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Stop Before You Vote...

That's The Brakes
By Jon A. Brake

The City Election is April 5th and change (without the hope) is in the air.

For the past 12-years the City of Manhattan has been run by a Progressive City Manager and three Progressive City Commissioners. It is time for change, real change.

The City Debt is \$225 million and the City mill levy increased this year by 22%, with more debt and mill levy increases coming next year.

Over the years I have had people tell me that they were going to vote for a president because he was good looking (Clinton). I have been told that they were going to vote for a State Senator because he was their Doctor. I was told last November by a Conservative that he would vote for a Liberal State Representative because she was a nice person, (Carlin). Some people will vote for a person just because they know the name.

That is no way to run a City, State or Railroad. I will not vote for anyone because they are good looking, my doctor or they are a nice person. I want to know what that person is going to do after they get into office.

In the Manhattan City election I want someone who will look at the \$225 million Debt and tell me that it is a problem and they will not add to it.

In the Our Manhattan forum the candidates were asked if the Debt was a problem. Phil Anderson said "No, not really." Rich Jankovich said "We should be careful."



Jon A. Brake

John Matta, Wynn Butler and Stan Hoerman said the debt was a problem. That is the Right answer.

At the Homebuilder's Forum the candidates were asked "Are you concerned about controlling the City Budget after the 22% increase in the Mill Levy?"

Phil Anderson said "No". Rich Jankovich would not answer.

John Matta, Wynn Butler and Stan Hoerman said "Yes" they were concerned about controlling the City Budget. That is the Right answer.

In February the Manhattan City Commission voted 3-2 to approve a Gender and Sexual Orientation Discrimination Ordinance.

This ordinance discriminates against businesses, landlords and homeowners. It should be repealed.

When asked about repealing the ordinance Phil Anderson said "No". Rich Jankovich said "I'm not sure."

John Matta, Wynn Butler

and Stan Hoerman said "Yes". Again that is the Right answer.

For years the Alliance For Peace and Justice (they get mad when I call them the old Communist Party) have been trying to get a "Living Wage" ordinance in Manhattan.

Living Wage is a good name, who is not for everyone making a living wage? But, if \$8.00 per hour is a living wage in other towns and Manhattan mandates \$12 per hour, how do we compete.

Think about all of the \$8.00 jobs that will be lost. Some people and some jobs are only worth \$8. If a business has to pay \$12 they just will not hire that person.

When asked at the Our Manhattan Forum if they would impose a requirement on businesses receiving City funds to pay a wage established by the City Commission.

Phil Anderson said "Yes". John Matta, Wynn Butler, Stan Hoerman and Rich Jankovich said "No". That is the Right answer.

Manhattan is between a rock and a hard place, we need City Commissioners who will look out for the taxpayers. Not just some of the time but all of the time.

Don't vote for a City Commissioner on April 5th because he looks good or you know the family, or he is a nice guy. Vote for the three men who will do the things that you want them to do. For the Free Press the vote should be: John Matta, Wynn Butler and Stan Hoerman.

Brownback Cuts Kansas Budget After Talks Stall

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback ordered cuts Friday to balance the state's budget on June 30.

Brownback ordered the cuts after Kansas House and Senate budget negotiators reached a dead-end Thursday night in efforts to come up with a compromise version of two different budget plans each body passed last month.

Both those plans were tied to a budget the governor offered in January that aimed to create a \$35 million surplus on June 30 that Brownback said was needed to help tackle a larger \$493 million budget deficit currently projected for 2012.

Kansas' state constitution requires the state to balance its budgets each year. But the cuts ordered Friday to meet that requirement by law, can only be large enough to reduce the \$56.5 million deficit projected for 2011 to zero and do not allow for any surplus to help fight the nearly nine-times-larger deficit expected next year.

While that means the state's budget problems "will get bigger," Brownback said in a press conference Friday, "to be able to balance our budget this year, it is necessary for us to do allotments now," Brownback said.

"I thought we had a shot at getting it through the legislative process, which is the preferred way," Brownback said.

Kansas House Speaker Mike O'Neal, however, said Friday that House leaders would take a close look at Brownback's ordered cuts, compare them to

the original budget proposal the governor submitted in January and to what Senate negotiators agreed to before the impasse, to seek ways to make additional cuts in an effort to restore some of the originally proposed \$35 million surplus.

"The House is committed to a healthy ending balance...and anxious to continue working through the conference committee process to achieve the Governor's goal," O'Neal said.

Friday's cuts include:

—A \$50.2 million reduction in general state aid to education, which will require legislative action in order to coordinate that change with expected increases in health and human services caseloads.

—\$2.3 million reductions each in Board of Regents system operating budgets and Social and Rehabilitation Services mental health care managed services.

—A \$1.3 million reduction in State Finance Council funds dedicated to assuring Kansas government salaries are competitive with the private sector.

—A total \$374,000 in reduced debt service costs and lowered operating budgets for the Kansas Court of Tax Appeals, the Kansas Attorney General's office, the Kansas Art Commission and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

During some occasionally tense negotiations Wednesday and Thursday, leaders of the Kansas House Appropriations and Kansas Senate Ways and Means committees seemed to be nearing agreement on a complex web of spending nips and

cuts designed to provide about \$20 million of the \$35 million surplus originally aimed for while at the same time restoring \$21.2 million in funding for special education funding for Kansas schools that Brownback originally proposed to cut.

Senate Ways and Means Chair Carolyn McGinn, a Sedgewick Republican, and other Senate members said that funding was needed to prevent the loss of more than \$26 million annually in similar federal funding for Kansas schools.

House Ways and Means Chair Marc Rhoades, a Newton Republican, and other House members initially proposed withholding that money until it became clearer near fiscal year-end would be needed.

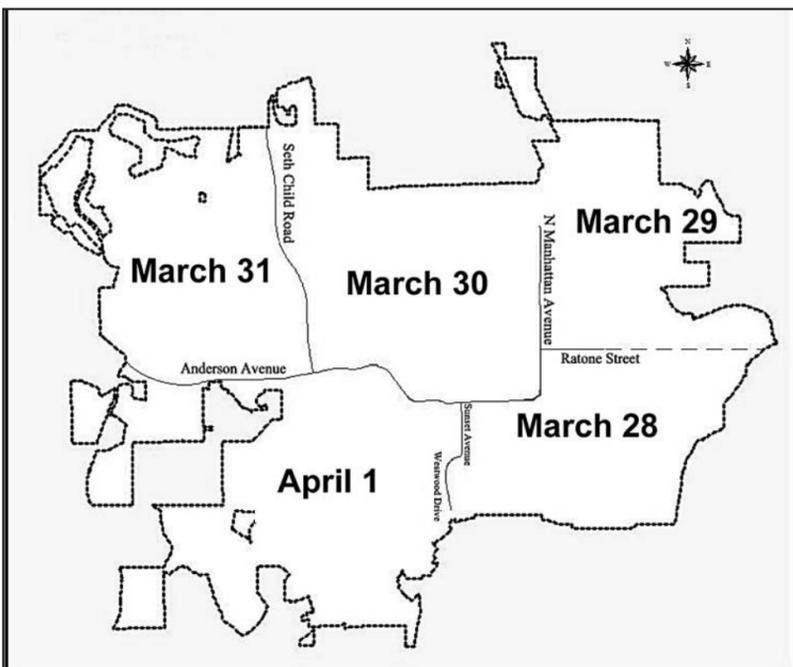
Early Thursday evening, in what would be the last attempt at compromise, Rhoades and the House negotiators said they would accept the Senate's funding proposal in order to conclude the negotiations, but that they would not recommend its passage when they presented it to the full House for a vote.

That pronouncement "is just a little bit disingenuous," McGinn said.

It also may make it harder for budget negotiators to work out a plan for what's expected to be a much more difficult budget for 2012, on which legislators are expected to begin accelerating work next week.

"It's simply more honest to say up front that I can't go back to my caucus and lie about saying I like it," Rhoades said.

Spring Clean Up



City Of Manhattan Spring Clean Up Starts March 28th

The 2011 City of Manhattan Spring Clean Up will be March 28-April 1, 2011. Local area refuse companies are assisting with the program and will collect all trash and debris for their respective customers. Refuse pickup will occur on regular collection schedules, trash and debris must be placed at the same location as regular refuse collection. Local participating refuse

companies are: AllTrash Service, Arrowhead Trash, B&L Trash Service, Howie's Enterprises, Joe Mallon Trash Service, and Waste Management.

