

**12-531. Hearing by county commissioners three years after annexation or to consider whether services provided; compelling hearing, attorney fees.**

(a) Three years following the annexation of any land pursuant to K.S.A. 12-520 or 12-521, and amendments thereto, or, where there has been litigation relating to the annexation, three years following the conclusion of such litigation, the board of county commissioners shall call a hearing to consider whether the city has provided the municipal services as provided in the timetable set forth in the plan in accordance with K.S.A. 12-520b or 12-521, and amendments thereto. The board of county commissioners shall schedule the matter for public hearing and shall give notice of the date, hour and place of the hearing to: (1) The city; and (2) any landowner in the area subject to the service extension plan.

(b) At the hearing, the board shall hear testimony as to the city's extension of municipal services, or lack thereof, from the city and the landowner. After the hearing, the board shall make a finding as to whether or not the city has provided services in accordance with its service extension plan. If the board finds that the city has not provided services as provided in its service extension plan, the board shall notify the city and the landowner that such property may be deannexed, as provided in K.S.A. 12-532, and amendments thereto, if the services are not provided within 1½ years of the date of the board's findings.

(c) If the board of county commissioners refuses to hold the hearing as required, any owner of land living in such area annexed may bring an action under provisions of K.S.A. 60-1201 et seq., and amendments thereto, to compel the board to hold the hearing. The court, upon finding the hearing is required, shall award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the landowner.

**History:** L. 1987, ch. 66, § 7; L. 2011, ch. 101, § 8; June 2.