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Election...

Turnaround



THREE OF THE FOUR WINNER...Curt Herman (left) Leah Fliter and Dave Colburn were at the Riley County Court House to watch the election returns. All three were elected along with Darell Edie.

Tuesday's City Commission election may mark a turn-around in the direction of the City of Manhattan.

After years and years of spending and debt the voters elected a much more conservative group.

John Matta and Wynn Butler ran on less spending, debt and taxes took the top two spots. Rich Jankovich, a local banker will round out the new Commission.

Riley County had 6,887 voter turn out Tuesday. There are 32,015 registered voters in the county. The population of Riley County has now reached over 70,000.

In the Manhattan-Ogden School Board race Dave Colburn, Leah Fliter, Curt Herman and Darell Edie won the four seats up for election.

Colburn was top vote getter with 3,935 votes. Fliter was second with 3,868. Herman had 3,125 and Edie came in with 2,895.

In the race for Ogden Mayor Robert Pence Jr. topped Jimmy Bond 135 to 104.

Five were elected to the Ogden City Council. They were Ed Burch, Brian Still, Kenneth Carroll, David Ward and Ward Nations.

See the complete unofficial returns on page 4.

Manhattan City Commission, 3 seats open

John Matta	3,470
Wynn Butler	3,004
Rich Jankovich	2,949
Stan Hoerman	2,564



THE BRAINS OF THE ELECTION... is the ballot counting machine (on the left). Operating the machine is Riley County Clerk Rich Vargo.

Phil Anderson	2,493	Ed Burch	130
		Brian Still	112
		Kenneth Carroll	111
Ogden Mayor		David Ward	111
Robert Pence Jr.	135	Ward Nations	110
Jimmy Bond	104	Jimmy Bond	95
		Roger Graham	84
Ogden City Council, 5 seats open		Felecia Zeedyk	67
		Wayne Henson	55

USD 383 Board of Education, 4 seats open

David Colburn	3,935
Leah Fliter	3,868
Curt Herrman	3,125
Darell Edie	2,895
Matthew Pennell	2,475
Marcia Rozell	2,190

Manhattan Town Center Sells

The Manhattan Town Center has sold for the third time in the past 24-years.

The City Commission received this Memo from the City Staff Tuesday night telling of the sale and requesting the City agree to the sale.

FROM: William L. Frost, City Attorney

MEETING: April 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Sale of Manhattan Town Center

PRESENTER: William L. Frost, City Attorney

BACKGROUND

The City has received notice from UrbanCal Manhattan Town Center, LLC, that it intends to sell its interest in Manhattan Town Center (MTC) to Urban Hayman-Manhattan, LLC. The request asks that the City approve this sale.

The City's approval of the sale is necessary because the City actually owns the real estate upon which MTC is located. This property was acquired with funds the City received, as a grant, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The real estate is leased, by the City, to the entities that own MTC. The current Tenant under that lease is UrbanCal Manhattan Town Center, LLC. UrbanCal Manhattan Town Center, LLC, is owned by a joint venture between Urban Retail Properties, LLC, and the California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS). In the proposed sale, CalSTRS is transferring its interest in the joint venture to Hayman Private Equity.

The lease allows the Tenant to sell its interest in MTC, subject to the City's approval of the purchaser. The lease provides the City must consent to the sale if "...the proposed assignee, transferee or purchaser shall have the qualifications, experience and financial responsibility required to fulfill the obligations of Tenant pursuant to this lease or if the assignee, transferee or purchaser shall have entered into a firm contract with a management company which has the qualifications and experience to manage and operate the shopping mall and otherwise to perform the obligations of tenant..." Urban Retail Properties, LLC, manages the

MTC and that entity has done so since 2004. The new tenant intends to continue the relationship with Urban Retail Properties to manage the MTC. Therefore, the City is obligated to approve the new LLC as the purchaser of MTC.

The lease also requires that the seller of MTC share any "net proceeds" of the sale with the City. In general terms, the leases require that the City receive 18% of any "net proceeds", if there is either additional debt placed on the property by the new purchaser, or if the new purchaser invests more equity than the current tenant. The leases require that the City receive 10% of any "net proceeds", if there is no debt and no equity greater than what exists presently. In the current sale, neither of those factors are relevant because there are no positive "net proceeds" that result from the sale (see the attached letter from counsel for Urban).

DISCUSSION

The current Tenant has requested that the Commission formally approve the sale of Manhattan Town Center. City Administration has prepared a Resolution making that formal approval. It is City Administration's present understanding that the parties intend to close the sale yet this month. In order to facilitate that sale, the proposed Resolution also authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all documents, and take all actions necessary to accomplish the transaction. The Mayor will be asked to sign:

a) The actual Consent; b) an Amendment to Ground Leases which recognizes the new Tenant; and

c) Ground Lessor's Certificate which certifies the existence of the lease and other pertinent factors. City Administration has been actively involved in the finalization of these documents and they are not yet in a final form. The Resolution provides that the City Attorney and City Administration must be comfortable with the form of those documents before they will be executed.

FINANCING

There are no financing issues related to this action.

Kansas General Fund To Drop 6%

By Gene Meyer, KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas government plans to pull at least 6 percent more money out of the state's taxpayer-funded general fund next year, regardless of which of two competing budget proposals hit the governor's desk next month.

The next question is, will taxpayers pony up enough additional money to cover the higher tab?

"Probably," said Steve Stotts, Kansas' long time taxation director. He says a seasonal April surge in tax revenues can still kick start tax collections that have been running just under forecasted levels since July 1.

"That's a pretty optimistic target, to say the least," said John Wong, a former Wichita State University economist now at the University of North Texas in Dallas.

Before leaving Kansas, Wong also was one of three state university economists serving on the state's Consensus Revenue Forecasting Group, whose twice-annual analyses of the state's economic conditions are the official touchstones for budget writers and tax policy architects.

Wong said it is unclear yet whether enough Kansans' incomes have recovered sufficiently from the last three years' brutal economy to return revenue flows to projected levels.

"It's like during the space shots, when they go behind the moon and we don't see or hear anything until they come around again," Wong said.

Kansas lawmakers currently are on a three week break they take each year and scheduled to return April 27 to work out a final budget for fiscal 2012 and other unfinished business. Before then, the consensus forecasting group is scheduled to meet April 15, review the latest information about Kansas economy that will be available then, and recalculate numbers that will show whether either of two budget proposals in the legislature now seem workable.

Both proposals call for about \$14 billion in total state spending during the year beginning July 1, with a bit more than \$6 billion of that coming from taxpayers. The \$6 billion represents a more than 6 percent increase from the approximately \$5.7 billion in general fund money being spent this year.

