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Stop! Before You Vote...

Debt Imposed by the Manhattan City Commission

Debt Summary

As of December 31, 2007

Outstanding Debt

G.O. Bonds, City-At-Large portion	\$19,281,756
Special Assessment G.O. Bonds (Benefit District)*	46,213,244
Temporary Notes (General Obligation)	27,595,000
TDD Sales Tax Revenue Bonds	555,000
Lease Purchase Obligations	665,221
State Dept of Health & Environment Loan	4,749,118
State Dept of Transportation - Revolving Fund Loan	4,391,994
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT	\$103,451,333

Total Outstanding Debt Obligations Projected As of December 31, 2010

Outstanding Debt as of 12/31/10

G.O. Bonds, City-At-Large portion	\$34,750,246
*Special Assessment G.O. Bonds (Benefit District)	63,264,754
Temporary Notes (General Obligation)	22,930,000
Senior Lien TIF Special Obligation Rev. Bonds	21,220,000
Subordinate Lien TIF Special Obligation Rev. Bonds	4,160,000
Sales Tax Special Obligation Rev. Bonds	16,855,000
Taxable Sales Tax Special Obligation Rev. Bonds	33,145,000
Limey Pointe TDD Sales Tax Revenue Bonds	440,000
North Project TDD Sales Tax Revenue Bonds	5,840,000
Lease Purchase Obligations	729,084
State Dept of Health & Environment Loans	12,168,851
State Dept of Transportation - Revolving Fund Loan	3,793,106
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT	\$219,296,041

The Manhattan City Commission has increased the Total City Debt from \$103.4 Million in 2008 (that is as of December 31, '07) to \$219.2 Million as of the start of this year. The Bond and Interest Fund graph below shows how the City Commission plans on paying the Debt. 1. Look at the Ad Valorem Property Tax in 2007 and 2011. Taxes on your property will go from \$392,188 to \$2,399,386. And next year the City will need more of your money to pay for more Debt. (Graphs are from the City of Manhattan Web site.)

Bond & Interest Fund

This fund provides the revenue necessary to retire the City's outstanding bonded indebtedness. This debt primarily consists of G.O. bonds used to pay the cost of various public improvements to infrastructure and public facilities, such as the park and recreation system, streets, and benefit districts for water and sewer improvements in new subdivisions.

2007 Bond and Interest Fund Revenue Sources

Fund Balance	\$2,900,517
Ad Valorem Property Tax	392,188
Special Assessments	4,106,770
Delinquent Taxes	25,000
Motor Vehicle Tax	169,657
Transfers*	3,048,425
TOTAL REVENUE	\$10,642,557

*Includes transfers from Sales Tax Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Trust & Agency.

2007 Bond and Interest Fund Expenditures

Assessment Fee	\$125,700
Cash Reserves	500,000
General Principal	6,374,000
General Interest	3,241,901
Temporary Notes Principal	331,000
Temporary Notes Interest	69,956
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,642,557

2011 Bond and Interest Fund Revenue Sources

Special Assessments	\$6,123,164
Ad Valorem Property Tax	2,399,386
Transfers	3,422,619
STAR & TIF Bond Revenue *	2,996,717
Sales Tax	1,066,700
Motor Vehicle Tax	78,917
Delinquent Tax	25,000
Donations	74,000
Cash Balance	1,469,022
TOTAL	\$17,655,525

2011 Bond and Interest Fund Expenditures

Assessment Fee	\$106,662
Cash Reserves	1,000,000
General Principal	8,699,000
General Interest	4,289,380
Temporary Notes Principal	179,000
Temporary Notes Interest	29,000
State Loan Principal	214,662
State Loan Interest	141,104
STAR & TIF Bond Annual Appropriation *	2,996,717
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$17,655,525

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

The 2011 City and School Board Elections are Tuesday. For the City of Manhattan this election can mean change or it can mean more Budget increases and more Debt.

Look at the graph to the left. City Debt has gone from \$103.4 million to more than \$219 million in just four years.

The City rating company Moody has this to say about the City of Manhattan and their debt: "At 4.8% and 7.7%, respectively, Manhattan's direct and overall debt burdens are both well above median debt levels for cities in Kansas and the nation. Adjusting for the city's special obligation bonds, which are supported by sales tax and tax increment revenues, the overall debt burden is lower, but still relatively high, at 6.8%. The high overall debt burden reflects the significant borrowing of both the city and the local school district (Unified School District No. 383/ general obligation rated Aa3)."

And this was a quote from a Moody bond rating in 2009. As the City Debt mounts the rating company will change their report.

The City of Manhattan like our nation must cut back on spending.

We have five very good

people running for City Commission.

According to answers given at public meetings and to a voter guide prepared by Former City Commissioner Mark Taussig (last week Free Press) two candidates will vote to continue as in the past. Phil Anderson and Rich Jankovich, if elected, will continue with bigger government and higher taxes.

When ask "Is Taxing good for the economy?" Jankovich said "yes" and Anderson said he didn't like the question.

More taxes take money out of the pockets of the citizens. It does not help the economy which relies on citizens buying products and services to expand.

If you take money away from the citizens it will only hurt the economy.

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.

Obama: Testing Is Too Punitive

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama said Monday that students should take fewer standardized tests and school performance should be measured in other ways. Too much testing makes education boring for kids, he said.

"Too often what we have been doing is using these tests to punish students," the president told students and parents at a town hall hosted by the Univision Spanish-language television network at Bell Multicultural High School in Washington, D.C.

Obama, who is pushing a rewrite of the nation's education law that would ease some of its rigid measurement tools, said policymakers should find a test that "everybody agrees makes sense" and administer it in less pressure-packed atmospheres, potentially every few years instead of annually.

At the same time, Obama said, schools should be judged on criteria other than student test performance, including attendance rate.

"One thing I never want to see happen is schools that are just teaching the test because then you're not learning about the world, you're not learning about different cultures, you're not learning about science, you're not learning about math," the president said. "All you're learning about is how to fill out a little bubble on an exam and little tricks that you need to do in order to take a test and that's not going to make education interesting."

"And young people do well in stuff that they're interested in," Obama said. "They're not going to do as

well if it's boring."

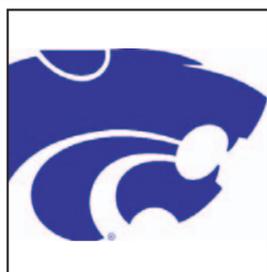
The president endorsed the occasional administering of standardized tests to determine a "baseline" of student ability. He said his daughters Sasha, 9, and Malia, 12, recently took a standardized test that didn't require advance preparation but was just used as a tool to diagnose their strengths and weaknesses, and areas where they could use more emphasis from teachers. The girls attend the private Sidwell Friends School in Washington.

Obama, who has been pushing his education agenda all month, has expressed concern that too many schools will be unable to meet annual proficiency standards under the No Child Left Behind law this year. The standards are aimed at getting 100 percent of students proficient in math, reading and science by 2014, a goal now widely seen as unrealistic.

The Obama administration has proposed replacing those standards with a loftier yet less prescriptive requirement that by 2020 all students graduating from high school should be ready for college or a career.

Obama wants Congress to send him a rewrite of the 2001 law before the start of a new school year this fall. Although his education secretary, Arne Duncan, has been working hard with lawmakers of both parties, the deadline may be unrealistic with Congress focused on the budget and the economy.

