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(Editor's Note: This is the Guideline Booklet for Owners, Property Managers and Tenants to be used for the City of Manhattan Rental Inspection Program. It is very basic, the problem is the Manhattan Codes department can read it anyway they want and make the renter or landlord do anything they want.)

"Along with this Guideline the City Inspectors also use the newest of the Code Books on building codes. If a house or apartment was built to Code four or five years ago, it will not get the Inspectors approval," The Free Press.

Residential Rental Property Maintenance Inspection Guidelines

Intended for:

- Owners • Property Managers and Agents • Tenants

This brochure is not intended to be a complete set of code requirements, but rather a guide for better understanding of the items an inspector will be looking at during an inspection for a rental license.

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Exterior Property

Sanitation

The yard around the structure is to be:

- . Clean
- . Safe
- . Sanitary

Rubbish Storage Facilities

Approved containers with tight fitting lids shall be provided.

Grading & Drainage

No areas where standing water can accumulate

Rodent Harborage

No conditions which might harbor rodents such as rank vegetation, rubbish or garbage stored outside of containers

Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs

Pools and hot tubs shall be:

- . Clean
- . Safe
- . Sanitary

And if more than 24" deep, shall have an enclosure (fence or wall) which is:

- . At least 48" high

With a spacing or pattern such that a 4" diameter sphere cannot pass through

- . Self-closing and self-latching gates

Exterior Structure

Address Posted

The address shall be posted so that it is plainly visible from the street in contrasting numbers at least 4" in height

Structural Members

Structural members are items such as porch columns, deck structures, stair supports and similar items. Those items should be:

- . Plumb & sized correctly
- . Free from rot or termite damage
- . Anchored sufficiently
- . Foundations shall be plumb and free from open breaks

Exterior Surfaces and Misc. Items

Around the remainder of the exterior:

. No holes or rotten materials in walls. Walls must be weatherproof

. Roofs must be leak free and drained to prevent a nuisance

. Stairways, decks and porches structurally sound and in good repair

. Handrails on any stair over 4 risers and guardrails on any deck, porch or landing more than 30" above the ground

. Window and door frames in good condition and weather tight

. Glass not broken

. Insect screens required from April 1—December 1

. Exterior windows within 6' of the ground or a walking surface shall have working locks

. Exterior doors are to be lockable (without a key from the inside), good condition and weather tight

. Basement hatchways protected against entry of water and rodents

Interior Structure

Windows

Windows are to be:

- . Easy to open (unless a fixed window)
- . Capable of staying open on their own without propping items underneath

Structural members

Interior structural members are items such as floor joists, beams, rafters, load bearing walls and similar items. They must be:

- . Sized adequately

See Rental Inspection page 3

Don't Fix The Rental Inspection Program, Kill It

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

The former and present Liberal City Commissioners, the City Staff and the Manhattan Mercury want the two new City Commissioners to "compromise" on the Rental Inspection Program.

The Rental Inspection Program was not needed in 2009 when it was passed on a 3-1-1 vote. At the time four different inspection programs were being conducted for safety issues on apartments in Manhattan.

The Manhattan Fire Department inspects all buildings with three or more apartments. They look for safety issues that are in the Code Book. They do a very good job.

If you want to rent to people at Fort Riley your property must pass an inspection by the Post Housing Department. They look for safety issues and

Remember the April Elections - Don't change the program, Kill the thing.

they have a long list of other issues they look for. They do a very good job.

If you want to rent to people on Section 8 you must have your property inspected by the Area on Aging. They also look for safety issues and they have the federal housing inspection list. They do a very good job.

And if a renter has a problem with the property they can call the City of Manhattan and the Housing Department will send out an inspector. Any kind of problem can be taken up by the Housing Office. They do a very good job.

The Free Press said in 2009,

the City wants to get rid of the older apartments and the renter who can only pay \$400 to \$800 a month. They want these homes turned back into the beautiful one family homes from 100-years ago. "With an out-house in the back yard."

Two weeks ago the City of Manhattan took five "Renter" into court for having "a dirty house", "doors and hardware not in working order" and "holes in the walls". Four of the five received a 15-day jail sentence.

City Staff points out that the renters did not go to jail but were given 9-months probation. They were given 15-days in jail and they will have to serve that time if they do not pass the next inspection.

As the Free Press said in 2009 when they were passing this thing, in most cases, it is not the plumbing or electrical that is so bad it is the way these

people live.

The Rental Inspector gave 55 code violations against the house and the renters above. Fifty of the 55 violations were against the Renters not the landlord.

When told at the last City Commission meeting that the public must be brought into the process of removing the Rental Inspection Program, John Motta said, "the public has been involved, that was what happened in the last election. He was right. The voters picked Motta and Wynn Butler, who campaigned on rolling back the Rental Inspection Program and the Sexual Orientation Discrimination Ordinance, the candidate who ran on keeping everything came in last. Motta,

Butler and Loren Pepper should remember that vote and vote to kill the Rental Inspection Program not just remove some of the spots.

Tax Fights Shaping Up In Legislature

By Gene Meyer

KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Count on a tax fight shaping up sometime after Kansas legislators return to Topeka Wednesday to finish budget work for the 2011 session.

Leaders of the Kansas House say they want to revive a plan currently in Senate limbo that would phase out personal income taxes in the state and also substantially cut corporate income taxes. Their aim, they say, is to make help make Kansas a more attractive investment target than the dismal 48th place the Sunflower State achieved in a recent national survey by the Ernst & Young LLP national consulting giant.

Kansas House Speaker Mike O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican, said the survey ranked Kansas lower than it accurately should be on such a

list because Ernst & Young researchers for consistency's sake, didn't count a variety of state-specific tax incentives that Kansas and many other states offer.

But the main point of the Kansas analysis in the report, which is that the state does less than many others to retain and expand jobs and investment, is valid, O'Neal said.

"It's a wakeup call," he said. "Now is the time to act."

State Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley of Topeka, that body's highest ranking Democrat, said Tuesday that he also will proposing some major tax changes this week. Hensley's proposal, for which details are still emerging, calls for decoupling major parts of Kansas individual and business tax codes from federal tax rules on which many state calculations are based now.

Hensley said he is proposing to decouple state and federal tax policies to give Kansas more control over its own fiscal fortunes. A mid-April recalculation of projected tax revenue streams on which state budgets are based showed that those revenues would have produced a modest surplus in the state's expected 2012 budget if federal tax changes weren't reducing previously projected revenues by about \$53 million for the year.

Uncoupling Kansas taxes would help balance the state's budgets without cutting school aid and other programs as deeply as many House members are proposing now, Hensley said.

"It should be on the table now to help reduce our 2012 deficit," Hensley said.

State Rep. Richard Carlson, a St. Mary's Republican and

chairman of the House Taxation Committee, also advocates acting now to help make Kansas more attractive for business investment, but said making changes on the scale addressed by Ernst & Young would take more time than legislators have between now and the expected end of the current session early next month.

The report concludes that issues such as competitiveness and attractiveness to business investors aren't due to single tax decisions but to whole systems of them that need to be examined and evaluated by how they work together.

"I think that's what we've been talking about in more general terms for the last couple of years," Carlson said, "but I think it's the first time I've seen it put together like this,"

Medicare As We've Known It Isn't An Option

By Betsy McCaughey

The Democratic Party is urging Americans to choose Medicare as we've always known it rather than a new plan by Rep. Paul Ryan (R., Wis.) that would enroll seniors in private health insurance beginning in 2022. This choice is a hoax: Medicare as we've always known it is already gone. It was eviscerated by President Obama's health law. Yet if the president and the Democratic Party successfully bamboozle voters, they may win back independents and registered Democrats who voted for Republicans in 2010. The 2012 election could turn on this falsehood.

The truth is that the Obama health law reduces future funding for Medicare by \$575 billion over the next 10 years and spends the money on other programs, including a vast expansion of Medicaid. In 2019, Medicare spending under the Obama health law is projected to be \$14,731 per senior, instead of \$16,162 if the law had not passed, according to Medicare actuaries (Health Affairs, October 2010).

Such cuts might be justifiable if the savings extended the financial life of Medicare. Mr. Obama and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius frequently make that

Paul Ryan's premium support plan is preferable to Obama's rationing panel

false claim. Indeed, even Medicare's mailings to seniors repeat the claim that reducing spending on Medicare will make it more financially secure for future years.

The fact is that Mr. Obama's law raids Medicare. Mr. Ryan's plan, on the other hand, stops the Medicare heist and puts the funds "saved" in this decade toward health care for another generation of retirees.

Beginning in 2022, the Ryan plan offers each new Medicare enrollee a choice of private health plans and a premium paid to the plan they choose. The key is that the premium will be equivalent to what Medicare is projected to spend under the Obama health law: \$15,000 a year on average, more for the oldest enrollees, less for the youngest, all inflation adjusted.

Still, critics are howling that seniors will suffer under Mr. Ryan's plan. A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report claims that the \$15,000 premium will quickly become inadequate

because the cost of private health plans will outpace Medicare costs.

The CBO conclusion, reverberating nationwide, is that this will force seniors to "bear a much larger share of their health costs," and that it "would be particularly challenging for elderly people with less savings and lower income."

The CBO authors admit their analysis is "stylized." Deceptive is more like it.

After 2022, competing private plans are likely to control costs better than government-run Medicare, so the inflation-adjusted premium paid by government should be adequate. In the Medicare Part D drug benefit, competition between competing private drug plans has kept costs below what was predicted-nearly a first for a government program. A 2008 study from the National Bureau of Economic Research also demonstrated that regions with competing Medicare Advantage Plans have lower health-care costs because of the impact of competition.

The Ryan proposal also includes a \$7,800 annual medical savings account to help low-income seniors with out-of-pocket costs. Amazingly, the CBO analysts exclude this \$7,800 benefit from their calculations. Their warning about

low-income seniors suffering is baseless.

So what can retiring Americans count on in 2022 and after? The Obama health law leaves that up to an unelected board of presidential appointees called the Independent Payment Advisory Board, a cost-cutting panel.

