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When the Home Post Office held its meeting some information was not collected. It was said that the last Postmaster to Retire was in 2001. The last one to Retire was in 1988 or 1989. At that time the boxes and rural route was removed also. That was a big mistake removing them. The post office is a gathering place for the community and people went there to keep in touch with each other and happenings in the community. They did their mailing business and also spent their money at the local businesses.

Now with just an OIC there is no benefits paid and when the OIC needs to be gone it is not easy to find someone to come in and keep the office open. Do you not think that they get sick or need a day off????? There has been NO benefits paid at Home Post office since 2001. Where has all that money gone that was charged to Home?

Was told that the OIC only had about 15 minutes of retail workload a day. When the count was done, it was in the winter and slow time of year. There are a lot of Senior Citizens in our community and we do not expect them to venture out in bad weather. Also the box that is outside the office does not get counted and it takes in a lot of mail. I think that should be added to the count. The OIC may have a short window business day but I know they have plenty of other paper work that has to be sent in each day and every day is not a slow day.

The Blue Valley Telecomm people use a meter that is in another state but keeping the credit here at the Home Post Office has always been a hassle. Why does the credit go away every time it is renewed? Can't the hassle be stopped and renewed more easily so that company doesn't have to follow up each time. I don't think that is very good image of the postal service.

Were told that the rural carrier can do everything that the postmaster can do. Is their truck going to be big enough to carry all that information, cash and equipment. If not, how long and what will be expected of the customer. Are we going to have to wait for the carrier to come to give us the information we need, or make long distant phone calls. I think it will only be transferring what a carrier can do to another department and I can't see where that is saving money. Will a carrier deliver packages if they are scared of dog(S)? Sounds like the customer is going to have to do a lot of waiting or phoning to get answers.

When you said all mail had to be sent to Topeka to be sorted, how did that save money? I like to have my local office cancel the mail as Home is a different name for a town or community. The mail was put in the right box then also. The mail is still mixed up sometimes. I have lost two letters that had checks in them that have never been found. These were to pay bills so that was not a good thing.

If rural carriers are to arrive at boxes about the same time each day, how is that going to

be possible if they are doing the items you say can be done the same as a postmaster? Holding mail when you want it done will not be easy also. It would mean a long distant phone call and if you only want to do it once and it is an emergency the office does not like to do it. Sometimes it is necessary for the customers business. We had that case once and the postmaster was not nice about handling the situation. We have not needed to do it since but there may be a time that we need it. Think now they want a written card filled out but that on a last minute deal is not possible.

If the office is closed we were told that the zip code would be the same but not the town name. I don't think that is correct. As when other towns have closed the town name was used and the zip was changed. I hope we never have to lose our town name.

Why does the smaller offices need all the equipment that the bigger offices need? That is a lot of money being spent and especially now if you are planning on closing all these post offices. Seems to me that is money that could be spent more wisely .

When we had our meeting for the Home office, there was not an MPOO there. Will Home get to have another meeting since that was not legal?

Congressman Jerry Moran said that a post office could not be closed because of the amount of revenue it receives. Is this another transfer in the department so a post office could be closed.

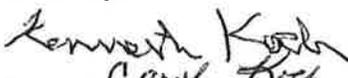
I have written to Omaha about a second letter that I wrote that is not in the appeals book in the Home office. I wrote and asked for a copy of the front page with the round dates on them and haven't received an answer. When I called them about the letters I was told they were there and that was Oct. 24. Think by now I would have receive an answer back.

The way the postal people have presented these town meetings have not been helpful. They have given no help in how the town can keep their office open and the information given has not been up to date.

These are just some of my concerns that I hope will keep our office open. I think there are ways that the postal people can keep offices open. I hope in the rural communities you will look out for the Senior citizens and keep jobs so people can be employed. Know the economy is bad but us in the rural areas are really hit with no jobs.

Keep Home Post Office Open.. The OIC do a good job and don't cost the postal people that much in the budget. We need our POST OFFICE.

Sincerely,

  
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