

CHAIRMAN ROBERTS

GOOD AFTERNOON

1. Thank you for being here today. I am Rob Roberts, Chairman of the Miami County Board of County Commissioners. I will be presiding over this hearing today.
2. The question of whether a new city should be created is an important one. It is a decision that by Kansas law county commissions make. State law sets out a procedure that county commissions are to follow in considering a petition for incorporation. State law requires a county commission to consider certain factors when making its decision. State law also dictates that in this case it requires a unanimous vote of this County Commission to approve incorporation. Why? Because there is an existing city within 5 miles, fact is there are three Edgerton, Gardner and Springhill
3. The County has and will continue to take great care to study and understand this matter before taking any action. We have developed a procedure that maximizes the opportunity to get public input to help us in understanding the pros and cons of incorporation:
 - *Beginning in May and running up to JUNE 11 we asked anyone wanting to make comment on the incorporation to send those comments to the County Clerk for posting on the County website for to have access too.
 - *Anyone, including those who have already sent in their comments, can also speak to the commissioners at this hearing.
 - * As explained on the handout you have, we are also giving anyone who wants to respond to something they hear at this hearing another week to submit responses to the County Clerk's office.
 - * State law calls for the County Commission to deliberate on this matter after closing the public hearing. Deliberation includes getting input from county officials and from the state government. We intend to talk with the sheriff, public works director, county treasurer, county appraiser and other county officials. We will receive a study from the state department of commerce, as part of our deliberations. More on all of that in a moment.
4. As for the hearing today, we want to make sure that everyone who wants to speak has the opportunity to do so. We will need to have time limits for every speaker. The handout explains that anyone speaking on his or her own behalf will have 5 minutes to do so. Anyone speaking on behalf of multiple citizens the commission will allot additional time. Speaker may request extended time with the Commission's approval.
5. If we hit 8 pm and there are still people waiting to speak we will continue the public hearing to another date.
6. How will this work. When you arrived today the county clerk asked that you sign your name, address and then you were asked **do you plan on speaking**. She has those sheets and once we have the petitioner speak, I will ask the clerk to call several names as the next citizens to speak We have several reserve seats on either aisle right down front, we would ask that you make your way down the aisle, then take an open seat being prepared for your opportunity to speak, the clerk will call on you when your turn arrives. When you come to the microphone, we ask that you give your NAME and ADDRESS. Speak clearly, and please do not rush your words, as we have a court reporter making a transcript of what you have to say. Your information is important

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to us. If you have a written statement, we would greatly appreciate it if you would leave a copy with the county clerk. Should time permit, we will ask if anyone who did not sign up to speak now wishes to do so.

7. One thing we will insist upon is that we have an orderly, productive meeting, and that everyone shows respect to everyone else. That includes polite conduct when you hear a speaker say something you disagree with. BE Respectful!
8. PLEASE Do not speak from the floor. If you have something to say, wait your turn come to the microphone and say it.
9. Please as noted on the handout, we ask that you address all your comments and questions to the Commission, not to others at this hearing.
10. Be aware that we will be taking breaks during the 5 hours this hearing is scheduled for.
11. Anyone who has read the public notices of this hearing, or looked at the handout you received here today, knows that state law identifies 14 factors that the County Commission **shall** consider. The Commission has added a couple of its own factors as well. We will listen to and consider anything you have to say, even if what you say does not fit cleanly into one of those factors listed on the handout. Just please understand that state law says the County Commission is to conduct its deliberations around those factors.
12. **We will not be making any decision** on the incorporation petition today. That decision will be weeks or maybe months away. We will need time to get responses to what is said today, time to have a transcript prepared and studied, time to organize all the input from the public and get input from county and state officials.
13. I cannot tell you when the County Commission will start its deliberations, but we will move forward in an orderly fashion. Our deliberations will always be held in open meetings, and public notice will be given, as required by law. **Please sign up on the county's website to receive notices of upcoming meetings.**
14. Allow me to introduce your public officials
15. Fyi in the event a need arises to evacuate this building please familiarize yourself with the emergency exits paying close attention to your safety and those around you. For your convenience, the restrooms are accessed right off the lobby where you entered the building
16. Now a few words from the commission's attorney
17. The first speaker today will be Ms. Jennifer Williams, who represents our citizens who have petitioned for the incorporation of the City of Golden.
18. The second speaker will Darcy Domoney Attorney who is representing several citizens who oppose the creation of Golden
19. The county clerk will then begin to call for others to get ready to speak