Meetings Set For Redrawing Boundaries

By Gene Meyer, KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansans in 12 widely scattered cities will get their first chance in July to join legislators in redrawing political boundaries across the state.

Top officers of the Kansas House and Senate, who also serve on a formal state redistricting advisory group formed after each U.S. Census, approved plans Wednesday for

holding 12 town hall meetings across Kansas this summer so that individual citizens and local government, business and civic groups can weigh in on the constitutionally required remapping.

The planned meetings voted Wednesday will be in Salina, South Bend, Hutchinson, Garden City, Manhattan, Parsons, Overland Park, Kansas City, Lawrence, Wichita, Newton and

Independence, beginning in July. Dates and locations will be announced later as soon as those are determined. Legislators also will be meeting in Topeka after that to come up with three different redistricting proposals by the end of the 2012 Legislative session. One of the plans will be submitted to the governor for approval and the Kansas Supreme Court for review. The others are kept in reserve in

case the first one is rejected.

This latest redistricting plan will redraw all of Kansas' U.S. Congressional districts, all House and Senate districts in the state legislature and each district represented by a member of the Kansas State Board of Education, all to accommodate a 6 percent increase in the state's population in the last decade, to 2.9 million people, recorded in last year's official 10-year U.S. Census.



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Obituaries

Elsie Maude Mitchem

Elsie Maude Mitchem, 89, of Manhattan, passed away Monday, March 28th, 2011 at Stoneybrook Retirement

Home. Elsie Kilner was born on April 1, 1921 in rural Olsburg, KS, the daughter of the late Julia (Roush) and Edmund Kilner. She graduated from high school in Olsburg.

Elsie Kilner was united in marriage to James F. Mitchem

on December 19, 1941 in Manhattan. He preceded her in death on November 7, 1992. Elsie was a wonderful housewife and homemaker for many years. She provided child care for many families in Manhattan.

Elsie is survived by a daughter; Joni Braddock and her husband David, of Manhattan, a son; Doug Mitchem and his wife Thresella, also of Manhattan, two sisters; Edith Thompson, of Manhattan; Donna Lovgren and her husband Jim, Manhattan; and a

brother, Wayne Kilner and his wife Rita, of Manhattan, also surviving are 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. A graveside services were held at 2:00pm, Friday, April 1, 2011, in the Sunrise Cemetery. The family received friends

from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2011, at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home.

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Kenneth E. Filby

Kenneth E. Filby, age 92, of Manhattan, died April 3, 2011, at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community.

He was born October 11, 1918, in Junction City, KS, the son of Henry Joseph and Bessie (Alma Myers) Filby, and had been a longtime Manhattan resident.

Mr. Filby graduated from Junction City High School and attended Kansas State University. He served in the United States Army during



World War II as a private in Puerto Rico observing Axis

naval activity.

Following his military service he worked Federal Civil Service at Fort Riley in a variety of positions culminating as a Supply Management Representative from which he retired from in March of 1979.

He was a member of the First Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Manhattan, Blackjack American Legion in St. George, Lafayette Lodge # 16 A.F. & A.M., Order of Eastern Star, Past Worthy Patron Club and Sons of the American Revolution Jefferson Chapter.

Mr. Filby loved to travel and

had traveled all over Europe, and to Alaska and China. In Alaska, post Ft. Riley retirement, he had also joined the Merchant Marine and served on a variety of ferry boats. He loved to fish with his grandson Joseph, driving, and enjoyed working outdoors. In China, he welcomed Mia (Emelia) as a grandchild to the family.

On December 27, 1945, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Lindsborg, KS, he was married to Elrean E. Hedin. Mrs. Filby survives of the home. Additional survivors include one son, James H. Filby and his wife Debra of Overland Park,

KS; one sister, Edna Meyers of Baker, LA; five grandchildren: Jamie Munoz, Joseph (wife Kimberly), Lauren, Peter and Mia (Emelia) Filby; four great-grandchildren: Makayla and Marcus Munoz, and Joshua and Abigail Filby; and numerous nieces and nephews including Kirk and Annika Mische that were very close to Mr. Filby.

Mr. Filby was preceded in death by his parents and 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Thursday April 7, 2011 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home with Reverend Dr. Keith Wiens officiating.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 4:00 P.M. Thursday April 7, 2011 at the Elmwood Cemetery in Lindsborg, KS.

Online condolences may be left for the family by clicking on "Send Condolences" on this page.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Nancy A. Machor

Nancy A. Machor, age 61, of Manhattan, died Saturday April 2, 2011, at the Mercy Regional Health Center.

She was born on August 11, 1949, in Spenser, West Virginia, the daughter of Gerald and Eloise (Walker)

Taylor.

Nancy attended Ohio University and received her Bachelor's degree in 1971. In 1993 she earned a Master's Degree from Kansas State University. She was a Title I special reading teacher in Manhattan city schools at Ogden Elementary.

On May 13, 1972 in Athens, Ohio, she was united in mar-

riage to James Machor, who survives her.

Also surviving is her son Travis Machor and his wife Shanda of Wahiawa, Hawaii. Additional survivors include her brother Roger Taylor of Dayton, Ohio and her 3 grandchildren: Tyler, Landon, and Kamryn Machor.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at

the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel, with Dr. Michael Donnelly officiating. Cremation will follow the service.

The family of Mrs. Machor will greet friends during a visitation from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are

suggested to the Nancy Machor Memorial Book Fund at Ogden Elementary School.

Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences maybe left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com

For Nancy: "nothing we are to perceive in the world equals the power of your intense fragility; . . . the voice of your eyes was deeper than all roses,

nobody, not even the rain, has such small hands."



William D. Vick



William D. "Bill" Vick, age 51, of Manhattan, died April 4, 2011 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

He was born November 12, 1959, in Bitburg, Germany, the son of Dennis L and Carmen J. (Overland) Vick. He graduated high school from AvoHa

Community School in Avoca, Iowa, in 1977. He lived in the Manhattan area from 1978 to 1980 and attended Kansas State University.

Bill served in the United States Navy for 21 years and retired with the rank of EM1. He had received the Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (6), Enlisted Surface Warfare Insignia, National Service Medal (2), Navy Good Conduct Medal (5), Navy Battle "E" Ribbon (2), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4), Southeast Asia Service Medal (2), Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Emirate of Kuwait), and the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation.

After his retirement from the Navy he always wanted to return to the Manhattan area and he moved to Manhattan in

2003. He started working for Housing and Dining Services at Kansas State University in May of 2004, and was currently employed there at the time of his death.

