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### **State Auditor Exposes Alleged Financial Impropriety at Keith County Senior Center in Ogallala**

State Auditor Mike Foley issued a letter today describing alleged financial impropriety by Jeanine “Jeanie” Herman, the former director of the Keith County Senior Center (“Senior Center”) located in Ogallala, Nebraska.

Addressing his letter to the President of the Senior Center, Foley details thousands of dollars of suspicious payments to Ms. Herman, which she processed to herself prior to departing the agency in March of 2023.

“This is a classic example of what can and does go wrong when any entity trusts one person to have total control over financial transactions to the point where he or she can make improper payments without detection due to a lack of oversight and controls,” Foley observed.

According to Foley’s letter, Ms. Herman appears to have used her position to process \$13,620 in excessive payroll, as well as improper sick and vacation leave, disbursements to herself. The letter alleges that she did so in direct violation of the Senior Center’s policies and without approval of the governing Board of Directors.

The specifics of Ms. Herman’s apparent malfeasance are being reported, the letter concludes, to the Nebraska State Patrol, Keith County Attorney, and Nebraska Attorney General.