

Colglazier named CEO of Sabetha Community Hospital

The Board of Directors of Sabetha Community Hospital has announced the appointment of Garrett Colglazier of Holton as the hospital's new Chief Executive Officer, effective Aug. 1, 2025.



Colglazier (shown above), who currently serves as Chief Operating Officer, will succeed Dr. James Longabaugh, DO, who announced his resignation in April, effective at the end of July.

Colglazier is a familiar and respected leader within Sabetha Community Hospital, bringing a wealth of knowledge and

experience to his new role, according to a news release from SCH.

He has served as Chief Operating Officer for the past three years, working closely alongside Dr. Longabaugh and gaining invaluable insight into the hospital's operations and strategic direction. Prior to his role as COO, Colglazier was the Health Information Management Director.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome Garrett Colglazier as our new CEO," said Board President Norm Schmitt. "Garrett not only possesses a deep understanding of our hospital and the healthcare landscape but also has a proven track record of leadership and dedication to our community. His experience working directly with Dr. Longabaugh ensures a seamless transition and continued commitment to our mis-

sion of providing exceptional patient care."

Colglazier's educational background includes a bachelor of science degree in health information management and health informatics from The University of Saint Mary and an associate's degree from Allen County Community College.

"I am honored and humbled to be entrusted with the leadership of Sabetha Community Hospital," Colglazier said. "I look forward to continuing to build upon the strong foundation laid by Dr. Longabaugh and working collaboratively with our dedicated staff, physicians and the community to further enhance the quality of healthcare services we provide."

Colglazier resides in Holton with his wife, Jessica, and their three sons, Bennett, Callahan and Miles.

County Commission...

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- * Learned that for the 2026 budget, Kieffaber would like to have separate line items for asphalt, chip-and-seal and Labor-Max expenses.
- * Learned that Samsara sent the road and bridge department cables for the new GPS equipment but they are too short to use on the motor graders. Kieffaber has contacted them but has received no response.
- The county received the equipment two months ago but does not have the ability to install the equipment without the correct cables.
- * Discussed the road and bridge's uniform contract with Unifirst.
- Kieffaber said there have been several problems with the company since they started working with them last September.
- One employee has not received jeans for two months. Kieffaber said he is considering working with another company.
- * Discussed with Immenschuh a building in the county that is in a flood plain.
- The building needs to be flood proofed or elevated, it

was reported. Immenschuh will send a letter to the property owner with the requirements for dry flood proofing and the county's flood plain development application.

- * Met with Kristie Morrey and Jason Gibson of NEK-CAP (Northeast Kansas Community Action Program) who requested \$5,000 in county funding for 2026.
- With potential federal budget cuts, Morrey and Gibson said they are requesting assistance from all the counties that NEK-CAP serves.
- If the community services block grant were to be cut, the program would not be able to pay the administration required to run the grant, it was reported.
- Commissioner Keith Kelly said it would be difficult for the county to fulfill the budget request this year, but they will continue to discuss the issue.
- * Signed a payroll changes notice for Justin Mauldin, who resigned from the sheriff's office.
- * Asked Luckman to contact Jackson County EMS. The commissioners have requested

a financial report from the business and have not received it. Commissioner Kelly would also like to know where the second ambulance is posted. Luckman will send them a letter.

- * Learned from Commissioner Kelly that he learned from Bryson Bain, road and bridge shop foreman, that a county vehicle was taken to Doug Richert Chevrolet to have a headlamp put in after it was serviced for a recall. Kelly questioned why the mechanics at the county shop didn't install the headlamp.
- * Agreed to hold a public budget meeting in the evening in the near future to allow the public to ask questions or discuss their concerns. The date and time will be decided at a later meeting.
- * Adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m. All three commissioners were present.

Royal Valley Raises...

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Board Vice President Ann Kelly served as the chief negotiator for teacher negotiations.

"We had great communication and great teachers on the negotiation team," Kelly said.

"We're excited to get the base to \$50,000 so we can attract really good teachers. We're very competitive to the school districts around us."

The board also approved a similar percent salary increase for classified staff and administrators.

The base pay for classified staff (custodians, head secretaries, cooks, etc.) was increased between 52 cents to 60 cents along with a 10-cent step pay increase.

For bus drivers, \$550 was added to the base pay while \$50 was added to the step pay plan.

New administrative salaries, with benefits, include Superintendent Davis - \$154,293; Director of Curriculum and Instruction Noah Slay - \$116,079; RV High School Principal Cassie Geis - \$104,630; RV High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Cale Green - \$91,629; RV Middle School Principal Keith Glotzbach - \$107,022; new Assistant Middle School Principal Jonathan Goering

- \$85,588; RV Elementary School Principal Justin Moore - \$99,482 and new RV Elementary School Assistant Principal Elizabeth VanHoutan \$78,835.

Administrator benefits include a retirement plan, car stipend (for Davis and Slay only), dues, life insurance and salary protection.

Each administrator will also receive \$540 from the district to help cover a health insurance plan, it was reported.