Bill was a plank owner on the USS Comstock LSD 45, was a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Manhattan, enjoyed all Kansas State sports, and loved spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren.

On October 25, 1997, in Omaha, Nebraska, he was married to Cynthia M. (Hughes) Nye. Cynthia Vick survives at their home. Additional survivors include his parents of Fountain, CO; two step-children: Jason Nye and his wife Vanessa of Fort Gordon, GA, and Michelle Nye of Manhattan; one brother, Jim Vick and his wife Lynne of Colorado Springs, CO; and three grandchildren: Jesup and Jaden McClelland and

Makenzie Nye.

Bill was preceded in death by his grandparents and by his sister, Laurie Vick Asselmeier in 2008.

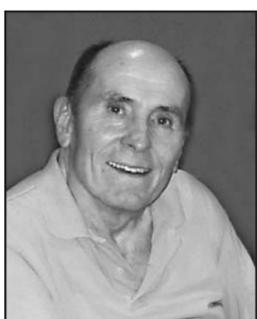
Cremation is planned with graveside services with military honors at 2:00 P.M. Monday, April 11th, at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley with Reverend Larry Fry officiating.

The family will receive friends from 12:30 until 1:45 P.M. Monday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family by clicking on "Send Condolences" on this page.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Good Shepherd Hospice House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Winston K. Whitley



Winston K. Whitley, age 74, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Monday, April 4, 2011, at the Meadowlark Hills-Sloan House.

He was born on September 12, 1936, in Tyrone, Oklahoma, the son of Henry T. and Twila

(Robertson) Whitley. Winston was raised in Colby, Kansas where he attended local schools, graduating from Colby High. He also attended Kansas State University and for a few years served with the Army National Guard Reserves in Colby.

Mr. Whitley was a true "Telephone Man." When he was born in the family apartment above the United Telephone Office in Tyrone he had no knowledge that his career would be in the telephone business. Both of his parents worked for independent telephone companies and at the young age of 19, Winston accepted a position with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He was a member of the line gang in Colby and also on the cable splicing crew which traveled across the state.

In 1960 he took a permanent job in Manhattan and remained in the Manhattan Central Office until retirement in 1991.

He was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church. His professional memberships included the C.W.A. (Communication Workers of America) and the Telephone Pioneers.

On August 31, 1956, in Colby, Kansas, he was united in marriage to the former Marilyn Miller. She survives of their home. Also surviving are two children: son, Robin R. Whitley and his wife Kim of Crete, Nebraska and two grandchildren: Corey and Abby Whitley; and daughter, Jill Orr and her husband Edward of The Woodlands, Texas. His mother: Twila Whitley and aunt: Lila Foster, both of Manhattan. Also surviving are cousins, Jayne

Peterson, Denise Rogers and Nancy Craig and many other friends and relatives.

Mr. Whitley was preceded in death by his father, Henry T. Whitley in 1990 and uncles, Guy Foster in 2010 and Robert Whitley in 2007.

A graveside inurnment service will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2011, at the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

A memorial has been established for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Editorial Letters to Tom

Last November the Tea Party Movement made history. Citizens, whose involvement in politics had been limited to voting, were energized into action.

They came together as the Tea Party in response to out-of-control spending by the Obama Administration and the passage of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (Obamacare) by Congress. Burdening unborn generations with an unsustainable debt and transforming America's world class health care system into a socialist nightmare was simply too much to bear. After four years as the majority in Congress, the Democrats lost the House of Representatives to the Republican Party along with their filibuster-proof majority in the Senate.

Kansas, perhaps more than any other state, exemplified the change that swept our nation.



Mike Kryschal

Republicans retained both seats in the Senate and swept all four seats in the House of Representatives. Eight years of gridlock in Topeka was ended. Senator Sam Brownback became Governor Sam Brownback by an overwhelming majority (62% to 32%) over his Democrat opponent. Republicans earned solid majorities in the Kansas House and Senate. The people of

Kansas elected Kris Kobach to be Secretary of State. Kris Kobach promised to bring secure and fair elections to Kansas. Unlike many elected officials, Kris Kobach has kept his promise. Kansas House Bill 2067, the Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) Act, was introduced two weeks after Kobach took office. The final version of the bill was passed by the Kansas House by a vote of 111 to 11, and the Kansas Senate by a vote of 36 to 3. Six out of eight Democrats in the Kansas Senate voted in favor of the bill. Only one Republican voted against it - Roger Reitz of Manhattan. Less than three months after taking office, Secretary of State Kris Kobach has made good on his pledge to the voters of Kansas.

Those who opposed this reform claim that election fraud is not a problem in Kansas.

They claim that requiring newly-registered Kansas voters to prove citizenship when registering to vote and to present photographic identification in order to vote will hurt voter participation. This is beyond ridiculous. Kansas law requires you to present a valid photo identification card to purchase sinus relief medicine! Isn't protecting our vote as important as keeping massive quantities of sinus relief medicine out of the hands of criminals? As far as I'm concerned one stolen vote is one too many. That vote negates my vote and I am not willing to let that pass. The Colorado Secretary of State recently testified in front of the U. S. Congress that in the 2010 election as many as 11,805 individuals who were non-citizens at the time they obtained a driver's license were registered to

vote and that 4,947 of these non-citizens voted in the 2010 general election. It cannot be determined whether these individuals obtained citizenship after they received their driver's license and before they voted, but investigation determined that at least 106 of them remain improperly registered to vote. Once the Kansas Secure and Fair Elections Act is fully implemented in 2013, our elections will be safeguarded from this kind of fraud. For this we owe Secretary of State Kobach and the Kansas House and Senate a vote of thanks.

On Saturday, April 9, 2011, the Flint Hills Tea Party is sponsoring "RALLY IN RILEY II" at the Riley County High School, Highway 24 and Falcon Road, Riley, Kansas. The rally will begin at 09:30 a.m. and will feature a speech at 1:00 p.m. by Secretary of

State Kris Kobach. Recently a number of liberal commentators have put forth the idea that the Tea Party's time has come and gone. They claim that rallies are no longer drawing enthusiastic crowds and that the Republican leadership needs to distance itself from the Tea Party. It's important that we show them that we are not going away and that we appreciate leaders like Kris Kobach. Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." This Saturday is your chance to keep freedom alive. Hope to see you at Rally II in Riley, Kansas!