Congressional Republicans also look unwilling to sign off on Obama's plans to increase spending on education.



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SRS Secretary Nominee Confirmed by Senate Panel

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - A Kansas Senate panel voted with no dissent Monday to recommend confirmation of Robert Siedlecki as the state's welfare programs chief, despite questions raised by the Senate's top Democrat.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee recommended Siedlecki for confirmation as Kansas Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services on a voice vote, sending it to the full chamber for final approval.

The endorsement came four days after Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Democrat from Topeka, said he'd gotten word from an unidentified source at the Association of Community Mental Health Centers that Siedlecki, whom Gov. Sam Brownback nominated for the SRS job in January, said during a meeting with that organization that he wanted to use agency funds appropriated by the legislature to support initia-

tives of interest to him. Hensley provided an email, from an association source that Hensley declined to name, in which the source stated that Siedlecki said during the meeting that once the 2012 budget was finalized, he was going to just allocate the SRS money on his own-- he wasn't going to follow any sort of legislative direction. The email also stated Siedlecki said he was interested in partnering with faith-based services in the state.

Siedlecki, who previously worked as second in command at the Florida Department of Health, said during the confirmation committee hearings that the faith-based programs would come as an option alongside secular programs in a voucher program he's considering.

Under the voucher program, customers in need of services like drug or alcohol rehabilitation could choose from a list of providers. Siedlecki said as long as there are secular organizations on that list, the U.S. Constitution provides that

faith-based agencies can be on there too.

"They cannot be sent against their will to a faith-based program," Siedlecki said. "If it's a choice for the individual, there can be a faith element."

Siedlecki said the vouchers, which would be modeled after President George W. Bush's Access To Recovery program, are one of many options he and his team considering.

"The governor wants us to leave no stone unturned," Siedlecki said.

Meanwhile, the nominee also said Monday that the individual who wrote the email to Hensley has since backtracked on some of the claims in the e-mail. Siedlecki also said that accusations by Hensley that he, Siedlecki intimidated Association of Community Mental Health Centers executive director Michael Hammond into writing a letter distancing the board from the anonymous member's email, are completely ungrounded.

"No intimidation was used at

all ... I don't know where that's coming from," Siedlecki said.

Ways and Means Chairperson Carolyn McGinn, a Republican from Wichita, said she's received many emails from constituents complaining about "uncalled-for attacks" on Siedlecki. However, she said, that's why the confirmation process is in place.

"I don't think there has been uncalled for attacks, people need to understand this is a very important position--SRS serves some of our most vulnerable citizens," McGinn said. "In case we think we should just take this lightly and rubber stamp, I don't know why we'd have senate confirmation in the first place."

In a news conference Monday afternoon, Gov. Sam Brownback praised Siedlecki's experience and urged the full Senate to confirm him.

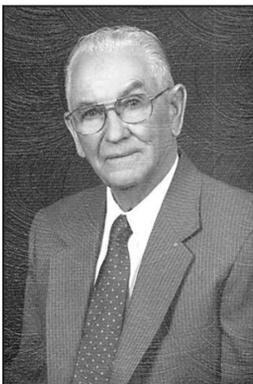
"Rob is enormously qualified," Brownback said.

Have You Read What the Free Press Said?

Happy 71st Birthday
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Obituaries

John Ignatius O'Shea



John Ignatius O'Shea, 93, of Westmoreland and Blaine, Kansas, died Sunday, March 27, 2011, at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan. He was a life-long resident of the area.

John was born June 12, 1917 in Blaine, Kansas, the son of

John D. and Lenora Farrell O'Shea. He attended local schools and graduated from St. Columbkille's Catholic High School in Blaine.

After graduation John worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps helping build two of the areas lakes. He was a farmer and stockman for many years on the family farm NW of Blaine. In the early 1950's, John moved to Westmoreland and worked for Pottawatomie County driving a gravel truck. He retired in 1982. John also was the custodian of the ASCS office in Westmoreland and mowed the Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

John loved to do his yard work. He was known for his pristine yard and flowers and on several occasions received city-wide recognition. He was a member of St. Columbkille's

Catholic Church in Blaine.

John married Loma Caffrey on July 10, 1944 in Lillis, Kansas. She preceded him in death on January 4, 2001.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandi London and her husband, John, Woodhaven, Michigan; sons, John J. O'Shea and his wife, Marcy, Topeka and James M. O'Shea and his wife, Diane, Flush; brothers, Ray O'Shea and his wife, Colleen, Highlands Ranch, Colorado, Robert O'Shea and his wife, Joan, Oskaloosa and Pat O'Shea and his wife, Dot, Blaine; grandchildren, John London and his wife, Liz, Kevin London and his wife, Kim, Chris O'Shea, Scott O'Shea, Rob O'Shea and his wife, Laura, Dustin Lesline, Sheila Morot and her husband, Dominic; and eight great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his two

brothers, Norbert and Gilbert O'Shea.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 1, 2011, at St. Columbkille's Catholic Church in Blaine. Father Arul Carasala will be the Celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Mr. O'Shea will lie-in-state at the church on Thursday starting at 3:00 p.m. where the family will greet friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. A rosary prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. They suggest memorial contributions to St. Columbkille's Parish Hall Building Fund and those may be sent in care of Kufahl Funeral Home of Wheaton. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

John Eldon Henton



John Eldon Henton, age 88, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Friday, March 25, 2011, at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born on June 19, 1922, in Stockdale, Kansas, the son of John Lester and Alma Z. (Sweet) Henton and was a 1941 graduate of St. George High School.

Eldon was a lifetime area

resident where he farmed near the Zeandale community. He also had been the Riley County shop foreman for 12 years and for more than 20 years maintained the Zeandale Township roads.

His memberships included the Zeandale Community Church, the Zeandale Senior Citizens, United Commercial Travelers, the Kansas Chapter of the International Harvester Collectors Club and the Kansas Prairie Pickers Association. In addition to his memberships Eldon was a gardener and especially enjoyed growing corn and giving it away to friends and family. Following his retirement he enjoyed wood-working. He was also a skilled mechanic and invented numerous items that were helpful on the farm and around the home. Most of all he enjoyed being around his family and many friends, participating in numerous coffee groups, and the

companionship of his dogs.

On February 20, 1944, in Manhattan, Kansas, he was united in marriage to the former Evelyn Mae Kinman. She preceded him in death on December 14, 2009. He was also preceded in death by his parents and by his lifelong best friend and cousin, Jim Robison, Jr.

Eldon is survived by seven children: John Henton and his wife Donna and James Henton and his wife Linda, all of Blair, NE; Gladys Conrow and her husband Jack of Manhattan, Alice Anderson and her husband Don of Topeka, KS; Mary Jo McHugh and her husband Ralph, Janet Lee and her husband Neil and Kathern Fronce and her husband Dan, all of Manhattan. Also surviving is one sister: Kathern Kleiner of Wamego, KS, and his sister-in-law: Dorothea Kiene of Shawnee, KS, 18 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

The family received friends during a visitation from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Ron Brown officiating. Interment will follow in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery east of Manhattan.

On-line condolences may be left for the family at this website by clicking on "Send Condolences."

