



MISSION

Finney County, dedicated to its citizens, serving its taxpayers

VISION

Finney County seeks to provide essential and relevant services that promote a growing community for residents, businesses, and visitors. The County government shall be a convener and assist other government entities and businesses in efforts to enhance the quality of life, providing opportunities for all of its citizens.

VALUES

INTEGRITY	Be honest and trustworthy. Be transparent to citizens and put the County's interests above personal gain.
STEWARDSHIP	Make decisions that are in the best interest of the taxpayers' financial investment.
CUSTOMER SERVICE	Provide superior customer service to the public and peers.
COLLABORATION	Understand and practice first-rate teamwork internally and with external partners.
RESOURCEFULNESS	Provide services in an efficient manner and adjust to changing needs.

GOALS

- Prioritize county services to align the available resources, while maximizing efficiency and responsiveness in the delivery of services.
- Expand citizen engagement by maintaining and promoting communication with citizens about county services and initiatives.
- Plan for and fund capital improvement projects that assure public safety, support local commerce, enhance quality of life and maintain county facilities.
- Expand partnerships with area governmental entities, state agencies, and other public and private entities to leverage resources, eliminate service redundancies, and maximize influence in state and federal decision-making.
- Be a positive contributor, particularly as a convener when deemed appropriate, to address community issues.

GOVERNING BODY PRIORITIES

CONTINUOUS/ONGOING INITIATIVES

- Seek community feedback on prioritizing services
- Advocate for and support improvements to U.S. Highway 83
- With community partners, sustain and strengthen the economy and our quality of life
- Pursue opportunities for expanding sources of non-property tax revenue
- Explore economic development improvement funding source (other than property tax)
- Work with community partners to promote Finney County as a destination of choice
- Analyze and address community and organizational service needs
 - Prioritize recruitment, retention and development of county employees
 - Continue the efforts to enhance connectivity for Finney County via broadband infrastructure
 - Shared equipment/services with other entities
- Contribute to development of shared legislative agendas with:
 - Local governments in the county and region
 - Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG)
 - Kansas Association of Counties (KAC)
 - Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA)
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - For federal legislation, keep abreast of the National Association of Counties (NACo) legislative policies
- Support County Administration in the continuous process improvement of all county services and priorities of core and non-core services
- On a quarterly basis, staff provides updates and/or progress reports regarding the board-defined priorities
- On a quarterly basis, conduct board governance self-evaluation

IMMEDIATE PROJECTS (Next 1 to 2 Budget Years)

- Identify measurement standards/tools and a scoring system for various projects
- Compare and benchmark Finney County budgets to peer counties (by department)
- Develop a County Comprehensive Plan that includes a County-wide transportation study
- Monitor compliance with the county's current Comprehensive Plan.
 - Review county subdivision regulations
 - Review zoning rules and regulations
 - Review code enforcement procedures for non-compliant property
- Collaborate and coordinate with community partners to address:
 - Income-appropriate housing projects
 - North Jennie Barker
 - Country Acres
 - Randall Estates
 - Ponderosa Addition at Southwind

- Infrastructure projects
 - Repair and upgrades to existing county sewer infrastructure
 - Southwind water improvements
 - Possibility of a rural water district in eastern Finney County
- Need for convention/conference/trade show facilities and services
- Childcare needs
- Develop plans to meet the needs for County Health and EMS facilities

INTERMEDIATE PROJECTS (Next 3 Budget Years)

- Promote and effectively use the County's tax revenues and search for alternative funding sources
 - County's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
 - Westside sewer district
 - Mansfield Road
 - Law Enforcement Center HVAC
 - Parallel Road, West of 83 Highway (BRMP Sales Tax)
 - Enhancements to 3rd Street, Highlands Addition area
 - Improve bike path and pedestrian access
 - Plan for a Northeast Bypass
 - Evaluate bridge improvements

LONG TERM PROJECTS (4 or More Budget Years)

- Analyze the feasibility of partnerships with regional entities and businesses.
- Convene and collaborate with other local governments and state entities to promote water conservation, improve water quality, and identify new water sources for the Western Kansas region.