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# News Release

## Agri-Business Building to host chamber coffee, ribbon-cutting

*Coffee at 10 a.m.; facility to be rededicated at 11; open house is 11 to 1 p.m.*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (March 5, 2019) — The City of Arkansas City on Thursday will rededicate the recently remodeled and renovated Agri-Business Building, located at 712 W. Washington Ave.

The festivities will kick off with the City hosting an Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce coffee at 10 a.m., followed by a rededication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend both events. Following the ceremony, there will a public come-and-go open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments only will be served during chamber coffee.

### About the Agri-Business Building renovations

The City Commission of Arkansas City voted 5-0 on July 3, 2018, to accept a proposal from Hutchinson-based Webcon Inc. for south roof restoration of the Agri-Business Building, for an amount not to exceed \$67,500. This expenditure kicked off a series of subsequent smaller renovation actions.

These included the installation of a new forced-air heating system, as well as two large high-volume, low-speed industrial fans to provide more air movement for usage during the warmer months.

The floor was completely stripped and replaced, with brand-new purple tennis courts being installed.

Also installed were new ceilings in the entry area and restrooms, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant improvements in the restrooms, and new energy-efficient lighting and paneling.

A new, secured electrical equipment closet was created and new doors were installed for the kitchen. Much of this work was accomplished in house with the help of the Parks and Facilities Division.

As the remodeling was nearing completion last December, City Manager Nick Hernandez sought approval from city commissioners to improve the sound quality in the building with a new sound system.

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They voted 3-1 to purchase new audio equipment for the Agri-Business Building from Sparks Music, for an amount not to exceed \$34,730. Twenty outdoor ceiling loudspeakers were installed at precise locations in the south part of the building to achieve the most ideal sound coverage for all events.

The City currently is working to determine the standard rental rate for sound equipment usage.

For more information about rental rates or to reserve use of the Agri-Business Building for a specific event, please call (620) 441-4401 or (620) 441-4402.

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