The total compensation package for classified staff and administrators represents a \$108,382 increase in new money for salaries.

More details from the board's meeting will be published in next week's edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

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Public Notice

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CITY OF HOLTON
BOARD OF
ZONING APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED VARIANCE

On July 28, 2025 at Holton City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania Avenue, 6:00 p.m., the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider an application for a Zoning Variance from Ordinance No. 19-005, Zoning Ordinance under Article VII, Section 7, YARD REGULATIONS:

The variance would apply to property located at 125 W. Second Street, more specifically described as follows:

LOT 14 & N10 LOT 12
NEW YORK AVE SECTION
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15E, City of Holton, Jackson
County, Kansas.

The variance requested is for a front yard setback of twenty (20) feet from the required (25) feet from the front property line for the placement of a fence to enclose an area of the property.

All property owners within 200 feet of the affected property have been notified.

Any interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing.

Jeff Draper - City of Holton
Code Enforcement Officer/
Planning and Zoning

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Values...

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The valuation for **USD 336 Holton** increased from \$69,400,914 to \$72,113,811 (a \$2,712,897 increase) in Jackson County. The district also receives some assessed values from Jefferson County.

The assessed valuation for **USD 337 Royal Valley** increased from \$43,868,729 to \$46,488,055 (a \$2,619,326 increase) this past year.

The assessed valuation for the city of **Holton** increased by \$129,192 this year from \$30,661,613 to \$30,790,805.

All other cities in Jackson County, except Denison, received an increase in their assessed valuations this past year. Those valuations include:

- * \$815,813 for **Circleville**, which is a \$4,957 increase from last year's \$810,859.

- * \$679,373 for **Delia**, which is a \$35,414 increase from last year's \$643,959.

- * \$648,354 for **Denison**, which is a \$54,279 decrease from last year's \$702,633.

- * \$4,448,707 for **Hoyt**, which is a \$250,101 increase from last year's \$4,198,606.

- * \$1,809,567 for **Mayetta**, which is a \$53,480 increase from last year's \$1,756,087.

- * \$975,502 for **Netawaka**, which is a \$20,105 increase from last year's \$955,397.

- * \$403,746 for **Soldier**, which is a \$17,733 increase from last year's \$386,013.

- * \$1,270,261 for **Whiting**, which is a \$50,202 increase from last year's \$1,220,059.

The increases in assessed valuation will help local government officials as they prepare their upcoming budgets, it was reported.

The total assessed valuation of each county, school district, city, fire district, etc. multiplied by the mill levy, set by the individual taxing districts, determines local funding. When a municipality experiences an increase in assessed valuation, it automatically generates more tax funds using the same mill levy as the previous year.

If the assessed valuation decreases, it takes more funds to generate the same budget as the previous year.



Jazz trumpeter Jim Seeley (shown above), a Holton native, will perform a benefit concert on Aug. 16 at Holton Community Theatre to raise funds for the theatre, Beck Bookman Library's Building Fund and Jackson County Kiwanis.

Submitted photo

Seeley...

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In 1990, Seeley moved to New York, where he was prominently featured in Chico O'Farrill's Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra and the Jazz at Lincon Center program's Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra, both of which demonstrated Seeley's ability to combine jazz with Afro-Cuban rhythms and styles. He remained busy as an acclaimed sideman through the 1990s and early 2000s and led several New York-based groups of his own.

In 2003, Seeley teamed with O'Farrill's son Arturo and released "The Jim Seeley/Arturo O'Farrill Quintet" two years later on the independent Zoho Music label. The album exclusively

featured Seeley compositions, including "Starry Night."

As an original member of the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra, Seeley has performed on eight Grammy-winning recordings and is a long time member of the Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble, an offshoot of the Orchestra.

As an educator, he has served on the faculty of The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music and Jazz at Lincoln Center, is currently working as trumpet instructor and Latin jazz combo leader for The Afro Latin Jazz Alliance and the All-City Latin Orchestra and has been leading masterclasses and combos in New York and abroad for many years.

HOLTON SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

The following meals will be provided through July 31 to area children 18 and younger, in or outside of the district. Menu subject to change. Breakfasts include fruit and milk. Lunches include a vegetable, fruit and milk. Both meals are available for curbside pick-up. Children do not need to be present at time of pick-up with a Food Service Adult Pickup Form.

MENU FOR SUNDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 29-JULY 5:

SUNDAY: Breakfast: Donut • Lunch: Uncrustable
MONDAY: Breakfast: Cereal • Lunch: Hamburger
TUESDAY: Breakfast: Cinni Mini • Lunch: Corn Dog
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast: Waffle • Lunch: BBQ Sandwich
THURSDAY: Breakfast: Cereal Bar • Lunch: Chicken Sandwich
FRIDAY: No meals served (Independence Day)
SATURDAY: Breakfast: Cereal • Lunch: Yogurt/Muffin

SERVING TIMES:

Countryside Park (Holton): 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Holton Elementary School: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Denison Community Center: 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.



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