Unofficial Returns

	VOTES	PERCENT
PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 50).....	49	98.00
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL.....	32,015	
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL.....	6,887	

Manhattan City Commissioners

Vote for 3		
Wynn Butler.....	3,004	19.70
John E. Matta.....	3,470	22.76
Rich Jankovich.....	2,949	19.34
Stan Hoerman.....	2,564	16.82
Phil Anderson.....	2,493	16.35
WRITE-IN.....	766	5.02

Leonardville City Mayor

Vote for 1		
Mike R. Johnson.....	31	91.18
WRITE-IN.....	3	8.82

Leonardville City Council

Vote for 3		
Evadne Olson.....	25	37.31
Jim Olson.....	28	41.79
WRITE-IN.....	14	20.90

Ogden City Mayor

Vote for 1		
Jimmy Bond	104	43.1
Robert R. Pence, Jr.....	135	56.02
WRITE-IN.....	2	0.83

Ogden City Council

Vote for 5		
Ward R. Nations.....	110	12.51
Ed Burch.....	130	14.79
Kenneth W. Carroll.....	111	12.63
Wayne W. Henson.....	55	6.26
Brian Still.....	112	12.74
Felecia Zeedyk.....	67	7.62
Roger Graham	84	9.56
Jimmy Bond	95	10.81
David Ward	111	12.63
WRITE-IN.....	4	0.46

Randolph City Mayor

Vote for 1		
WRITE-IN.....	25	100.00

Randolph City Council

Vote for 5		
Donna G. Baer	22	16.06
Harold Higgins.....	20	14.60
Jane M. Dunstan.....	28	20.44
WRITE-IN.....	67	48.91

Riley City Mayor

Vote for 1		
David Shover.....	58	96.67
WRITE-IN.....	2	3.33

Riley City Council

Vote for 2		
Kristin Burnett.....	60	80.00
WRITE-IN.....	15	20.00

USD 378 Position 1

Vote for 1		
Jennifer R. Wilson	213	98.61
WRITE-IN.....	3	1.39

USD 378 Position 2

Vote for 1		
Robert Shane Allen	204	98.08
WRITE-IN.....	4	1.92

USD 378 Position 3

Vote for 1		
Randall L. Glenn	213	100.00
WRITE-IN.....	0	0.00

USD 378 Position 7 At-Large		
Vote for 1		
Dan Thomson.....	207	97.64
WRITE-IN.....	5	2.36

USD 383 School Board Member

Vote for 4		
Curt Herrman.....	3,125	16.8
Darell Edie.....	2,895	15.58
Matthew Pennell.....	2,475	13.32
Leah Fliter.....	3,868	20.81
David Colburn	3,935	21.17
Marcia Rozell	2,190	11.78
WRITE-IN.....	97	0.52

USD 384 DISTRICT 1 POSITION 1

Vote for 1		
Michael Renfro.....	26	83.87
WRITE-IN.....	5	16.13

USD 384 DISTRICT 2 POSITION 2

Vote for 1		
David Mitchell Innes.....	59	86.76
WRITE-IN.....	9	13.24

USD 384 DISTRICT 3 POSITION 3

Vote for 1		
Marla Webster	41	68.33
WRITE-IN.....	19	31.67

USD 384 At-Large

Vote for 1		
Lynn Webster.....	35	19.77
WRITE-IN.....	142	80.23

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LAND AUCTION

3 Farms - 520 acres Washington and Marshall County Land

1:00 PM, Saturday, April 16, 2011
At the Fire House, Barnes, Kansas.

TRACT 1
The NE ¼ & the E ½ NW ¼ 22-4-4, Greenleaf Township, Washington County, Kansas. 240 acres, m/l, consists of 153.4 acres cropland and 83.2 acres timber and creek.

TRACT 2
The SE ¼ NE ¼ & the NE ¼ SE ¼ 28-4-4, Greenleaf Township, Washington County, Kansas. 80 acres, m/l, consists of 45.4 acres cropland, balance of the farm is timber, creek, waterway, native grass, and old farmstead.

TRACT 3
The SW ¼ NW ¼ & the SW ¼ 9-4-6, Waterville Township, Marshall County, Kansas. 200 acres, m/l, consists of 82.5 acres cropland, 6.1 acres native grass CRP, with the balance, about 107 acres, being Little Blue River, creek, timber, brush and overall excellent hunting and wildlife land.

Terms on all three farms: 10% down, the balance due in 30 days. Immediate possession will be given on the open cropland. Possession on the rest of the land will be at closing, subject to the right of the present tenant to harvest the 2011 wheat crop.

The cropland on these three farms has been well farmed and cared for. The terraces have been in place for many years and have been well maintained. The draws, timbered areas, river and creeks on these farms provide abundant habitat for whitetail deer, turkey and other wildlife, or would provide good cover for wintering livestock. The farms offer a variety of hunting and other recreational opportunities.

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Repair Scam (Update)

On 01-20-2011 RCPD became aware of a roofing and repair scam that involved an elderly resident of the Manhattan area. During the investigation it was learned that Donald Anthony Moses was involved with accepting payments for tens of thousands of dollars in roofing, remodeling, and repair scams for work that was never completed.

During the investigation it was determined that Moses was one of several subjects believed to be operating jointly in these types of scams. Information that directly linked Moses to these crimes and a bank account was discovered. The bank account and its assets were seized under a search warrant.

Information on Donald Moses' whereabouts was forwarded to the US Marshal's Office and subsequently to the



Donald A. Moses

Irving Texas Police in Texas. Donald A. Moses was taken into custody on 03-25-2011 in Irving Texas. He is currently in custody in the Dallas County Jail in Texas.

Moses is being held on multiple warrants from Texas, Missouri, and Kansas and is awaiting an extradition hearing. It is believed that additional agencies will also be seeking warrants for Moses.

This investigation is ongoing and will most likely result in charges for other involved parties associated to Moses. The public is also asked to contact Detective Lewis of the Riley County Police Department at 785-537-2112 ext. 3050 if they believe they have been a victim of a repair scam by Mr. Moses.

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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

Winter Named to Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Former Kansas State head basketball coach Tex Winter was among 10 individuals announced Monday to the 2011 class of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Winter, who led the Wildcats to 261 wins and eight conference titles from 1954-68, was joined in the 2011 Hall of Fame induction class with former four-time Olympic gold medalist Teresa Edwards; ABA/NBA legend Artis Gilmore; all-time NCAA wins leader Herb Magee; NBA star and 1992 Dream Team member Chris Mullin; five-time NBA champion Dennis Rodman; European star Arvydas Sabonis; eight-time NBA champion Tom Sanders; former Harlem Globetrotter Reese Tatum and four-time NCAA women's coach of the year Tara VanDerveer. The announcement was made at a press conference in Houston at the men's Final Four.

