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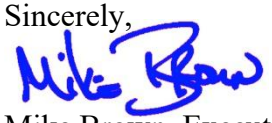
Dear Mr. Proffitt,

As Executive Director of the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KSCPOST), I hereby submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2027 budget document for KSCPOST. It has been prepared in accordance with the transmitted budget instructions. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information and explanations included in this budget request are correct and complete.

As always, my staff and I are prepared to provide any additional information which may be required.

Sincerely,



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PROGRAM MISSION:

The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KSCPOST) is committed to protecting the citizens of Kansas by ensuring they are served by qualified, trained, ethical, and professional law enforcement officers. KSCPOST accomplishes this mission through the adoption, administration, and enforcement of professional standards governing law enforcement officer certification and the retention of that certification.

KSCPOST's work directly supports public safety in every community in Kansas. Before an individual can serve as a certified law enforcement officer, and throughout that officer's career, KSCPOST establishes and monitors the professional standards designed to ensure Kansas law enforcement officers are properly trained, qualified, and accountable.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training is responsible for regulating and professionalizing law enforcement in Kansas. The philosophy at the core of KSCPOST's mission is reflected in its motto: **"Integritatis Ac Veritates Defensores,"** or **"Defenders of Integrity and Truth."**

The 2006 Legislature approved the creation of the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 74-5603 and 74-5606). Funding for the agency is provided solely through municipal court docket fees as authorized by K.S.A. 12-4117.

KSCPOST also serves as a conduit for reimbursement funds, as authorized by K.S.A. 12-4117, for municipal agencies that send their officers to one of the authorized satellite academies. These reimbursement funds are a direct pass-through from the State Treasury to eligible municipal agencies and do not supplement KSCPOST's operating budget.

Despite its statewide responsibilities, KSCPOST operates with **a very small staffing footprint. The agency currently has only 7 FTE and 2 part-time employees responsible for serving more than 400 Kansas law enforcement agencies and 8,500+ law enforcement officers**. This small team is responsible for administering a statewide regulatory and certification system that directly affects the qualifications, training, accountability, and professional standing of Kansas law enforcement officers.

KSCPOST has five core responsibilities pursuant to the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act (K.S.A. 74-5601 et seq.):

1. **Law Enforcement Officer Certification** – Establishes and enforces the minimum requirements for becoming a certified law enforcement officer and issues provisional and permanent certifications for state and local law enforcement officers throughout Kansas.

   This responsibility establishes the professional threshold for who is authorized to serve as a certified law enforcement officer in Kansas. The standards administered by KSCPOST provide an important safeguard for the public by ensuring officers meet minimum statutory requirements before and during their service.

2. **Training Standards** – Receives, monitors, and manages reports from law enforcement agencies documenting the training completed by their officers to ensure compliance with the statutory requirement that officers complete a minimum of 40 contact hours of law enforcement training each year.

   KSCPOST's oversight of training helps ensure that law enforcement officers throughout Kansas maintain the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their duties safely, effectively, and professionally. This statewide training oversight provides consistency in professional standards regardless of whether an officer serves in a large metropolitan agency or a small rural community.

3. **Central Registry** – Maintains and manages a statewide database of certified officers that tracks officer personal information, employment status, employment history, training history, and disciplinary history as it relates to the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act (KLETA).

   The Central Registry is relied upon by more than 400 Kansas law enforcement agencies and 8,500+ Kansas law enforcement officers. It serves as a critical statewide resource for maintaining accurate certification and employment records.

   Information contained in the Central Registry is also available to not only Kansas, but other law enforcement agencies and POST agencies throughout the nation to assist with background investigations of prospective law enforcement officers. This information-sharing capability helps agencies identify relevant employment, training, and disciplinary histories and helps prevent "wandering officers" from moving between agencies or states without their prior history being known.

4. **Investigation of Violations of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act** – Receives, tracks, and conducts independent and thorough investigations into complaints regarding officer conduct that may constitute one or more violations of the KLETA.

Investigative findings are presented to the Commission for consideration. When violations are substantiated, the Commission has the authority to reprimand, censure, suspend, revoke, or deny an officer's certification as provided by law.

This responsibility provides an important layer of accountability within Kansas law enforcement. Certification is not simply granted and forgotten; KSCPOST has an ongoing responsibility to investigate conduct that may call an officer's qualifications or fitness for certification into question. This protects the integrity of the profession and, ultimately, the public's trust in those entrusted with law enforcement authority.

