

## ‘little convincing evidence’

### Watchdog suggests USPS overhaul will fail with no significant change

**Eric Katz, correspondent  
Government Executive**

The U.S. Postal Service’s plan to reform its operations and fix its finances is defective, overly optimistic and will severely damage its performance, a regulator with oversight of the agency found in a new review.

The negative impacts of Postmaster General

Louis DeJoy’s Delivering for America plan have been felt since it was first implemented in 2021, the Postal Regulatory Commission said in an advisory opinion, and years later is still not ready for implementation.

USPS is likely to realize little benefit from the proposals, PRC said, while worsening service and negatively impacting certain mail products and communities.

DeJoy and postal management have repeatedly said all of his steps to overhaul the Postal Service are necessary for

**The Postal Regulatory Commission added USPS was glossing over how much more significantly rural communities would feel the impacts of the changes. Some populations will not receive First-Class mail pieces for six or more days, it said. Those impacts may render the reforms in violation of the law.**

the survival of the agency and anyone standing in his way would hasten its demise.

“The commission urges the Postal Service to reconsider whether the speculative, meager gains from this proposal outweigh the certain downgrade in service for a significant portion of the nation,” PRC wrote.

The commission,

whose opinion is non-binding but was being closely watched by lawmakers in both parties, said it recognizes that USPS is in a difficult position and supports the push for change. It issued its opinion after postal management requested it, which followed criticism from Democrats, Republicans, the USPS inspector general and

stakeholders.

PRC specifically examined two parts of DeJoy’s plan: its Regional Transportation Optimization initiative, which requires mail to sit overnight at post offices instead of being collected each evening for transportation to a processing center, and its processing plant consolidations that will result in the 60 regional processing distribution centers.

To accommodate the changes, the Postal Service will deliver some mail more slowly. Together, USPS project-

ed the efforts would save around \$4 billion annually.

The regulators said the Postal Service should better prepare for its RTO initiative, as the plan was rushed, included incomplete information on impacts and lacked regional specificity. The consolidation plan, it added, is unlikely to “create a more efficient network compared to the legacy network.”

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“Other than say-  
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## EU puts bourbon, motorcycles and more on tariff list in trade war with U.S.

**Ashley Murray  
The Kansas Reflector**

WASHINGTON — The European Union released a lengthy list Wednesday of U.S. goods, from Kentucky bourbon to household appliances, slated for retaliatory tariffs in response to President Donald Trump’s taxes on steel and aluminum imports that went into effect overnight.

The 27-nation bloc announced late Tuesday it plans to impose the countermeasures starting April 1 if the Trump administration does not cool the escalating trade war

between the major trading partners.

Trump’s 25% levies on imported steel and aluminum kicked in early Wednesday. The United States is Europe’s largest market for exported steel, totaling roughly eight billion euros, or \$8.7 billion, in 2024, according to European Commission figures.

“The trade relations between the European Union and the U.S. are the biggest in the world. They have brought prosperity and security to millions of people, and trade has created millions of jobs on both sides of the Atlantic,” said the

commission’s President Ursula von der Leyen.

“We firmly believe that in a world fraught with geopolitical and economic uncertainties, it is not in our common interest to burden our economies with tariffs,” von der Leyen also said.

### Tariffs in Effect April 13

The EU’s 99-page list of American imports set to be taxed next month includes beer, cosmetics, hardware and metal tools, components for energy pipelines, motorcycles, and hundreds of other products.

The tariffs will be fully in place by April

13, according to von der Leyen, and could affect up to \$28 billion in U.S. goods, essentially matching the value of European imports taxed under Trump’s latest tariffs.

Canada quickly followed the European bloc Wednesday in announcing counter-tariffs on the U.S.

Canada is the largest foreign supplier of steel and aluminum to American buyers. The U.S. has imported on average \$541.8 million worth of steel from Canada each month since March 2024, according to the International Trade Administration.

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### Public Notice

(First published in The Scott County Record Thurs., March 13, 2025; last published Thurs., March 27, 2025)3t  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, KANSAS  
In the Matter of the Estate of: Gary Wayne Allaman, deceased  
Case No. SC 2023PR000010  
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of March, 2025, a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in this Court by Troy Charles, duly appointed and qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Gary Wayne Allaman, deceased, praying Petitioner’s acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined, and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys fee and expenses

are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of Receipts, the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Administrator of the Estate of Gary Wayne Allaman, deceased, and the Petitioner and the surety on Petitioner’s bond be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 4th day of April, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., in the District Court, Scott County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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### Scott Co. LEC Report

#### Week of March 4-10 Police Department

**March 4:** 5:06 p.m. An injury vehicle accident occurred at 1314 Main Street.

**March 4:** 5:42 p.m. A non-injury vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of 9th and Court streets.

**March 4:** 8:05 p.m. A harassment report was taken at 602 W. 8th Street.

**March 5:** 7:16 p.m. A non-injury vehicle accident occurred at 809 W. 9th Street.

**March 6:** 9:05 p.m. Albert Eugene Berry, Jr., 48, Scott City, was arrested on a probation violation.

**March 7:** 10:25 a.m. David Alan Suri, 44, Scott City, was arrested on a bond violation.

**March 7:** 1:19 p.m. A fraud report was taken at 1425 S. Main.

#### Sheriff’s Department

**March 4:** 1:09 p.m. An injury vehicle accident occurred at the junction of US83/K95 highways.

**March 4:** 2:16 p.m. Officer responded to a juvenile issue at 602 W. 5th Street.

**March 5:** 6:06 p.m. A trespass report was taken at 2400 W. Road 210.

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### Scott City Council Agenda Monday, March 17 • 6:30 p.m. City Hall • 221 West 5th Street

- Approve minutes of March 3 regular meeting
  - Approve temporary easement agreement with Four B Farms
  - Approve police chief job description
  - Temporary business license discussion
    - 1) Approve Ordinance No. 1274: Temporary Business Licenses
    - 2) Approve update of temporary business license application form
  - Discuss Sunday liquor sales
  - Discuss water leak policy
  - Discuss utility disconnect threshold policy
  - Discuss bulk water policy
  - Property/casualty insurance renewal
    - 1) Rodenbeek and Green agent David Post
  - Request for Scott City Housing Authority yearly audit and financial review
  - GMS project representative Mark Hornberger
    - 1) Drawdown request
- Open agenda. Audience is invited to voice ideas and concerns. A time limit may be requested

- Building Inspector
  - 1) Misc. business
- Police Department
  - 1) Misc. business
- Parks Department
  - 1) Misc. business
- Public Works Department
  - 1) Misc. business
- Clerk’s Department
  - 1) Community needs assessment on April 8 at Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center
- City administrator’s comments
- City attorney’s comments
- Financial reports
- Executive session(s)
- Mayor’s comments
- Adjournment

Agenda is subject to change between time of publication and time of meeting. Please visit <https://www.scottcityks.org/government/city-council/agendas-and-minutes> for updates.



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