The board is a radical departure from Medicare as we've known it. Congress cedes nearly all control of Medicare spending to the board on the rationale that budgeting decisions should be shielded from outraged seniors and political pressures. On April 13, the president reiterated that the board would decide what care is "unnecessary" for seniors. Even the CBO cautioned that as the nation's debt crisis worsens, benefits will be put on the board's chopping block.

Will Americans now in their 40s and 50s choose to put their health care in the hands of this cost-cutting board, or pick their own health plan when they retire? Whatever decision the nation makes should not turn on the false claim that President Obama has protected Medicare.

Ms. McCaughey is chairman of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths and a former lieutenant governor of New York state.

That's The Brakes by Jon A. Brake
The U.S. Debt has been going up for years. This week it was reported that 42 cents out of every dollar spent by the U.S. is borrowed money.
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Obituaries

Mary Lee Cochran

Mary Lee Cochran, 59, died Wednesday, April 20, at her home in Manhattan as a result of pancreatic cancer.

Mary Lee was born July 25, 1951, in Memphis, Tennessee, the daughter of Dorothy Lyle Cox. Early on, she gravitated toward music, studying piano and flute, and she became principal flutist with the Memphis Youth Symphony. She graduated from Messick High School in 1969, after which she matriculated at Memphis State University, majoring in music performance.

In 1972, Mary Lee wed her high school sweetheart Alfred Cochran and they moved to Fort Meade, Maryland. Three years later, after competitive auditions, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was assigned to the United States Marine Band, Washington, D.C., for service in the newly-formed United

States Armed Forces Bicentennial Band, a multi-service ensemble made up of musicians from the Washington, D.C. military bands and choruses. During her two years of service, Staff Sergeant Cochran was a featured soloist with the organization and toured throughout the country, performing in all 50 state capitals, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Mexico, Canada, and Puerto Rico, and in America's top concert halls, including Avery Fischer Hall, New York City, Severance Hall, Cleveland, and the Dorothy L. Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles. Following her honorable discharge from the Marine Corps in 1977, Mary Lee auditioned for, as was offered a position as flutist with, the United States Army Field Band, Washington, D.C. She declined that offer, however, opting instead to continue her university studies at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Between 1977 and 1979, Mary

Lee completed her bachelor's degree, master's degree, and all the course work for her doctorate (all in flute performance), whereupon she moved to Manhattan, KS, with her husband. She soon began a teaching association with the KSU Department of Music and completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 1984. During her years of graduate work, she studied with the principal flutists of the New York Philharmonic, the Baltimore Symphony, and the Washington National Symphony Orchestra. Mary Lee was granted a tenure track position as the flute teacher at Kansas State University and held the rank of Associate Professor at the time of her death. A passionate believer in affording access to quality music education to all interested persons, Mary Lee maintained a home studio in which she taught many talented young people and adults.

Mary Lee and Alfred have four children, all of whom were born in Manhattan and are

musicians, each having studied piano and violin. Jenny Lee was born in 1981, while Dory Ann and Laura Beth followed in 1986, with Tyler Alden in 1994.

Throughout her adult life, Mary Lee pursued an avid interest in antiques and gardening. These passions took her to shops, establishments, and gardens throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe, and they gave her unlimited pleasure and excitement. She had a natural green thumb, and it was a source of amusement early in her marriage when an unidentified neighbor in Maryland dropped an ailing plant at her doorstep to be brought back to full vigor through her ministrations. Such occurrences continued throughout her life and she was always successful in her rehabilitative efforts.

Mary Lee was a true daughter of the best of the Old South, and she proudly maintained a pronounced and delightful Southern accent through the

years, as well as a sweetness of disposition, a genuine politeness and respect for other people, and a caring and gentle spirit—all of which were central to her character and personality. The home that she created was one of elegance, warmth, comfort, and charm. She was a passionate advocate of human rights and social justice and was a longtime member of First Congregational Church (UCC), Manhattan.

This past August, Mary Lee was invited to present a paper at the British Flute Society's annual meeting in Manchester, England, and she followed that presentation with research at Versailles, Monet's home in Giverny, and in Paris. Shortly before her death, she received an invitation to travel this summer to the Conservatorium of Music at the University of Tasmania to assist with their graduate program in music, but her sudden illness made that trip impossible.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Lyle

Cox, Manhattan, her maternal grandparents John D. and Gracie Lyle, and her uncle Dean Lyle. She is survived by her husband Alfred and her children, Jenny Lee and her husband Bernie Vaughn, Shaker Heights, OH, and Dory Ann, Laura Beth, and Tyler Alden, Manhattan.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m., at First Congregational Church (UCC), Manhattan.

Donations in Mary Lee's honor may be made to the Mary Lee Cochran Memorial Fund at the Kansas State University Foundation or to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research.

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

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

Lisa Anne Morgan

Lisa Anne Morgan, age 51, of Manhattan, died April 25, 2011, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born August 15, 1959, in Marysville, Kansas, to parents Donald and Evelyn (Thompson) Smith.

Lisa graduated from Marysville High School in 1977 in Marysville, Kansas. She later earned her Bachelor's

degree in Education and her Master's degree in Special Education at Kansas State University.

She was a teacher in Wamego, Hays, Junction City, and Central City, NE, prior to moving to Manhattan. In Manhattan she taught at Lee Elementary before teaching at Marlatt Elementary, which became her second family and where she currently taught fourth grade. She was considered by many to be their favorite teacher, and was awarded the Bob Srack teaching award, as voted by her

peers, in 2004.

Lisa was a member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, served as a Deacon, was active with the book club and the Local and Global Outreach Ministry. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and KNEA.

She loved all of her "kids" -- her students as well as her biological children -- and spending time with her family.

On June 25, 2005, she married Richard Morgan at Peace Lutheran Church in Manhattan. She was previously married to Dean Stramel, the father of her

son and daughter.

Those left to mourn her passing are her husband Richard of the home; four children, Luke Stramel of Manhattan, Anna Stramel of Baldwin City, Kyle Morgan and his wife, Mindy, of St. George, and Dustin Morgan and his wife, Megan, of Wamego; one sister, Susan Moore of Chuckey, TN; and her brother-in-law, Dennis Maybon of Norton. Lisa was looking forward to becoming a grandparent for the first time in mid-May.

Lisa was preceded in death by her parents; one brother,

Alan Smith; and one sister, Nan Smith.

Cremation is planned with memorial services to be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, with Reverends Paul J. Allen IV and Christy Dew officiating. Inurnment will follow in Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

Lisa's family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen

Funeral Home.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Donald L. Kelley

Donald L. Kelley, age 84, of Manhattan, died April 24, 2011, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born November 23, 1926, in Manhattan, the son of Earl Lynn and Emma Viola (Messick) Kelley, and had been a lifetime Manhattan resident.

Mr. Kelley worked for 21 years in housekeeping and as a

night watchman at Memorial Hospital and later as a weekend night watchman at Manhattan High School.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Manhattan. He enjoyed spending time around people and was a very well known in Manhattan. He also enjoyed woodworking, music and had a wonderful record collection.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Earl W. Kelley in 1989; and by one

nephew, Terry Kelley.

Survivors include two nieces: Karen York of Princeton, KS, and Kristy Welch of, Ohio; and ten great nieces and nephews; one great-great niece and two great-great nephews.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday April 26 at Valley View Memorial Gardens Cemetery east of Manhattan, with Reverend Dr. Keith Wiens officiating. Family and friends are invited to meet

at 10:15 A.M. Tuesday April 26 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home to form a procession to the cemetery.

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

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

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Eleanor Pauline Daily

Eleanor Pauline Daily, age 85, of Manhattan, died April 20, 2011, at the Stoneybrook Retirement Community in Manhattan.

She was born July 29, 1925, in Los Angeles, California, the daughter of Wilfred and Mary (Cote) Marcotte. She grew up in the Los Angeles area, and had lived in Concordia, KS, for several years prior to moving to

Manhattan in 1952.

She had worked at Kansas State University as the switchboard operator for the Veterinary College until her retirement.

Eleanor was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Eagles Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing Bingo and taking trips to the casinos.

On September 11, 1944, in Marysville, Kansas, she was married to Eugene A. Daily. He

preceded her in death on April 25, 1991. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Day on April 8, 2011, and by her brother, Bernard Marcotte.

Survivors include her son, Leon Daily of Cuba, Missouri; four grandchildren: Dawn Reid, Brenda Gonzalez, Shannon and Brandon Daily; and four great-grandchildren, Morgan Valderaz, Jennice Reid, Ashley Brown and Anthony Reid.

No services are planned.

Mrs. Daily bequeathed her body to the Kansas University Medical Center.

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

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

Dorthea Idell Niemoeller

Dorthea Idell Niemoeller, 95, of Manhattan, KS, passed away Wednesday, April 20th. Dorthea was the 3rd and middle child of five, born in Audubon, Iowa on March 14, 1916, a daughter of the late Cecil Adell (Denny) and Richard Ellis Carley. The Carley family moved to the Manhattan area in 1921.

Dorthea married Herbert Niemoeller on Oct. 17, 1936 in Industry, KS and lived in and

around the Manhattan area most of her life. Dorthea was a homemaker and also cared for other children through the years whose mothers had to work outside the home. Dorthea loved piano and taught herself how to play, then shared that knowledge with other children who desired to play. She loved nature and all animals, especially her pets. She was also quite skillful at deciphering cryptograms.

Dorthea is survived by two daughters, Lucie J., wife of Jerry Sochor, of Edmond, OK; Bettie L. wife of Larry Barnes,

of Simla, CO; two sons Richard Niemoeller, husband of Mary, of Livermore, CA; Howard L. husband of Marguerite, of Ocean View, DE; a sister, May, widow of Russell Spear, of Lyons, KS, also surviving are her 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, infant son (Herbert Gary Niemoeller); 3 sisters & husbands (Edna & Marvin Nelson, Lauretta & Robert Abt, Olie "Polly" & Phillip Williams).

A funeral service will be held

on Monday, April 25th at 3:00 pm at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home in Manhattan, with burial following in the Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan.

