

## **Press Release**

*Thursday, March 5th, 2020*

The City of Baldwin City, as deed holder of the Santa Fe Depot, currently leases the Depot to the Santa Fe Historical Society as part of an historic arrangement dating back to 1981.

Santa Fe Historical Society has a lease agreement with Midland Railway, which dates back to 1986 and was part of the arrangement to bring Midland Railway to Baldwin City originally.

The City is actively working to resolve a dispute between Midland Railway and the Santa Fe Historical Society.

### **Santa Fe Depot Timeline From Official City Records**

- ➔1906 Santa Fe Depot built
- ➔1977 Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company deeded Depot and Park to City
- ➔1981 City Leased Depot and Park to Santa Fe Historical Society
- ➔1986 Midland came to Baldwin City
- ➔1987 Santa Fe Historical Society, together with Midland Railway, purchased tracks from Baldwin to Ottawa
- ➔1987 City deeded the Depot and Park to Santa Fe Historical Society
- ➔2004 Santa Fe Historical Society deeded Depot back to City for grant funding purposes to restore the Depot

***The City has maintained a lease between the City and Santa Fe Historical Society since 2004. The current lease expires in August 2020.***