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As the director of economic development for one of the fastest growing counties in Kansas, Janet McRae has spent the past 14 years working to build the tax base and employment opportunities in Miami County. Janet works with the county's five cities to develop and implement their economic priorities. During the last 18 months, she worked with businesses to secure more than \$4 million in grants via the state, federal and private funds. Her department's efforts focused assisting businesses as they worked through the maze of newly released financial assistance. Janet also assisted the county's financial staff with implementation of CARES funded county initiatives including pandemic response, business assistance, local government support and social service assistance.

As the home of nine lakes, four wineries, an observatory, a big cat sanctuary and a cider mill, the county has become a popular destination for visitors. Before joining Miami County, Janet spent almost 15 years as the director of economic development for the Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce. She also served as Executive Director for the Hillsdale Water Quality Project administering more than \$4 million state and federal grants as part of that watershed protection effort.

In addition to being certified as an Economic Development Finance Professional and a graduate of EDI, Janet graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in journalism. She currently lives in Spring Hill. Her hometown is Gardner, Kansas.