Friends are invited to call on Saturday April 23 from 1:00 to 6:00pm, and on Sunday from 1:00pm to 8:00pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter, 605 Levy Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502

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Rental Inspection from page one

. Good condition (not damaged by rot, termites, fire etc.) or split, broken and similar conditions

Interior Surfaces & Other Items

. Good, clean and sanitary condition

. No accumulation of rubbish or garbage

. No rodent or insect infestation

. No abandoned refrigerators or freezers either inside or outside

. The rental license and educational poster are posted in a conspicuous location

Stairs, Handrails & Guardrails

. Stairs are in good repair and sound condition

. Handrails installed on stairs over 4 risers high

. Guardrails installed on landings, balconies and open stairs over 30" high

Light, Ventilation & Room Size

Light Requirements

* Habitable Space- Is space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets, hall storage or utility spaces and similar areas are not considered habitable space.

. Habitable spaces as well as common halls and stairways shall be provided with light as follows:

. Natural light through glazed areas (like a window or skylight) of at least 5 square feet or,

. Equivalent artificial light Ventilation Requirements

. Habitable spaces shall be ventilated as follows:

. Natural ventilation (window or door openings) of at least 2 1/2 square feet, or:

. Artificial ventilation from outdoor air equal to required natural ventilation

. Bathrooms shall have an easy to open window or a vent fan that is ducted to the outdoors

. Clothes dryers are to be vented by themselves to the outside

Minimum Room Sizes

. Minimum habitable room dimension in width or length is 7' (except kitchens)

. Kitchens are to have 2' minimum clear passageway between counters and appliances or walls

. Minimum ceiling heights are 7' generally

. A bedroom must contain at least 70 square feet and living rooms 120 square feet unless the unit meets the requirements for an efficiency apartment

Other Occupancy Limitations

. Access to habitable spaces cannot be solely through a bedroom

. A dwelling unit cannot be occupied by more than 4 people, unless all the people are related. Fraternities / sororities & dormitories may be occupied by more than 4 unrelated people, up to the maximum occupant load set by Code & Zoning

. Kitchens and non-habitable spaces shall not be used for sleeping purposes Plumbing

Required fixtures

. A dwelling unit shall contain at least the following minimum plumbing fixtures:

. Bathtub or shower

. Bathroom and kitchen sink

. Toilet

Water System and Drainage System

The following are requirements of the plumbing for water and sanitary drainage systems:

. Hot and cold water must be present in sufficient quantities to permit fixtures and equipment to function properly

. No cross connections between the water system and sanitary sewer system

. All fixtures shall be appropriately connected to an adequate drain

. The plumbing system shall be free from leaks

. Storm drainage not directed onto neighboring properties

Water Heaters

The following are items required for water heaters:

. If gas burning, vented correctly

. If gas burning, does it have adequate combustion air that does not come from a bedroom or bathroom

. A temperature and pressure (T&P) relief valve installed in the top 6" of the tank

. The T&P valve has a drip leg unreduced in size and routed through an air gap to a floor, a drain or receptacle

Mechanical & Electrical

Mechanical Appliances and Gas Piping

Mechanical appliances shall meet the following requirements:

. Permanent heating appliances shall be capable of providing heat up to at least 65 degrees minimum

. Gas lines shall have shut off valves at each appliance, be sized correctly and be of proper materials (i.e. not copper)

. Fuel burning appliances shall be vented correctly to the exterior

. Fuel burning appliances shall have adequate combustion air which comes from the outside or a space inside (not a bedroom or bathroom) that is large enough to serve the appliances

. Mechanical appliances shall be maintained with the listed clearances

Electrical Service

The electrical service to the building is that portion from the point of the Westar connection to the building to the first main disconnect. It must be:

. At least 60 amp for each dwelling unit or more if the load demand requires it

. Have a main disconnect

. If overhead electric service, be at least 10' above ground to the overhead conductors

All Electrical Wiring and Equipment

. Be maintained in good condition. No frayed or cracked insulation or wiring exposed to physical damage. Typically, any wiring exposed to the exterior or habitable interior spaces shall be enclosed in a conduit or within the building construction. Also, no exposed live electrical parts

. Temporary holiday lighting may only be left in place for 90 days max

. At least two separate and remote receptacles in each habitable room. One minimum in the laundry room and bathroom. The receptacles shall not be overloaded

. Over-fusing is not permitted. Normally 30 amp fuses in a typical fuse box are too large. Panel box shall be labeled with location of each circuit

Means of Exiting & Fire Ratings

General Exiting

All occupied spaces shall have exiting to the exterior which is:

. Continuous (i.e. no long dead end corridors)

. Unobstructed

Lockable Doors

Shall be easily opened from the inside without

. Keys

. Special knowledge or special effort

Emergency Exiting

A window or door leading directly to the exterior is required in basement bedrooms and shall be:

. Minimum of four square feet of openable area

. No less than 18" in width or height when open

. Not more than 48" from floor to sill

. Window well 24" minimum. inside dimension

Note; Minimum sizes may be larger in newer buildings.

Fire Resistance Ratings

Walls or ceilings intended to slow the spread of fire are required between:

. Each apartment, whether side by side or up and down

. Apartments and common use corridors

. Common furnace and boiler rooms

And may be constructed of:

. Lath and plaster in existing buildings

. Drywall, or masonry or other approved material

. All openings in the fire rated partitions shall be either fire rated glazing or fire rated doors

Fire Protection

Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler Systems

Where present in existing buildings, fire alarm and sprinkler systems:

. Must be fully functional and,

. Have current annual inspection and service documentation from a qualified company

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors shall be installed and maintained in all residential buildings in all of the following locations:

. In each bedroom

. In every story including basements. These shall be in the vicinity of the sleeping rooms if present on that floor level

. Power for smoke detectors may be solely battery operated in existing buildings built or converted prior to 1979. All newer buildings require power to be supplied from the building wiring system with a battery backup

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained in residential rental buildings generally as follows:

. In each dwelling unit, or:

. If more than one unit, in the common hallways with a maximum of 75' travel distance from occupied points in the building to extinguishers

. Extinguishers shall be a minimum size rating of 2A:10B:C and have a current annual service tag attached

Class A fires - Wood, paper and trash

Class B fires - Flammable liquids and gases

Class C fires - Live electrical equipment

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911

Riley County Police: 785-537-2112

Code Services: 785-587-4506

Westar: 1-800-544-4857

Kansas Gas: 1-800-794-4780

Water: 785-587-2480

Water (after hours): 785-587-4540

Animal Control: 785-587-2783

Animal Control After Hours: 785-537-2112

licensed

by the Code Services Division of the Fire Department.

Licenses are renewed annually and require property owners to submit their units to routine rental inspections based on the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

To review a copy of the adopted International Property Maintenance Code, visit Code Services at the address listed below.

For more information about the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program, please contact the Code Services Division via the contact information listed below.

A dwelling unit must also comply with the Manhattan Zoning Regulations. Approval by the Rental Inspection Program does not indicate that the dwelling unit is lawful under the zoning regulations. You should contact the Community Development Department to determine zoning compliance.

Call (785) 587-2412 for more information. Code Services

K-State Sweeps Texas Tech 4-1

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State earned its first Big 12 sweep of the season and its first ever over Texas Tech as the Wildcats registered a 4-1 win Saturday afternoon at Tointon Family Stadium.

For a third-straight day, pitching propelled the Cats to the victory as starter Matt Applegate struck out 13 batters in seven innings before James Allen collected his third save of the series en route to breaking the Kansas State records for career- and single-season saves.

The Wildcats improved to 24-15 on the year and 8-10 in Big 12 play. Texas Tech, which was swept by a conference opponent for the second time this season, dropped to 24-18 overall and 6-12 in the Big 12.

Applegate (4-2) arguably put together the best performance of his career as he recorded the most strikeouts by a Wildcat since Jim Ripley also had 13 in 2004. His strikeout total was just one shy of the most in the Big 12 this season, while Applegate more than doubled his previous career high of six.

The right-hander fanned six of the first nine batters he faced to equal his career-high in the third inning. In that frame, a hit batter and a single resulted in the only run Applegate surrendered. The Wichita native slammed the door on Texas Tech as he struck out the next two batters to give him eight in just three innings.

Applegate walked just one Red Raider — in the seventh inning — but he got out of the inning with a double-play on an outstanding running catch by left-fielder Nick Martini, who threw to second to end the frame.

"That was a phenomenal performance," head coach Brad Hill said of Applegate. "I thought he was outstanding early and the defense came to the rescue late. Those two plays by Jared King in center and the play by Martini really saved us because they were going to tie the game up right there. Applegate competed extremely well and only gave up one run. We made some really great plays behind him to help him out."

Applegate worked seven or more innings for the fourth time this season and the second in his Big 12 starts. He has walked just one batter and struck out 17 in his previous two starts, which have totaled 13.1 innings.

"I knew I was striking out a few guys, but I didn't know I had as many as I did," Applegate said. "I was just going out there and trying to make pitches. I was trying to be consistent and do the same thing I had been doing. The last couple of starts I hadn't been able to limit an inning to just one run. Trying to minimize the inning has been in the back

of my mind when I get into that situation, and I was able to do that today."

After Evan Marshall worked a scoreless eighth, Allen entered the contest and retired Texas Tech to earn his 13th save of the year and the 27th of his career. He broke the school records held by Daniel Edwards, who had 12 saves in 2008 and a career total of 26. Allen became the first Wildcat closer since at least 1999 with three saves in a Big 12 series, and is now tied for seventh for Big 12 career saves.

"Both Evan and James are pitching at a high level right now," Hill said. "James is a kid that is really new as a pitcher. He was a shortstop in high school and was pitching minimally. It's nice to have athletes. Your athletes tend to develop more, and he is an athlete. His arm has gotten quicker and faster, but the biggest thing for him is his competitiveness and composure. He doesn't get rattled in situations. He's a guy you want with the ball for the win at the end of the game."

Allen's three saves on the weekend allowed him to tie Bo Reeder of East Tennessee State for the nation's lead.

"It's a good record, but I just want to get wins," Allen said. "If I pitch or not, it doesn't matter. I just want to see us get wins as a team. If I'm getting saves, then that means we're getting wins. I'm not even going to think about the records until the end of the season because we still have a lot of games left to play."

Jason King tallied a career-high four hits, including his second triple of the series in the seventh inning. He drove in a pair of runs with singles in the first and again in the third, when he plated Martini who led the frame off with a double.