The City of Manhattan crews will only pick up yard waste, limbs, and branches. All yard waste, such as grass clippings and leaves, must be placed in yard waste paper bags. Limbs

and branches must be stacked separately. The yard waste paper bags must be placed on the curb by 8:00am on the day of the scheduled pick-up. Paper bags are available for purchase at many local retail stores.

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Kansas Panel Recommends More State Tax Cuts

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas House tax writers on Monday sent two economic development initiatives to the full House for a vote and heard testimony generally backing a third.

With deadlines approaching for proposed legislation to clear committees, members of the Kansas House Taxation Committee voted to send two bills to the House floor, one that would expand tax credits offered to businesses that pay higher than average wages to Kansas workers and one that would allow businesses to write off investments in production equipment more quickly.

Committee members also heard proponents and opponents of a farther reaching set of proposed tax changes, called the March to Economic Growth Act, argue whether writing a tax-capping formula into Kansas law would increase the state's competitive position with its neighbors.

During a discussion of a Senate bill that would allow low income Kansas workers to set up tax-advantaged savings plans known as individual development accounts, State Rep. Marvin Kleeb, an Overland Park Republican and vice chair of the House tax committee, offered an amendment that would also allow more Kansas business owners to reap tax credits for paying higher than average wages to workers

in certain qualified jobs.

The credits already are available to some qualifying Kansas businesses through what is known as the Kansas High Performance Incentive Program, which offers dollar-for-dollar state tax reductions to employers who qualify for the reductions, which are paid for with money from workers' tax withholding that otherwise would go into the state general fund. Changes in the so-called HPIP program would allow smaller employers than now to claim the tax credits and also help expand the program beyond 54 counties where it is used now, Kleeb said.

But another changed feature of the program, which would allow larger businesses that earn the credits in one area of their operations to transfer unused credits to a different line of their business, drew criticism from state Rep. Nile Dillmore, a Wichita Democrat and the tax committee's ranking minority member.

That potential ability for a corporation to transfer the credits is unfair to smaller competitors in other enterprises who wouldn't be able to qualify for the help themselves, Dillmore said.

The second economic initiative that panel members sent to the House drew little opposition. That is a plan, outlined by Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, in his economic programs unveiled in January, that would

allow Kansas businesses to write off the entire cost of production equipment when they buy it instead of depreciating the investment over specified numbers of years.

Such a change would provide smaller tax breaks than some businesses now receive under more formal economic development programs it would replace, but those breaks would be available to all businesses who wanted them, not just a smaller number that qualify under the formal programs now, said University of Kansas economist Art Hall, whose work Brownback cited in his original proposal.

Committee members took no action Monday on a third proposed initiative, the so-called March to Economic Greatness, or MEGA plan. It calls for mathematically prescribed reductions in individual and corporate income and tax rates across Kansas, using a formula based on prior year income, sales and excise tax receipts and adjustments for price inflation.

Kansas state Sens. Terry Bruce of Hutchinson and Ty Masterson of Andover, both Republicans backing similar plans in the state Senate, contend the plan would help make Kansas' tax structure more competitive with neighboring states where, with the exception of Nebraska, overall tax rates generally are lower than in Kansas.



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Columbian Theatre Announces Summer Academy Production

WAMEGO, KS— Come join the fun and festivities and learn the fundamentals of theatre in a four week camp that ends with performances for your family and friends! The Columbian Theatre will continue its annual Summer Theatre Academy this July 2011 with a production of Into The Woods. The theatre

will also accommodate double the amount of kids this year due to the addition of an afternoon theatre camp! Camp dates are July 5-29 with performances on July 30 and 31. The morning camp, 9am-Noon, will host grades K-6. The afternoon camp, 1pm-4pm, will accommodate grades

7-12. Age requirements are based on the 2010-2011 academic school year. There are 50 spots available for each camp! Members of the Columbian Theatre will receive early access registration beginning March 25, 2011. Non-member registration starts April 1, 2011. Registration

forms will be available online and at the box office. Cost for each camp is \$75.00 per student and includes one T-shirt. A 10% discount is included on total registration for Columbian Members! A \$5.00 discount will be applied for each additional child for families registering multiple

kids (must be family members). Applications can only be accepted with payment. Questions? Please call the Columbian Theatre box office at 785.456.2029 or 800.899.1893. To view upcoming events please visit www.columbiantheatre.com.

The United States Army Field Band Presents Jazz Ambassadors

WAMEGO, KS—The United States Army Field Band will present Jazz Ambassadors Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at the Columbian Theatre. The Musical Ambassadors of the

Army are based in Washington, D.C., and are the military's most traveled musicians! The Jazz Band is also including three area students to play with them on stage!

The concert is free admission and begins at 7:30pm; seating will be limited to 260 people. Doors open at 6:30! For further information or questions please call the

Columbian Theatre box office at 785.456.2029 or 800.899.1893. Visit our website www.columbiantheatre.com for more upcoming events!

Marsh Named Administrator of the Year

MANHATTAN, Kansas. Mike Marsh, Manhattan High School Athletic and Activities Director, was named the 2010-2011 Administrator of the Year by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association. Mr. Marsh was nominated for the award by Manhattan High

School Wrestling Coach Robert Gonzales. In his nomination letter, Mr. Gonzales states, "Mike has developed a following for our sport. His interest is high and devotes hours toward our program. When we host an event, he rolls up his sleeves and is

moving mats with the coaches and wrestlers. Last year we hosted four all-day wrestling tournaments and he was with us from the beginning to the end. He is a Coaches' Coach." "This is a special honor to be recognized by the Kansas wrestling coaches association,"

states Marsh. "Coach Gonzales and his staff do a wonderful job with our high school program and it is a pleasure to work with each one of them and the student/athletes here at Manhattan High.

Obituaries

Shirley A. Friend

Shirley A. Friend, age 77, of Manhattan, died Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at Via Christi Village in Manhattan. She was born on September 3, 1933 in Grenola, Kansas the daughter of Glenn and Hazel (Eaglin) Neubecker. Shirley was united in mar-

riage to Billy C. Friend on June 14, 1953 in Winfield, Kansas. He preceded her in death in February of 1986. She was a member of the Woodbridge Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas. Shirley retired from Dillard's and Von Maur, where she worked for many years. She is survived by her two children: Susan Roberts and her husband Terry of

Manhattan, Kansas and John Friend and his wife Tracy of Gunnison, Colorado. Additional survivors include her dear companion Homer Nester of Gunnison, Colorado and one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. Memorial graveside services were held on Monday March 14, 2011 at 11:00a.m. in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Grenola, Kansas.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Grenola Library - Children's Room in Grenola, Kansas. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Dorothy I. Schartau



Dorothy I. Schartau, age 81, of Ogden, Kansas, died Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan. She was born on April 22,

1929, in Flush, Kansas, the daughter of Fred J. and Agatha B. (Umscheid) Eichman. Dorothy was a lifetime area resident where she attended local schools graduating from Sacred Heart Academy in Manhattan. Shortly after high school she went to work for the Kansas Farm Bureau in Manhattan. In 1963, upon the birth of her daughter, she became a full time homemaker. Dorothy was a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ogden and the church Altar Society. She was also a member of the Ogden American Legion Auxiliary, the Ogden 60+ Club and TOPS. She enjoyed being a part of the Tuesday Lunch Bunch and also the Daylight Donut Group for many years. Most of all Dorothy enjoyed spending time

with her grandchildren. On February 14, 1953, in Manhattan, Kansas, she was united in marriage to Marvin R. "Hamie" Schartau. He preceded her in death on October 25, 2004. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Hartung and three brothers: Gilbert, Eugene and Coleman Eichman. Survivors include her daughter, Mardee Hutchinson and her husband Scott, of Golden, Missouri one brother: Harold "Ike" Eichman of Manhattan, four grandchildren: Shane Schartau, Kenneth Hutchinson, Jon Hutchinson and Brandon Hutchinson and two great grandchildren: Orion and Kira Hutchinson. The family will receive friends during a visitation from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. Sunday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-