Memorials may be made to the Zeandale Community Church or the National Kidney Foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Massive Waste, Inefficiency in Labor Department Technology Upgrade, Secretary Says

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — A \$50 million, six year project to upgrade unemployment claims technology within the Kansas Department of Labor was grossly mismanaged, resulting in massive system flaws according to Labor Secretary Karin Brownlee.

Brownlee's predecessor, former Labor Secretary Jim Garner of Lawrence, who oversaw the project, formally known as the Unemployment compensation Insurance Project, or UIM, since its beginning, contends the project is in good shape and on track for its scheduled October, 2011 completion. He called it "comical" to infer the project was in disarray.

When she took office in early January, Brownlee said she was dismayed at the number of Kansans whose phone calls to file initial unemployment claims were disconnected, or who waited an average of 24 minutes before speaking to a representative.

"This was a crisis in my estimation" Brownlee said, "It was being totally ignored. People would dial dozens of times a day."

In addition, IT21, an Olathe information technology company brought in by Brownlee to review the work, found 238 errors or bugs in systems previously rolled out under the project.

Brownlee said the problems stemmed from lack of oversight and accountability in each phase of the ongoing project. Rather than fix the errors, the contractors and Labor Department information technology staff members would move on to the next phase, leaving users to find ways to work around the flaws, she said.

"It's not valid to roll out a phase with holes or errors and keep moving down the road...the work's not done," Brownlee said.

Brownlee said she blames the mess on poorly written contracts with the five original information technology companies that have been put in charge of the project at various times since 2005. The contracts, she said, were written without delivery dates and goals, and allowed vendors to work more than 40 hours a week. One such worker was on the job so much, he made \$49,000 in four weeks, she said.

Additionally, the contracts did not hold the outside technology companies to industry standards for issues such as expected work output, or appropriate amounts of money to spend on hardware, software or other items, she said.

Kansas Unemployment Rate Falls Jobs Wither

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas' raw unemployment rate fell slightly from both month-earlier and year-earlier levels in February, even though job losses in most markets climbed, the state labor department reported Thursday.

The Kansas Department of Labor said the state's seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate fell to 7.2 percent in February, down from 7.4 percent a month earlier and from 7.5 percent in February 2010. Seasonally adjusted unemployment, which are the same totals reworked to reflect job fluctuations that normally occur in February, remained unchanged from 6.8 percent in January, down from 7.2 percent a year earlier.

Despite the glimmer of improvement in unemployment rates, the number of Kansans actually working fell by 1,900 during February, to 1.29 million or about 10,500 fewer than in February last year.

Unemployment rates only measure percentages of workers who are actively looking for jobs but cannot find them. When those rates and job numbers fall simultaneously, it suggests that many unemployed workers also have simply stopped looking, labor economists say.

Where those Kansas jobs are vanishing also is unsettling, both Kansas Labor Secretary Karin Brownlee and depart-

ment economist Tyler Tenbrink said in commentary released with the report.

Total non-government employment in Kansas dropped by 6,800 jobs during February and, at 1.03 million workers, remains more than 12,000 below 2010 levels, the report showed. Seasonally fluctuating school and university hiring, in contrast, pushed government employment higher by 4,900 jobs during the month, putting total government employment 0.6 percent higher than a year ago, at 265,100 jobs.

Such erosion in non-government job numbers is a matter of great concern, Brownlee said, because "we cannot sustain a situation in which government job growth is greater than private sector job growth."

Tenbrink said that because national economic conditions appear to be improving, "we care cautiously optimistic that stabilization of the Kansas labor market will occur in the near future."

Government employment showed the biggest increase during February, but hiring increased by a total 1,800 jobs in health care, social services, membership associations and personal care services, the report showed.

Big job reductions in retail trade, administrative and support services and food services and drinking places trimmed employment in those areas by a combined 7,500 jobs.

accounts, to use as the state legislature authorizes for unemployment services. Another \$26 million in federal money was authorized for the project by the 2007 legislature.

Brownlee said what is hard for her to swallow is that during what she said should have been a \$20 or \$30 million project rather than a \$50 million one, the Kansas Department of Labor has borrowed \$150 million from the federal government at a 4 percent interest rate to pay unemployment insurance claims to Kansans who are out of work. Some of the Reed Act money could have been used to add cushion to the state's unemployment trust fund, resulting in a smaller loan from the federal government.

Because of the loan, about \$8 million in interest is due on September 30. Brownlee said they'll probably borrow the money for that payment from the state's Pooled Money Investment Board, which has a lower interest rate.

"If you waste money on a computer project, it has ramifi-

cations in other areas," she said.

Garner counters that the department's system upgrades have brought it into the current technological age.

"When I walked into that agency eight years ago, it was like 1976," Garner said.

Since then, paper forms have been phased out in favor of electronic documents and less staff is needed because technology has been embraced.

"It's a big achievement for an agency of that size," Garner said.

Brownlee said that going forward, the department is still trying to evaluate which upgrades from the project can be salvaged. Scheduled roll outs for new phases of development have been put on hold pending that assessment.

"We had to stop it and release the contractors so we could assess how much money we have left and what we can accomplish with what is left," Brownlee said. "We're still assessing the workability of the software."

Until they establish that, the exact amount of lost money is not known.

Brownlee said she brought in IT21 on the recommendation of

an IT project manager with whom she had previously worked and by the City of Olathe.

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White 2-155 Tractor w/ 5.9 Cummins Diesel — less than 100 hrs on motor; Oliver 1650 Tractor—complete w/ White 1610 loader & 6 ft. bucket; 1961 JD 4010 Diesel Tractor, PS, Dual Hyd, Wide Front w/ Cab, 12V; 9N Ford Tractor; 3 pt. 5 ft. Rhino Rotary Mower; Farmall H Tractor — runs, complete; 1977 L2 Gleaner Combine w/ cab & air; 20 ft. Flex Head—field ready; AC 22 ft. Straight Head Batt Reel; L2 Straw Chopper; Bish Header Adaptor for L2 to JD; White 5100 6x30 Planter w/ Bean, Corn, Milo Plates — shedded; 3 pt. Lorenz 6 Row Danish Tine Cultivator; 25 ft. Kiwanee Tandam Wheel Disk; 3 pt. Landoll 9 Shank Chisel Plow; INT 5100 Soybean Special Drill 7 1/2 x 20 Double Disk Openers & Staggered Press Wheels has Alfalfa/grass Seeder; JD #35 2 Row Insilage Cutter; 12 ft. NH Haybine #495 Swather; Oliver #565 4x16 Semi-mt Steer Plow; MF 4x16 Semi-mt Steer Plow; 3 pt. Mist Sprayer; Vermeer 605 Super F Big Round Baler; Oliver 62T Small Sq. Baler; Chaff Spreader for JD 9500 Combine; Viking 36 ft. Bale Elevator; Oliver 16-9-34 Tractor Chains; Other Old Machinery & Iron; Trailer of Shop Items; **Trucks & Pickups:** 1970 INT 1600 Loadstar 2 Ton Truck, V8, 5x2, Hoist, 16 ft. 42 Inch Metal Bed; 1959 Dodge 500 2 Ton Truck w/ 318 V8, 4x2, Hoist, 13 ft. x 4 All Steel Bed; 1952 Chevy 3100 Pickup — needs repair; 1967 Chevy Pickup complete — needs restored; 1954 4 Door Chevy Belair — complete, automatic; **2 Antique Pulling Tractors:** both shedded but haven't ran for 10 years: AC WC Tractor w/ steel front wheels; AC Rear Steel Wheels; F-20 Tractor w/ steel rear wheels; F-20 Tractor — Complete; F-12 Tractor Frame & Motor; F-20 Tractors for parts; MH #30 Tractor — complete; JD B Tractor; F-30 Narrow Tread Tractor; Other Numerous Farmall Tractor Parts; Two F-20 Motors; 4+ Sets of Rear Tractor Wheels; MM Corn Sheller; 2 New Idea Corn Pickers; **Horse Drawn Parade Items:** Shopbuilt Hearse — very good shedded; Spring Wagon w/ new wood wheels, steel rims & top; High Wheel Ore Wagon w/ 3 inch wide steel rim wheels; 2 Wheel Single Hitch Spring Seat Cart; Doctors Buggy — restored like new; Shopbuilt 4 Wheel Pony Wagon; 4 Wheel Trail Wagon; Lots & Lots of Horse Related Items Incl: 5+ Pr. Harness; Collars, Shafes, Fly Netting, Wagon Tongues, Spring Seat Frames, Single & Double Trees; Walking Plow; **Horse Drawn Equipment:** JD 2 Row Planter; IH 2 Row Foot Truck Cultivator; 2 Row Cultivator; 1 Row Cultivator; JD 1 Row Lister; Sulky Plow; Other Items. **Check websites for additional pictures.**

