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Subject County Officers
Engineers
to _____



STATE OF KANSAS

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Attorney General

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Opinion No. 74- 32

Michael S. Holland
Russell County Attorney
Russell County Courthouse
Russell, Kansas 67665

Re: Public Works Department

Dear Mr. Holland:

We have your request concerning the establishment of a department of public works. We direct your attention to K.S.A. 1973 Supp. 19-4501 et seq.

In K.S.A. 1973 Supp. 19-4501 provision is made for the board of county commissioners to establish by resolution a department of public works. The purpose is:

"to secure efficient management and coordination of various public works activities and services, including all functions conferred by law on the county engineer."

The act continues with provision for a division of highways and for such other divisions deemed advisable, such as solid waste management functions.

The county engineer is designated in K.S.A. 1973 Supp. 19-4502 to be the director of the department. K.S.A. 28-119 provides that in counties under 10,000 population the county engineer is to receive as compensation not less than \$1,200 per annum.

We hope this information and the reference to the statutes resolves your questions. If we may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vern Miller".

VERN MILLER
Attorney General

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