Londeen Funeral Home. A Rosary and Vigil Service will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2011, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ogden with Father Joseph Popelka as celebrant. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Ogden. On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorials have been established for the St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Homecare and Hospice, Inc. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Robert Allen "Bob" Coon



Robert Allen "Bob" Coon, 80, of McFarland, Kansas, died Saturday, March 12, 2011, at his home. He was a life-long

resident of the community. Bob was born December 14, 1930, in Wamego, Kansas, the son of Allen and Ora Troth Coon. He attended local schools and then entered the United States Navy in 1948 until 1954. Bob served 36 months during the Korean Conflict on the U.S.S. Wisconsin. He married Juanita Jean Michaelis on April 7, 1953, in Wamego. She preceded him in death on August 26, 2003. Bob was a self employed contractor and carpenter. He worked on numerous homes and projects in the area over his career. Bob loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed camp-

ing. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bob is survived by his daughter, Diana Kleiner and her husband, Don, Belvue; his sons, Bill Coon and his wife, Linda, Alma, Jeff Coon, McFarland and Scott Coon and his wife, Kristin, Alma; nine grandchildren, Jodi Huddleston, B.J. Coon, Sara Winter, Kent Schley, Ashley King, Heather Jones, Lisa Tebbutt, Nathan Coon, Bailey Coon and fourteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Bonnie Carlson and Shirley Seele and brothers, Jerry Coon

and Mike Coon. Graveside funeral services with military honors were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at McFarland Cemetery in McFarland. Mr. Coon lied-in-state on Tuesday, starting at 3:00 p.m., at Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego, where the family greeted friends from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.. They suggest memorial contributions to the American Lung Association or the American Diabetes Association and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

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Gov Wants Kansas Medicaid Exempt From Federal Law

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — Gov. Sam Brownback this week asked Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to exempt her home state from the new Medicaid requirements under the federal health care law.

Brownback needs the exemption to overhaul the state's Medicaid program. In a letter to Sebelius, he asked the former Kansas governor to grant the state a waiver that would not hold the state to its maintenance of effort requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Additionally, Brownback wants to receive the state's more than \$1.7 billion share of

federal Medicaid funds in one lump sum for Kansas to manage as it wishes.

It boils down to a need for flexibility, said Brownback spokesperson Sherriene Jones-Sontag. The governor asked his second in command, Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer to examine the state's Medicaid program and come up with ways to make it more cost efficient and patient friendly.

Under the provisions of the federal health care law, more Kansans may be added to the state's Medicaid rolls if their employer stops offering health insurance. To prepare for that influx of Medicaid patients, Colyer and his team asked for ideas for healthcare programs to test in various portions of the

state in fiscal year 2012.

Under requirements set forth by federal health care law, it might be hard to run those pilot programs, thus the need for the waiver. Additionally, a "global block grant," or a lump sum of the state's federal Medicaid portion, would make it easier for the state to rearrange that money in tight times.

"Given the unyielding budget constraints we face, we have no choice but to make significant changes in Kansas' Medicaid program. Yet an overreaching federal maintenance of effort will lock Kansas into an out-of-date, oversized, and unaffordable program," Brownback said.

To meet federal maintenance of effort requirements, the state

must keep the Medicaid entitlements it had in place when the federal health care law was signed into law in 2009. It's not attached to a certain funding level, but rather services offered within the Medicaid system, and the standards by which it accepts Kansans onto the Medicaid roster. Brownback and Colyer want the flexibility to be able to rearrange the services to save money and provide better health care coverage for the poor and disabled Kansans the program serves, according to Jones-Sontag.

All aspects of Medicaid are up for examination, including eligibility, benefits, administrative structure and regulations, according to Brownback's letter.

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We're not sure how it will affect Medicaid, but we need the flexibility, Jones-Sontag said.

Currently, Colyer is working with members of Sebelius' Health and Human Services team to identify potential costs savings within the state's Medicaid program, and how they fit in with the current health care law and the lack of a waiver. Jones-Sontag said those cost saving measures come from a host of different Medicaid programs.

Over a six year time period from 2002 to 2008, Kansas Medicaid spending grew from \$1.8 billion to \$2.4 billion, while the number of Kansans enrolled in Medicaid increased

from 234,000 to 293,000. Since the maintenance of effort went into effect in 2008 to 2010, enrollment grew to 345,000 and spending will reach nearly \$2.8 billion.

"The huge increases render the maintenance of effort standard unachievable, threatening the loss of the Medicaid program for vulnerable Kansans who are already in the program. This is an unsustainable path, and I believe there are workable alternatives," Brownback wrote to Sebelius.

There's no indication if or when Sebelius will give an answer to the request. Jones-Sontag said the administration is hopeful, but not confident its waiver request will be granted.

Scrap Kansas Boards of Education, Regents, House Speaker Urges

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas House Speaker Mike O'Neal on Thursday urged fellow lawmakers to approve proposed state constitutional amendment that would abolish the state's two highest education panels.

O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican, told a Kansas House Education Committee hearing that he believed changing the state's constitution to replace both the Kansas State

Board of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents with a single gubernatorially appointed Cabinet-level state education secretary would offer better educational opportunities for all Kansas students from pre-school through college.

"Education reform efforts have stagnated under the current system," O'Neal told the panel.

"K-12 and Regents openly compete for funds, post-secondary institutions have

duplicative programs, K-12 graduates students (who are) unprepared for college and colleges must provide remedial programs for unprepared students," he said.

Members of both the Board of Education, which sets policies for elementary, middle and high schools across the state, and the Board of Regents, overseers of state universities and community colleges in Kansas, told committee members they opposed the proposal because

because of the potential for political abuse it might create.

Before 1925, Kansas, in fact, controlled its state-funded colleges and universities with a system very similar to what the proposed constitutional amendment would create, said Regents Chairman Gary Sherrer. The university system of that era became so nationally infamous for its politically corrupt hiring practices that the current nine-member Board of Regents was created to reform

the governance of Kansas universities, he said.

The proposed amendment would, Sherrer said, "take Kansas back down the dangerous and disastrous road it traveled once before."

Ken Willard, a state Board of Education member from Hutchinson, added that while critics sometimes contend that board is overly political, "it is our (the board's) position that possibly the best way to make it more political would be to have

a politically appointed secretary or board susceptible to the changing political environment of the governor's office."

"While the proposed new governance of education could no doubt be made to work, the question is, what is the evidence that it would serve the interests of the people of Kansas better than the cooperative leadership model in effect now," Willard said.

House Panel Directs AG to Challenge Casino Contract

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — A Kansas House panel wants to require the Kansas Attorney General to file a lawsuit challenging an Iowa company's contract to build a state-owned casino in south central Kansas.

House Resolution 6015, approved by the House Federal and State Affairs Committee Tuesday afternoon, also would direct Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt to challenge in court a provision of the state's 2007 gaming law that prohibits legislators from speaking out about casinos.

A contract with Iowa based Peninsula Gaming LLC, to develop a \$160 million casino in Mulvane, Kansas was approved in January by the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. The problem is state law requires casino management organizations to have proper zoning and permits nailed down before entering into a contract with the state. Peninsula didn't have those final details in place, but the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission went ahead with the contract anyway.

Peninsula got the final zoning permits last week, but lawmakers are concerned the state's gaming law was violated when the contract was approved without proper paperwork.

"Right now as the law stands, I think it's fairly clear you have to have that final approval before you enter into a contract and it remains pretty clear they didn't have it," said state Rep. Lance Kinzer, a Republican from Olathe who testified in favor of the resolution to the House Federal and State Affairs Committee.

If approved by the full House, the resolution would also direct the attorney general to challenge the constitutionality of a part of the 2007 gaming law that restricts lawmakers from speaking out or trying to influence the process by which casino proposals are chosen. The language was intended to keep legislators from using their power to manipulate or affect the casino selection process, but legislators say it also raises questions of restricting their U.S. Constitutional First Amendment rights to free speech.

It's one of the many aspects of the bill that Federal and State Affairs chair Rep. Steve Brunk, a Republican from Bel Aire, says is flawed.

