



City Commission Special Meeting

Friday, August 21, 2026 at 9:00 AM
Commission Chambers, 124 S Bluff, Anthony, KS 67003

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- [1.](#) Discuss Anthony Municipal Airport Opportunities with WSU Tech

ADJOURNMENT

KDOT ITP Grant Concept: ANY Airport 2026

*Note this is a form to be completed online: https://kdot.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aga6arK6c5AyDH0

Applicant Type

Government (Municipal)

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Project Title

Rural UAS Innovation & Aviation Activation

Project Need, Description & Scope

Anthony Municipal Airport (KANY) is a public-use transportation asset with significant potential to support rural transportation innovation, workforce development, and economic growth. While the airport currently serves general aviation and agricultural aviation, opportunities exist to increase airport utilization, introduce innovative transportation technologies, strengthen aviation workforce pathways, and position the airport as a catalyst for business development within the region.

The City of Anthony proposes the Rural UAS Innovation & Aviation Activation Initiative, a collaborative effort designed to position Anthony Municipal Airport as a hub for rural aviation innovation, workforce development, and airport-driven economic development. Through partnerships with WSU Tech, local schools, industry partners, and community organizations, the initiative will introduce innovative transportation technologies that do not currently exist within the Anthony community while expanding aviation career pathways and increasing airport utilization. Grant funding will support two coordinated initiatives that establish the partnerships, programming, and outreach needed to activate Anthony Municipal Airport as a center for transportation innovation and economic growth.

1. Rural UAS Innovation Program

Launch a rural UAS innovation program that introduces emerging transportation technologies while building aviation workforce pathways through education, demonstrations, and strategic partnerships.

Program Elements

- UAS education and career exploration introducing students and community members to innovative transportation technologies and emerging aviation careers.
- WSU Tech partnership to support UAS education, outreach, curriculum development, and workforce opportunities.
- Industry demonstrations and partnerships connecting local businesses, producers, educators, and students with real-world UAS applications.

2. Aviation Activation & Business Development Initiative

Increase airport utilization by promoting Anthony Municipal Airport as a transportation, workforce, and economic development asset while expanding aviation awareness, business recruitment, and community engagement.

Program Elements

- Choose Aerospace partnership with WSU Tech to explore Aviation Maintenance (A&P General) pathways for local students.
- Airport business recruitment and marketing highlighting airport assets, hangar opportunities, and aviation business potential.
- Airport activation events including airport open houses, tours, and educational programming.

The project directly supports implementation of the 2025 Kansas Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Roadmap by expanding rural participation in advanced aviation technologies, strengthening workforce development, fostering partnerships between education and industry, and preparing

rural communities for the future of transportation. The initiative also aligns with the goals of the KDOT Innovative Technology Program by introducing innovative transportation technologies that do not currently exist within the Anthony community while supporting economic growth, business development, and rural transportation innovation.

This project will establish the partnerships, programming, and implementation framework needed to activate Anthony Municipal Airport as a center for rural UAS innovation, aviation workforce development, and economic growth while positioning the community for future transportation investments. By leveraging innovative transportation technology, strengthening workforce pipelines, and expanding airport-based business opportunities, Anthony will create a scalable model demonstrating how rural Kansas airports can drive innovation, support local businesses, and contribute to Kansas' evolving transportation system.

Estimated Total Project Cost
\$74,000

Funding Structure

Funding Source	Amount
KDOT Innovative Technology Program (75%)	\$55,500
City of Anthony Local Match (25%)	\$18,500
Total Project Cost	\$74,000

The local match is anticipated to be provided through City of Anthony contributions and other eligible local funding sources. Additional partnership support and eligible in-kind contributions will also be explored during project development.