"We are pleased to welcome these 10 electees who will join the greatest in the game and take their rightful place in Springfield as a Hall of Famer," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame.

Winter is the third person with K-State ties to be named

to the Naismith Hall of Fame, following his coaching mentor Jack Gardner, who was elected in 1984, and former player Bob Boozer, who was a part of the 1960 U.S. Olympic Team elected in 2010. Gardner led the Wildcats to 147 wins and two Final Four appearances in two stints as head coach from 1939-42 and 1946-53. This is the second honor that Winter has received from the Naismith Hall of Fame, as he was selected as the 1998 winner of the John Bunn Award for lifetime achievement.

This is Winter's fourth such induction into a Hall of Fame, as he was selected to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame last fall to go with his previous inclusion in the state of Kansas and Kansas State University Sports Hall of Fames.

To be elected to the Naismith Hall of Fame, finalists require 18 of 24 votes from the Honors Committee. Winter was named for the honor by the North American committee.

"The Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2010 is a true global representation of the game of basketball," said Jerry Colangelo, Chairman of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Board. "These distinguished players and coaches have made an impact at all levels worldwide and they have motivated, taught and inspired

future generations to succeed both on and off the court."

The Class of 2011 will be enshrined during a week of events culminating on Friday, Aug. 12 in Springfield, Mass., followed by a special ceremony at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Conn., on Saturday, Aug. 13. Ticket packages to the ceremony as well as all enshrinement events are on sale now and available by calling the Hall of Fame at (413) 231.5550. Additional information can be found at www.hoopshall.com.

A renowned basketball innovator credited with the triangle offense, Winter led the Wildcats to a 261-118 (.689) record from 1954 to 1968, which included eight Big Seven/Eight Conference titles, five Big Seven/Eight Holiday Tournament crowns and six trips to the NCAA Tournament. His 261 wins rank second all-time in school history behind Jack Hartman's 295, while he is second in NCAA Tournament victories (seven) and 20-win seasons (five). Winter's .689 winning percentage ranks third in school history behind Zora Clevenger (.761; 1916-20) and E.A. Knott (.700; 1920-21). He also laid claim to more conference titles (eight) than any other head coach in the program's history, while his teams finished among the Top 20

nationally nine times in his 15 seasons, including No. 1 in both polls in 1958-59. He is the only person to be affiliated with all four of K-State's Final Four teams (1948, 1951, 1959 and 1964).

A native of Huntington Park, Calif., Winter began his coaching career as the first full-time assistant at K-State for Gardner from 1947-51. Like Gardner, he graduated from the University of Southern California [in 1947], where he learned the triangle offense from Sam Barry. An All-American pole vaulter for the Trojans, he became the youngest coach in the nation at Marquette in 1951, guiding the Warriors to the National Catholic Championship in his first season. He replaced Gardner as K-State head coach in 1953 after his departure to Utah.

There were several outstanding teams under Winter, two of which advanced to the Final Four. He won four consecutive conference championships from 1957 to 1961, including earning the school's first No. 1 ranking during the 1957-58 season, while he won back-to-back crowns in 1962-64 and then another in his final season in 1967-68. The 1957-58 squad, anchored by All-Americans Bob Boozer and Jack Parr, lost just three games in the regular season, advancing

to the school's third Final Four. The Wildcats lost to Seattle and Temple in the Final Four.

Spearheaded by the play of Boozer, the 1958-59 squad was ranked among the nation's Top 5 all season and spent numerous weeks as the nation's No. 1 ranked team before falling in the Midwest Regional Finals to No. 5 Cincinnati. The squad won a still school-record 25 games and went a perfect 14-0 in Big Eight play for the first and only time in school history. Then, in 1964, the Wildcats charged back to the Final Four, knocking off Texas-El Paso and No. 5 Wichita State in the Midwest Regional before being eliminated by eventual champion UCLA, 90-84.

Winter coached two All-Americans, including the school's first and only two-time consensus first team All-American in Bob Boozer, while he guided 11 players to all-conference selection. He was named National Coach of the Year by United Press International (UPI) in 1958, while he was selected as conference Coach of the Year for three consecutive years from 1957-60.

Following his departure from K-State in 1968, Winter served shorter stints as head coach at Washington (1969-72), the NBA's Houston Rockets (1972-74),

Northwestern (1975-78) and Long Beach State (1978-83). In total, he won 454 games at the collegiate level. He went 51-78 during his two-year stint with the Rockets.

In 1985, Winter started another chapter of his life, serving as an assistant coach with the Chicago Bulls under fellow Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer Phil Jackson, and teaching the triangle offense to one of the all-time greats, Michael Jordan. He was hired to the position by General Manager Jerry Krause, an old friend he had met while at K-State. As an assistant to Jackson, who took over as the Bulls' head coach in 1989, he was an integral part of the Bulls' NBA championships in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997 and 1998. He followed Jackson to the Los Angeles Lakers, where he collected four additional championship rings in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2009. He retired from basketball following the Lakers' 2010 championship.

Winter earned a reputation as one of the most creative offensive coaches in the land, and in 1962, published a book on the offense entitled *The Triple-Post Offense*.

Pullen, Kelly Earn Bids To Portsmouth Invitational

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Seniors Jacob Pullen and Curtis Kelly have received bids to play in the prestigious Portsmouth Invitational Tournament, which is set for April 6-9 at Churchland High School in Portsmouth, Va.

Operating since 1953, the Portsmouth Invitational is one of the preeminent NBA pre-draft camps with approximately 200 NBA representa-

tives in attendance. The four-day tournament consists of 12 games with the 64 invited college seniors playing on eight teams of eight players.

Pullen will be playing for Roger Brown's squad in the tournament and will team with Jeff Allen (Virginia Tech), Papa Dia (SMU), Jon Diebler (Ohio State), Justin Harper (Richmond), Sam Muldrow (South Carolina), Andrew Goudelock (College

of Charleston), Justin Hurr (Tulsa). The squad will begin play on Thursday at 8 p.m. CDT against Cherry, Bakaert and Holland, which includes Gilbert Brown (Pittsburgh), Dwight Hardy (St. John's) and Corey Stokes (Villanova).

Kelly will be playing for Sales Systems Limited and will team with Mike Tisdale (Illinois), Anatoly Bose (Nicholls State), Matthew

Bryan - A m a n i n g (Washington), Kevin Anderson (Richmond), Cory Higgins (Colorado), Demontez Stitt (Clemson) and Brad Wanamaker (Pittsburgh). The squad will open play in the tournament on Wednesday at 8 p.m. CDT against K&D Rounds Landscaping, which includes Jimmy Butler (Marquette), Blake Hoffarber (Minnesota) and Chris Warren

(Mississippi).