"The intent behind this thing was to keep legislators from doing something nefarious to try to attempt to use their influence over the Gaming Commission to try to get them to decide one way or another ... to use their influence to subvert the process," Brunk said. "But

the way it was written says we can't speak out about it. (The law) was poorly written."

But even though Senate Bill 66—the state gaming law—was badly constructed, Brunk said, its outlined procedure for approving casino contracts is clear and needs to be followed. "As flawed as this law is, it does have some very specific things it says it has to be set forth," Brunk said. "While this process started out with a very flawed bill, now we have what I would consider to be a flawed contract."

But Rep. Kathy Wolfe Moore, a Democrat from Kansas City, said that from what she's seen, the law was followed by the developer and the Racing and Gaming Commission.

"We set out certain standards and it appears to me from what I read that all those standards were followed every step of the way—now we're crying foul and it doesn't seem fair to those involved," Wolfe Moore said. "I would like to know is this really about the contract or is this really anti-gaming?"

Brunk said he voted against the bill when it was passed in 2007, and that the role of state government is not to own businesses. However, he said it's too late to turn back and eliminate state-owned casinos, but that he would like to rewrite the state's gaming laws.

"On a personal basis I would like to undo Senate Bill 66, because it was a bad bill—it doesn't have anything to do with whether you want gambling or don't want gambling in the state of Kansas, it was a bill that was poorly done," Brunk said.

Furthermore, Brunk said he suspects the Mulvane casino approval process became political when the Kansas Lottery Commission gave initial approval to the casino proposal at its last meeting before the Brownback administration appointed new members to that commission.

"Why wouldn't they wait and do this in the right way? The people that were on the commission, that were appointed by Sebelius, their time was up, and that was last day of the commission to meet so the new people on the commission would have been appointed by Brownback, who probably would not have authorized this. So on the last day on the last hour they went ahead and made the decision and awarded the contract," Brunk said.

The office of Attorney General Derek Schmidt would not comment on the resolution except to say it's aware of the proposal and is monitoring the situation.

Construction on the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane is underway. The project is

expected to be complete in five years and cost \$160 million. Revenue projections slate it to take in \$192 million in 2014.

A state-owned casino is already up and running in

Dodge City, while construction on a second casino near the Kansas Speedway in Wyandotte County is ongoing.

Senate GOP Promotes Engineer Funding Initiative

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — In an initiative designed to bolster the number of engineers in Kansas, state Senate leaders unveiled a plan Thursday to include \$1 million in 2012 budget divided between the state's three schools of engineering.

The money will have to be matched by private contributions, but Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University plan to use the funds to expand the capacity of students they can teach each semester. A higher number of local engineering graduates will provide a source for airplane manufacturing plants in Wichita, and other areas where design expertise is vital, like wind energy and the bioscience industry.

"It is especially critical that we take action this year in light of the announcement that Boeing will build the next generation of air refueling tankers, said Sen. Carolyn McGinn, chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee and a Republican from Sedgwick.

The initiative's \$1 million for the 2012 budget year will come out of the state general fund, as Gov. Sam Brownback proposed in his budget. After that, the plan will be funded with \$4 million from the Expanded Lottery Act Revenue Fund (ELARF) in 2013, and with \$7 million from the lottery funds in 2014 and beyond.

Each of the engineering schools will draw up plans to implement the expanded engi-

neering emphasis on campus. If the final 2012 budget includes the funding, the universities will begin raising matching funds from the private sector.

"We can start doing things immediately as soon as this is passed, because as we go out and visit with industry, private donors, people who want to invest in engineering, we can say 'look, the state is giving us a resource, we need your help to make that happen,'" said Kirk Schulz, President of K-State. "As soon as this happens—and we're keeping our fingers crossed that it will, it's going to have an immediate impact on our ability to secure other resources for our engineering programs."

The Senate plans to appropriate the \$1 million to begin the initiative in its 2012 budget. Meanwhile, House Appropriations Chair Marc Rhoades, a Republican from Newton, said he's not sure if that money is included in his chamber's budget version, but he support the idea originally proposed in the governor's budget.

"I want to be encouraging to the governor's proposal—in a broad scope he's wanting to bring jobs to Kansas and open that up, Rhoades said. "My caucus wants to give the benefit of the doubt to the governor certainly."

House Minority Leader Paul Davis supports the steps Senate Republicans have taken with the funding initiative.

"They came up with a proposal in working with state universities to produce more engi-

neering graduates, working within the industry to try to fulfill the needs that we have," Davis said.

Currently, there are 2,999 undergraduate student in the Kansas State College of Engineering; there are 1,657

student enrolled in the University of Kansas School of Engineering, and about 1,400 in the Wichita State University College of Engineering. It's not clear how much those numbers could grow under the new initiative.

Spring Pancake Feed

Boy Scout Troop 74 will host their Spring Pancake Feed Saturday, April 16 at the First Presbyterian Church located at 8th and Leavenworth.

The time of the feed is from 7 AM - 7 PM, tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

Tickets are \$4 each, and Children age 6 and under are \$2 each.

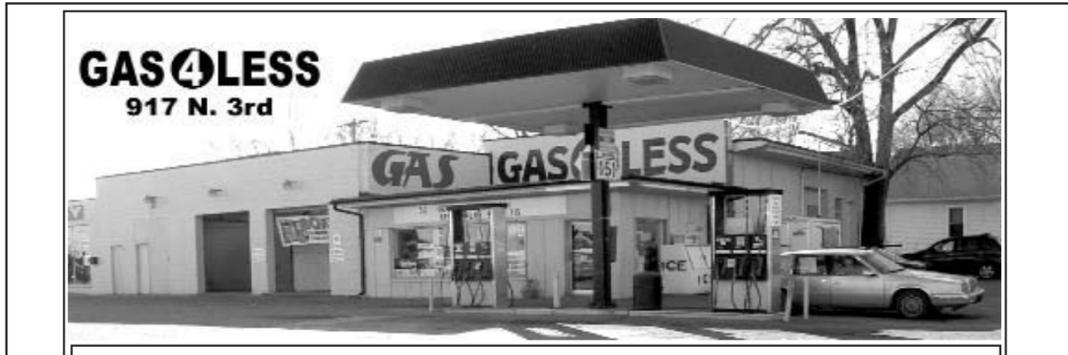
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Earthquake in Japan: Dependable Aid from America

There is no dependable way to foretell the next natural calamity that will befall planet Earth. Actually, the only thing mankind can say about the next planet-shaking catastrophe is that after whatever horrendous event has ended, America will have aid en route. Yes, many countries give assistance to afflicted areas of the world; however, the unchallenged leader of emergency aid is always America. The United States is usually the first to arrive at devastated locations of the world by request and is the last to leave, having brought the lion's share of assistance with no strings attached. In fact, our country's speed, efficiency and overwhelming willingness to assist nations in need has in some corners become viewed as less of a matter of American charitableness and more of a matter of world entitlement.

This is an unfortunate world mentality that is often reinforced by liberals right here in the U.S. The truth is that Americans are not just exceptional, they are exceptional in their willingness to give to others. How so? America gives proportionally more aid for its size and population than any other developed country. Americans give readily across all income levels. We also give aid as a nation when there is virtually no chance of future reciprocation, such as the huge amounts of aid that have been sent to Haiti. This country sends assistance to places so hostile, such as Somalia, that simply getting the aid to its destination can be a life and death mission. Unlike Islamic nations, America brings charitable goods to countries with dictators that have been designated as enemies of the United States. The ongoing aid in Iraq is a salient example of this; however, a long-standing example of American aid to a previous enemy nation is before the world now in the catastrophe that has struck Japan.

On December 7, 1941, Japan ruthlessly attacked America at Pearl Harbor, prompting the United States to officially enter World War II. After countless American lives were lost to the Japanese the war ended only after America developed and used atomic bombs on the Japanese cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki. America could have walked away from Japan and forced the defeated nation to fend for itself, could have been imperialistic and enslaved the nation as Japan had originally attempted to do with China. Instead, America saved China through Japan's defeat and saved Japan through American charity and later the infusion of the capitalistic system. No other country of that era attempted, or completed, an equivalent forging of positive bonds as were made between Japan and America after World War II.