Jared King singled through the right side to drive in his older brother for the second run of the third inning, while Mike Kindel reached on an infield single and scored from third base on a passed ball to put K-State in front 4-1. Jared King and Kindel each had two hits.

Freshman Ross Kivett was 0-for-3 with a walk and a run scored as his hitting streak came to an end at 11 games, the longest by a Wildcat freshman since 1990.

Texas Tech starter Brennan Stewart (2-1) took the loss after lasting just two innings and allowing all four runs on five hits.

Kansas State travels to Bakersfield, Calif., to take on Cal State-Bakersfield in a midweek series, Monday and Tuesday at Hardt Field. Both games of the series begin at 8 p.m. (CT) and can be heard in the Manhattan area on SportsRadio 1350 KMAN and online at www.k-statesports.com and www.1350kman.com.



K-State's Mike Kindel (18) slides into 2nd and avoids being tagged.



K-State's Jake Brown (8) reaches for the catch to make the out.

Photos by Ben Brake



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Editorial Cuba and Geritol Communism

Cuba, America's little communist island neighbor to the south is doing a little bit of government restructuring. Fidel Castro has just finished the last stage of what has been an incremental step-down from power. In 2006, Fidel Castro handed over temporary power to his brother Raúl while the Communist dictator underwent a series of intestinal surgeries. In 2008, Raúl Castro was appointed as president of Cuba but the process was only recently finalized when Cuban President Raúl Castro selected José Ramón Machado as the second in command.

It's difficult to be a hard-line communist country these days and with China turning its economic system decidedly capitalistic; Cuba remains one of the last closest holdouts to the old Soviet Union days when communism had that true Stalinist red flare. But like all the other countries that have attempted the Marxist quest for utopia, communism is also dying out in Cuba, and dying fast. The first signs of change come straight



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from President Raúl Castro. As reported by Randal Archibold in the New York Times, President Castro is publicly recognizing that the Cuban economy has major problems, and he is creating a positive environment for small business expansion. Furthermore, the door has been opened for citizens to buy and sell homes. This is a big deal for communist Cuba.

Outwardly, Cuba still raises the communist banner firmly affixed to the island country following the Fidel Castro revolution that began back in 1959. Machado's appointment temporarily fortified the old com-

unist guard. But even though Machado is an old revolutionary communist hardliner, his appointment also reflects the fragile state of communism in Cuba. The fact of the matter is that communism in Cuba is an old man's game. The hard-line revolutionaries are simply aging away. Fidel Castro, 84, is not long for this world and his younger brother Raúl, 79, is no spring chicken. Despite talks of bringing in new blood to the higher echelons of Cuban government, Machado, 80, is Cuba's current backup plan should President Raúl Castro have to step down. Why not bring in some young successors? The Machado appointment is one of necessity for Castro as years of dictatorial power hoarding have created a Cuba that lacks younger hard-line communist blood. The situation now is that the communist country of Cuba is running on the fleeting fear of Fidel and copious amounts of Geritol.

The reality of Cuba's future is hinged on the younger generations that have not been

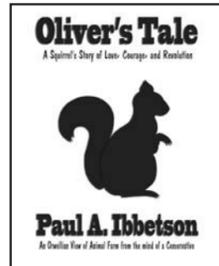
allowed into the higher levels of the Castro administration. Those that have had the opportunity to see the disintegration of the Soviet Union under communism, and may be able place it into a proper context. The next generation of Cuban leadership, which will soon see the opportunity to run the island nation, may very well seize upon the baby steps toward capitalism that President Castro will have taken to economically stabilize the country. Even with the old communist line still being forwarded, there is an air of inevitability when we look at Cuba's future.

In the end, while Fidel Castro may have survived the Bay of Pigs, economic embargos, his own Frankenstein's monster in the sociopathic murderer Che Guevara and the fall of Cuba's highly revered ally in the Soviet Union, the communist system in Cuba is destined to fail. The thriving black market system in Cuba has been a glaring example of the people's desire to buy products on their own terms. Inevitably, people not only get

tired of ration cards and being told on which days they are allowed to buy products, they also simply desire the opportunity to be allowed to make their own way in life. Communism has truly failed the people of Cuba, and America's light is too close and shines too brightly upon the island country for the reality of economic and personal freedom to be hidden forever. In many ways President Raúl Castro probably sees this and may crack the door open a bit more to capitalistic ventures to ease the longstanding economic pain in his country. As the Grim Reaper claims the last of the jungle revolutionaries of the Cuban Communist Party, Fidel Castro's Marxian experiment will eventually be laid on the trash heap of history and Cuba will be reborn.

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

Editorial Letters to Tom

Elections Have Consequences

Three days after he took the oath of office, President Barack Obama met with a group of Republican lawmakers. The Republicans asked the President to modify his proposed stimulus program. The President agreed to consider their suggestions but told them that "elections have consequences" and "I won". During the election campaign for the Manhattan City Commission, candidates were asked whether they supported revoking the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity in the City's Discrimination Ordinance. Two of the candidates, John Matta and Wynn Butler, were in favor of revocation and said so in each of the candidate forums. On April 5th these two candidates were elected to a four year term as a result of receiving the first and second highest number of votes cast.

On Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., the Manhattan City Commission will conduct the first of two official readings of the Discrimination Ordinance. The second reading may take place on May 17th, after which a vote may be taken to revoke the inclusion of sexual orientation into the Discrimination



Mike Kryschal

Ordinance. It is expected that both meetings will be long and that citizens will speak out. When the first and second readings to include sexual orientation took place last December and this February, public comments were long and sometimes heated. At that time the majority of the commission favored modifying the ordinance to include sexual orientation and gender identity. Like President Obama, the commissioners considered the suggestions of those in opposition, but like the President, they had won and elections have consequences. Citizens who opposed the inclusion were disappointed but accepted the decision of the City Commission. At the same time they exercised their rights as citizens to work to change the

outcome by supporting candidates sympathetic to their point of view.

Additional information on the Discrimination Ordinance can be found at <http://www.ci.manhattan.ks.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=9186>, which links to the City Commission Agenda Memo on the Discrimination Ordinance. The memo provides background and ORDINANCE NO 6880, the modified discrimination ordinance. If you read the memo and ordinance you will learn that the Kansas laws pertaining to discrimination do not include sexual orientation and gender identity as a protected class. Adding sexual orientation and gender identity to Manhattan's Discrimination Ordinance requires a new enforcement mechanism. The enforcers will be the seven members of the Human Rights and Services Board (HRSB) appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Commission. The HRSB will now be a "local human rights commission" with the power to conduct investigations, issue subpoenas to compel the appearance of witnesses and obtain records, hold public hearing, administer oaths, take depositions, and issue final

orders to remedy violations, or their recurrence. These remedies include fines of \$10,000 for one unlawful housing practice, up to \$50,000 for an individual 'convicted' of committing more than two or more unlawful practices in a seven year period. Amazing, seven citizens appointed, not elected, empowered to investigate, try, and convict their peers. I thought the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution prohibited this sort of thing. Under the modified ordinance any person who has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage, in an unlawful act of discrimination will be investigated. About to engage? I suppose that means that we can now issue tickets to drivers who are about to speed. You can't make this stuff up.

The modified Discrimination Ordinance regulates landlords, employers, and businesses and/or individuals who provide public accommodation (goods and services). In reality it has a wide impact. In addition to the tax dollars spent to research and produce this ordinance, it is anticipated that increased complaints will require additional city staff. More than money, this ordinance does nothing to protect the innocent from false accusations or to restore the

reputation of someone found 'innocent' by our "local human rights commission", the HRSB.

If you think that this modified Discrimination Ordinance outlaws unfair or prejudicial treatment, you are mistaken. The memo contains several tables that identify situations where discrimination is permissible. For example, if you employ less than four people you cannot be held liable for employment discrimination. Also, if you are not a member of a protected class, you are fair game! This is a fairly limited demographic since the protected classes have been expanded to the point that almost everyone belongs to one or more protected groups -- I belong to two! I hope that someday we can be a 'protected classless society,' or better yet, that each American is regarded as equal in the eyes of the law. In his Inaugural Address President Ronald Reagan said, "Government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem." The aptly titled Discrimination Ordinance illustrates the wisdom of his words. If you think that ORDINANCE NO 6880 should be revoked, I encourage

you to attend the City Commission Meeting and express your support. Elections have consequences.

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He lives in Manhattan, Kansas with his wife, Karen and their Siberian Huskies.

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Little Relief For Kansas Pension Woes Seen For 10 Years

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas legislators found the unexpected Monday in their first side-by-side comparison of two competing proposals for fixing the state's underfunded state pension system.

First, despite seemingly huge differences between Kansas Senate and House versions for plugging a multi-billion dollar funding gap in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, neither will restore full financial health to the pension funds for at least another decade, according to a new report presented to legislators by the system's actuaries. But both theoretically put the system on sound footing within two years of each other soon after that.

Second, switching KPERs' offerings of traditional pension benefits for future government workers to 401(k) style defined contribution savings plans like those many private employer offer won't end the system's woes any more quickly, or slowly, than not doing that, the report indicated.

"We're all going to need a little more time to digest these numbers," state Rep. Mitch Holmes, a St. John Republican chairing a House-Senate conference committee trying to reconcile differences between the two plans.

Lawmakers plan to meet later this week, soon after the legislature convenes Wednesday to begin wrapping up its work for this session, to try to finish their work on pension reform proposals.

Kansas lawmakers and pen-

sion fund officials generally agree that that KPERs, which tends retirement savings for 277,000 Kansas teachers, state and local government workers, and police officers, fire fighters and judges, has been chronically underfunded since 1993, when earlier lawmakers voted to keep taxpayer funded contributions from government employers low.

Investment losses during the recessions in 2001 and 2008 compounded the problem until currently, the gap between what KPERs has promised to pay retirees in the next few decades and its resources for making those payments has reached an officially projected \$7.7 billion. Outsiders who are concerned that those numbers don't reflect realistic projections of investment profits or the full extent of 2008 market losses contend the gap actually is nearer \$10 billion to \$12 billion.

Either way, legislators in both parties and Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, say they are broadly agreed that work must be done soon to begin filling the gap before it becomes wildly unaffordable.