Although Pullen and Kelly are on teams in the opposite ends of the tournament bracket, there is an opportunity they could play against each other in the championship, third-place game or consolation bracket.

The pair 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. The school's all-time leading scorer with 2,132 points, Pullen led the Wildcats in 12 statistical categories this past season en route to earning unanimous first team All-Big 12 honors and recognition to

several All-American teams. A transfer from Connecticut, Kelly led the squad in field goal percentage (53.2), while he was second in rebounding (5.5 rpg.) and blocked shots (1.3 bpg.) and third in scoring (10.5 ppg.). He averaged 11.1 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.7 blocks in his two-year career.

For more information on the Portsmouth Invitational, please visit the organization's website at www.portsmouthinvitational.com. A full bracket, including boxscores, will be updated as play begins.

Town Hall Meetings Planned to Redraw the Legislative Boundaries

By Gene Meyer KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansans in 12 widely scattered cities will get their first chance in July to join legislators in redrawing political boundaries across the state.

Top officers of the Kansas House and Senate, who also serve on a formal state redistricting advisory group formed after each U.S. Census, approved plans Wednesday for holding 12 town hall meetings across Kansas this summer so that individual citizens and local government, business and civic groups can weigh in on the constitutionally required

remapping.

The planned meetings voted Wednesday will be in Salina, South Bend, Hutchinson, Garden City, Manhattan, Parsons, Overland Park, Kansas City, Lawrence, Wichita, Newton and Independence, beginning in July. Dates and locations will be announced later as soon as those are determined. Legislators also will be meeting in Topeka after that to come up with three different redistricting proposals by the end of the 2012 Legislative session. One of the plans will be submitted to the governor for approval and the Kansas

Supreme Court for review. The others are kept in reserve in case the first one is rejected.

This latest redistricting plan will redraw all of Kansas' U.S. Congressional districts, all House and Senate districts in the state legislature and each district represented by a member of the Kansas State Board of Education, all to accommodate a 6 percent increase in the state's population in the last decade, to 2.9 million people, recorded in last year's official 10-year U.S. Census.

Unofficial projections, based on estimates before those numbers were released earlier this month, indicate that districts

will get geographically larger in western Kansas, where populations generally have been declining, and geographically smaller in the eastern half of the state.

Only four counties - Riley, Douglas, Sedgewick and Johnson - among the 105 in Kansas are projected to gain representatives in the state legislature based on legislative researchers' preliminary projections. Johnson County, the state's biggest, fastest growing major population center, would gain one state Senate and three state House seats if the official remapping follows the unofficial preliminary projections.

SRS Secretary Mominee 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 initiatives 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 email. 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.

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Spring Pancake Feed

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

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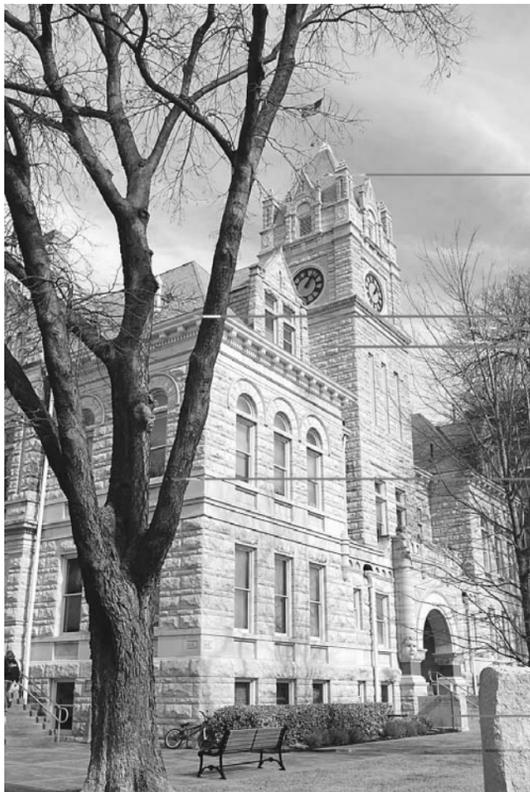
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Riley County Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas March 24, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building March 24, 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

Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Project Director; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; 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 Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners congratulated Monty Wedel for the Vision 2025 - A Comprehensive Plan for Riley County, Kansas being selected for an Award of Merit in the Best Practices category on behalf of the APA County Planning Division and the National Association of County Planners.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Kenneth Patrick Wadick, a new hire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.23 per hour.

Johnson moved to approve a Plaza Reservation Request for the Manhattan Pastors Prayer Group for National Day of Prayer Observance from 12:00 (noon) - 1:00 p.m. on May 5, 2011. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign a letter of support for the Riley County Child Exchange and Visitation Center- Sunflower Bridge (CASA). Lewis second-

ed. Carried 3-0. Johnson moved to sign a letter of support for CASA's application to the Crime Victim's Assistance fund. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign a letter of congratulations to John Wolf, Jr. for his outstanding accomplishment of earning the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$204,326.62 and the following warrant vouchers for March 25, 2011:

- 2011 Budget**
- County General \$217,023.15
 - Riley Co Juvenile Service 6,653.83
 - Motor Vehicle Operations 4,751.00
 - Special Alcohol 1,875.00
 - 21st Jud Dist Teen Court 913.66
 - Riley Co Adult Services 7,007.75
 - Capital Improvements Fund 16,184.81
 - Workers Compensation Rsrsv 76.63
 - Solid Waste 4,976.80
 - County Building 4,437.64
 - Road & Bridge Cap Project 7,961.77
 - RCPD Levy/Op 4,565.68
 - Resourceful KS Energy Grt 68,658.82
 - Landfill Closure 624.38
 - Riley Co Fire Dist #1 11,367.22
 - University Park W&S 2,290.92
 - Hunters Island Water Dist 1,419.14
 - Deep Creek Sewer 58.00
 - Moehlman Bottoms 859.11
 - Valleywood Operations 37.42
 - Terra Heights Sewer 576.30

Konza Water Operations 2,961.25
 Konza Water Cap Reserve 2,317.90
TOTAL.....\$367,598.18
 Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Contract Agreement with Gideon Excavating, Inc. for the Riley County-Manhattan Health Department parking lot replacement in the amount of \$34,988.00, which will be paid from the Health Department budget. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wedel presented a grant of license to use a portion of utility easement for a resident to connect to the Konza sewer.