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Doug Giles: Raising Righteous & Rowdy Girls

There is something endearing about conservatives that don't mince words, who aren't afraid to take the battle to today's liberals with almost reckless abandon. When you mention these sterling knights of no-nonsense, you have to include Doug Giles. Giles, a Town Hall columnist and host of Clash Radio is not bashful about taking his beliefs on the road to Americans across the country. In 2009, heartland radio listeners got an opportunity to hear Giles' unabashed pro-Americanism on my radio program, Conscience of Kansas. The Miami pastor filled the radio studio with a spirit of bold American grit.



Paul A. Ibbetson

weathered a blitzkrieg of retribution from the exposed ACORN organization. What a strong young woman.

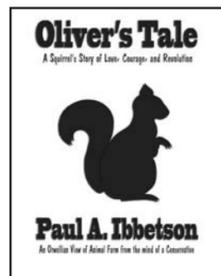
Regis Giles is impacting the world by defending one of the most important rights in America, the right to bear arms. To do this she is working through one of the country's best outlets to take the fight to those gun-grabbing liberals, the National Rifle Association. What a strong young woman. So, how do parents raise girls that can take on the world and come out as victors?

Daddy Doug Giles has created a book with sound traditional values for raising daughters that is wrapped in his own unconventional and aggressively honest delivery. This is book that places a long-needed emphasis on fathers to man up on their parental responsibilities. The Giles philosophy will not be popular with the feminists, but then again, that's usually a sign you're on the right track. Giles also gets very real on the issue of teenage sex and the lifelong ramifications of being morally loose in the pursuit of love, respect and inclusion among bottom feeders that are experiencing the apex of their lives as teenagers. Yes, these are the losers.

The author ends the book with an application for permission to date his daughters. It's as knee slapping

funny as it is thought provoking. Doug Giles's book, Raising Righteous & Rowdy Girls, is a creative fusion of humor, truth, passion and repetitious violations of political correctness. Yes, there is something endearing about conservatives that don't mince words, who aren't afraid to take the battle to today's liberals with almost reckless abandon. Raising Righteous & Rowdy Girls is a book worthy of any patriot parent's library.

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

Letters to Tom

Last Friday my wife, Karen and I voted in the city elections. It was easy. It took us half an hour to leave the house, vote, and return home. There was no wait and folks at the Riley County Board of Elections couldn't have been nicer. If you haven't voted, you need spend half an hour and do it. Here's why. The last time we elected city commissioners was in April 2009. In that election only 5666 (21%) of Manhattan's 26,410 registered voters bothered to vote. They elected three commissioners: James E. Sherrow, Loren J. Pepper, and Jayme Morris-Hardemann. If Jayme Morris-Hardemann had received 75 more votes, she would have earned a four year term on the commission. On the other hand, if 29 more votes had gone to Tom Phillips, he would have been elected instead of Jayme Morris-Hardemann.



