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March 30, 2026

Dear Kaysinger Member,

As we prepare for the new fiscal year, Kaysinger's staff is busier than ever, and we're excited about the programs and opportunities available to our region this year. Thanks to your ongoing support, we continue to expand our capacity to serve and support your community.

Our goals for the coming year remain rooted in our mission: to provide practical guidance, technical expertise, and resources that help communities achieve a way of life that is equitable, healthy, and sustainable. This year, we're excited to continue our region-wide Safe Streets for All grant, which aims to improve roadway safety and create safer, more accessible transportation networks for all users. This is a great opportunity for your community to engage with Kaysinger in identifying and addressing local transportation safety issues.

This past year, your support helped us accomplish the following:

- Completion of two county Hazard Mitigation Plans, helping communities prepare for and reduce the impacts of natural disasters.
- Assisted in the opening of several new businesses across the region through strategic partnerships and support from our economic developer.
- Helped secure grant funding for local infrastructure, historic preservation, community development, and public service projects.
- Facilitated regional collaboration across local governments and nonprofits, strengthening capacity for shared problem-solving.
- Assisted on the planning for the Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Your membership is vital, not only for the continued success of these projects but also for bringing future opportunities to the region. Your investment ensures that your community receives access to the following benefits:

- Partnership with MoDOT, including participation in the annual prioritization of projects
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Economic Development Assistance & Strategic Planning
- Reduced Cost of Grant Writing and Administration
- Project Development & Grant Opportunity Search



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- Complete Streets Planning
- Traffic Counts
- Solid Waste Management & Recycling Grants
- Community Development & Planning
- Environmental Assessments
- Educational Events & Training
- And much more!

Enclosed with this letter is your membership dues invoice and the Resolution of Membership form. This form designates your community's representative as a Full Commission board member, granting your community a voting seat on our Full Commission Board. This board meets twice a year, May 21 and November 19. This appointed representative will also serve as our primary point of contact and advocate for your community.

Please return both your completed Resolution of Membership form along with the membership dues, including the name and contact information of your community's representative, by **July 1, 2026**.

Thank you for your continued support of Kaysinger and investment in your community and our region. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Swartz".

Ashley Swartz, Executive Director