5. **Maintenance and Updating of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act** – Reviews, evaluates, proposes, and modifies the KLETA and associated Kansas Administrative Regulations, as needed, to ensure Kansas' statutory and regulatory framework remains aligned with current nationwide law enforcement standards, professional expectations, and the expectations of the citizens of Kansas.

   This responsibility allows Kansas to continually evaluate and improve the standards governing its law enforcement profession rather than relying on a static regulatory framework that may become outdated as law enforcement practices, technology, training requirements, and public expectations evolve.

AGENCY HISTORY AND CURRENT OPERATIONS:

KSCPOST began operations in FY 2008 in Hutchinson, Kansas, where one employee was provided temporary office space at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. In 2012, KSCPOST moved its operations to a permanent location in a public office complex in Wichita, Kansas. In 2025, KSCPOST relocated to the Kansas Highway Patrol Troop F facility in Kechi, Kansas. The agency currently employs **7 FTE and 2 part-time employees**.

The Commission is governed by a **12-member board appointed by the Governor**. Commission nominees are recommended by stakeholder professional associations and are selected to provide a representative cross-section of state, county, and local law enforcement agencies of varying sizes throughout Kansas.

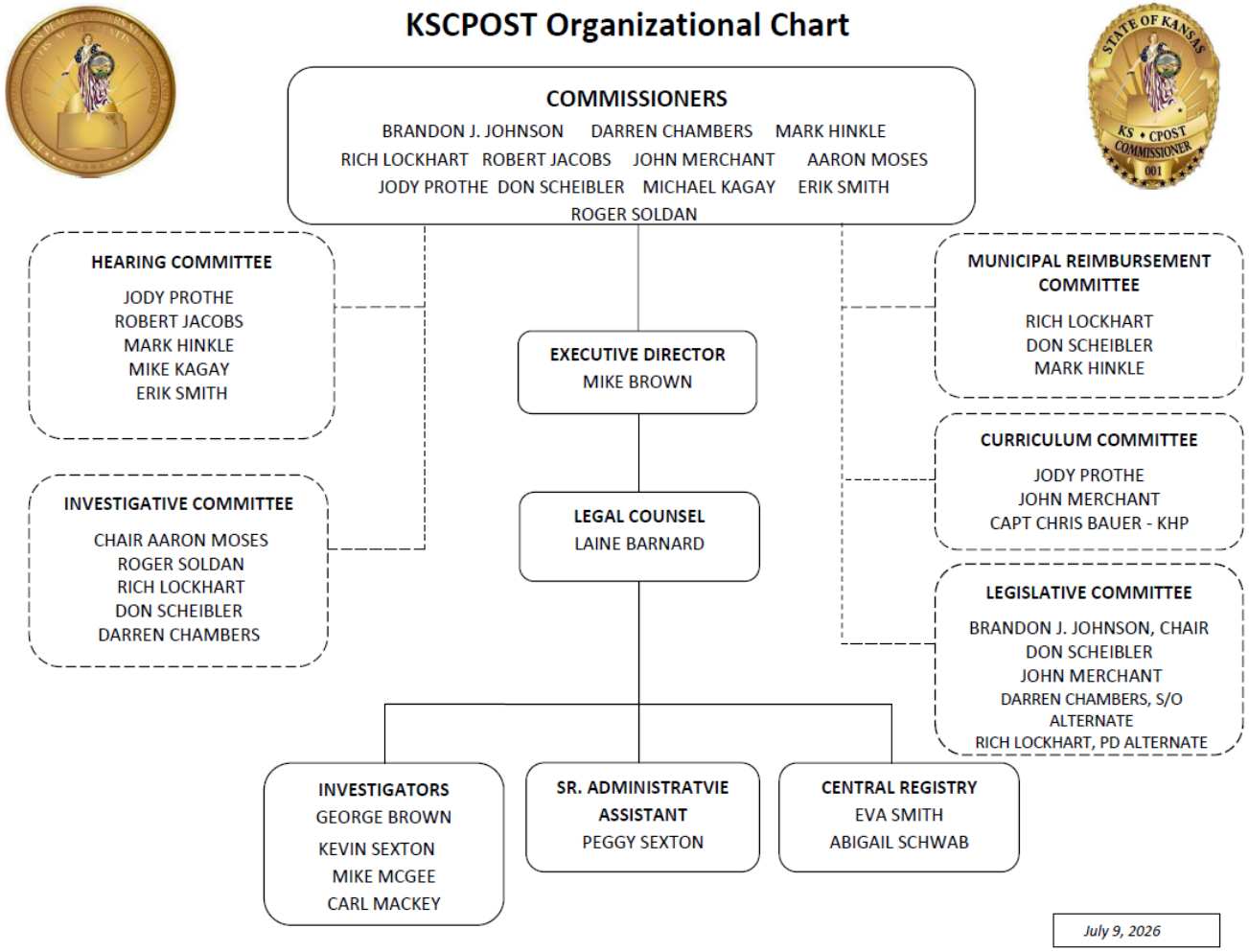
STATEWIDE IMPACT:

