

Several years ago Dickinson County officials learned of plans to install a large sized crude oil pipeline through our County. The project, called the Keystone Extension, is being conducted by TransCanada, a Canadian owned oil company. This 36 inch pipeline is planned to be installed across the state of Kansas, with its location in Dickinson County running north to south along a line that is between Paint and Quail Roads.

Upon learning of this project, Dickinson County officials began the research process to determine what affects this project will have on the county and township infrastructure, specifically the crossing of county and township roads, bridges, and culverts, and if these will handle the weights and loads that will be required of the heavy equipment this project will utilize. During many meetings with Keystone representatives, the County was able to include in a lengthy permit process, measures that protects the assets of Dickinson County and the Townships involved, as well as the City of Chapman, that include the hiring of an on-site inspector that works for the county, and shall be present at the construction site during the project to monitor the work, and insure that the project does not jeopardize any county or township roads, bridges, culverts, traffic, etc. In furtherance of this protection, the inspection firm also has, prior to issuance of the permit to Keystone, conducted inspections of over 400 bridges and culverts on the roads that Keystone requested to use as "haul routes" for their heavy equipment, to make sure that those structures were sound and able to handle the weights and loads without damage or question. All costs associated with these inspections and the on-site inspector are being passed onto the pipeline so that the Dickinson County taxpayers are not forced to pay for this project.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns regarding this project, or observe anything they feel to be unsafe or that needs attention, they are encouraged to report this to the Dickinson County Administration office immediately so that it can be investigated and dealt with as soon as possible. The contact information for this office is reflected below. After hours contact can be made by calling the Dickinson County Emergency Communications Center at 785-263-4041, or toll free at 1-888-800-0417.

Our ultimate goal is to protect the property of the citizens of Dickinson County while maintaining a safe environment for our citizens to travel, live, and work, all while assisting in the progress of the pipeline where needed.

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