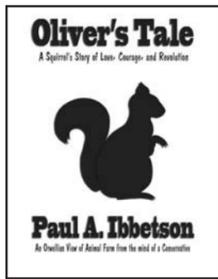


Paul A. Ibbetson

Recently as Japan was struck with an 8.9 magnitude earthquake and a subsequently devastating tsunami, the Los Angeles County Urban Search and Rescue team departed to assist the Asian country with 74,000 tons of rescue equipment and supplies followed shortly by another U.S. rescue team stationed in Fairfax, Virginia. These American rescue units, as reported by ABC News, are specially trained to deal with earthquake-related disasters. In addition, the U.S. government has ordered ships, air support and military troops to assist Japan with Humanitarian aid. Many countries will also do the right thing and help

Japan in its time of need, but America will do the most and will do it for the longest. More importantly, through the unique, charitable nature of the American citizen and the country that bears its will, the United States will assist a country we have already built from the ashes up, a former enemy that struck the United States first so many decades ago. For all the chiding America takes around the world and internally from liberals of our own country, when it comes to getting emergency aid, or what some might call the charity "green," the world always looks to the red, white and blue. Americans are not perfect, but we are certainly exceptional.

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Paul Ibbetson's new book is "Available at Amazon and the Manhattan Hastings Store."

Letters to Tom

In less than three weeks the citizens of Manhattan will elect four individuals to represent them on the USD 383 Board of Education. Sunday, March 13, 2011 one of the final forums for this year's Board of Education and the Manhattan City Commission elections was held. This is a great way to get to know the candidates and learn about their philosophy of government. This week I'll review the Board of Education and next week the City Commission.



Mike Kryschal

Regardless of where you come down on the issues, we need to thank those citizens who are willing to stand for a seat on the Board of Education. I have attended four forums and, in my opinion, each candidate is motivated by genuine concern for our community and its schools. Six individuals are competing for four seats on the board. The six candidates are: Dave Colburn, Curt Herrman, Darell Edie, Leah Fliter, Marcia Rozell, and Matthew Pennell. Let's discuss a few of the questions asked at the forum: taxes, the lawsuit, salaries, and redistricting.

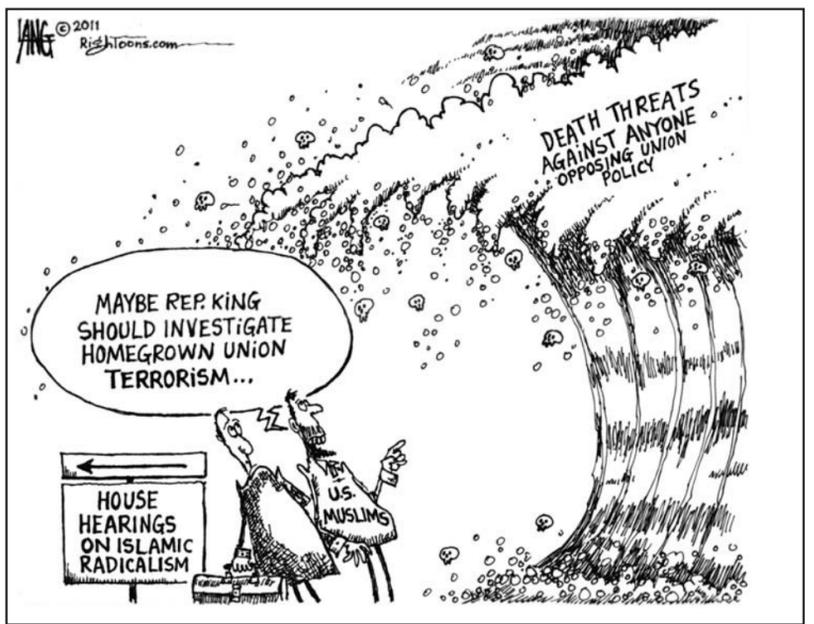
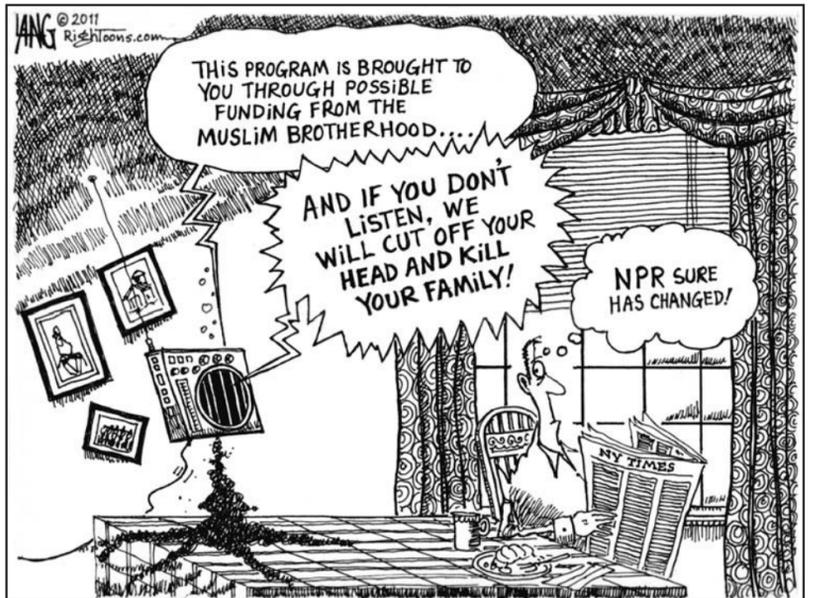
I can't tell you if all of the candidates have previously run for office, but based on their performance, you can rest assured that they are either experienced or well-coached in the art of avoiding a gaffe (someone telling the truth by accident). When asked to declare whether high student achievement or low taxes is more important, they all agreed that both were important, but were careful to avoid committing themselves to raising taxes. Non-answers. I disagree with the premise of the question, which is that low taxes will result in less funding for schools, or that funding alone determines high student achievement.

One of the audience questions is worthy of a direct quote: "Do you see a connection between teachers' salaries and the quality of teaching? If you could ignore the funding problem

(if money grew on trees, I guess), could higher salaries further improve an already excellent teaching staff?" Some candidates took the general position that salaries do not determine the quality of instruction at all, others said that insufficient pay can have an indirect effect. All were in favor of increasing salaries within budgetary constraints. Frankly, I disagree. One of our unalienable rights is the pursuit of happiness, this includes teachers. However, the notion that rewarding everyone with higher pay without regard to individual performance is not the way to improve the quality of teaching.

Finally, the candidates were asked, "As our community's demographics shift, how important is it to maintain socio-economic balance in our schools?" This is alarming. The implication is that where students attend school should be determined by socio-economic criteria. Personally I think this is a very bad idea. The priority of effort should go to ensuring that all of our schools reach an acceptable standard. Moving students around to achieve socio-economic balance is not the way to accomplish this goal.

When I vote I try to learn as much as I can about the candidates and make my decision accordingly. We are electing leaders. A good leader has vision, competence, and character. In my opinion each of these candidates has competence and character. For me, the deciding factor is vision, in what direction will he or she take USD 383? The candidate who seemed the most open to new ideas and new solutions is Matthew Pennell.



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Free Press Sports

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Griner, No. 3 Baylor Oust Kansas St 86-53

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

Offense is a given for No. 3 Baylor, so coach Kim Mulkey was especially pleased with the defense and rebounding effort that advanced the Lady Bears to the Big 12 tournament final. Brittney Griner scored 21

35 percent shooting and outrebounding the Wildcats 52-24.

"Those kids come to your program as some of the best players in the country, but those kids have never had to guard anybody," Mulkey said. "That's the biggest adjustment

semifinal on Saturday.

Point guard Odyssey Sims added 14 while holding Kansas State's top scorer Brittany Chambers to 3-of-11 shooting and eight points. Kelsey Hill led the fourth-seeded Wildcats (21-10) with 14 points.

Williams finished 7 for 9 from the field. The offensive emergence of Williams gives opponents more to think about as they try to contain Griner inside.

"I just feel comfortable out there," Williams said. "Shooters just have to keep shooting."

The 6-foot-8 Griner scored all her points in just 29 minutes, and her intimidating presence left Kansas State mainly shooting from the perimeter.

"She's a phenom and she's only going to get better," Mulkey said.

Griner and Williams left the game midway through the second half with Baylor up by 30 points.