KSCPOST is a small agency with a responsibility that reaches virtually every community in Kansas. Its work affects the standards applied to law enforcement officers serving in large metropolitan departments, county sheriff's offices, municipal police departments, and smaller rural agencies.

With only **7 FTE and 2 part-time employees**, KSCPOST administers the certification, training oversight, regulatory, records, and investigative functions that support **8,500+ law enforcement officers and more than 400 agencies statewide**.

The importance of KSCPOST's work extends beyond administrative compliance. The standards KSCPOST establishes and enforces help determine whether an individual is qualified to exercise the authority granted to law enforcement officers. Its training oversight helps ensure officers remain prepared to perform their duties. Its Central Registry provides agencies with information necessary to make informed hiring and certification decisions. Its investigative function provides a mechanism for accountability when an officer's conduct may violate the standards established by the Legislature.

In short, KSCPOST's mission is fundamentally about public safety and public trust. The agency provides statewide oversight of the professional standards, certification, training, records, and accountability mechanisms that support Kansas law enforcement—while doing so with a remarkably small workforce and a narrowly defined funding structure.


KSCPOST Organizational Chart
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PROGRAM STATISTICS

STATS	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Demographic Forms Processed	1340	1155	1339	1406	1314	1413	1341	1298
Number of Officers Certified	603	602	605	610	616	645	674	678
Provisional Licenses Issued	808	698	788	826	734	858	734	725
Status Change / Separation Forms Processed	1992	1616	1780	2241	1964	1872	1886	1816
Agency information Requests Received	518	441	416	482	554	630	613	496
Agency Requests Filled		467	424	466	553	632	625	501
KORA Requests Received	51	55	49	67	92	105	111	126
*Termination or Separation with "I" Code	111	79	89	96	94	118	241	264
Total IAPro Incidents	152	120	154	526	541	552	454	527
Total IAPro Cases Pulled	153	119	154	324	327	332	322	392
**Number of Delinquent Officers (Training Hours)	92	108	115	110	110	124	83	48
Extensions**	50	54	64	68	48	41	42	31
Modifications or Waivers**	10	2	14	17	11	39	10	8
Investigations**	6	6	5	6	6	7	2	***
Citizen Complaints	168	162	133	175	204	157	125	208
Cases Presented to CIC	164	106	144	141	130	164	167	139
Certification Actions	51	45	43	57	46	64	82	72
Biased-Based Policing Referaals from KSAG	6	11	11	5	4	11	9	7
Administrative Hearings	4	3	5	4	8	7	4	14
*2019 - 2024 was Termination/Separation with TA Violation								
**As of date of Report								
					Report Date:	9/10/2026		

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Measure Text	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Actuals	FY2027 Estimate	FY2028 Estimate
Percentage of Officers Certified Per Provisional License Issued	74%	84%	75%	92%	94%	95%	95%
Number of certification actions taken	57	46	64	82	72	78	80
Number of Demographic Forms Processed	1,406	1,314	1,413	1,341	1,298	1,325	1,330
Percentage of Agency Information Requests Filled	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number of Investigations Presented to the Commission Investigative Committee (CIC)	141	130	164	167	139	145	150

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION:

SALARIES AND WAGES

Summary: For FY27, KSCPOST is authorized **seven (7) FTE and two (2) part-time employees**. FY27 Salaries and Wages are budgeted at $790,981.

KSCPOST currently has sufficient administrative support staff to effectively carry out its statutory responsibilities for maintaining the Central Registry, processing required forms, and administering law enforcement officer certifications.

The agency's primary staffing need is on the investigative side.

KSCPOST currently employs **two full-time investigators and two part-time investigators**, representing a total of **3.0 FTE investigative positions**. The addition of a full-time investigator in FY26 significantly reduced the existing case backlog. However, the overall number of investigations continues to grow, and investigations are becoming increasingly complex.

