the residents and/or owners of the private property at the addresses listed herein have been notified pursuant to Section 38-63 of the Code of Ordinances and have neither abated the nuisance conditions nor requested a hearing before the Governing Body.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Garden City, Kansas:

SECTION 1. Ten (10) days after passage of this Resolution the Public Officer is hereby authorized to abate the following motor vehicle nuisance conditions:

1906 Vinzant Street - Inoperable and/ or unregistered vehicle- Green 4-Door Dodge SUV, and a Green 2-Door Truck

SECTION 2. Within a 12-month period of the date of the order issued under the authority of section 38-62, should the city or a person abate the described nuisance condition by removal of the motor vehicle, and then the motor vehicle is returned to the same premises resulting in the same nuisance condition, the city may proceed to abate the nuisance condition pursuant to Section 38-63, without the issuance of a new resolution or order.

SECTION 3. The abatement costs incurred by the City shall be charged

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against the lots or parcels of ground on which the motor vehicle nuisance is located.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Garden City, Kansas, on this 3rd day of June 2025.

Roy Cessna, MAYOR  
ATTEST:  
Celyn N. Hurtado, CITY CLERK  
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RESOLUTION NO. 3200-2025

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1907 Walker Street - Inoperable and/ or unregistered vehicle- Black 4-Door Dodge SUV

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of ELIZABETH L. GOSSMAN, Deceased  
Case No: FI-2025-PR-000053

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on June 10, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed by Norma Gossman, petitioner of the Estate of Elizabeth L. Gossman, deceased.  
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice

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under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.  
Norma Gossman, Petitioner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS GARDEN CITY, KANSAS

A Public Hearing will be held at 301 North 8th Street, in the City Commission Chamber, 2nd floor, at the City Administrative Center, Garden City, Kansas, at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

This is a notice considering the application for the following cases:

GCBZA2025-10: STL Horizon, LLC is requesting a conditional use permit to construct a parking lot for the property generally located at 4111 E. HWY 50, Garden City, Kansas.

GCBZA2025-11: Steve E. Elpers and Jerry Valdez are requesting a conditional use permit to operate a fitness facility at 102 N. 11th, Garden City, KS.

The proposed case is available for public inspection by contacting the Neighborhood & Development Services Department at (620)276-1170. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and be heard at these public hearings.

Trent Maxwell  
Secretary

Please be advised that the above-scheduled Public Hearing may be cancelled or continued at any time up to and prior to the scheduled date and time. You will not receive any notice of such cancellation or continuance prior to the scheduled Public Hearing. Likewise, there will be no publication of such cancellation or continuance prior to the scheduled Public Hearing. You are, therefore, advised to contact the Neighborhood & Development Services Department prior to the Public Hearing to confirm whether the Public Hearing is moving forward as scheduled. In the event that a new public hearing is scheduled for a later date, proper notice to you and publication will be completed at that time.  
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDING THE 2024-25 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 457 will meet on the 30th day of June, 2025 at 7:30 AM, at 1205 Fleming St, Garden City, KS, 67846 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at Educational Support Center and will be available at this hearing.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

Fund	Adopted Budget 2024-25			Proposed Amendment 2024-25 Budget
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax to be Levied	Expenditures & Transfers	Expenditures & Transfers
Parent Education Program			410,960	440,000

Jennifer Ramos  
Board Clerk

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