Earlier this session, the Kansas Senate passed a bill that requires many Kansas workers to add another two percentage points to the 4 percent and 6 percent of their paychecks contributed to the system now and also accelerates the pace at which employer contributions are increased - to a maximum 1.1 percent more annually from 0.6 percent now.

Those changes, along with some technical adjustments in how future retirement benefits

are calculated, would plug the funding gap in the weakest of three broad KPERs plans - for teachers and school employees - by 2021, Patrice Beckham, of Cavanaugh MacDonald LLC, the pension plan's actuaries, told lawmakers Monday.

A competing plan passed by the Kansas House would cap increases in employers contributions to 0.8 percent per year for current workers with traditional pensions, which is smaller than the Senate proposed, but would only offer what are known as defined contribution plans to workers hired in 2013 and beyond. Defined contribution plans would limit Kansas taxpayers' exposure to pension costs because government employers would be required to put 3 percent of each workers' salary into a retirement savings plan to match 6 percent contributions that employees would be required to make.

Higher contributions to the remaining traditional pensions in the House proposal would put that part of the KPERs teachers' plans into balance by 2023, or two years later than the Senate proposal, Beckham told legislators.

Closing the traditional pensions to new hires in 2013 wouldn't speed up or slow down the plans' 12-year path to financial stability, Beckham said. But because current workers would continue earning traditional pension benefits after future hires were switched to defined contribution savings plans, KPERs managers in the early 2030s might be forced to readjust investment plans or sell off more the funds' assets to

meet some future obligations after that, Beckham's analysis showed.

Kansas state Sen. Jeff King, an Independence Republican serving on the conference committee said that because of projections like that one, he favored going along with another recommendation in the Senate package, which calls for the establishment of a six-month blue ribbon commission formed specifically to weigh such alternatives.

"We rushed to judgement in 1993," King said Monday. "We have to get it right this time."



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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



Riley County Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas April 14, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building April 14, 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; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Volanti presented shared leave donation forms. Johnson moved to approve the shared leave donation forms. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Sager Building Corp. (219-32-00-00-001.08-1) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$654.02. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Mark A. Johnson Et Ux (204-18-2-10-25-003.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$541.92. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Notice of Intent to "Trade In" Excess Personal Property by Riley County, Kansas. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve an Out of State Travel Request for Rod Meredith to participate in the Department of Energy State and Local Government Clean Energy Summit in Washington, DC at no cost to Riley County. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Tax Credit Transfer Agreement with Electric Insurance Company in the amount of \$45,508.10. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

*Tiffany Cooper, an As Needed Museum Assistant, in the County Museum Department, for Separation from County Service, effective February 9, 2011.

*Christian Clowers, an Engineering Technician, in the Public Works Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 15, 2011.

Vargo presented a Plaza Reservation Request for Ralph DeZago for a hot dog stand on April 16, 2011.

Holeman stated later this year the City of Manhattan intends to repeal their ordinance allowing these types of vendors. Holeman said if this is approved Mr. DeZago intends to ask for additional days. Holeman said Mr. DeZago does have the appropriate State and City licenses.

Johnson moved to approve a Plaza Reservation Request for Ralph DeZago for a hot dog stand on April 16, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign a Highway Use Permit for Westar Energy to install approximately 610' of #2CID underground primary in the road right of way starting at primary junction box M007J34386 on the south side of Harbour Haven Drive to provide service to 6718 Harbour Haven Drive per map. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign a Highway Use Permit for Westar Energy, 6500 W. 71st Street, Manhattan - install approximately 75' of #2 ACSR overhead primary form existing angle pole on west side of 71st Street in road right of way (marked with orange ribbon) going east one span to a 40' pole on private property known as 6500 W. 71st Street. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2011 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer •Bid opening for Wildcat Creek Road reconstruction and water main improvements

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Neil Horton, Bayer Construction; Frank Oursler, Middlecreek; Lee

Stockwell, Smoky Hill; Shannon Locke, J&K Contracting; Dustin Patterson, Ebert Construction; Scott Eason, Emery Sapp & Sons; Jeff Hancock, SMH Consultants; Brian Johnson, City of Manhattan; and Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for Wildcat Creek Road reconstruction and water main improvements:

Company	Road	Water Lines
Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	140 Walnut Street Kansas City, Mo 64106	\$2,095,659.27
Pavers, Inc.	505 Francis Avenue Salina, KS 67402-1967	\$251,174.00
Ebert Construction Co., Inc.	103 W. Valley Street Wamego, KS 66547-0198	\$123,904.45
Smoky Hill, LLC	645 E. Crawford Salina, KS 67401	\$1,701,245.64
Bayer Construction Co., Inc.	P.O. Box 889 Manhattan, KS 66505-0889	\$98,374.87
Middlecreek Corporation	P.O. Box 136 Peabody, KS 66866	\$167,730.40
Engineer's Estimate		\$1,900,292.04
Johnson moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.		\$192,730.00

9:13 Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Butler thanked the Board for supporting the K-18 interchange near the airport.

Butler stated the Chamber would like to work with the City of Manhattan and Riley County on the development of the K-18 gateway.

Butler said there is monthly interest in the two vacant call centers. Butler stated companies want incentives, but they do not meet hourly rate of pay requirements established by the City of Manhattan for incentives.

Butler discussed companies interested in working with KSU on research in various fields.

McCulloh suggested the Chamber could assist in getting private industry to attend the Resourceful Kansas seminars held at Riley County's facilities.

Butler stated the Chamber hired an economic development firm to study economic development in our community.

9:35 Eileen King, Treasurer

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

King presented monthly financial reports.

9:45 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

•Administrative Work Session Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

9:48 Johnson moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss an initial offer of purchase by the county, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:03 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to go out of executive session. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Holeman discussed the Charter Resolution, which changes the Board's authority in reconstructing paving benefit districts' roads.

Holeman stated Hobson has asked if the Board would like for him to send out a notice to the residents to allow 30-days for their response.

Holeman said they expect to file the Deutsche Bank quiet title action next week.

10:20 Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director

•Bid opening for asphalt seal oil

Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Paul Foltz; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for asphalt seal oil:

Company	Demurrage Pump charge	Return Charge	Per gallon
Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions	10520 Wolcott Drive Kansas City, KS	\$70/hour	after 2 hours \$70/load
Vance Brothers, Inc.	5201 Brighton Kansas City, MO 64130	\$70/load	0 \$2.05/gallon
Johnson moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.			
1 Coastal Drive Willow Springs, MO 65793-3554	\$65/hour after 2 hours	\$65/load	\$450/load \$2.66/gallon
Johnson moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.			
Johnson asked Meredith to check on the locations of the Riley County zoning signs. Meredith agreed.			

10:30 Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director

•Bid opening for crushed limestone chips

Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Paul Foltz; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for crushed limestone chips:

Company	Per ton	
Bayer Construction Co., Inc.	P.O. Box 889 Manhattan, KS 66505-0889	\$24.30
Hamm Companies	609 Perry Place Perry, KS 66073-0017	\$24.93
Johnson moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.		
Foltz asked the Board to consider annexing the Riley County land border, which changed due to the river channel shift.		
The Board of County Commissioners agreed for Holeman to conduct research and come back to the Board of County Commissioners.		

10:40 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

•2012 budget baseline discussion

Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Paul Foltz; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Eileen King, Treasurer; and Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN, attended.

Shepek presented the historical budget baselines used. Shepek asked, what method would the board like to use for 2012?

The department heads discussed the various budget methods used.

Hobson stated currently the Public Works budget is not funded adequately to maintain roads.

Johnson stated that he would like to see the actual needs from a budget standpoint, but the department heads need to understand the Board of County Commissioners will have to cut to keep the mill levy as close to current as possible.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to ask departments to submit budgets based on the needs of the department to operate. The Board agreed any new positions should be requested separately from departmental budgets.

11:04 Johnson moved to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners

Of Riley County, Kansas April 18, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building April 18, 2011 with the following members present: Karen McCulloh, Chair; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chair; Dave Lewis, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Johnson moved to sign a Proclamation declaring "Bruce Snead Day" in Riley County, Kansas. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Mark Kruep, a new hire, as an Engineering Technician, in the Public Works Department, at a grade N, step 3, at \$20.78 per hour.

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

Hobson asked for an addendum to the agenda. Hobson requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters after the last topic at 10:45 a.m.

9:04 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

•Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Steve Higgins, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Cheryl Collins, Museum Director; and Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor, attended.

Cox discussed a complaint in Valleywood regarding Roger Seymour's property. Cox said it is a nuisance weed issue along with scaffolding and construction material left for several years on the property. Cox said he will issue a letter to Roger Seymour to get the property cleaned up.

Holeman said Judge Meryl Wilson sent an e-mail regarding the Kansas Supreme Court that recently created a Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC).

The commission asked Holeman to schedule a meeting with Judge Meryl Wilson.

Holeman said he called Gina Scroggs with Downtown Manhattan, Inc. to discuss the Plaza request for the hot dog vendor. Holeman said Scroggs stated the DMI membership is split for being in favor of the request/opposing the request.

9:15 Cheryl Collins, Museum Director

Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

C. Collins said the Riley County Historical Museum hosted the Kansas Museums Association workshop "Shout Out on a Shoe String" Monday March 28th at the Riley County Public Works training room. C. Collins said twenty people attended the workshop. C. Collins said the participants came from fifteen different museums. C. Collins said there was one participant from Nebraska and two from Missouri. C. Collins said the museums represented were from history, art and zoo organizations. C. Collins said we were very pleased with the variety of people in attendance. C. Collins said this workshop fulfilled the Kansas Museums Association Museum Training Initiative (KMA MTI) full day Marketing and Public Relations workshop requirement for the Museum staff and served as the KMA MTI Capstone Project for Cheryl Collins. C. Collins said KMAN Radio aired a story on the workshop.

C. Collins said the 4th grade tours will be held at the Goodnow House Museum April 25th, 26th, and 27th. C. Collins said the tours are usually held at the Wolf House, but the renovations there are not complete. C. Collins said we are pleased to have the tour at the Goodnow House this year, even though the furnishings are not back in the house. C. Collins said it is the 150th anniversary of the building of the house as well as the 150th anniversary of Kansas becoming a state. C. Collins said we will develop exhibits and demonstrations in four rooms in Goodnow House which will explore children's chores, children's lives, architecture of stone houses, and lighting.