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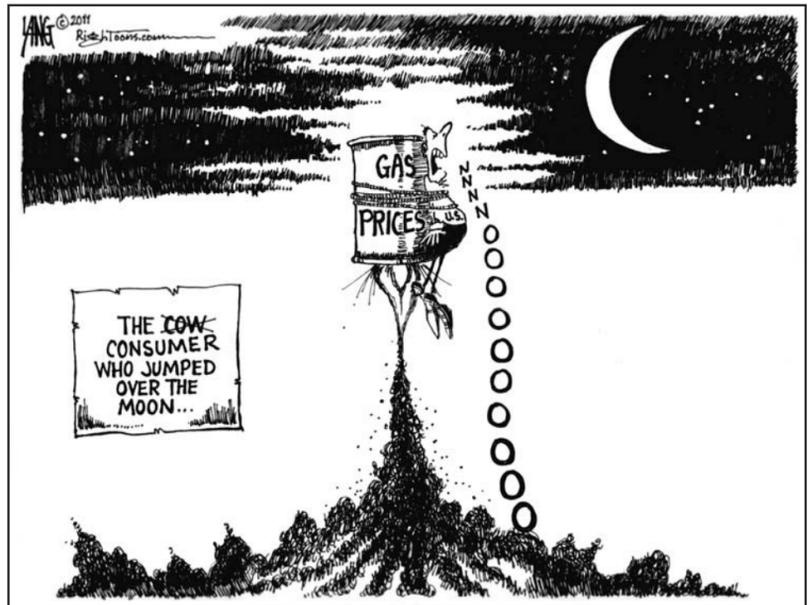
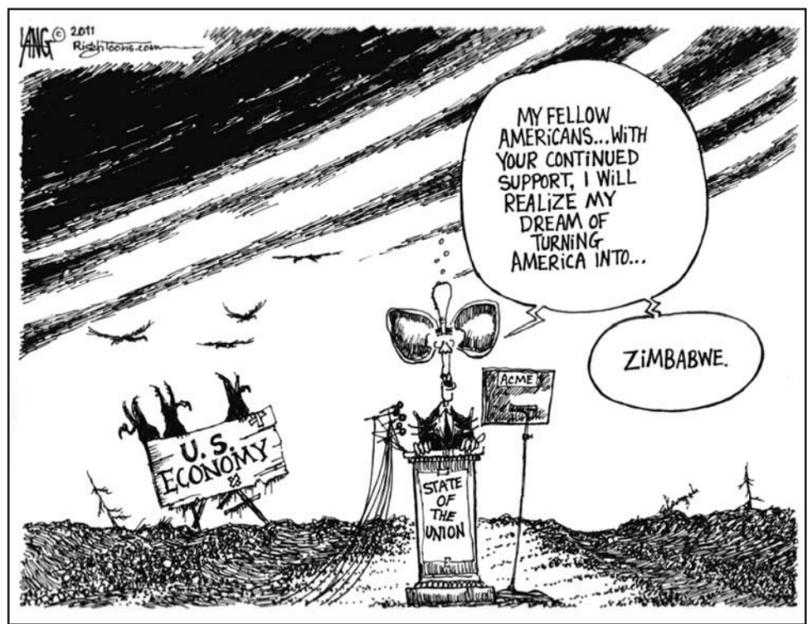
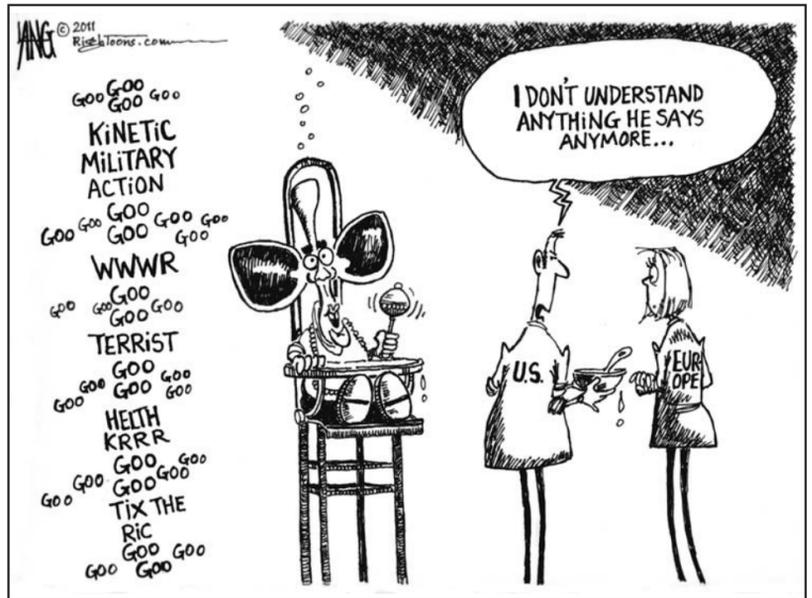
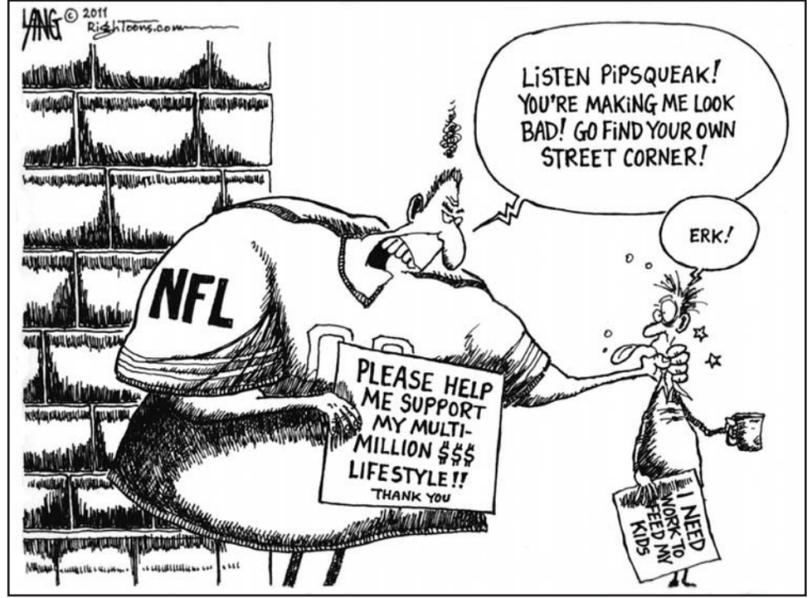
'grown' and become more liberal friendly. A write-in campaign has been initiated to try to elect another liberal commissioner. This is why what started out as a new beginning is in danger of becoming more of the same.

In the last two years the City Commission's liberal majority has been busy advancing their agenda. They enacted the Residential Rental Licensing and Inspection Program; they added the categories of sexual preference and gender identity to the city's non-discrimination ordinance; they banned listening or talking on a hand held wireless communications devices while operating a vehicle. Each of these initiatives is typical of a commission that has established rules that go beyond those of other communities in Kansas. The Rental Inspection Program covers properties that are over five years old which, once approved, are exempt from inspection for five years. It is a fig leaf that burdens landlords while failing to accomplish its objective. Adding sexual preference and gender identity to the city's ordinance goes beyond current state policies and requires spending our tax dollars to create an extra legal 'Manhattan Only' enforcement regime. As for banning hand held wireless communication devices, this reminds me of a lesson taught to me when I was an Infantry Second

Lieutenant. My platoon sergeant advised me to never make rules that I couldn't or wouldn't enforce. He told me that doing so would cause our soldiers to lose respect for the rules and damage my credibility. This ordinance has been in place for three months and every day I routinely observe citizens ignoring it. Like shoveling snow from sidewalks or picking up pet waste this rule is enforced by exception. The time and energy expended on these 'issues' would have been spent more profitably dealing with the city's debt and reducing taxes.

This year the citizens of Manhattan have a real opportunity to change course. Three of the candidates: John Matta, Wynn Butler, and Stan Hoermann are conservative. Two are liberal or support the liberal agenda: Phil Anderson and Rich Jankovich. If the next commission is as liberal as the last we can look forward to revisiting the 'living wage', establishing and then subsidizing a mass transit system, and digging ourselves deeper into debt. This year we have also have a choice for USD 383 Board of Education. Unlike 2009 when all announced candidates were unopposed, we have six candidates running for three seats. Of these six, Matthew Pennell offers new ideas and approaches to the challenges facing our district. Adding one new voice to the board is a good start.

Remember this election is important and it is going to be really close. In 2009 thirty voters could have stopped two years of misguided initiatives. A liberal city commission is a hammer looking for a nail. The hammer is increased deficit spending and intrusive regulation. The nail is your money and liberty.



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"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Local Student Donates Handmade Art to Bowls of Hope

LINSDORB, KAN. — Briana Zimmerling, Waterville, Kan., donated a handmade ceramic bowl to the fundraiser Bowls of Hope sponsored by Leadership Mitchell County Alumni and Post Rock

Humane Society as part of her ceramics studio focus class at Bethany College. The event took place on March 12 in the Beloit Municipal Building in Beloit, Kan. This is the second year Bethany has donated

ed bowls. The theme was "eat soup and end hunger." Guests enjoyed a lunch of soup and bread, and the first 100 guests received a handmade bowl crafted by Bethany art students or local artist.

Proceeds supported the Post Rock Humane Society and the Mitchell County Food Pantry. Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals in their search for truth and excellence as

they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanylb.edu.



(Left to right) Instructor Janie Tubbs; Professor Caroline Kahler; Rachel Gardner, Lawrence, Kan.; Joel Graham, Lindsborg, Kan.; Maggie Bogan, Rogers, Ark.; Alex DeLong, Admire, Kan.; Samantha Beeson, Bird City, Kan.; Kate Dibbern, York, Neb.; Briana Zimmerling, Waterville, Kan.; Abby Koch, Salina, Kan.

E-Verify Self Check: A Solid Step Forward

By Jena Baker McNeill
On March 21, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano introduced a new component of the E-Verify system called Self Check. This free, voluntary service would allow individuals to log in to a system to verify their immigration status and address any problems with their work status, including outdated information or typographical errors. Self Check is a positive step in improving E-Verify accuracy and helping employers to ensure that their workforce is legally able to work in the United States.

Employment remains one of the biggest drivers of illegal immigration in the United States. Therefore, it is essential that Congress and the Administration support E-Verify and other work-site measures to enforce the law and decrease the incentive to come to the United States illegally.

