

**COUNTIES REPORTING ON KOMA/KORA COMPLAINTS
FOR JULY 2008 through JUNE 2009**

- **Allen** Jerry B. Hathaway, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Anderson** Frederick B. Campbell, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Atchison** Gerald R. Kuckelman, County Attorney. No KORA complaints. One KOMA complaint from a citizen concerning USD 377. The school district held a properly noticed meeting, but not everyone could be accommodated in the meeting room. Not a KOMA violation.
- **Barber** Richard N. Raleigh, County Attorney. No KORA complaints. One KOMA complaint concerning the Barber County Rural Fire District board, specifically that the board met without notice to discuss a matter that had been acted upon at an open meeting. After investigation, it was determined that the communication between the board members was only to clarify a minor word change and no violation occurred.
- **Barton** Douglas Mathews, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Bourbon** Terri L. Johnson, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Brown** Kevin M. Hill, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Butler** Jan Satterfield, County Attorney. One KORA complaint concerning Spring Township alleging making an equipment purchase outside of a meeting and failing to provide requested documents. After investigation, it was determined a special meeting was held and the requested documents were provided. NO KOMA complaints.
- **Chase** William T. North, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Chautauqua** Larry Markle, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Cherokee** Did not report.
- **Cheyenne** Kari Gilliland, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Clark** Gerald Woolwine, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Clay** Richard E. James, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Cloud** Robert Walsh, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Coffey** Douglas P. Witteman, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Comanche** James H. Herd, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Cowley** Did not report.
- **Crawford** Did not report.
- **Decatur** Steven Hirsch, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Dickinson** Keith D. Hoffman, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Doniphan** Charles Baskin, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Douglas** Charles E. Branson, District Attorney. No KORA complaints. One KOMA complaint concerning the City of Lawrence. A citizen made two complaints based upon inadequate notice of meetings. After investigation, no violation was found.
- **Edwards** Mark Frame, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.

- **Elk** Marla Foster Ware, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Ellis** Thomas J. Drees, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Ellsworth** Joe Shepack, County Attorney. No KOMA complaints. One KORA complaint from the newspaper concerning the release of property appraisals. After some delay, the records were provided. The newspaper filed a lawsuit for non-compliance with KORA and the matter was settled between the county and the newspaper.
- **Finney** John P. Wheeler, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Ford** Terry J. Malone, County Attorney. One KORA complaint. After investigation, it was determined that the three day required response was given, but it took some time for the records to be compiled, therefore, no violation. Three KOMA complaints were received. The first concerned the City of Dodge City Building Board of Appeals. After investigation, it was determined that no meeting had taken place, city staff met with the board individually. The second concerned USD 443 when they self-reported a violation by failing to return to open session from executive session when announced. A warning was issued. The third concerned the county commissioners. Notice was not provided to those who requested it for a meeting. The county attorney recommended KOMA training for the commissioners.
- **Franklin** Heather Jones, County Attorney. No KORA complaints. Received one KOMA complaint about the Pottawatomie Township Board concerning the termination of an employee. After investigating, it was determined no violation had occurred.
- **Geary** Steve Opat, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Gove** Mark F. Schmeidler, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Graham** Tony A. Potter, County Attorney. No KOMA complaints. A KORA inquiry was made by the Flint Hills Center for Public Policy, but no action was required.
- **Grant** Robin L. Hathaway, County Attorney. No KOMA complaints. One KORA complaint was made about the county appraiser not providing documents. After investigation, it was determined the information requested was proprietary and not subject to release.
- **Gray** Curtis E. Campbell, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Greeley** Charles F. Moser, County Attorney. No KOMA complaints. One KORA complaint from the Flint Hills Center for Public Policy concerning appraisal information. Because of a software delay, the information was provided as soon as it was available. No violation occurred.
- **Greenwood** Joe Lee, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Hamilton** Robert H. Gale, County Attorney. No KORA complaints. A KOMA complaint was received and because of a conflict the matter was referred to Laura Lewis of Wichita County. The City of Syracuse failed to return to open session when announced in their motion. After investigation, she found a technical violation and issued a warning.

- **Harper** Laurel D. McClellan, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Harvey** David Yoder, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Haskell** Lynn Koehn, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Hodgeman** Kenton Gleason, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Jackson** Shawna Miller, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Jefferson** Caleb Stegall, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Jewell** Darrell E. Miller, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Johnson** Steve Howe, District Attorney. Two KOMA complaints were made. The first involved Johnson County Community College alleging inappropriate subjects were discussed in an executive session. After investigating, no violation was found. The second involved the City of Gardner, alleging serial communications were conducted by a majority of the council. After an investigation, no violation was found. A KORA complaint concerning a school district is pending.
- **Kearny** Dennis C. Jones, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Kingman** Did not report.
- **Kiowa** Candace R. Lattin, County Attorney. No KORA complaints. One KOMA complaint from a citizen regarding USD 422 closing a meeting without the appropriate authorization. After investigation, no violation was found.
- **Labette** Hillary McKinney, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Lane** Dale E. Pike, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Leavenworth** Todd Thompson, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Lincoln** Jennifer R. O'Hare, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Linn** John Sutherland, County Attorney. One KOMA complaint against the City of Linn Valley for conducting an executive session to confer with their attorney, but allowed third parties to attend. After investigation, the matter was resolved. One KORA complaint referred by the Attorney General's office concerning records requested from the City of Pleasanton. The requested information was part of traffic summons and subject to discovery. The matter was resolved.
- **Logan** Preston A. Pratt, County Attorney. No KORA complaints. Two KOMA complaints were received. The first concerned the Monument Township Board and not holding or noticing meetings. After investigation, a letter was sent to all townships reminding them of the requirements of KOMA. A second complaint was made concerning the Logan County K-State Research and Extension Council using an executive session to discuss a volunteer. After investigation, it was determined the executive session was appropriate and no violation occurred.
- **Lyon** Marc Goodman, County Attorney. No KORA complaints. One KOMA complaint from an Emporia resident against the Emporia city commission that a majority (three) met outside of a noticed meeting. After investigation, it was determined that only two commissioners attended. There was no majority and no violation.