C. Collins said we will also have a station in the Hartford House and one outdoors at the carriage house to explore transportation changes.

C. Collins said on April 7th she attended the Fifteenth Annual K-State Leadership Seminar "Networks Matter: Leading in a Connected World" led by Patti Ankam. C. Collins said it was an interesting day focused on using technology and other means to make and develop connections for better communication and productivity.

9:30 Press Conference

Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Cheryl Collins, Museum Director; Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Gregg Eyestone, County Extension Agent; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Bruce Snead, City Commissioner; Chris Welchans, GIS Director; John Kurtz, KMAN; and Sherie Taylor, GIS Technician, attended.

McCulloh presented a Proclamation to Bruce Snead proclaiming "Bruce Snead Day" in Riley County, Kansas Monday, April 18, 2011.

Snead said it has been great working together over the years. Snead thanked the commission for the proclamation.

C. Collins said the Riley County Historical Society and Museum's 4th grade tours will be held at the Goodnow House State Historic Site this year. This is not only the 150th anniversary of Kansas Statehood, it is the 150th anniversary of Isaac Goodnow building his home on Clafin.

C. Collins said the 4th grade tours will allow students to look back at children's lives of the past, children's chores, stone house architecture, prefabricated housing and the Hartford Steamboat, lighting, and transportation. Each of these topics will be explored with hands on objects and demonstrations. Local 4th grade classes from public and private schools will be touring the Goodnow House on April 25th, 26th, and 27th. The afternoon of April 27th we will have an open house for home school students.

C. Collins said the Goodnow House State Historic Site will reopen to the public this summer.

Wedel said Riley County is the recipient of an Award of Merit for their Vision 2025 - A Comprehensive Plan for Riley County Kansas. Wedel presented the award that he received while in Boston from the American Planning Association (APA), County Planning Division (CPD), and the National Association of County Planners (NACP).

McCulloh said Wedel did a wonderful job and it is an award

well earned.

Eyestone said it is time to plant warm season vegetables.

Eyestone discussed using a fabric container for vegetables such as tomatoes.

McCulloh said the wheat looks good. McClure said we are in the midst of planting corn.

10:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Holeman reviewed the Manhattan Area Transit Services Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

Smith said aTa Bus received a grant award letter from KDOT this morning.

10:24 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

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

Hobson presented a Public Works project update.

10:45 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Wedel suggested changes to the Solid Waste Management Committee member list.

Johnson moved to accept Dennis Peterson as a representative for the unincorporated area on the Solid Waste Management Committee. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to accept Judy Willingham as a representative for the City of Manhattan on the Solid Waste Management Committee. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:46 Johnson moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to protect the privacy of the employees, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:00 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:00 Johnson moved to go out of executive session. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:00 Lewis moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:00 Law Enforcement Agency Meeting

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Manhattan City Minutes

MINUTES CITY COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Mayor Bruce Snead and Commissioners James E. Sherow, Loren J. Pepperd, Jayme Morris-Hardeman, and Bob Strawn were present. Also present were the City Manager Ron R. Fehr, Assistant City Manager Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager Lauren Palmer, City Attorney Bill Frost, City Clerk Gary S. Fees, 7 staff, and approximately 30 interested citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Snead led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION
Rich Wartell, President, Flint Hills Veterans Coalition, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor Snead and the City Commission for their assistance and support of the Flint Hills Veterans activities and parade.

PROCLAMATIONS
Mayor Snead proclaimed April 10-16, 2011, The Week of the Young Child. Cassie Anderson, President, Heartland Association for the Education of Young Children; Debra Ring, Director, K-State Center for Child Development; and children from the community were present to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Snead proclaimed April 30, 2011, Arbor Day. J. David Mattox, Forestry Supervisor, was present to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Snead proclaimed April 2011, Fair Housing Month. Karen Davis, Director, City of Manhattan Community Development, and JoAnn Sutton, Executive Director, Manhattan Housing Authority, were present to receive the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mayor Snead opened the public comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Snead closed the public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Pepperd informed the community that Riley County is the number one healthiest county in the State of Kansas. He stated that the Riley County-Manhattan Health Department, 2030 Tecumseh Road, would be conducting a 2011 health fair and care screening on April 5-8, 2011, between 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. He encouraged those interested or if you have questions to contact the Health Department at (785) 776-4779.

Commissioner Morris-Hardeman encouraged the community to support the annual fundraiser Bag Lady Lunch event on Friday, April 8, 2011, that benefits the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. She stated that the Crisis Center will also be having a fundraising event on April 30, 2011, at the Purple Wave Auction in Manhattan. She encouraged citizens wanting additional information on these events to contact the Manhattan Emergency Shelter and the Crisis Center, respectively. Finally, she informed the community of events associated with Child Abuse Prevention Month during April. She invited those interested in learning more about the awareness and prevention of child abuse to attend a Light of Hope Vigil at the Union Pacific Depot, on April 18, 2011, 5:30 p.m., and to listen to presenters Lon and Kathy Ostrom.

Mayor Snead provided an overview of items mentioned during the Discussion/Briefing Session held prior to the City Commission Legislative Meeting. The Commission discussed the new City Commissioner Orientation Session on April 12, 2011; adjusted the time of the April 19, 2011, Discussion/Briefing Session to begin at 5:45 p.m., following the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce Reception; reviewed agenda items for the upcoming Joint City/Riley County/Pottawatomie County meeting; received an update from Commissioner Morris-Hardeman on the Transit Plan; dis-

ussed reports and updates from various committees that Commissioners serve on; and discussed issues regarding rental inspections and appeal process. He then informed the community about an open house on Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to learn more about energy efficiency as part of the Take Charge Energy Challenge. He stated that the open house would be at the Kansas Building Science Institute, 200 Zeandale Road, Manhattan, and encouraged those interested in energy savings information and home energy audits to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA (* denotes those items discussed)

MINUTES
The Commission approved minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

CLAIMS REGISTER NOS. 2668 and 2669

The Commission approved Claims Register Nos. 2668 and 2669 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from March 16, 2011, to March 29, 2011, in the amounts of \$1,539.20 and \$3,422,806.11, respectively.

*** LICENSES**

The Commission approved a Tree Maintenance License for calendar year 2011 for Alfred's Superior Tree Service, 4631 W 47th St. South, Wichita; an annual Cereal Malt Beverage Off-Premises License for Hy-Vee, 601 Third Place, and an annual Cereal Malt Beverage On-Premises License for Last Chance, Inc., 1213 Moro Street.

ORDINANCE NO. 6884 - ANNEX - PROPOSED SCENIC WOODS PUD

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6884 annexing the proposed Scenic Woods PUD, 23.1-acre tract generally located along the east side of N. Scenic Drive and south of Stone Drive, based on conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, the Growth Vision, and the Capital Improvements Program.

ORDINANCE NO. 6885 - REZONE - PROPOSED SCENIC WOODS PUD

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6885 rezoning the proposed development from County G-1, General Agricultural District, and R-1, Single-Family Residential District with AO, Airport Overlay District, to PUD, Residential Planned Unit Development District with AO, Airport Overlay District, based on the findings in the Staff Report (See Attachment No. 1) with the 15 conditions recommended by the Planning Board.

*** ORDINANCE NO. 6886 - AMEND - PRELIMINARY PLAN OF LOT 15, MANHATTAN MARKETPLACE, UNIT 2**

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the item. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the Minimum Assessment Agreement, estimated taxes, designated public and private park areas, associated costs and consultant fees, and the process associated with the item. The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6886 amending the Preliminary Development Plan of Lot 15, Manhattan Marketplace, Unit Two, and Ordinance No. 6544, to be known as Manhattan Marketplace Shops, Unit Four, Planned Unit Development, generally located north of Leavenworth Street, south of Osage Street, east of N. 4th Street, west of N. 3rd Street, based on the findings in the Staff Report (See Attachment No. 2), with the three conditions of approval recommended by the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board.

FINAL PLAT -MANHATTAN MARKETPLACE SHOPS ADDITION, UNIT FOUR, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of Manhattan Marketplace Shops Addition, Unit Four, Planned Unit Development, generally located north of Leavenworth Street, south of Osage Street, east of N. 4th

Street, and west of N. 3rd Street, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

RESTRICTIVE COVENANT - MANHATTAN MARKETPLACE SHOPS ADDITION, UNIT FOUR, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Restrictive Covenant-Travel regarding construction and maintenance of the travel easement for Manhattan Marketplace Shops Addition, Unit Four, Planned Unit Development.

ORDINANCE NO. 6887 - MUNICIPAL FACILITY REVIEW - FIRE HOUSE NO. 3

The Commission found that the public interests to be served by the proposed Fire House No. 3 outweigh the impacts upon legitimate community interests and approved Ordinance No. 6887 authorizing proposed Fire House No. 3, based on the findings in the Staff Report as recommended by the Planning Board (See Attachment No. 3).

ORDINANCE NO. 6888 - REZONE - STONE POINTE ADDITION, UNIT FIVE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6888 rezoning proposed Stone Pointe Addition, Unit Five, a 1.25 acre tract of land generally located 150 feet northeast of the intersection of Stone Grove Road and Highland Ridge Drive along the east side of Highland Ridge Drive from R-1, Single-Family Residential District, to R-2, Two-Family Residential District, based on the findings in the Staff Report (See Attachment No. 4).

FINAL PLAT - STONE POINTE ADDITION, UNIT FIVE

The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of Stone Pointe Addition, Unit Five, generally located 150 feet northeast of the intersection of Stone Grove Road and Highland Ridge Drive along the east side of Highland Ridge Drive, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

ORDINANCE NO. 6889 - EXPAND - WHITE PARKING PERMIT ZONE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6889 expanding the White Parking Permit Zone to include the east side of North Fourth Street from Osage Street to Leavenworth Street, and 200 feet of the south side of Osage Street from Fourth Street to the east.

*** ORDINANCE NO. 6890 - REPEAL - CHAPTER 14, FOOD AND LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS**

Commissioner Pepperd provided additional information on the item.