E-Verify: A History of Success

The E-Verify system was deployed as part of the Bush Administration's efforts in 2007 to strengthen internal verification of federal immigration laws. E-Verify allows employers to confirm an employee's ability to work legally in the United States. The employer enters the candidate's information into the system, and it is compared against information from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) databases. The result is either a confirmation that the prospective employee is a legal citizen or a non-confirmation. Non-confirmations can be resolved if an employee can later prove that there was a problem with the information in the databases. If any of the outstanding problems are not resolved, however, a final non-confirmation is issued and the employer is not allowed to hire the worker.

According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), more than 250,000 companies currently use E-Verify. Employers ran

16.5 million checks in 2010 alone. While E-Verify is an optional program for most businesses, it is mandatory for federal contractors and subcontractors.

The program is not only very popular, but also highly accurate. According to internal audits as well as private evaluations of the program, E-Verify has proven to be 99 percent accurate at identifying those who can work in the United States.

Self Check: Building on the Legacy

Since E-Verify's inception, the Department of Homeland Security has continuously sought to refine the program. According to the Government Accountability Office, from 2007 to 2009 USCIS reduced the number of immigration statuses that could not be validated by E-Verify from 8 percent to 2.6 percent. The program also provides a process to correct erroneous initial findings, ensuring that those who can work legally are given an opportunity to resolve the discrepancy within a short period of time.

A majority of the initial invalid non-confirmations are the result of simple errors, such as misspelled names, missing date of birth, and missing naturalization data, in the SSA and DHS databases. Self Check, however, is intended to rectify those issues by building in an extra layer of verification. The program will initially be accessible in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., but officials hope to have it available in all 50 states by the end of the year. Self Check will prove to be a vital force multiplier in the E-Verify system because:

"It allows individuals to check their own information. Given that clerical errors make up a majority of all erroneous tentative non-confirmations, the ability of individuals to check their own information is an important addition to the E-Verify system. According to a DHS statement, this new system "allows each user to identify

data inaccuracies—which often range from typographical errors to unreported name changes." This will boost overall confidence in the E-Verify system and empower the individual in a new way.

"It is a cost-effective solution for increasing accuracy. The Self Check component of E-Verify is free for all individuals. By addressing any potential mismatches before the actual background checks, Self Check promotes efficiency and helps to streamline the overall application process. E-Verify is already a cost-effective program. The software is free to use, and the process is very affordable. DHS agents process the background checks for private businesses at a cost of only \$2 to \$15 per employee, depending on the size of the business."

"It is secure. DHS officials have stated that Self Check will have built-in safeguards to protect against both identity theft and fraud. An identity assurance quiz consisting of personal questions is required before running the Self Check program."

A Path Forward

One of the weaknesses of E-Verify alone is that it cannot detect situations of identity theft where an individual uses another person's legitimate identity to find work in the United States. It is therefore essential that E-Verify be combined with other work-site enforcement measures. Other efforts that should be supported include the following:

Promote interior enforcement efforts. The Obama Administration has rolled back several key enforcement measures, such as the abandonment of Social Security No-Match, changes in the 287(g) program, and randomized I-9 checks. In fact, in some instances, the Obama Administration has chosen simply to ask the judge to dismiss immigration cases against non-criminal aliens—essentially allowing them to stay in the United States instead of being

deported. If the Administration takes immigration enforcement seriously, it should rethink its current strategy.

Create a border strategy.

The southern border is a major driver of illegal immigration in the United States. In 2006, the Bush Administration took several steps to make the border more secure, including investments in manpower, infrastructure, and technology. The job of securing the border, however, is far from finished. Without a comprehensive strategy for future efforts, including the deployment of resources and an honest assessment of threats, there is a real risk that drug cartel violence and continued illegal immigration will undermine the progress made in the past five years.

Reject proposals for amnesty. Granting amnesty to the millions of illegal immigrants in the United States would make the problem worse in the long run, encouraging more and more individuals to come to the U.S. illegally.

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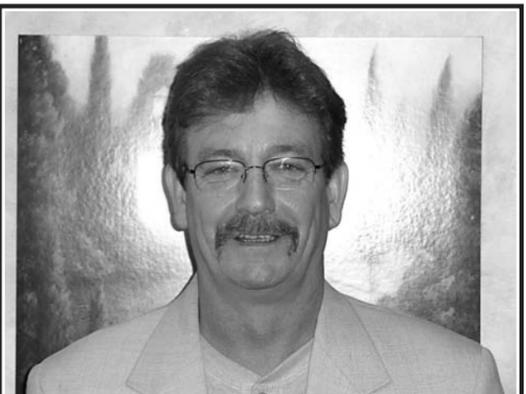
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For additional information email troop74bsa@gmail.com

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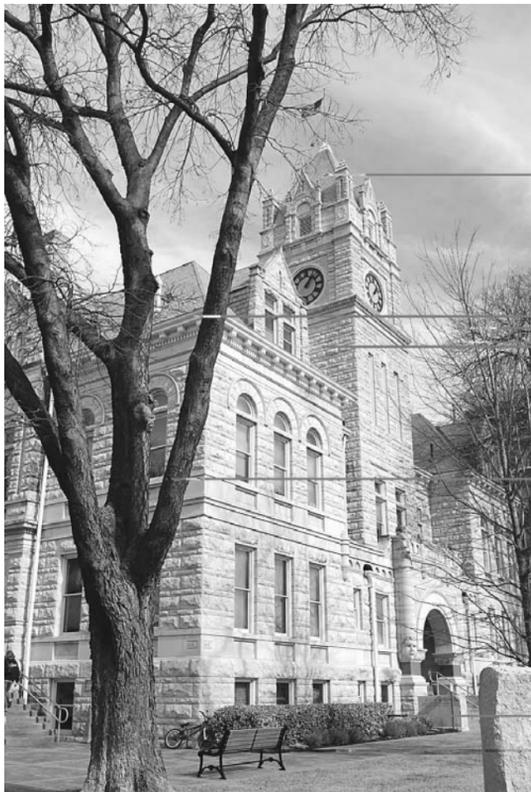
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Riley County Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas March 17, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building March 17, 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

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works

Director/County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Chris Welchhans, GIS Director; Eileen King, Treasurer; Shilo Heger, Tax and Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women

Voters; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resources Manager, attended.

Lewis said Jeff Campbell called and is concerned with the future traffic control near Eureka Drive and Wildcat Creek Road during construction with regards to K-18. Lewis said he will meet with Hobson on the matter.

Volanti presented a shared leave donation form.

Johnson moved to approve a shared leave donation form. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

King presented numbers on the following two furniture bids.

Mid America Office Supplies	
Contract Furnishings	
Furniture	\$12,295.31
	\$10,502.91
Installation	\$ 1,229.53
	\$ 3,325.00
Shipping 0 0	
Design 0 200.00	
Total.....	\$13,524.84
	\$14,027.91

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-01-013.00-0) for tax year 2008. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,313.46. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-01-013.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,417.56. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-01-013.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,502.66. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-01-014.00-0) for tax year 2008. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$656.68. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-18-003.00-0) for tax year 2008. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$3,804.72. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-18-004.00-0) for tax year 2008. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$10,475.06. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-18-004.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$12,223.82. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-28-001.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$5,525.04. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-27-003.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$14,536.04. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-27-005.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$3,285.42. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (204-18-2-80-28-003.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$8,436.22. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Purchase Authorization for annual software maintenance for the GIS Department in the amount of \$12,700.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Riley County CIP Certification of Project Authority for VOIP Telephony System in the amount of \$218,686.00 for replacement of current outdated Plexar system. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for William Lust, as a Public Works Operator I, in the Road and Bridge Department, for Separation from County Service, effective March 11, 2011.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Position Action Forms for the following: Public Works Operator II, in the Public Works - Road & Bridge Department, at a grade I. Engineering Intern, in the Public Works Department, at a grade B.