- **Marion** Susan C. Robson, County Attorney. The Corn Growers Association complained that the Cities of Hillsboro and Marion violated KOMA by conducting an executive session with an attorney representing the cities. After investigating, it was determined that no violation occurred. No KORA complaints.
- **Marshall** Brian Carol, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **McPherson** David A. Page, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Meade** Laura Lewis, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Miami** David L. Miller, County Attorney. No KOMA complaints. One KORA complaint was forwarded by the Attorney General's office concerning the City of Louisburg. After investigation, it was determined the request was not for a public record, but a justification of a sign permit denial.
- **Mitchell** Mark Noah, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Montgomery** Larry Markle, County Attorney. One KOMA complaint was received by a citizen concerning the Montgomery County Commissioners alleging improper use of executive sessions. After investigation, it was determined that two violations had occurred. The matter was resolved by settlement agreement. One KORA complaints was made against the Coffeyville Regional Medical Center for failing to provide records regarding patient numbers. After investigation, no violation was found.
- **Morris** Laura E. Allen, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Morton** Eric L. Witcher, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Nemaha** Brad M. Lippert, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Neosho** Melissa Dugan, County Attorney. A KORA complaint was made by a citizen against the City of Earlton. After investigating, it was determined the requestor received the records. A KOMA complaint was received against the City of Earlton. After investigating, it was determined a technical notice violation had occurred and no further action was taken.
- **Ness** Craig Crosswhite, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Norton** Ralph Sebelius, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Osage** Did not report.
- **Osborne** Paul S. Gregory, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Ottawa** Betty Mick, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Pawnee** John M. Settle, County Attorney. No KOMA or KORA complaints.
- **Phillips** David O. Baumgartner, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Pottawatomie** Sherri L. Schuck, County Attorney. No KORA complaints. One KOMA complaint about USD 321 from a citizen concerning inadequate notice of an executive session and possible inappropriate subjects (school closures) were discussed. After investigation, no violation was found.
- **Pratt** Kenneth Van Blaricum, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Rawlins** Scott Beims, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Reno** Keith D. Schroeder, District Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.

- **Republic** Marlea James, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Rice** Scott E. McPherson, County Attorney. No KORA complaints. A KOMA complaint was made by a board member concerning the East Washington Township failing to provide notice for meetings. After investigation, it was determined that a violation had occurred. A settlement agreement was entered into.
- **Riley** Barry Wilkerson, County Attorney. No KOMA or KORA complaints.
- **Rooks** Edward C. Hageman, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Rush** Tony W. Rues, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Russell** Daniel W. Krug, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Saline** Ellen Mitchell, County Attorney. No KOMA complaints. The Foot Hills Center for Public Policy made a KORA complaint about signing a certification for requested records and about the availability of draft appraisal values. After investigating, it was determined there were no violations.
- **Scott** John Shirley, County Attorney. No KOMA complaints. A KORA complaint was made by the Flint Hills Center for Public Policy because assessment data was not provided when requested. The information was provided once finalized. No further action was taken.
- **Sedgwick** Sharon A. Werner, Chief Attorney for Nola Foulston, District Attorney. The City of Wichita entered into an executive session without the required formalities in violation of KOMA. A consent judgment was entered and the City paid for the costs of the action. The City of Valley Center failed to provide notice to 21 individuals who requested it in violation of KOMA. A consent judgement was entered into and the City paid for the costs and was fined \$100. The City of Wichita used a secret ballot to select a new vice-mayor in violation of KOMA. The error was self-reported, the ballot information made public, so no formal action was taken.
- **Seward** Don Scott, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Shawnee** Chadwick J. Taylor, District Attorney. No KORA complaints. One KOMA complaint against the Mission Township Board that remains under investigation.
- **Sheridan** Michael H. Haas, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Sherman** Did not report.
- **Smith** Allen Shelton, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Stafford** Joe Shepack, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Stanton** David C. Black, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Stevens** Paul F. Kitzke, County Attorney. No KOMA complaints. One KORA complaint by a citizen requesting information from the County Appraiser. Because of a conflict, the matter was forwarded to Robin Hathaway of Grant County. After investigation, it was determined the requested documents were not permitted to be distributed by statute.
- **Sumner** Evan Watson, County Attorney. No KOMA or KORA complaints.
- **Thomas** Bruce Flipse, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Trego** Jill Elliot, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.

- **Wabaunsee** Norbert C. Marek, Jr., County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Wallace** Charles F. Moser, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Washington** Elizabeth A.B. Hiltgen, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Wichita** Laura Lewis, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Wilson** Jill E. Chard, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Woodson** Zelda Schlotterbeck, County Attorney. No KORA or KOMA complaints.
- **Wyandotte** Jerome Gorman, District Attorney. No KOMA complaints. A KORA complaint was made by a citizen against the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas for failing to provide documents from a 1996 incident. No documents were found and the matter closed.