The inside-outside combination of Griner and Sims sustained Baylor throughout the first half. Griner set the tone by posting up and hitting two short jumpers for the opening four points.

Baylor rolled to a 22-5 lead midway through the first half, but the Wildcats rallied from long range. Kansas State was 7 of 13 from behind the arc in the first half and received a big boost from Hill, who was 3 of 4 from 3-point range. One 3-pointer by Hill brought the Wildcats within 28-19 before consecutive 3s by Sims quickly pushed Baylor's lead to 15.

When Kansas State relied on its zone defense to limit Griner's touches around the basket, Sims hit four 3-pointers. She finished the half with all 14 of her points, while



Taelor Karr (12) looks for an opening and scored 13 points for the Wildcats.



K-State's Alina Voronenko (32) takes a shot and scored 9 points against Baylor.

points and Destiny Williams added 18 to lead Baylor to an 86-53 victory over Kansas State, holding the Wildcats to

and where you see the most improvement."

Baylor will meet the winner of the Texas A&M-Oklahoma



Mariah White (22) drives the ball around the Baylor defense.



K-State's Chantay Caron (11) waits for the rebound.



K-State's Branshea Brown (34) goes to block Baylor's Brittney Griner (42).

Griner added 12 for a 41-26 lead at the break.

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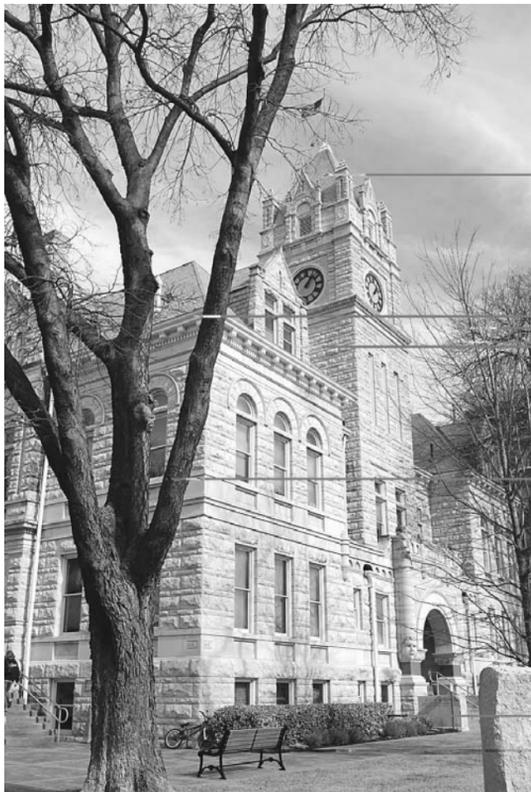


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Riley County Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas
March 3, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building March 3, 2011 with the following members present: Karen McCulloch, Chair; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chair; Dave Lewis, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Gerald Burson; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Chris Welchans, GIS Director; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Sherie Taylor, GIS Technician; and Paul Foltz, attend.

Burson, Distract Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge, invited anyone to come to the lodge. Burson stated the area lodge has donated over \$20 million to the KU Cancer Center. Burson said the Masonic Lodge is very quiet in their fundraising activities, but the Masons pay for children's and parents' travel and stay at hospital facilities. Burson said the Masons would like to go out on Casement Road and pick up road side trash. Burson said they would need the county to sign-off that the lodge did provide the hours of service. Burson stated when the local lodge meets their required donated hours they receive funding from the Grand Lodge. Burson said he is not sure if the county has to validate the services monthly or yearly, but will have an answer soon.

Meredith said Riley County does have a program for road side cleaning the Masons can participate.

Taylor said they are trying to get a crosswalk on 4th Street to the city parking lot. Taylor said the City Engineer asked for them to get a petition signed by those wanting the crosswalk and to submit it to the City of Manhattan.

Shepek reported REACH is doing a fundraiser for the Riley Food Pantry.

Johnson moved to accept the bid submitted by Diamond International, Kansas City, Missouri to supply one new 12 yard tandem axle dump truck that meets specifications in the amount of \$154,822.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McHenry presented an Out of State Travel Request to attend the 2011 International Association of

Assessing Officers Conference and Workshop in Phoenix, Arizona as incoming President of Kansas County Appraisers Association (KCCA).

Johnson moved to approve an Out of State Travel Request to attend the 2011 International Association of Assessing Officers Conference and Workshop in Phoenix, Arizona in the amount of \$485.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for MRC Properties, LLC (204-18-270-17-011.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$438.80. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Douglas A. Diekmann and Kimberly L. Diekmann (204-18-210-06-006.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$204.22. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Lorna Marie Ransom (204-18-210-24-009.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$243.96. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Melissa L. Spurlock-Filby (204-18-220-37-009.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$129.72. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Brent Sigman, a new hire, as a Customer Service Representative I, in the County Treasurer's Office, at a grade F step 1, at \$13.13 per hour.

Johnson moved to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to Mayor Snead stating Riley County is willing to join with the City of Manhattan in opposing HB 2294 - annexation. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a CIP Certification of Project Authority for a 12 yard tandem axle dump truck in the amount of \$220,000.00. Public Works transferred \$160,000.00 into CIP in December 2010. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a CIP Certification of Project Authority to purchase a medium duty excavator in the amount of \$220,000.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2011 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried

3-0.

9:00 Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director
Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Gerald Burson; Becky Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Sandi Wikoff-Harper, ISO II - Adult; Robert Nall, Information Technology Director; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Heather Jager, ISO II - Juvenile; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Williams said she was contacted by the local state parole officer inquiring about a place to meet with parolees. Because of the State of Kansas funding cuts at our state directors meeting, the new Secretary of Corrections encouraged collaboration among all state and local agencies, including doing business differently where needed. Williams said she knows we have had discussions regarding consolidation not only of correctional services, but locally between Riley County and City of Manhattan.

Williams said things to consider include: internet access, a landline, space for filing cabinets, space for one storage cabinet, access to voicemail, a key to the building, additional foot traffic, receptionist assistance, and IT assistance establishing services.

Williams said there is an interview room which could be made available with appropriate separation from other services.

Williams stated the State is currently paying for space at Southwind.

McCulloch stated so the State is now asking us to provide another unfunded mandate.

Williams said the arrangement does concern staff, but for many reasons makes sense. Williams said some other counties do function in the manner we are considering.

Nall stated he would prefer the parole officer use a Riley County computer for consistency.

McCulloch asked, what do they currently pay for rent? Williams stated she did not know.

The Board agreed they would consider providing space for the parole officer.

9:22 Gary Yenzer, Hazardous Waste Program Coordinator/Assistant Director
Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Gerald Burson; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Yenzer discussed the HHW program.

9:25 Cindy Kabriel attended the meeting.

Rich Vargo left the meeting.

9:35 Greg McHenry, Appraiser
Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; John Doehling, Riley County Police Department; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; and Mike Gillespie, attended.

McHenry presented the following office report:
•The deadline for filing 2011 Personal Property Statements is fast approaching. Owners of taxable personal property (business equipment, watercraft, mobile homes, ATV's, golf carts, trailers, heavy trucks, etc.) have until March 15th to make their filing with our office. As of March 1st, 57% of our approximately 5,100 filings have been made. Approximately 2,200 postcards were mailed March 1st to all outstanding filers, as a reminder of the approaching deadline.

•Values for most watercraft have increased, for tax year 2011. When we contacted NADA, the publishers of our watercraft valuation guide, we were told the increases are a reflection of increased demand for watercraft as the economy has started to recover. Property Valuation Division (PVD) also confirmed this and reiterated their guidelines & instructions for

us to use the NADA valuation guides for watercraft values.

•As of March 1st, 59 informal appeals had been scheduled. This is lower than last year's March 1st count (150). Last year, we had our lowest number of informal appeals since reappraisal was instituted in 1989. The deadline for filing appeals is March 21st.

•Preliminary indications are that our 2010 Sales Ratio for residential properties will reflect our best results ever. The median sales ratio will be 100% and the COD (measurement of uniformity) will be approximately 6.4 (extremely low, good). We also made good progress with our commercial sales ratio (96%) and we're in compliance overall.

•We continue to closely watch our local residential real estate market, especially in light of the national economic recession. As of the writing of this report, we have not yet seen major implications, to the extent of other parts of the country, in our local residential market.