Many investigations now involve substantially larger volumes of digital evidence, requiring investigators to spend significant amounts of time reviewing, organizing, and analyzing electronic records.

The investigative workload has also increased as more officers exercise their right to request administrative hearings following a Commission Investigative Committee (CIC) decision. These hearings require investigators and Commission Counsel to devote significant additional time to preparing and presenting each case before the Hearing Panel.

As a result, each investigator currently manages an average caseload of **70 to 80 active investigations**. This workload causes many cases to remain open for several months—and, in some instances, more than a year—before they can be presented to the Commission for final action.

These delays prolong uncertainty for the officers involved and delay the Commission's ability to fulfill its public safety mission on behalf of the citizens of Kansas.

For FY28, I have **requested funding to convert one part-time investigator position to full-time**. This would increase investigative staffing from **3.0 FTEs to 3.5 FTEs**, consisting of three full-time investigators and one part-time investigator.

This relatively modest investment would provide **more than 1,000 additional investigative work hours annually**. Those additional hours would allow KSCPOST to complete investigations more efficiently, reduce case processing times, decrease the backlog of pending cases, and provide more timely resolutions for officers, law enforcement agencies, and the citizens of Kansas.

FY26 actual	$ 738,631
FY27 budgeted	$ 777,074
FY28 budgeted	$ 845,677

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

Summary: We expect to see a slight increase in contractual services between FY27 and FY28 due to inflation but somewhat offset the increase by a reduction in building lease.

Contractual Services Change Package Request: Replacement of Central Registry and Investigation Tracking software

Central Registry

The Central Registry serves as the official repository for every certified and previously certified law enforcement officer in Kansas, including employment history, training records, certification status, disciplinary actions, and other statutorily required information.

The system is also **used by more than 8,500 certified officers and over 400 law enforcement agencies** to submit and review mandatory training records.

Originally developed over ten years ago, the Central Registry has received only limited enhancements since its implementation and is not scalable for future growth and needs. As a result, many routine administrative processes require unnecessary manual effort.

Modernizing the Central Registry would:

- Reduce staff time spent on routine administrative tasks.
- Improve cybersecurity and data protection.
- Enhance system reliability and performance.
- Improve the user experience for thousands of law enforcement professionals across Kansas.
- Provide a modern, professional platform capable of supporting future operational needs.
- Address critical deficiencies identified by the 2026 Legislative Post Audit of KSCPOST's technology systems, many of which cannot be effectively resolved within the limitations of the current application, infrastructure, and framework.

Investigation Tracking System

KSCPOST's current investigation tracking software is used to manage investigations involving alleged violations of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act. However, the existing system lacks the functionality necessary to efficiently manage modern investigations.

Currently, investigative files are distributed across three separate platforms—the case management software, SharePoint, and paper files. Investigators must manually assemble information from these systems before complete case files can be presented to the Commission.

The existing system also provides limited reporting capabilities, minimal flexibility, poor customization options, and low user satisfaction.

KSCPOST is pursuing a modern, scalable, and cost-effective case management solution that would:

- Consolidate case documents, evidence, and investigative data into a single electronic case file.
- Reduce the time required to prepare cases for Commission review.
- Improve reporting and statistical analysis.
- Increase workflow efficiency.

- Provide a more intuitive and user-friendly interface.
- Support future growth without requiring significant additional investment.

Long-Term Technology Strategy

KSCPOST's long-term technology objective is to consolidate the Central Registry and Investigation Tracking System into a single, unified platform.

Integrating these systems would create a centralized source of accurate, real-time information; eliminate duplicate data entry; and reduce the risk of errors caused by maintaining information across multiple applications.

A unified platform would streamline nearly every aspect of KSCPOST's operations by automating workflows, improving data sharing, and providing staff with immediate access to the information necessary to make timely and informed decisions.

Law enforcement agencies and certified officers would benefit from a more intuitive and efficient user experience, while KSCPOST staff would spend less time performing administrative tasks and more time fulfilling the agency's core mission.

A unified platform would also provide a scalable foundation for future enhancements (including management of certification fees, if implemented), improve reporting and data analytics, strengthen security and data integrity, and allow KSCPOST to respond more quickly to statutory, regulatory, and operational changes.