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6890 repealing Chapter 14 of the City Code of Ordinances relating to Food and Lodging Establishments.

ORDINANCE NO. 6891 - LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT - ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6891 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with Banc of America Public Capital Corp., of Chicago, Illinois, to finance the energy conservation measures included in the Energy Performance Contract with Trane Commercial Systems (Trane U. S., Inc.), of Lenexa, Kansas.

RESOLUTION NO. 032211-A - LEE MILL HEIGHTS, UNIT THREE, PHASE 2; UNIT FOUR, PHASE THREE; AND UNIT FIVE; AND TRACT A, OF GRANDE BLUFFS - STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS (SM1101)

The Commission approved Resolution No. 032211-A finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Lee Mill Heights, Unit Three, Phase 2; Unit Four, Phase Three; and Unit Five; and Tract A, of Grande Bluffs Stormwater Improvements (SM1101).

RESOLUTION NO. 032211-B - LEE MILL HEIGHTS, UNIT THREE, PHASE 2; UNIT FOUR, PHASE THREE; AND UNIT FIVE; AND TRACT A, OF GRANDE BLUFFS - SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (SS1102)

The Commission approved Resolution No. 032211-B finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Lee Mill Heights, Unit Three, Phase 2; Unit Four, Phase Three; and Unit Five; and Tract A, of Grande Bluffs Sanitary Sewer Improvements (SS1102).

RESOLUTION NO. 032211-C - LEE MILL HEIGHTS, UNIT THREE, PHASE 2; AND UNIT FOUR, PHASE THREE - WATER IMPROVEMENTS (WA1102)

The Commission approved Resolution No. 032211-C finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Lee Mill

Heights, Unit Three, Phase 2, and Unit Four, Phase Three, Water Improvements (WA1102).

RESOLUTION NO. 032211-D - LEE MILL HEIGHTS, UNIT THREE, PHASE 2, AND UNIT FOUR, PHASE THREE - STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ST1101)

The Commission approved Resolution No. 032211-D finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Lee Mill Heights, Unit Three, Phase 2, and Unit Four, Phase Three, Street Improvements (ST1101).

AGREEMENT - ENGINEERING SERVICES - LEE MILL HEIGHTS, UNIT THREE, PHASE 2; UNIT FOUR, PHASE THREE; AND UNIT FIVE; AND TRACT A, OF GRANDE BLUFFS - STORMWATER (SM1101), SANITARY SEWER (SS1102), WATER (WA1102), AND STREET (ST1101) IMPROVEMENTS

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with Schwab-Eaton, PA, to perform professional services for the Lee Mill Heights, Unit Three, Phase 2; Unit Four, Phase Three; and Unit Five; and Tract A, of Grande Bluffs Stormwater (SM1101), Sanitary Sewer (SS1102), Water (WA1102), and Street (ST1101) Improvements.

*** RESOLUTION NO. 040511-E - CONSENT TO SALE OF MANHATTAN TOWN CENTER**

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided an overview of the item. He then responded to questions from the Commission on past actions and on the consent to sale of the Manhattan Town Center. The Commission approved Resolution No. 040511-E, consenting to the sale of Manhattan Town Center (from UrbanCal Manhattan Town Center, LLC, to Urban Hayman-Manhattan, LLC), and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all documents necessary to facilitate such sale.

AWARD CONTRACT - MILLER PARKWAY WATER MAIN (WA0622)

The Commission accepted the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$2,117,700.00 and awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$782,417.70 to Bayer Construction, of Manhattan, Kansas, for the Miller Parkway Water Main Extension Project (WA0622).

AGREEMENTS - KANSAS GAS SERVICE - MILLER PARKWAY WATER MAIN (WA0622)

The Commission authorized the execution of agreements with Kansas Gas Service to relocate the high pressure and low pressure natural gas mains in the amounts of \$135,592.00 and \$98,084.00 for the Miller Parkway Water Main (WA0622) project.

RESOLUTION NO. 040511-F - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS-MILLER PARKWAY WATER MAIN (WA0622)

The Commission approved Resolution No. 040511-F, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the Miller Parkway Water Main (WA0622).

AWARD CONTRACT -CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE SEWER LINING PROJECT (SS1105)

The Commission awarded a contract in the amount of \$352,581.00 with SAK Construction, LLC, of O'Fallon, Missouri, for the Cured-in-Place Pipe Sewer Lining Project (SS1105).

AWARD CONTRACT -SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT (SS1106)

The Commission awarded a contract in the amount of \$47,157.50 with Mayer Specialty Services, of Goddard, Kansas, for the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project (SS1106).

*** ACCEPT GRANT - BLUEMONT AVENUE CORRIDOR FROM 11TH STREET TO NORTH MANHATTAN AVENUE (ST1103)**

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works, provided additional information on the item and responded to questions from the Commission. The Commission accepted the grant offer from the KDOT federal aid safety grants for the Bluemont Avenue Corridor from 11th Street to North Manhattan Avenue (ST1103) and directed City Administration to proceed with Request for Proposals from engineering firms for this project in a manner that will facilitate construction in summer 2012.

*** CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 - SUNSET ZOO ENTRY AND EDUCATION BUILDING PROJECT (SZ0901)**

Ron Fehr, City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission and provided additional information on the budget and contingencies for Sunset Zoo Education Building.

The Commission approved Change Order No. 3 for the Sunset

Zoo Entry and Education Building project (SZ0901), resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$424,216.00 (+16.49%) to the contract with National Builders, Inc., of Wichita, Kansas.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 4 - CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICES - NORTH AND SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT AREAS

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Contract Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$238,520.00 with Alfred Benesch and Company, of Manhattan, Kansas, to provide construction observation services for the following seven projects related to the North and South Redevelopment Areas:

3rd Street from K-18 to Pierre Street (ST0909), 3rd Street and Pierre Street Intersection Improvements (ST0910), 3rd Street Park (ST0917), Colorado Street from 3rd Street to 2nd Street (ST0915/ST0916), Flinthills Discovery Center Parking Lot (ST0915), South Landscaping Bundle (ST1011), and the Opening of 3rd Street at Leavenworth Street (ST0806).

AGREEMENTS - ESTABLISH - UTILITY EASEMENTS AND SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS -NATIONAL BIO-AGRO DEFENSE FACILITY (NBAF)

The Commission authorized City Administration to finalize and the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary agreements and consents in order to establish certain utility easements and sewer system connections for the National Bio-Agro Defense Facility (NBAF) site.

AGREEMENT - KSU AND THE KSU FOUNDATION (SS0812)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement with KSU and the KSU Foundation, and accepted the easements to allow the sanitary sewer improvements (SS0812) for the KSU Foundation Addition to proceed.

PURCHASE - EASEMENTS - MCCALL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II (ST0821)

The Commission authorized the payments for the purchase of the easements, totaling \$66,982.00, and accepted the easements from Tom and Ruth Abbott for property located at 225 McCall Road and 425 McCall Road (ST0821).

AGREEMENT - DOWNTOWN FARMER'S MARKET OF MANHATTAN, INC.

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with the Downtown Farmer's Market of Manhattan, Inc., for the use of the City's public parking lot at the corner of 5th Street and Humboldt Street for the 2011 season.

AGREEMENT - VETERINARY SERVICES FOR SUNSET ZOO

The Commission authorized the Mayor to execute the veterinary services agreement for Sunset Zoo with Kansas State University.

AGREEMENT - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - MARKETING OF AIR SERVICE AT THE MANHATTAN REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Professional Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$359,000.00 with S&N Design, of Manhattan, Kansas, for marketing of air service at the Manhattan Regional Airport, in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration Grant (AIP No. 03-20-0052-41) received for said purpose.

PURCHASE - 2011 TRUCK-MOUNTED SEWER JET

The Commission authorized City Administration to purchase a 2011 truck-mounted sewer jet (WW005E) in the amount of \$159,350.00 from Key Equipment and Supply Company, of Kansas City, Kansas, to be paid from the Wastewater Fund.

PURCHASE - 2011 VACCUM MACHINE

The Commission authorized City Administration to purchase a 2011 Vacuum Machine (SW001E) in the amount of \$74,495.00 from Vermeer, of Olathe, Kansas, to be paid from the Stormwater Fund.

*** PURCHASE - ONE-TON 4-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK WITH BED**

The Commission authorized purchase of a one-ton, 4-wheel drive truck with bed (ST016E), in the amount of \$35,069.00 from Green Ford, of Abilene, Kansas, (to be paid from the Special Street and Highway Fund).

*** PURCHASE - SINGLE-AXLE, FIVE YARD DUMP TRUCK**

The Commission authorized purchase of a single-axle, five yard dump truck (ST009E) in the amount of \$69,683.00.

*** LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT - SINGLE-AXLE, FIVE YARD DUMP TRUCK**

The Commission authorized the

Mayor and/or City Clerk to execute the lease purchase agreement for the single-axle, five yard dump truck.

PURCHASE - TWO NEW PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

The Commission authorized City Administration to purchase two (2) new Portable Changeable Message Signs (TR014E) from National Signal, Inc., of Fullerton, California, in the amount of \$29,800.00, with \$12,500.00 to be paid from the General Fund and \$17,300.00 from the Special Street and Highway Fund.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Commission approved appointments by Mayor Snead to various boards and committees of the City.

Douglass Center Advisory Board Appointment of Brennan Walter, 831 Pierre Street, to a three-year Youth At-Large term. Mr. Walter's term begins immediately, and will expire October 2, 2013. Neighborhood Grant Review Committee Re-appointment of George Ham, 1028 Brianna Court, to a one-year term. Mr. Ham's term begins immediately, and will expire December 31, 2011. Re-appointment of Chuck Jackson, 1917 Humboldt Street, to a one-year term. Mr. Jackson's term begins immediately, and will expire December 31, 2011. Re-appointment of Carl Wilson, 2855 Kelly Drive, to a one-year term. Mr. Wilson's term begins immediately, and will expire December 31, 2011. After discussion of the Commission, Commissioner Sherow moved to approve the consent agenda, as read. Commissioner Pepperd seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0, with the exception of Item E, ORDINANCE NO. 6886 -

AMEND -PRELIMINARY PLAN OF LOT 15, MANHATTAN MARKETPLACE, UNIT 2; Item F, FINAL PLAT - MANHATTAN MARKETPLACE SHOPS ADDITION, UNIT FOUR, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; and Item CC, PURCHASE - ONE-TON 4-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK WITH BED; PURCHASE - SINGLE-AXLE, FIVE YARD DUMP TRUCK; AND LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT - SINGLE-AXLE, FIVE YARD DUMP TRUCK, which carried 4-1, with Commissioner Strawn voting against the items.

