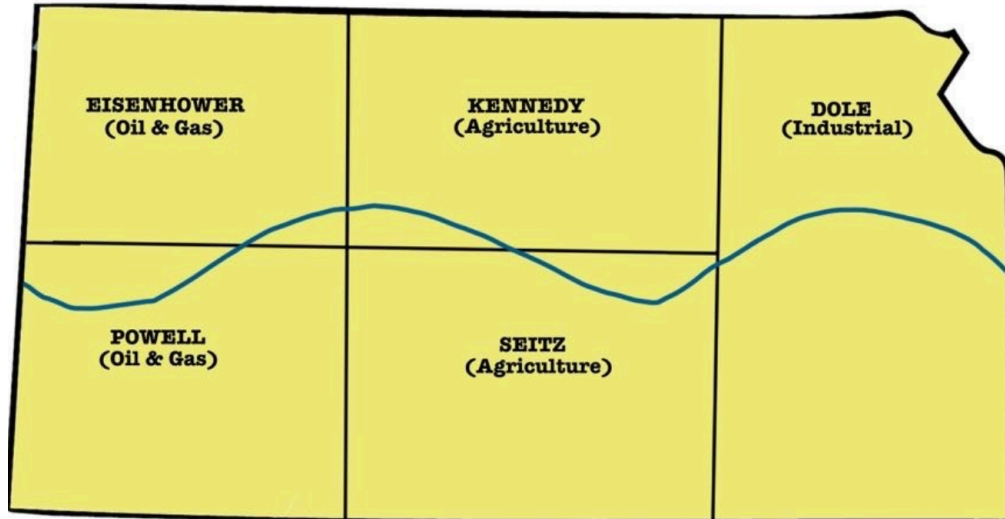


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OIL PLANT EXPLOSION ROCKS POWELL CO.

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Breaking News: Powell County Pipeline Explosion; Swift Emergency Response

Luke Torrez

Powell County has been forced to evacuate due to a very serious oil pipeline explosion. Oil and gas is the backbone of Powell County's economy, and with the pipeline's explosion, many are in danger both financially and health-wise. Powell County resident and council member, Gavin Shupe, has stated, "half of our employees are unemployed . . . and our cost of living is really high." Shupe also states that it is not only the oil workers unemployed, but those from Joe's Diner and other local businesses." The response to the oil disaster has proven to be quick and phenomenal. Within ten minutes upon the county meeting after the explosion, the Department of Health and Safety had allocated funds to build a fire department to deal with the fires that have broken out as a result. Grant Bryan, Powell County representative of the Department of Health and Safety, rushed onto the county floor announcing, "We need to find a cheap plot of land and smack [the fire department] down on it!" Shupe elaborates by explaining their calculated emergency response plan, "[Powell County] has a lot of people meeting with departments and communicating with them." Shupe has also stated that there are challenges receiving state support, despite having the oil pipeline explosion on Powell County soil. This is due to the pipeline affecting a large area that covers many counties, creating competition for materials and aid. Seitz County, for example, has experienced looting as a result of the disaster, as well as loss of power due to reliance on solar power. However, the swift emergency response plan has created safety measures that have ensured the health and safety of Powell County and Seitz County residents, with economic measures in the works. The FBI is looking into the causes of the explosion, to which they claim it was due to a foreign cyberattack. While the investigation is ongoing, Governor Houston has declared a State of Emergency for the counties of Powell and Seitz, though the economy is expected to take a "little bit of a hit" according to the Speaker of the House, Thomas Hapke. The economic hit will be a result of an executive order to suspend the oil pumping processes until further notice, per Attorney General Adiel Garcia II. Fortunately, the governor expects the economy of the aforementioned counties to recover after the state of emergency is over. To stay updated on the oil explosion crisis, contact your county leaders and local weather legend: Johnny Thunder.

"Liabe:" Kennedy County
Found Responsible for
Government Overreach;
Appeal Lost

Chetan Thomas

The first major trial took place yesterday afternoon. Lieutenant Governor Shawn Sullivan held all of Kennedy County liable for overstepping government authority. Kennedy County created a mandate to build more basements in the county to protect them against tornadoes. However, in order to get the funding, they needed money from the citizens. This caused the council to issue an ordinance that made the citizens have to pay \$35 to build the basement, and failure to comply would result in a \$25 fine. The county brought up a point that they needed safety shelter just for precaution, and that they had enough from property funds to build the basements. Eventually, Kennedy took away the fine to make more people comply and that worked. Seventeen total citizens bought basements in the county. **Article Continued in 2B: "Liabe."**

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I, Adiel Garcia II, would be beyond honored to be selected as your Boys Nation delegate. To restate just a few of my many qualifications, I am a 2x Congressional debate semi-finalist (top 35 nationally) and President of my debate team at school. I am also involved in theater and NHS. My father, Sgt. Adiel Garcia I, served in the Army, being deployed to Bosnia, from 1992 until his retirement in 1996. My plans for Boys Nation are to proudly serve the State of Kansas and the entire nation, by passing effective and helpful legislation, properly communicating my ideas to other senators, and most importantly of all making you the people proud of your choice. Due to these, and other qualifications, I have no doubt in my ability to properly represent not only the state but us at Boys Nation, and plan to make you proud.

BREAKING NEWS: **Lawsuit Against Seitz County Goes Criminal**

Josiah Gregory

A lawsuit that started out as a civil suit against Seitz County has now been elevated to a criminal case. Werring Resident Paul Curtis has sued the county for allegedly forging his signature on an eminent domain form. "I learned that the county eminent domain[ed] my lot, unbeknownst to me," Curtis Stated. When asked if he believes that the county forged his signature, he responded, "I think it's a possibility. There was a signature that was on the paper that was my name, but not my writing." Nicolas Brashear, Seitz County Representative, has said that the county has reached a settlement with Curtis which includes reimbursing Curtis the value of the land at the time of county acquisition. Brashear stated that Curtis said he would be willing to settle, unless he could prove his signature was forged. When I asked Curtis of this, he responded with "I am willing to settle. I have reached a settlement deal, but I will still be pressing charges against whoever forged my name . . . If we don't settle, it looks like I'm going for the whole county."

"Liable" (2B)**Chetan Thomas**

On the contrary, Sullivan's lawyer brought up the 14th amendment saying "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of

citizens of the United States." They claimed that enforcing the payments for the basements, and fining the people for not complying exceeded their own power. They also said that by enforcing a fine and then revoking it was considered "tricking" the citizens of Kennedy by making a false claim. Sullivan's other claim was that all the evidence was entirely based on hypothetical scenarios. Even if the basements are built, there is a chance that it could not happen. The jury seemed to be more moved by Sullivan's claim because their verdict was guilty for Kennedy County. Kennedy, however, was not satisfied with these results so they requested for an appealment. After a trial to negate the verdict, the jury kept their decision, and continued to hold Kennedy County liable for their actions. The lawsuit stands on the grounds that Article VII, Subsection 3 of the Kansas Boys State Constitution does not allow city or county governments to manage or administer private property. Furthermore under the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, private property shall not be taken without just compensation.

Powell Sets Up Free Will Donation

Here recently, the oil pipeline in Powell County exploded and Powell has been suffering quite a bit. The City of Bramlage, and Gardner if they would like to, is having a free will donation to help those in Powell County. As of today, this will be in effect and the members of Powell shall experience the Boys State generosity. We strongly encourage anyone who has extra funds to please donate to help Powell County.

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