To evaluate available options, KSCPOST has conducted demonstrations with more than ten commercial off-the-shelf software vendors. While several products addressed portions of the agency's requirements, none were capable of meeting both the Central Registry and investigative case management requirements within a single solution.

Based on this evaluation, KSCPOST has concluded that a custom-developed application is the most effective long-term solution. A modern, scalable, and flexible system designed specifically around KSCPOST's statutory responsibilities would improve operational efficiency, reduce manual processes, enhance security, and better serve Kansas law enforcement agencies while positioning the Commission to meet future technological and operational demands.

To move forward with development of a custom application, I am requesting a **State General Fund enhancement of $300,000** to procure the services of a qualified vendor through the State's established procurement process.

This funding would allow KSCPOST to begin designing and developing a modern, scalable solution that meets the agency's current operational needs while providing the flexibility necessary to support future requirements.

FY26 actual	$ 138,097		
FY27 budgeted	$ 145,425	**FY27 Change Package: +$300,000**	FY27 Total: $445,425
FY28 budgeted	$ 150,135		

COMMODITIES

Summary: Although commodities are a relatively small expenditure for the POST annually, it has been affected by the rise in inflation and expanded future needs.

FY26 actual	$ 6,122
FY27 budgeted	$ 14,750
FY28 budgeted	$ 15,750

CAPTIAL OUTLAY

Summary: Capital Outlay for FY26 and FY27 will support on-going Central Registry and internal software solution updates, maintenance, and improvements of the current applications while the replacement application is in development, as outlined in the Contractual Services Change Request above. This will also support the ongoing updates and maintenance of the newly deployed KSCPOST website.

FY26 actual	$ 26,313
FY27 budgeted	$ 25,000
FY28 budgeted	$ 25,000

AID TO LOCALS

Summary: The Local Law Enforcement Training Reimbursement Fund (#2583) is a separate pass-through fund in the KSCPOST budget and is used to reimburse municipal agencies for personnel sent to one of the satellite the law enforcement academies per K.S.A. 74-5620. The Local Law Enforcement Training Reimbursement Fund receives revenue from a $1 docket fee on municipal court cases. Municipal docket fees have continued to decline for the past several years prior to a slight increase in FY23 and again in FY25.

The Local Law Enforcement Training Reimbursement Fund received the following amounts over the last several years: FY20: $155,583, FY21: $139,066.63, FY22: $130,541, FY23: $137,118, FY24: $124,896 and FY25: $136,959 from municipal court docket fees. The Local Law Enforcement Training Reimbursement is a pass-through fund with no discretionary spending authority by KSCPOST.

FY26 actual	$136,960
FY27 budgeted	$134,345
FY28 budgeted	$134,345

FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY from IBARS:

Total FY26 actual expenditures	$ 1,046,173
FY27 budgeted expenditures	$ 1,396,594 (includes Contractual Services Change Request for $300,000)
FY28 budgeted expenditures	$ 1,170,907

BUDGET SAVINGS MEASURES:

The Kansas Department of Budget projected last year that KSCPOST's current funding would become insufficient beginning in FY28. That forecast has been revised given the expenditure reduction efforts listed below and efforts to streamline FY27 and FY28 budgets pending a permanent solution to continually decreasing Municipal Court Docket fee revenues, which are the **sole source of funding for KSCPOST.** In anticipation of this looming funding issue, KSCPOST made a concerted effort to reduce spending during FY26 so that those savings would be available to support operations in FY27.

As a result of these efforts, KSCPOST finished FY26 approximately **16.5% under budget**, resulting in approximately **$180,000 in additional funds carried forward into FY27**.

KSCPOST has consistently sought opportunities to reduce operating costs and improve efficiency. Over the past several fiscal years, the agency has implemented numerous initiatives that continue to generate measurable savings in both staff time and operating expenses.

