

# FCDC NEWS

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## FCDC Member Feature



I am excited to share information about one of our newest members. While recently aligned with the Franklin County Development Council, they are no strangers to Franklin County. Cook, Flatt, & Stroebel (CFS) having been making improvements all over our county for many years. I had the pleasure of sitting down with Kenny Blair, the president of CFS. He is a great guy to meet and I encourage you to do so next time you are in Topeka!

CFS provides civil engineering services that include, site development, transportation design, water resources, structural engineering, design build, project management, inspections, geotechnical investigation, construction material testing, and survey work. Wow, I am worn out just listing all these services! As you can see, they are a company that can support multiple needs for business and municipal entities.

CFS specializes in all forms of public infrastructure including transportation, bridges, detention dams, parks, and utility design projects and cover every detail outside of a building including planning, platting, permitting, design, utility connections, and landscape architecture. You can see in the pictures some of the great work they have done here in Franklin County. They have more examples of their work in Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, New York City, and Las Vegas, just to name a few.

CFS was established in 1961 and is still going strong. They have offices in Topeka, Lawrence, KC MO, KC KS, Springfield, MO, and Jefferson City, MO. They have over 100 employees that work at this employee-owned business. Some of the staff have been with CFS for over 40 years. They emphasize pathways to leadership for their employees and provide opportunities for growth from within the company. This speaks to the employee friendly environment they have created. We all know, that leads to great customer service.

Another reason their employees stay with the company is that they get a rounded experience that allows for excellence and growth. The emphasis at CFS is on practicality. The engineers spend time in the field to get a broader perspective which enables them to see the “whole” project and not just their area of expertise. This equips the good folks at CFS to provide custom engineering for all projects.

If you want to learn more about Cook, Flatt, and Stroebel, I encourage you to visit their website at: <https://www.cfse.com/>

Thank you to Kenny and the entire team at CFS for providing quality services and supporting economic development here in Franklin County!

***It is a GREAT day to live in Franklin County!***

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