Johnson moved to approve an Extension of Contract for Riley County Grounds Maintenance with Rothwell Landscape, Inc. for 2011. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2011 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve a Purchase Authorization for new office furniture for back office

for the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$13,524.84 to be funded by the CIP fund. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Greg McClure, Gregg Eyestone, and Ginny Barnard - County Extension Office

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

McClure said Annie's Project, the women in agriculture group went well. McClure said the program was designed to assist women with the business aspects of agriculture. McClure stated the group loved the program and asked for an Annie's II Project.

Barnard reported Walk Kansas has begun. Barnard stated there are 95 teams and about 600 individuals. Barnard discussed the resistant training which is being offered this year. Barnard said May 18th at 5:30 p.m. at Pottorf Hall will be the ending celebration event.

Eyestone said today is a good day to plant your potatoes.

Eyestone presented a report of the 2010 Master Gardeners activities. Eyestone said seven people participated this year.

Eyestone discussed the April 2nd Garden Show.

9:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session

Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Holeman discussed HB2277 which moves DUI offenders out of KDOC and into Community Corrections.

Holeman said he did ask our local legislators to not support HB2277.

Holeman stated there is going to be a hearing today on the 911 bill which will increase the line fee from \$.50 to \$.55. Holeman said KAC is anticipating 25 amendments to the bill and this is the last year the legislature will discuss the bill. Holeman said he notified our delegation and asked them to only support the line fee amendment.

Holeman stated he and McCulloh will attend a meeting today at 1:00 at the Manhattan City office to discuss the fixed route transportation interlocal

agreement.

9:44 Laurie Harrison, Emergency Management Coordinator

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Harrison presented the local hazard mitigation plan.

McCulloh asked for an abbreviated version of the plan to review.

Holeman asked if the public has had the opportunity to review and provide input into the plan.

Harrison said yes, through the local was notified of the public meetings held and a copy of the plan was available at the Manhattan Public Library.

McCulloh said she would like to review the 19 things Riley County is responsible for in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

10:04 Johnson moved to adjourn after the City/County Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

4:00 Joint City/Riley County/Pottawatomie County Meeting (at City Offices)

Representing the City of Manhattan were James Sherow, Bob Strawn, Jayme Morris-Hardeman, and Loren Pepper - City Commissioners; Loren Palmer, Assistant City Manager; Dale Houdeshell, Public Works Director; Jerry Snyder, Manhattan Fire Department; Rob Ott, City Engineer; Curt Loupe, Parks & Rec Director; and Ron Fehr,

City Manager. Representing Riley County were Karen McCulloh, Alvan Johnson, and Dave Lewis - County Commissioners; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; John Doehling, Riley County Police Department; Mike Gillespie; and Greg Gibson, attended.

Schoen said the Law Board agreed with the consensus of the proposed consolidated dispatch funding of 50/50 the first year, 65/35 the second year, and 80/20 the third year City/County split. Schoen discussed how the consolidated dispatch will be reflected in the Riley County Police Department budget.

Schoen discussed the need for an interlocal agreement for the consolidated dispatch.

Snyder recommended an interlocal agreement for the consolidated dispatch.

Gillespie stated he will recommend to the Law Board an interlocal agreement.

Schoen discussed the possibility of forming a consolidated dispatch advisory board.

Strawn asked if the Law Board would have the authority to govern the consolidated dispatch.

Gillespie said he was not sure.

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Minutes

from page six

Strawn said he cannot support the allocation of \$100,000.00 of the cost of dispatch services to city taxpayers.

Schoen stated reported the overwhelming number of calls from all emergency services is within the City of Manhattan.

Sherow stated 75% of Riley County's budget is derived from the City of Manhattan residents.

Pepperd stated the City Commission has not yet acted on the consolidated dispatch funding.

Schoen stated he has always maintained one person needs to be accountable rather than multiple organizations having a piece of the pie.

Meredith reviewed the Fairmont Park Plan.

Meredith discussed working cooperatively with the City of Manhattan on the River Run Trail.

Loupe discussed the possibility of a River Run Trail.

Loupe asked if it is something the governing bodies would like to do.

Sherow said he believes it is a great idea.

Meredith stated they will develop a cost to present to the commissions.

5:00 Adjourned.
March 21, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building March 21, 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

Becky Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Julie Merklin, League of Women

Voters; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Brooks presented the JJA FY12 Prevention and Graduated Sanctions Block Grant applications.

Johnson moved to approve the JJA FY12 Judicial District Prevention and Graduated Sanctions Block Grant Funding Applications. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Brooks presented CY11 County Alcohol Applications.

Johnson moved to approve the CY11 County Alcohol Applications for Friends of Riley County High School After Prom Committee (RCHS) in the amount of \$750.00 and the Blue Valley High School Booster Club in the amount of \$1,125.00 as recommended by the Joint Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB). Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the CY11 County Alcohol Application for Riley County Community Corrections in the amount of \$750.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Julie Akers, a Records Assistant II, in the County Clerk's Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 8, 2011.

Johnson moved to approve Change Order Number 1 with Ebert Construction Co., Inc. for Pillsbury Crossing Lane culvert replacement in the amount of a (\$1,697.00) for a total adjusted contract price of \$116,656.20 (original bid \$118,353.20). Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the Federal Management Report, and Request for Reimbursement, Performance Progress Report for Pillsbury Crossing Lane Culvert Replacement Project with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Sell Excess Personal Property by Riley County Fire District No. 1, of Riley County, Kansas. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of March 17, 2011 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director Bid opening for herbicide

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Nikki Marcotte, KMAN, attended. The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for herbicide:

- Company
- 2,4-D LV Ester
- 2,4-D Amine
- Total Bid
- Van Diest Supply Company
- Abilene, KS
- \$22,096.80
- \$13,280.40
- \$35,377.20
- Sims Fertilizer and Chemical
- 1006 Industrial Ave., P.O. Box 330
- Osborne, KS 67473
- \$23,635.80
- \$13,255.20
- \$36,891.00
- Vegetation Management
- Supply, Inc.
- 925 E. 17th
- Wichita, KS 67214
- None
- \$15,435.00
- CPS - Harold Hughes
- 231 Shadybrook
- Cheney, KS 67025
- \$16,588.80
- \$18,081.00
- \$34,669.80

Johnson moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:15 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer
Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and

Nikki Marcotte, KMAN, attended.

Shepek presented the Riley County 2012 budget calendar.

9:30 Press Conference

Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Nikki Marcotte, KMAN, attended.

C. Collins said Tuesday, March 29th, at noon, at the Riley County Historical Museum, 2309 Clafin in Manhattan, Cheryl Collins, Director, will speak on "Prohibition in Manhattan: Conflicting View and Violence." Admission is free and everyone is invited to bring a brown bag lunch. This is the second of six Kansas 150 Lunch Time Lectures. Future dates are May 17th, July 12th, September 13th, and November 15th.

