

27-331. Airport authority in certain counties; powers. Upon the adoption of the provisions of this act in any county, the authority thereby created shall have the power: (a) To adopt, alter and use a corporate seal;

(b) to sue and be sued, to prosecute and to defend any action in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(c) to receive, purchase, lease, obtain option upon, acquire by contract or grant, or otherwise acquire, and to own, maintain, operate, improve, and to sell, transfer, assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of property and to contract with the United States or any of its agencies, the state of Kansas, any political subdivision thereof or any other person with respect to the terms on which the authority may agree to purchase or receive property, including, but not limited to, provisions for the purchase of property over a period of years, for payment of the purchase price or installments thereof in the manner and to the extent required, and for pledge of all revenues and income received from the sale or operation of such property after providing for administration, maintenance and operation costs, to payment of the principal of the purchase price and interest thereon or of any bond issued by the authority therefor;

(d) to enter into contracts to carry out the purposes of the authority and to execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of any of the powers of the authority;

(e) to adopt, amend and repeal bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with this act governing the manner in which the powers and purposes of the authority shall be carried out and effected;

(f) to select, appoint, employ, discharge or remove such officers, agents, counsel and employees as may be required to carry out and effect the powers and purposes of the authority and to determine their qualifications, duties and compensation;

(g) to borrow money and pledge, mortgage property and revenues as security therefor;

(h) to distribute equally to the city and county any funds not necessary for the proper conduct of affairs of the authority;

(i) to make payments in lieu of taxes to any political or taxing subdivision levying taxes on property within the county in which the authority is located;

(j) to exercise the right of eminent domain, in the manner prescribed in article 5 of chapter 26 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated;

(k) to recommend the adoption of airport hazard zones under the authority of K.S.A. 3-701 et seq., and amendments thereto, and compatible land-use zones in the county in order to minimize the adverse effects of airport noise and emissions arising from the use and operation of airport facilities. The zones recommended by the authority shall be submitted to the planning commission for review and the commission shall make recommendations to the city and county in the same manner as other zoning regulations. No zones shall be adopted until approved by the city and county within their respective zoning jurisdictions in the same manner as other zoning regulations;

(l) to own, operate and dispose of water and sewage utility systems. The authority may purchase and resell water services to any person, firm or corporation within territory owned by the authority and property being served on the effective date of this act. The authority may purchase and resell sewage services to any person, firm or corporation.

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