

June 28, 2021

To: Board of county commissioners Miami County Kansas

Re: Petition for incorporation of a city called Golden

Dear commissioners,

I would like to thank you for conducting a thorough and orderly public hearing on the 23rd of June. Please accept these observations and comments on that hearing.

- 1) The petitioners repeatedly stated that they wanted you to let them exercise their "right" to form a city and protect their way of life. I would say that the land owners on the map presented to you by Mr. Domoney would say they want you to let them control our land.
- 2) The list of factors on which you will base your decision talks about the area of platted land vs. unplatted land. The amount of platted land, which is by definition is less than 5 acres is very small compared to the total acres within the proposed boundary. This results in a tax base too low to support a city in my opinion.
- 3) I have reviewed the proposed "Governmental Services Agreement" that Mr. Parker submitted to you at the beginning of the meeting. I may not be a lawyer, but it appears to me that the petitioners want the county to pay for everything until "significant development" occurs. I do not believe that there will not be any extra costs to the county. I believe that from day one the sheriff will be receiving calls wanting deputies to weigh trucks and conduct radar enforcement of truck traffic. Maintenance crews will be tasked with the erection of signs such as no trucks and speed limit 10 or 15 mph. (I was told that was one way to keep trucks off of the roads). Mr. Parker's agreement also proposes to have subdivisions or developments enter into their own agreement with the county as way to not trigger the "significant development" clause. Does the county really want to make agreements with multiple parties? It sounds to me like the petitioners never intend to be a real city. They just want to control land that they do not own!!
- 4) I believe that forcing agricultural properties over 21 acres to be part of a new city not only runs contrary to Kansas Statute 12-520, but would be an infringement on individual property rights and place an undue burden on those property owners.
- 5) The petitioners have stated many times that they will not allow any warehouses. I would say that if a proposal meets all of the "Golden Criteria" they would be guilty of discrimination to deny the proposal. This has no place in Miami County.

Please review our letter of June 10th as I do not want to bore you with repetition. I hope that you agree with me that this is more a push for a cause than an actual attempt to create a community. Our society has become a place where often those who scream the loudest get all the attention. I believe that facts point to a no vote. I hope you concur and vote no!

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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