•We recently received a letter from representatives of the Holiday Inn-Campus, requesting the Court of Tax Appeals (COTA) to dismiss/cancel the valuation appeal (tax yr 2010) they had filed. As a result, COTA dismissed the case, which leaves us with no COTA cases currently docketed for trial.

McHenry presented and discussed an Average Sale Price Chart.

9:48 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer
Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; John Doehling, Riley County Police Department; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; and Mike Gillespie, attended.

Shepek presented consolidated dispatch cost.

Shepek presented and discussed "RCPD Expenses Paid by Riley County - 2010 YTD Expenses".

Johnson moved to authorize \$33,000.00 to repair the elevator at the Riley County Police Department. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:16 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
•Administrative Work Session

Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Holeman discussed bills in the House.

10:28 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer
Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Susie Kufahl, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Shepek said during the 2011 budget process, an agreement between the Kansas Health Policy Authority, Riley County Board of County Commissioners, and the Riley County - Manhattan Board of Health for Outreach, Prevention, and Early Intervention Services was signed. Riley County's responsibilities include:

•County certifying matching, non-federal funds in the amount \$200,000.

•The Board of County Commissioners or their designee certify quarterly to the KHPA that we have \$50,000 as matching funds and these funds have been expended for the purposes spelled out in the agreement.

•County Budget Officer or other authorized official or employee shall submit an invoice stating that funds expended or to be expended were or shall be expended for services as specified in the agreement and request draw down of federal financial participation in the amount of \$50,000 and reimbursement to the County.

•The County shall indemnify the State against any and all loss of federal funds as a result of a finding by the federal government that the "certified matching funds" provided by the County did not meet federal requirements or to loss of fed-

eral funds to any extent rising out of the County's negligence in the performance of services under the agreement.

Shepek said recently, a request was received from the Riley County Health Department for completion of W9 information as well as a form authorizing electronic deposit of vendor payment. This request prompted a discussion as to why KHPA needed our bank account information. Basically, Riley County will act as a pass-through entity for these federal funds from KHPA. Therefore, we have set up a new fund to provide this pass through of funds. Keeping in mind, the single audit requirements of federal awards received in excess of \$300,000 annually. This is more costly audit than we currently require.

Shepek said after review of the agreement, she also has some concerns in Riley County's responsibilities as listed above in the background information. The concern is with the second and third responsibilities whereby Riley County Commission, Budget Officer, and designee/authorized official are obligated to certify funds have been expended for the purposes spelled out in the agreement. Shepek said she is suggesting the Riley County Commission assign the designee in both responsibilities to the Director of the Riley County Health Department. Shepek said she contacted the program coordinator for KHPA and she indicated this designation was appropriate based on our situation.

Shepek said Riley County has budgeted \$200,000 for the Health Dept. - Healthy Families America Contract in 2011 to support the agreement.

Shepek said the Riley County Commission assigns the designee in the responsibilities listed in the background to the Director of the Riley County Health Department.

Johnson moved to approve the responsibilities to be assigned in the agreement between the Kansas Health Policy Authority, Riley County Board of Commissioners, and the Riley County - Manhattan Board of Health for Outreach, Prevention, and Early Intervention Services be delegated as:

•The Director of the Riley County Health Department certify quarterly to the KHPA that we have \$50,000 as matching funds and these funds have been expended for the purposes spelled out in the agreement.

•The Director of the Riley County Health Department shall submit an invoice stating that funds expended or to be expended were or shall be expended for services as specified in the agreement and request draw down of federal financial participation in the amount of \$50,000 and reimbursement to the County.

Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Shepek discussed a letter presented by Susie Kufahl from KHPA.

10:48 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer
Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Becky Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Shepek said during the December 29, 2003 Riley County Commission meeting, Shelly Williams asked the Board of County Commissioner to allow Riley County Community Corrections to utilize the total remaining balance of the juvenile supervision fees collected since inception for the Life Skills Program. Williams said currently the Juvenile Supervision Fee Fund is deposited in the County General Fund and unexpended funds are rolled over into the Riley County's carryover. The Board of County Commissioners agreed that the State statute pertaining to the matter should be followed by setting up a department in the County General Fund.

Shepek said she has attached K.S.A. 20-167: Supervision fee for juvenile offender; fees paid to county general fund; waiver. Since December 29, 2003, a department within the General Fund has been established, 043. Also, since this time the following receipts and expenditures have been made from this department:

Revenues	Expenditures
2004	\$4,795
\$2,066.82	
2005	\$1,268.33
\$241.17	
2006	\$1,640.67
\$213.96	
2007	\$1,153.50
\$0	
2008	\$1,165.00
\$2,659.17	
2009	\$1,334.21
\$0	
2010	\$716.79
\$415.43	
TOTALS	\$12,073.50
\$5,596.55	

Shepek said based on the commission's approval of unexpended funds to be rolled over in the General Funds Beginning Cash Balance that balance would be \$6,476.95 on January 1, 2011.

Shepek said the question has been presented by Becky Brooks as to whether Community Corrections can use the 2010 Juvenile Supervision Fees unexpended funds in 2011 or budgeted in future years.

Shepek said the estimated 2011 beginning cash balance would be less the \$6,476.95 should the commission chose to allow the unexpended 2010 to be used in 2011 or future budget years.

Shepek said if the commission approves the request, she would recommend this department be included in the 2012 and future years budgets.

The Board of Riley County Commissioners has always requested all county funds to be budgeted.

Johnson moved to allow the annual unexpended Juvenile Supervision Fees in the General Fund to be rolled over into the beginning cash balance each year to be used for community juvenile justice programs. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to require Community Corrections budget the Juvenile Supervision Fee department within the General fund. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN, attended.

11:00 Johnson moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the Riley County Commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:20 a.m. McCulloch seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:20 McCulloch moved to go out of executive session. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:20 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

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11:27 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloch seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

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Minutes

11:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; and Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN, attended.

Holeman said since at least 2007, this Board and the Manhattan City Commission have discussed the possible transfer of a portion of Scenic Drive and Anderson Avenue to the City of Manhattan. The most recent delay has been occasioned by disagreement at the staff level about the appropriate legal description for the area to be transferred. That final issue has been resolved and the two separate engineering staffs are satisfied that they have an agreed-upon legal description.

Holeman said the purpose of such a proposed transfer is to allow the City to assume maintenance responsibility and ownership of the transferred right-of-way. That can best be accomplished through annexation. The required formal request for that annexation is attached for the Board's review, along with the required map and legal description. The City Attorney's office has advised it estimates the annexation requested should be finalized within approximately 6-8 weeks of the City's receipt of this formal request.

Holeman said once annexation is completed, all costs associated with maintenance and repair of the right-of-way within the bounds of the legal description will be the responsibility of the City of Manhattan.

Holeman said he would recommend the Board authorize the Chair to sign the original formal request for annexation.

Johnson moved that the Board authorize the Chair to sign the formal annexation request. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:50 Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer and Robert Nall, Information Technology Director

Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Chris Welchans, GIS Director; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Julie Winter, Office Manager; Shilo Heger, Tax & Accounting Supervisor/Deputy; Kathy Carpenter, Office Manager;

and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Rosewicz said the current shared leave policy states: To be eligible to receive shared leave, a person must be a regular employee, have at least one year of continuous service with the County and have his or her current performance level at satisfactory or better. The employee must also be experiencing a catastrophic medical condition for which they anticipate being absent from work for at least six weeks and which is likely to cause the employee to take leave without pay or terminate employment.

Rosewicz said the required one year of continuous service with Riley County surfaced recently when a Public Works employee who had been hired several months ago began experiencing some medical issues. Beginning in late December, the doctors have been running tests in an attempt to determine the cause of the illness. As a result of this, our employee has only been able to work sporadically due to doctor's orders, testing and reactions to different medicine.

Rosewicz said even though this employee has not completed the initial employment period, he/she has displayed good work habits and excellent performance. It is evident this is an employee we want to keep.

Rosewicz said surgery had been scheduled for early March, it has since been postponed to allow for additional tests. Following surgery a minimum 6 week recovery time will be required.

Rosewicz said it seems unfortunate we have a policy which prohibits this employee from having the opportunity to benefit from the generosity of other Riley County employees. Medical conditions of this magnitude can occur at any time in a person's life.

