Resolution 2014-4

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES FOR EMPLOYEE CONCEALED CARRY

Wherein, on this <u>(a)</u> Day of January, 2014, came the Kiowa County Commission and considered the matter of concealed carry of firearms by county employees, and cognizant of Kansas Senate Substitute for House Bill 2052 which "Prevents a state agency or municipality from prohibiting a licensed employee from carrying a concealed handgun at the employee's workplace, unless the building has adequate security measures and adopted personnel policies prohibit such concealed carry by employees who are licensed", and Kansas Attorney General Opinion 2013-21, enacts the following:

Whereas, on December 2nd, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Kansas met and decided that they would not prohibit concealed carry due to the expense of installing security screening devices and hiring extra staff, and due to respect for principles of the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Whereas, on January <u>(a)</u>, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Kansas, desires to establish a protocol to ensure that employees who happen to possess a concealed carry device do so in a responsible manner while they are acting in their official capacity as public employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: County employees must possess a valid, Kansas concealed carry license in order to carry a firearm on their person while acting in

their official capacity as county employees.

Section 2: County employees who are carrying a firearm, other than certified law enforcement officers, must carry it on their person in a

concealed manner.

Section 3: The concealed firearm should not be carried in an unsafe or

inappropriate manner.

Section 4: Consistent with the wishes of the 16th Judicial District Chief Judge, no county employee, other than certified law enforcement, may carry a firearm into the courtroom, or any ancillary courtrooms so

designated by the Chief Judge.

Section 5: If a county employee must relieve themselves of their concealed

firearm, they must unload such firearm (magazine and chamber), and keep it in a secure location which is not accessible to the public. It must be kept in locations such as a locked room, drawer, or in a locked vehicle with windows up. It must not be in a location where a child or a member of the public can easily gain access to

it.

Section 6: County employees shall not discharge firearms while on duty,

except for certified law enforcement, or under the direct

supervision of law enforcement, or only to the extent allowed under Kansas law to defend themselves, other persons, or property.

Section 7: Concealed firearms allowed all handguns which are legal to carry.

No carry of any items which are prohibited by state or federal law

is allowed.

Section 8: None of these restrictions is intended to affect a county employee's

right under the 2nd Amendment to carry firearms while they are not

working for the county and are on their own, personal time.

Section 9: Violation of any of these sections 1-7 is grounds for immediate

termination.

Passed and adopted this ____ Day of January, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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