Johnson moved to approve a "Grant of License to use a portion of Utility Easement." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2011 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh suggested placing funds in the 2011 budget for a county administrator.

Lewis stated he is open to discussing the matter.

Johnson said it would need to be studied first. Johnson said at one time Riley County reviewed it and the projected cost was \$310,000.00.

Vargo stated the Board will need to come to a consensus on the amount to be budgeted for a county manager office in 2012.

McCulloh stated she would like someone to represent the Board in various negotiations on behalf of Riley County.

9:00 Barry Wilkerson, County Attorney

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Wilkerson said mental illnesses continue to be a concern due to the lack of services and State cuts in funding.

Wilkerson discussed the County Attorney's office activities.

9:15 Budget and Planning Committee - Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Shepek presented a CIP, a county building, an economic development, and a 1/2 cent sales tax update.

9:30 Robert Nall, Information Technology Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Nall presented an Information Technology department staff report.

McCulloh asked, how will the Riley County Police Department and the emergency services be impacted by the Voice over IP system?

Nall stated virtually no

change of service for those agencies.

Nall described the Voice over IP system.

Lewis discussed making improvements to the sound system in the Board of County Commissioner Chambers.

9:48 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Holeman stated SB40 on repairs to public buildings due to emergencies is in House Appropriations and needs to be moved to Senator Reitz's committee in order to move forward.

Holeman discussed the State fire sprinkler bill, which forbids counties from requiring sprinkler systems in new construction. Holeman stated our local delegation has been asked to oppose the bill.

Holeman presented the contract with KDOT for the Scenic Drive and K-18 Project.

Rosewicz stated Riley County will take on some maintenance responsibilities for a short section of the Eureka Tributary and small sections of some roads.

Johnson moved to approve an Agreement with KDOT for the Scenic Drive and K-18 project. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:20 Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Rosewicz said the Riley County Solid Waste Facility accepts trees and brush for disposal from the public and commercial enterprises. In 2010, over 7,500 tons of this material were delivered to the site. While this amount varies somewhat year to year, depending on severe storms and clearing of property for development, it has consistently remained in this range. The stockpile of

trees and brush has been eliminated by periodic burning in the past. This process, while not the most desirable, has proven to be the most economical up to now.

Rosewicz said recently, Riley County was approached by representatives of Garick, LLC with an offer to grind and haul away the trees and brush collected at the Riley County site at no cost to Riley County.

Rosewicz said Garick, LLC currently operates the Yard Materials Recycling Facility for the City of Topeka. They also have a contract with the Frito Lay Company to furnish biomass to the plant located in Topeka, which in turn, is converted to energy used in various plant operations.

Rosewicz said thousands of tons of trees and brush are received at the Solid Waste Facility annually.

Rosewicz said burning of the stockpile presents several problems: weather conditions must be considered to avoid smoke drifting over the city, snow cover or heavy recent rainfall must be present to prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining properties, large logs and tree root balls sometimes take two weeks or more to completely burn, and residue and ash must be wasted at other locations on the site. Additionally, at times, the maximum storage capacity of the site has been severely tested due to the lack of proper weather conditions for burning.

Rosewicz said staff requests authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for services to periodically remove trees and brush accumulated at the Riley County Solid Waste Facility. The request would allow any other entity interested in providing this service an opportunity to submit a proposal. No cost for the service to Riley County would be a requirement. Scheduling of the work would be addressed in the proposal.

Rosewicz recommended the Board authorize Public Works staff to issue a Request for Proposals for the periodic removal of trees and brush accumulated at the Riley County Solid Waste Facility.

P. Collins stated the Riley County Fire Department is in favor of the change to reduce fire risk.

P. Collins stated there may be some concern from those who get free firewood at the transfer station.

Messer stated there are a couple of commercial contractors who dump tree waste in other locations, which cause fire hazards. Messer asked, would they allow the companies to bring in their tree waste?

Rosewicz said yes, but they would be charged \$3 per ton.

Johnson moved to authorize Public Works staff to issue a Request for Proposals for the periodic removal of trees and brush accumulated at the Riley County Solid Waste Facility. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:35 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Laurie Harrison, Emergency Management Coordinator; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

P. Collins said he would like to propose that the Emergency Management office be the BETA test for the county and allow staff to carry their issued card on their person for a three month period.

P. Collins said we have now carried the cards successfully for several months without incident. Carrying the card allows staff to make purchases with the card on-site without returning to the office and saves the sales tax if the employee were to purchase it and be reimbursed.

Shepek stated our current p-card policies are very limiting and have not allowed us to eliminate open accounts. Shepek stated Riley County received \$12,398.00 in revenue sharing from p-card purchases. Shepek discussed the p-card process, which is easier to manage than the typical purchase process.

Vargo stated some public entities such as Johnson County require all purchases be done by p-card due to the revenue sharing.

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Minutes

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Holeman asked, would department heads have discretion to allow employees to carry purchase cards on their person?

Shepek stated yes. Johnson moved to revise the purchase card policies to allow department heads the discretion to allow employees to carry the Riley County p-card on their person. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:50 Laurie Harrison, Emergency Management Coordinator

Johnson moved to approve "Resolution No. 032411-05, Resolution approving a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:52 Lewis moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

March 28, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building March 28, 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; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; and Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

Shepek discussed consolidated dispatch. Meredith stated Governor

Brownback will attend the Wind Turbine Ribbon Cutting on April 13th.

Peterson presented a herbicide bid summary.

Company
2,4-D
Ester
2,4-D
Amine
Van Diest Supply Company \$13.64 per gallon
\$10.54 per gallon
Sims Fertilizer and Chemical \$14.59 per gallon
\$10.52 per gallon
Vegetation Management Supply, Inc. (VMS) No bid
\$12.25 per gallon
CPS \$10.24 per gallon*
\$14.35 per gallon*
*CPS has requested that their bid be withdrawn due to inadvertently switching the per gallon prices on the 2,4-D Ester and the 2,4-D Amine

Peterson recommended the Board accept the bids from Van Diest Supply to supply 2,4-D Ester in the amount of \$13.64 per gallon and Sims Fertilizer & Chemical for 2,4-D Amine in the \$10.52 per gallon and to allow the withdrawal of the bids from CPS.

Johnson moved to accept the bids submitted by Van Diest Supply to supply 2,4-D Ester in the amount of \$13.64 per gallon and Sims Fertilizer & Chemical for 2,4-D Amine in the \$10.52 per gallon and to allow the withdrawal of the bids from CPS. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Shepek presented the Riley County-Manhattan Health Department Early Childhood Block Grant match request.