Rosewicz said after researching this policy the department heads have not been able to determine the basis for this one year requirement. If this requirement were removed, it appears the policy would be self-regulating. Other employees must be willing to donate leave before any can be granted.

Rosewicz said also, a depart-

ment head must sign off on the employee's current performance level prior to the request going to the commission.

Rosewicz said there is no direct cost to Riley County with the shared leave policy.

Rosewicz said the shared leave policy was discussed at the department head meeting yesterday.

Nall said department heads agreed by consensus to the change the current policy to: To be eligible to receive shared leave, a person must have his or her current performance level at satisfactory or better, as reflected in a written performance evaluation.

Lewis moved to approve the following amendment to the shared leave policy "To be eligible to receive shared leave, a person must have his or her current performance level at satisfactory or better, as reflected in a written performance evaluation" and have the new policy adopted by resolution at a later date. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:58 Johnson moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

March 7, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building March 7, 2011 with the following members present: Karen McCulloh, Chair; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chair; Dave Lewis, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Brooke Larson, CASA; Debbie Register, Register of Deeds; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; and Paul Foltz, attended.

Larson requested the use of a microphone over the noon hour for the Plaza Reservation Request by CASA for April 1st for Child Abuse Prevention Month Awareness.

The Board of County Commissioners, by consensus, agreed CASA could use a microphone over the noon hour for the Plaza Reservation Request by CASA for April 1st for Child Abuse

Prevention Month Awareness.

The following section contained movements to approve a Renewal of Online Access Agreement with certain businesses for the Register of Deeds' Office.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2011 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Foltz asked the Board to ask for an Attorney General's Opinion to determine if a candidate files for a county commission position in one district and then the commissioner districts' boundaries change and the candidate is no longer in the district on the ballot, can the candidate still run for the position originally they filed for.

The Board agreed they were not going to ask for an Attorney General's opinion on the matter at this time.

9:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

***Administrative Work Session** Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Holeman discussed SB40 relating to bidding requirements on certain contracts for emergency repairs. Holeman stated the senate committee was concerned with how the statute would apply in the complete destruction of a building.

Holeman proposed a change to SB40 which should alleviate the senate committee's concern.

The Board of County Commissioners, by consensus, agreed with the proposed change to SB40.

Holeman discussed a proposed residence in the Konza area and its needs to connect to the new Konza sewer trunk line. Holeman said the City of Manhattan needs Riley County's permission to access Riley County's utility easement to place a manhole.

9:30 Press Conference

The following section contained the details of the Press Conference.

10:07 Lewis moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Higgins leads Colorado past No. 19 Kansas St 87-75

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

When Colorado waltzed in and beat nationally ranked Kansas State two months ago, ending a nine-game losing streak to the Wildcats, Cory Higgins sounded a warning.

"It's a whole new Colorado," the senior said.

Indeed, it is.

Higgins scored 28 points, Alec Burks added 24 and the Buffaloes made it three in a row over Kansas State on Thursday, ousting the No. 19 Wildcats 87-75 in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament.

Kansas State had dominated Colorado for years. But now, for the first time in a series that began in 1933, the Buffaloes have beaten the Wildcats three times in one season.

"We beat a great team three times," Higgins said. "It can't be a fluke all three times."

Colorado (21-12) was the only team to beat the streaking Wildcats (22-10) in their final nine games. And the latest win was a big one for the Buffaloes as they try to secure an NCAA tournament bid in their final season as a member of the Big 12 before packing up for the Pac-10.

"People will see the results of this game and see the fact that K-State's playing at a high level," Colorado coach Tad Boyle said. "Those guys are good and they're playing very, very well right now. We beat a good team. We're not backing into this thing. I try not to talk about things I don't have control over. But this is our sixth top-50 RPI win of the season. I don't know how many bubble teams have six."

Jacob Pullen and Curtis Kelly had 18 points apiece for Kansas State, which rode a six-game winning streak

into the tournament. Kelly also had 10 rebounds.

"They beat us three times, so they're just better than we are, no ifs, ands or buts about it," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "That's been proven on the floor."

Higgins had 19 points in the second half, picking up the slack while Burks struggled with three fouls and spent much of the time on the bench. The Buffaloes closed the game on a 14-3 run, sinking eight straight free throws during one stretch. They were 23 of 27 from the line.

"We feed off each other," Higgins said of himself and Burks. "Throughout the year we talk to each other during the game. It's hard for teams to shut down both of us. We just pick each other up."

Andre Roberson had 11 points and 14 rebounds for Colorado.

Burks, shadowed by Pullen, picked up three quick fouls in the second half and went to the bench. But Higgins took control and scored 10 straight points, keeping Colorado close until its all-Big 12 guard got back in the game.

Kelly's tip-in and Will Spradling's 3-pointer sliced Colorado's lead to 70-69 before Marcus Relphorde hit a 3-pointer from the baseline. After Spradling's driving layup cut it to 73-72, Burks went to the line and hit both ends of a 1-and-1.

With 1:23 to go, Kansas State inbounded the ball and Spradling put up a 3-pointer that missed. Burks batted away Rodney McGruder's follow attempt and Devon Peterson was called for a foul. Relphorde, with 59.9 seconds to go, made both foul shots for a 77-72 lead. Roberson made a foul shot and Higgins made two before Roberson's layup gave the Buffs, a longtime Big 12 doormat, a comfortable lead.

"We made some bad decisions," Pullen said. "It's the

same thing that plagued us bench, Higgins hit two free shots and long 3-pointer put



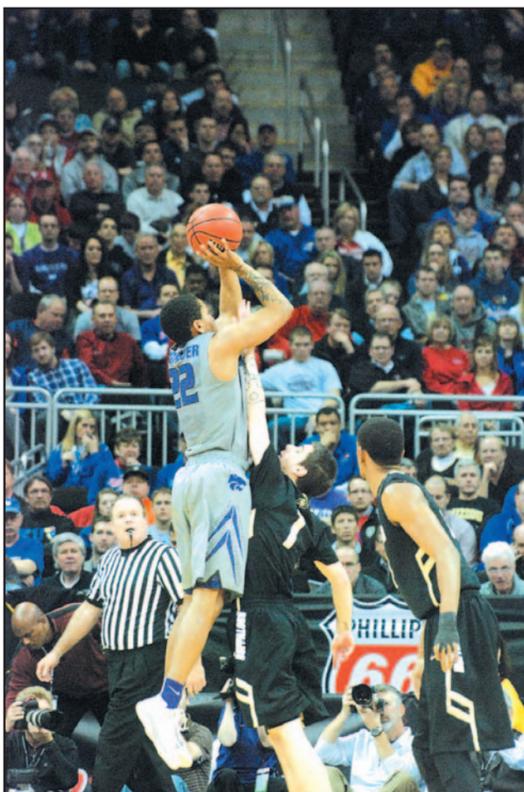
Jacob Pullen (0) moves to block the Colorado offense. Pullen scored 18 points for the Wildcats.



K-State's Curtis Kelly (24) goes up for the net and scored 18 points against Colorado.



Will Spradling (55) drives the ball down court and scored 14 points for the Wildcats.



K-State's Rodney McGruder (22) jumps high for a shot and scored 11 points.



K-State's Jamar Samuels (32) bounces off the Buff's Marcus Relphorde (5) while jumping for a shot.

when we weren't doing well in the Big 12. We were undisciplined, we gave up some easy shots and we made some bad decisions on offense and it cost us the game. At this time of year, you can't have those type of breakdowns or those type of lapses, or you'll never be able to beat a good team."

Earlier, with Burks on the

throws, Pullen canned a 3-pointer for a 55-50 lead, and then Higgins went inside for a contested bucket and followed that with a driving layup that cut the lead to 55-54.

After Peterson scored for Kansas State, Higgins answered with another basket.

Levi Knutson's two foul

Colorado on top 61-57.

The Wildcats tied it 62-all on Pullen's 3-pointer, then Higgins hit a fallaway jumper and followed that with a driving layup. Burks, with just his second bucket of the second half, tipped in a shot and Higgins made a floater in the lane, capping an 8-2 run for a 70-64 lead with 3:31 to play.

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