

March 18, 2024

Written Testimony for Neosho County, SB 537  
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation  
Hearing on March 20, 2024

Dear Chairwoman Caryn Tyson and members of the Committee:

For over 20 years Neosho County has continuously had in place a half cent sales tax. This tax has funded the bonding for two major projects in: the construction of a new county jail and a major road project. The last of these bonds will soon be paid off and the tax is set to expire with the retiring of these bonds.

Neosho County wishes to continue the half cent sales tax for the next ten years with proceeds going towards the funding of future roadway and bridge, maintenance, construction, and improvements within our county.

Neosho County is asking for approval to place this on the ballot in the primary election of this year. This tax will help fund these projects without bonds. Also, this tax will allow funds to be available to match grant monies for these projects.

Thank you for your service to this great state and your consideration of this important issue to the future of Neosho County.

Sincerely,  
*Gail Klaassen*  
Neosho County Commissioner  
District 3