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From: **Laurie McKinnon** <LMcKinnon@kspers.gov>

Date: Tue, Sep 8, 2026 at 11:17 AM

Subject: FW: Seward County KP&F Issue

To: krsgreg61@gmail.com <krsgreg61@gmail.com>

Here's the entire thread that came from that initial email on July 7.

From: Laurie McKinnon

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 11:09 AM

To: Todd Stanton <todd@americanclassicrenovation.com>

Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

I can send the letter to anyone you like! I'll let you look at it before I send it.

I just met with the benefits and fiscal folks here and they're going to calculate Mr. Standard's benefits with 6 years of KPERS and 20 of KP&F and then 26 of KPERS only. I need to send him a due process letter (the one I will share) explaining the law and allow him 60 days to submit an appeal. His retirement date is July 1, but we pay in arrears, so he will have to decide whether to retire as a KPERS member and appeal to KPERS if he believes our determination is service is all KPERS. From there, we go through an administrative appeal with an admin law judge from the State's Office of Administrative Appeals. I'll send a copy of the process along with my letter.

Then we can talk about [REDACTED]. Do you have any questions for me?

Laurie

From: Todd Stanton <todd@americanclassicrenovation.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:04 AM

To: Laurie McKinnon <LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>

Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

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I found out last Thursday that Mr. Standard oddly filed much of his own retirement paperwork about three weeks before he told admin he was retiring. Most of his paperwork was not filed by HR/Payroll technician people who normally process retirement paperwork.

Can you openly copy the formal letter to our HR person (who we know was not involved in how his benefits were arranged):

Rosa Conley, Human Resources

Seward County

[515 N. Washington Ave.](#)

[Suite 205](#)

[Liberal, KS 67901](#)

[\(rconley@sewardcountyks.org\)](mailto:rconley@sewardcountyks.org)

Please send my copy bcc electronically.

If you have any additional questions, please write or call at your convenience. Once the Greg Standard issue is resolved, we need to look at [REDACTED] who is also being provided KP&F though he does not meet the criteria for this.

From: Laurie McKinnon [<mailto:LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>]
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 1:58 PM
To: Todd Stanton
Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

Todd: It looks like Mr. Standard is attempting to retire from KP&F. I've asked the Retirement Unit to hold his application for the time being. Tomorrow morning, I'm meeting with our CFO and Chief Benefits Officer to go over everything. I will likely write a formal letter to Mr. Standard explaining everything to him and copy you. If there's anything you would like me to say or not say, please let me know!

Thanks!
Laurie

From: Laurie McKinnon
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 8:53 AM
To: Todd Stanton <todd@americanclassicrenovation.com>
Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

Hi, Todd. I'll check all of this out today. Between being gone for a week and the holiday, I'm trying to get everything organized, but this hasn't escaped my radar. I'll get back to you this afternoon if not sooner.

Laurie

From: Todd Stanton <todd@americanclassicrenovation.com>
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 8:50 AM
To: Laurie McKinnon <LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>
Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

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Hi Laurie.

Just wanted to check that Greg Standard's retirement was going thru KPERS and not KP&F since he retired June 30. I don't believe the Sheriff would commence investigation on how this happened until I gave him word everything had been settled at your end.

At what point in the process would excess contributions come back to Seward County and who would be notified regarding that? I realize that may take a little time.

Thanks.

From: Laurie McKinnon [<mailto:LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:42 AM
To: Todd Stanton
Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

I can tell you from my review of the position descriptions, they are not EMT/EMS positions as defined by the statute. Regardless of when he retires, we can make sure it's a KPERS retirement and he would be welcome to initiate a formal appeal, which would be to KPERS, not Seward County. I think at this point, it's a KPERS issue, so it wouldn't be that the County was "punishing" him. Does that make sense?

From: Todd Stanton <todd@americanclassicrenovation.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:30 AM
To: Laurie McKinnon <LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>
Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

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person somewhat new to job and did not know he should not be getting KP&F), payroll (we have one payroll clerk who provided the data for recent years), Sheriff Ward, Rural Fire Chief Barkley. County Admin was not informed because of concerns about how the benefits occurred in the first place—in a budget meeting just this week county admin again lumped in emergency management as getting KP&F vs regular KPRS. But, that doesn't mean he didn't find out and so has moved up the written retirement date by a full year to try to maintain KP&F pension benefits.

From: Laurie McKinnon [<mailto:LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:20 AM

To: Todd Stanton

Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

Todd – do you think this is an 11th hour attempt to retire with KP&F benefits, or just a coincidence?

From: Todd Stanton <todd@americanclassicrenovation.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:18 AM

To: Laurie McKinnon <LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>

Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

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Just an FYI on this. Greg Standard has unexpectedly announced his intention to retire effective June 30 of this year. I believe he started the paperwork on that late yesterday. I'm told but have not verified this has been coordinated with a workman's comp claim for carpal tunnel syndrome.

-Todd

From: Laurie McKinnon [<mailto:LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>]

Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 2:50 PM

Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

Thanks, Todd. I'm out all week at a conference, so I won't be able to do anything with this until next week. I hope that's okay!

Laurie

From: Todd Stanton <todd@americanclassicrenovation.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 7:17 AM

To: Laurie McKinnon <LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>

Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

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Hi, Laurie.

Just a note that if you determine things are in error and need correction, when you let me know notification is going to the individuals/county admin, Sheriff Gene Ward will commence an investigation as to how this occurred (and pass off to KBI if he feels that is best).

Thanks,

Todd Stanton

From: Laurie McKinnon [<mailto:LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>]

Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 1:30 PM

To: Todd Stanton

Subject: RE: Seward County KP&F Issue

everything today has been crazy. I talked to my boss about this and he was in agreement with me. We'll take a look at everything and I'll get back to you.

Have a good weekend!
Laurie

From: Todd Stanton <todd@americanclassicrenovation.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 2:43 PM
To: Laurie McKinnon <LMcKinnon@KSPERS.GOV>
Subject: Seward County KP&F Issue

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Hi Laurie,

Thanks, again, for your phone call this morning.

I am attaching the County job description for our Emergency Management Director. The job description is the same for both involved parties, [REDACTED]

The names involved are STANDARD, Greg T and [REDACTED]. It is the opinion of our rural fire chief and county sheriff that neither is eligible for KP&F. Standard was previously rural fire but that was ten or more years ago. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If you need the specific date of Standard's change in employment, I can get that for you if it is not found in your records (and I am guessing it is not found there).

I have records of all KP&F employees with figures from payroll for 2022 thru last month but I think you would have the same data. If you need mine, I can send that to you. I believe our records prior to 2022 are in an archive system but they can be retrieved if needed.

Many thanks for your assistance and please let me know if you need further information. Please let me know that this was received.

Sincerely yours,

Todd Stanton

Seward County Commissioner District 1

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