Johnson moved to approve the \$20,020.00 match for the

\$364,000.00 Early Childhood Block Grant. The funding will be from the General Services budget. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2011 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

John Kurtz, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

Holeman stated SB40 is now in line for discussion in appropriations.

Holeman discussed USD 383's request for permanent easement for Bishop Stadium at CiCo Park.

9:30 Press Conference

Diane Reichuber, CASA; Eileen King, Treasurer; and Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

Reichuber reported CASA will recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, known as "Blue Ribbon Month."

Reichuber stated 173 youths have been served by the Riley County CASA.

Reichuber discussed Blue Ribbon Month activities.

King reported the following on March vehicle renewals: Thursday, March 31, 2011 - All "B" tags are due. MUST SHOW CURRENT INSURANCE CARD ON EACH VEHICLE. Renewal forms or other forms need to be signed by registered owner, if not present. MILITARY must present active duty ID, LES and Orders/ORB/ERB for Personal

Property tax exemption. A work station outside our office is available for military personnel to access the information needed.

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 reported as of March 24, 2011, 382 Riley County residents have participated in advance voting.

Vargo reported the Riley County Commission Meetings will be held at following locations: Ogden Community Center, 220 Willow Street on Thursday, April 7th, Randolph City Hall, 108 W. Randolph on Thursday, April 28th, Leonardville Community Building, 118 N. Erpelding on Thursday, May 12th, Riley Centre, 902 W. Walnut Street on Thursday, May 19th.

9:45 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Julie Winter, Office Manager; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; John Kurtz, KMAN; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; and Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

Hobson discussed continuing to upgrade portions of the CPE Building. Hobson discussed replacing the ceiling tile and painting of the Board of County Commission Chambers.

Lewis suggested ceiling speakers could be installed during the process.

Hobson said staff will be meeting with City and KDOT staffs to discuss the K-18 ramp to the airport and sources of

local funding.

Hobson discussed Public Works projects.

Hobson stated the estimates to repair the McDowell Creek bridge are \$150,000.00 - \$200,000.00. Hobson said it could be funded as a project with the current 1/2 cent sales tax funds.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to pursue a design con-

tract for the repair of the McDowell Creek project. The design will be funded through the 1/2 cent sales tax funds, if appropriate.

10:14 Lewis moved to adjourn after the Intergovernmental Luncheon. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:00 Intergovernmental Luncheon at Holiday Inn at campus

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Wildcat Offense Explodes in Win over No. 5 Texas A&M

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jared King's first collegiate home run highlighted a four-run fifth inning as Kansas State topped No. 5 Texas A&M, 9-4, Sunday afternoon at Tointon Family Stadium.

In addition, Nick Martini set what is believed to be an NCAA record of consecutive games reaching base safely at 87 when he doubled in the second inning.

K-State salvaged the final game of a three-game series against the Aggies and improved to 16-11 overall and 2-7 in Big 12 play. Texas A&M fell to 22-6 on the year and 7-2 in conference action.

The Aggies tied the game at 4-4 in the top of the fifth on a RBI single by Krey Bratsen. In the Wildcats' half of the inning, Nick Martini and Jason King led off with singles before Wade Hinkle sacrificed both runners into scoring position. Texas A&M starting pitcher Ross Stripling (5-2) then uncorked a pair of wild pitches to bring home two runs.

One of the wild pitches came during a swinging strike-

out of Mike Kindel, allowing the K-State right-fielder to reach safely. Jared King followed by lifting his two-run homer over the wall in right-center field to increase the lead to 8-4.

"I thought the kids were extremely tough today and persevered," head coach Brad Hill said. "We were much better offensively this weekend and that was against a pretty good pitching staff. I told our hitters I wanted to win this game with offense today. I didn't want to sit on it and rely on our pitchers to have to do it."

Kansas State's nine runs and 13 hits were the most given up by Texas A&M this season as the Aggies surrendered more than five runs for just the second time this year. K-State also had 10 or more hits in all three contests after Texas A&M had allowed 10 or more in just four other games entering the weekend.

The Wildcats finished the series hitting .308 against a pitching staff that had yielded an opponent batting average of .216 entering play on Friday.

Martini led Kansas State by



Wade Hinkle (34) slides into 3rd and scored 2 runs for the Wildcats.

going 3-for-5 with a two-RBI double in the second inning.

"He was really locked in today," Hill said of the junior

outfielder. "For him to come back after (going 0-for-4) yesterday, you can tell he was much more focused today. He had huge at-bats all day long. The streak is hard to describe. His ability to be unselfish and not swing at bad pitches for that many games is phenomenal."

Tanner Witt, Jason King and Jared King added two hits apiece for K-State. Jason King hit a home run in the first inning — his third of the week — while Jared King drove in three RBI.

Freshman reliever Jared Moore picked up the first victory of his career, throwing 1.1 scoreless innings. The left-hander induced an inning-ending ground out with runners on the corners in the fifth inning before working around a two-out double in the sixth.

Closer James Allen recorded his eighth save of the season, just one shy of his career-high set last season. The junior pitched the final three innings, surrendering two hits with no walks and a trio of strikeouts.

Texas A&M scored a pair of runs in the first inning on a RBI groundout by Jacob House, while a passed ball plated another run.

The Cats quickly tied the score when Jason King blasted his homer over the wall in right field with two outs, followed by a Hinkle triple and a RBI double by Kindel.

Martini's double in the second pushed Kansas State to a 4-2 lead, but Texas A&M knotted the game at 4-4 on RBI singles by Bratsen in the third and fifth frames. Bratsen led the Aggies by going 3-for-5 with two RBI.

K-State added a run in the seventh inning when Jared King smacked a RBI double into the gap in left-center field to push the Wildcat lead to five.

Kansas State returns to action on Friday, April 8, as the Wildcats host Oklahoma for a three-game Big 12 series. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., while the pregame tailgate begins at 5 p.m., in the picnic area beyond the left-field wall.

To order tickets for the Oklahoma series, or any of the remaining home games during the 2011 season, fans can call the K-State Athletics Ticket office at (800) 221-CATS, visit www.k-statesports.com/tickets or visit the office inside Bramlage Coliseum.



K-State's Kayvon Bahramzadeh (23) reaches out to tag Texas A&M's Matt Juengel (17) as he goes to slide into home.



K-State's Gerardo Esquivel (21) winds up for the pitch.



Tanner Witt (5) starts his swing at the ball and scored 1 run for the Wildcats.

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