- **Agency Self-Service Training Entry** – Law enforcement agencies now enter their own in-service training records into the Central Registry rather than relying on KSCPOST staff to perform the data entry. This saves more than 200 staff hours annually and allows administrative staff to focus on higher-value responsibilities.
- **May 2025 – Digitization of Historical Records** – KSCPOST completed the digitization of more than 350,000 hard-copy investigative records. This reduced the time required to locate and compile officer histories by more than 100 staff hours annually while improving accessibility and preserving critical records.
- **December 2025 – Office Relocation** – KSCPOST relocated its offices to the Kansas Highway Patrol Troop F facility in Kechi, Kansas. This reduced annual facility costs by approximately $12,000 while keeping lease payments within state government.
- **May 2026 – Website Modernization** – KSCPOST contracted with a professional website hosting and management vendor to migrate, maintain, and support the agency's website. This reduced administrative and technical workload by allowing staff to easily update website content while shifting technology management and maintenance responsibilities to the vendor.
- **Ongoing Processes and Technology Evaluation –** KSCPOST has continually examined current processes and technologies to identity cost savings through more efficient utilization of staff time. Through this process KSPCOST had adopted and implemented standardized forms, letters and other routinely utilized documents that reduce staff time to composed and complete by use of standardized drop-down fields and use of other automation. Additionally, as described above, KSCPOST had identified significant time saving that could be realized with a modernized Central Registry and Investigation tracking system.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COST SAVINGS

KSCPOST has maximized many of the efficiencies available through its day-to-day operations. The greatest opportunity for additional savings now lies in modernizing the agency's core technology systems as detailed above.

The existing systems have reached the point where their limitations create unnecessary manual work, reduce productivity, and increase long-term maintenance costs. Modernizing these systems is therefore not simply a technology investment; it is an opportunity to reduce recurring operational costs and improve the efficiency of the agency's workforce.

The addition of the full-time investigator in FY26 significantly increased the efficiency of completing investigations. The number of cases presented to the commission and the number of actions taken by the commission on an officer's certification continue to be consistent, however the number of citizen complaints and officers requesting hearings increased significantly in FY26. Not only has the increased workload made it difficult to investigate complaints, but the cases are growing in complexity. Most cases require the review of body camera footage, internal affairs interview recordings and patrol car recordings. Often there are multiple sources of digital data that KSCPOST investigators need to acquire and review.

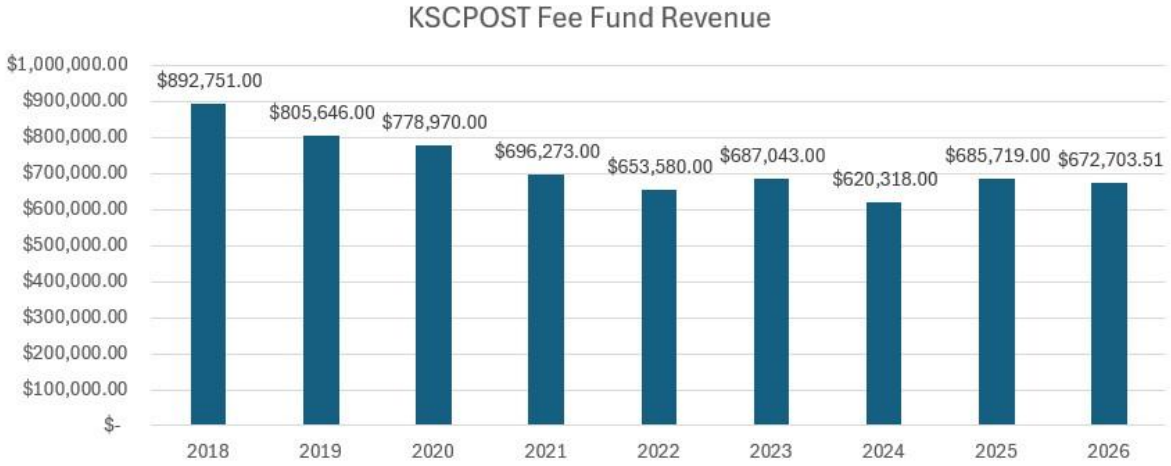
The conversion of one of the existing part-time investigator positions to a full-time position would result in an additional 1,000 hours of investigative work hours with a relatively modest increase in salaries and wages. These additional investigative work hours would significantly increase the agency's efficiency and ability to continue to decrease case backlog and increase the rate of case presentation to the Commission thereby better serving the Kansas law enforcement community and citizens of Kansas.

FEE-FUND REVENUE DELCINE - CRITICAL:

KSCPOST is a fully fee-funded agency. Its primary revenue source is a $5.00 allocation from the $22.50 municipal court docket fee assessed on certain cases pursuant to K.S.A. 12-4117.

Revenue is received monthly, while operating expenses are incurred continuously throughout the year. As a result, KSCPOST operates on an ongoing cash-flow basis, with revenue and expenditures occurring throughout the year. Because operating expenses continue regardless of monthly fluctuations in revenue, the agency's available operating balance has steadily declined, making resolution of this funding shortfall increasingly urgent.