C. Collins reported on the Riley County Historical Museum County Office Building exhibit "The wire that won the west" and Meadowlark Hills on the history of Varney's Bookstore.

Vargo said today is the last day to register to vote in the April General Election.

Vargo said advance voting in person begins March 22nd at the County Election Office. Vargo said advance voting closes at 12:00 (noon) on April 4th. Vargo said the City/School General Election will be held April 5th.

Vargo said by purchasing an "off-season" park permit (between January 1, 2011 - March 31, 2011) you avoid long lines and save money, as well as provide Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks continuous funding to keep your parks in great shape for you.

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Hobson presented the following update:

The concrete box replacement project on Pillsbury Crossing Lane has been completed. We were able to secure a \$50,000 grant from US Fish and Wildlife Service for this structure. Today the Commission signed documentation certifying the project has been completed which will allow us to request reimbursement for that amount.

Last week on the Pickering Bridge replacement project The contractor

- o Poured the bridge rails
- The items which remain to be done are
- o The bridge approaches
- o Guard rail installation
- o Removal of the old road
- o Seeding and Surfacing

With a lot of these items being weather dependent, the schedule for completing this project is somewhat up in the air.

The Wildcat Creek Road Reconstruction Project
This project is currently out to bid with the letting scheduled for April 14th.

This puts us one step closer to the completion of the Sales Tax Program, which was passed in 2002 and will sunset in 2012. These funds were designated to be used for 21 Road and Bridge construction projects.

With the bidding of the Wildcat Creek Road Project it leaves only 1 project of the original 21 to get to bid.

North Otter Creek concrete

box replacement
The North Otter Creek concrete box replacement will be bid as soon as we receive the Division of Water Resources Permit that is currently in Topeka being reviewed.

Hobson said he can't say enough about the Sales Tax Program These funds have allowed us to complete many projects which otherwise would not have been possible, due to limited funding. The Sales Tax funds are definitely making an improvement in the County's infrastructure.

When we combined these funds with the Federal dollars we received, we were able to stretch the sales tax dollars even further.

Last year the Commission passed a bond issue for the construction of approximately 7 structures.

We are at varying points in the development of these projects from negotiating the design fees to the design being completed.

We anticipate a few of these projects may be constructed yet this year.

The last item to report is the window replacement project of all of the windows on the 1st floor of the Courthouse began today.

9:43 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
Administrative Work Session

Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Holeman discussed the meeting with the City of Manhattan on the transit agreement.

Holeman said SB40 on emergency repairs to public facilities passed out of the House Committee.

Holeman reported Arika Wellnitz, a Washburn law student, will be an unpaid summer extern position in the County Counselor's Office, during the first week of June 2011.

9:51 Johnson moved to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:00 Law Enforcement Agency Meeting

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Pullen Earns Associated Press All-America Honors

By Big12Sports.com

Marcus Morris (Kansas) has been named to the AP All-America Second Team, while Jacob Pullen (Kansas State) and Jordan Hamilton (Texas) were chosen for the third team. The three selections is tied for the most of any conference in the nation.

Morris led Kansas in scoring in 2010-11 with 17.2 points per game. He ranks among the national leaders in field goal percentage at 57.0 percent and his 7.6 rebounds per contest were second on the squad. The junior was honored as the 2011 Big 12 Player of the Year and was a member of the NCAA Southwest Regional All-Tournament Team.

Hamilton started all 36 contests for the Longhorns this year and led the team in scoring

(18.6 ppg). He also ranked second on the team in rebounding (7.7 rpg), double-doubles (eight) and minutes played (32.2 mpg). The sophomore topped the 20-point mark in 15 of UT's 36 games.

Pullen ended his career as the all-time leading scorer at Kansas State with 2,132 points. He led the Big 12 in scoring in conference games with 21.4-point average and also had 115 assists with 49 steals. The senior had five 30-point efforts during his career at KSU, with 42 games where he scored 20 points or more.

All three conference athletes were members of this year's All-Big 12 First Team, with Pullen also being named to the Big 12 All-Defensive Team.

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 JaJuan Johnson, Purdue
- Second Team**
MARCUS MORRIS, Kansas
 Derrick Williams, Arizona
 Ben Hansborough, Notre Dame
 Jordan Taylor, Wisconsin
 Kawhi Leonard, San Diego State
- Third Team**
JACOB PULLEN, Kansas State
JORDAN HAMILTON, Texas
 Kenneth Faried, Morehead State
 Tu Holloway, Xavier
 Marshon Brooks, Providence



Jacob Pullen (0) came back from his three-game suspension and scored 24 points for the Wildcats against Savannah State. (Photo by Ben Brake)

Pullen Named Frances Pomeroy Naismith Winner

KSU Sports Information

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Senior guard Jacob Pullen was named the 2011 winner of the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award on Tuesday, which is given to the nation's top senior, six-foot and under, by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

"We are proud to honor Jacob with the 2011 Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. "The combination of his success on the court, and his achievements in the classroom as a student-athlete, make him a deserving recipient who exemplifies the qualities this award is designed to celebrate."

Pullen is the first Kansas State player to earn the accolade and the second consecutive Big 12 student-athlete, following last year's recipient Sherron Collins of Kansas. Overall, he is the 43rd winner of the award since 1969.

Among the previous winners are UTEP's Tim Hardaway (1989), UCLA's Tyus Edney (1995) and Darren Collison (2009), Stanford's Brevin Knight (1997), Ohio State's Scoonie Penn (2000), Arizona's Jason Gardner (2003), St. Joseph's Jameer Nelson (2004), Washington's Nate Robinson (2005) and Illinois' Dee Brown (2006).

The school's all-time leading scorer with 2,132 points, Pullen led the Wildcats in 12 statistical categories, including scoring

(20.2 ppg.), double-figure scoring games (29), field goals (191), 3-point field goals (74), free throws (170), assists (115), steals (49) and minutes (32.6 mpg.). He has been named to several All-American squads, including the third team by The Associated Press, The Sporting News and Yahoo! Sports and fourth team by FOXSports.com. He was also one of just two unanimous selections to coaches' All-Big 12 first team and the first Wildcat since Norris Coleman in 1986 and 1987 to earn first team all-conference twice in a career.

Pullen ranks in Top 5 of 17 career school records, including marks for scoring, games played (135), double-digit scoring games (105), 3-point field goals (299), 3-point field goals attempted (828) and steals (210). He also places in the Top 10 in six career categories in Big 12 Conference history, including fourth in scoring.

Pullen led K-State to a 23-11 overall record, including a tie for third place in Big 12 play with a 10-6 mark, during the 2010-11 season. He is just the third player in school history to lead the Wildcats to the post-season and to a 20-win season in each of his four years in the program.

The school's first three-time captain, Pullen will graduate from Kansas State with a degree in criminology in May 2011. He has been involved in several community service

projects, including Read to Achieve, Adopt a Family, Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity.

Named in honor of basketball inventor James Naismith's daughter-in-law, the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award is selected by a panel of representatives from the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). To earn the award, the recipient must demonstrate leadership, character, loyalty, all-around basketball ability and excellence in the classroom. It is given by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, which promotes and preserves the game of basketball at every level.



K-State's Jacob Pullen (0) drives the ball around KU's Marcus Morris (22). (Photo by Ben Brake)

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