Revenue generated from municipal court docket fees has steadily decreased since FY19. At the same time, the cost of carrying out KSCPOST's statutory responsibilities has continued to increase due to inflation, increasing workloads, and the growing costs associated with maintaining an aging technology infrastructure.



Although FY25 revenues increased by approximately $65,400 over FY24, total collections remained below FY23 levels. FY 26 revenues were once again below the previous year by $13,000. With only one year of increased collections, there is insufficient data to determine whether this represents the beginning of a sustained trend or simply a temporary increase.

Based on current revenue and expenditure projections, KSCPOST's operating expenditures will exceed available revenues, **and the agency's fee fund is projected to be depleted at the beginning of FY29 unless corrective action is taken.**

During the 2026 Legislative Session, Representative Hoye introduced HB 2545, which would have increased the municipal court docket fee by $5.50, with $5.00 of that increase dedicated to KSCPOST. The bill did not advance out of committee.

Because no funding solution was enacted during the 2026 Session, it is imperative that, at a minimum, a temporary funding solution be implemented during the upcoming legislative session to ensure uninterrupted operations while a permanent funding mechanism is pursued.

POTENTIAL LONG-TERM FUNDING OPTIONS

Increase the Municipal Court Docket Fee

Introduction and passage of legislation, similar to what Representative Hoye introduced last session with HB 2545, that increases the docket fee established by K.S.A. 12-4117, with the additional revenue dedicated to KSCPOST. The last increase under K.S.A. 12-4117 occurred in 2016, when KSCPOST's allocation was increased from $2.50 to $5.00.

The current three-year average annual revenue generated from KSCPOST's existing $5.00 allocation is approximately $645,888. Based on current collections, the estimated annual revenue resulting from increases to KSCPOST's allocation would be:

- **Increase by $5.00 — KSCPOST receives $10.00 per case:** approximately $1.3 million annually
- **Increase by $7.50 — KSCPOST receives $12.50 per case:** approximately $1.7 million annually
- **Increase by $10.00 — KSCPOST receives $15.00 per case:** approximately $2.0 million annually

An increase of **$7.50 or $10.00 is recommended**. A $10.00 increase would provide sufficient funding to support anticipated operational needs for the foreseeable future while reducing the likelihood of future legislative funding requests or reliance on State General Funds.

Implement Officer Certification Fees

Introduction and passage of legislation and/or approval of Kansas Administrative Regulations that implement initial certification and annual certification renewal fees for Kansas certified law enforcement officers. Certification fees would diversify KSCPOST's revenue sources and reduce the agency's reliance on municipal court docket fees. The following projections are based on current and historical statistics:

- **Provisional Certification Fee:** $100 per new officer
  - Average of 778 new officers annually = **$77,800 annually**
- **Annual Certification Renewal Fee:**
  - Full-Time: $100 per year × 8,022 officers = **$802,200**
  - Part-Time: $50 per year × 812 officers = **$40,600**

This would generate approximately **$842,800 in recurring annual renewal-fee revenue**, in addition to approximately $77,800 annually from provisional certification fees based on current averages.

A prerequisite for this option is the development of the technological infrastructure necessary to efficiently and effectively manage the certification-fee process. This would require a complete rewrite and replacement of the existing Central Registry application to allow integration of invoicing, payment acceptance and tracking alongside the officers' current KSCPOST records, providing a single source of record for all items related to officers' certifications. The Central Registry as it stands today is not capable of handling or being modified to handle the management of certification fees and has other significant deficiencies that increase staff time required for routine daily tasks and significantly decreases efficiency, as discussed in Area #3.

If this option is pursued, significant certification-fee revenue would not begin to be realized until a full fiscal year after enactment. As a result, a one-time State General Fund appropriation would likely be necessary for FY29 to ensure KSCPOST has sufficient operating funds during the transition period.

The implementation of certification fees, combined with the existing municipal court docket fee revenue, would provide a stable, long-term funding model for KSCPOST and would bring law enforcement officer certification more in line with other professional certification requirements in Kansas.

Establish Permanent State General Fund Supplementation

A third option is to establish a permanent State General Fund appropriation to supplement KSCPOST's existing fee-funded model and provide long-term revenue stability.

A hybrid funding model consisting of municipal court docket fee revenue supplemented by State General Funds would reduce KSCPOST's reliance on a single declining revenue source and provide greater predictability in future budget planning.

End of Report