GENERAL AGENDA

AWARD CONTRACT - EAST MILLER RANCH SANITARY SEWER (SS0810) AND K-18 SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION, PHASES I AND II (SS0907)

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works, presented an overview on the utility relocations and conflicts, the K-18 Sanitary Sewer Phases I - III, the East Miller Ranch Sanitary Sewer Interceptor, and the results of the bids. He then responded to questions from the Commission and provided additional information on the item.

After discussion, Commissioner Morris-Hardeman moved to accept the Engineer's Estimate in the amounts of \$2,753,000.00 for Part A1, \$426,000.00 for Part A2, and \$1,701,000.00 for Part B; award a construction contract to Walters-Morgan Construction, of Manhattan, Kansas, in the amounts of \$1,982,811.40 for Part A1 and \$272,543.00 for Part A2; and award a construction contract to Nowak Construction, of Goddard, Kansas, in the amount of \$1,477,290.85, for Part B of the East Miller Ranch Sanitary Sewer (SS0810) and K-18 Sewer Relocation, Phases I and II (SS0907) project, all subject to KDHE concurrence. Commissioner Strawn seconded the motion.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided additional information on the item and responded to questions from the Commission on the revenue source for annual payments.

After additional discussion of the Commission, on a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

AWARD CONTRACT - K-18 SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION, PHASE III (SS0907)

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works, presented an overview on the item and responded to questions from the Commission.

AWARD CONTRACT - K-18 SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION, PHASE III (SS0907) (CONTINUED)

After discussion, Commissioner Morris-Hardeman moved to accept the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$2,940,000.00 and award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,973,517.05, subject to KDHE approval, to the low bidder, Wildcat Construction, of Wichita, Kansas, for the K-18 Sanitary Sewer Relocation, Phase III project (SS0907). Commissioner Strawn seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

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Minutes

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AMENDMENT - KDOT/CITY AGREEMENT - K-18 HIGHWAY FROM OGDEN TO MANHATTAN

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works, presented the item. He then responded to questions from the Commission.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission on the proposed funding sources from the Special Street and Highway Fund, and from the Economic Development Fund and/or the Industrial Promotion Fund. He then responded to additional questions from the Commission on limited funds available from the Economic Development Fund and stated that City of Manhattan and Riley County Planning staffs are working on the K-18 corridor planning efforts, similar to the efforts on the Gateway Plan, and will be bringing those forward for future consideration.

Dick Hayter, 1920 Grandview Drive, Chair, Transportation Committee, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, urged the Commission to support the item. He provided background information on the growth of enplanements at the Manhattan Regional Airport, highlighted the historical traffic increases on K-18, and stressed the urgency for increased safety measures and the opportunity for economic development growth.

After discussion, Commissioner Sherow moved to authorize City Administration to finalize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amended agreement for City participation of \$1.5 million over 10-years with KDOT for highway improvements to K-18 from Manhattan to Ogden. Commissioner Pepper seconded the motion.

After additional discussion of the Commission, on a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/NEGOTIATE CONTRACT - WILSON BALLFIELD RENOVATION IN CITY PARK (CP1101)

Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the item. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the use of temporary notes supported from the Special Park and Recreation Fund, priorities of other park projects, and public use and scheduling of the proposed facility. Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, provided additional information on the item and discussed potential public uses of the facility.

Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission on public use and use by the Manhattan Christian College baseball team. They also discussed the proposed improvements, scheduling opportunities, availability of public fields, and the increased accessibility to play on Wilson Field in rainy conditions.

Vern Henricks, 3508 Vanesta Drive, Manhattan Christian College and Founder and Director of the Youth Leadership Foundation, provided additional information on the proposed use and schedule of the Manhattan Christian College baseball team.

Curt Loupe, Director Parks and Recreation, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the

proposed renovation of Wilson Field, the Memorandum of Understanding, and funding sources to be utilized. He informed the Commission that funding this project may require the Parks and Recreation Department to move back funding for other projects such as equipment replacement, playground upgrades, facility upgrades, and parking lot improvements. He then responded to additional questions from the Commission regarding concerns with financing, public participation, and discussion with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and on the proposed renovation.

Vern Henricks, Manhattan Christian College and Founder and Director of the Youth Leadership Foundation, responded to questions from the Commission about the proposed project and agreement. He stated that the money would be raised regardless by members of the baseball team and their families and friends, with the Youth Leadership Foundation. He provided additional information on the activities that would generate the necessary funds and voiced that he was confident that the Youth Leadership Foundation would come up with the funds to support this project.

Bill Frost, City Attorney, provided clarification on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Manhattan and the Youth Leadership Foundation, Inc. He then responded to questions from the Commission on the structure, term of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, and obligations of both parties.

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, provided additional information and clarification on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding. Vern Henricks, Manhattan Christian College and Founder and Director of the Youth Leadership Foundation, provided additional information on the current and potential fundraising activities. He informed the Commission that his initial intention was to do this with no cost to the City. He then responded to questions from the Commission on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, the money that would be raised, the potential of an escrow account being established, and reiterated the benefits to the Manhattan Christian College baseball team and to the public for this improved facility.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided clarification of the item and informed the Commission that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding is similar to the pledges signed by individuals and companies for the City Park Pavilion fundraising efforts.

Bill Frost, City Attorney, provided additional clarification on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Youth Leadership Foundation, Inc.

Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided additional information on the tournaments the City is experiencing compared with competing communities.

Vern Henricks, Manhattan Christian College and Founder and Director of the Youth Leadership Foundation, stated that he was willing to do whatever the Commission wanted him to do.

After discussion, Commissioner Strawn moved to approve and

authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Youth Leadership Foundation, and authorize City Administration to negotiate with ATG Sports, of Andover, Kansas, for the Wilson Field Renovation (CP1101). Commissioner Pepper seconded the motion.

Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions from the Commission regarding priority items for the Parks and Recreation Department. He stated this project would be in the top ten projects, closer to the middle or bottom of the priorities, based on the importance of public/private partnerships.

After additional discussion and comments of the Commission, on a roll call vote, motion carried 3-2, with Commissioners Sherow and Morris-Hardeman voting against the item.

FUNDING - CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH

Jerry Snyder, Director of Fire Services, presented consolidated dispatch options and discussed the financing options recommended by the Riley County Law Board and the Riley County Commission. He also presented a financing option recommendation by City Administration based on call volumes equitable split for service with the City of Manhattan, Riley County, and Riley County Fire District #1. He then responded to questions from the Commission on the recommendation from City Administration, the oversight of consolidated dispatch operations, and stated that discussions were continuing on developing a 911 advisory board with an interlocal agreement.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided additional information on the item and informed the Commission that an interlocal agreement is envisioned.

Pat Collins, Director, Riley County Emergency Management, and representing Riley County Fire Department, provided additional information on the 911 equipment and the increasing number of service calls. He informed the Commission that he supported the efforts of consolidated dispatch, and stated that consolidated dispatch needs to be done.

John Doehling, Assistant Director, Riley County Police Department, provided information and clarification on 911 calls received and on the operations, funding recommendation, and the supervision of the dispatchers. He provided additional information on the activity levels of calls received in relationship to the proposed funding levels. He informed the Commission that he supported consolidated dispatch. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the definition of dispatch operations, governance of calls for service, and provided clarification on the number and source of 911 calls received.

Jerry Snyder, Director of Fire Services, provided clarification on calls for service during 2008.

John Doehling, Assistant Director, Riley County Police Department, responded to questions from the Commission and provided additional information on the number of calls and sources of 911 calls dispatched.

Larry Couchman, Director, Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), informed the Commission that about 78 percent of all EMS 911 call volumes originate in the city of Manhattan and 100 percent of their EMS resources reside in the city of Manhattan. He provided additional information on their percentage volume of calls and stated that the advisory committee could be made up of current emergency heads from the different departments.

Mike Gillespie, Legal Counsel, Riley County Law Board, provided additional information on governance issues, funding mechanisms, and outlined elements of the proposed interlocal agreement. He provided clarification of the Riley County Law Board and the personnel responsibilities of the Director of the Riley County Police Department of the dispatch operations.

Jerry Snyder, Director of Fire Services, provided additional information on the item. He informed the Commission that the current Communications Specialist with the Fire Department would transfer to the proposed consolidated dispatch and that some of the current duties being done other than dispatch would need to be addressed also.

Bill Frost, City Attorney, responded to questions from the Commission and clarified the purpose and structure of an interlocal agreement.

John Doehling, Assistant Director, Riley County Police Department, informed the Commission that the needs of the Manhattan Fire Department, EMS, and Riley County Rural Fire would be met with consolidated dispatch. He stated that the current dispatch operations are occurring without an interlocal agreement. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding consolidated dispatch and statistics that could be achieved with the records management system.

Pat Collins, Director, Riley County Emergency Management, and representing Riley County Fire Department, responded to questions from the Commission on the origination of 911 calls received by cell and hard wire phones.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, and Jerry Snyder, Director of Fire Services, provided additional information on the call volumes and the intent to make the funding as equitable as possible with all parties.

After discussion of the Commission on the proposed funding split for consolidated dispatch and governance of the Riley County Police Department, Commissioner Sherow moved to authorize 2012 Consolidated Dispatch funding based on the calls for service split with the City funding two (2) dispatch positions, Riley County Emergency Medical Services/Riley County funding two (2) dispatch positions, and Riley County Fire District #1 funding one (1) dispatch position with the Dispatch Center Manager position funding placed into the Riley County Police Department budget. Commissioner Morris-Hardeman seconded the motion.

Pat Collins, Director, Riley County Emergency Management, and representing Riley County Fire Department; John Doehling,

Assistant Director, Riley County Police Department; and Larry Couchman, Director, EMS, provided additional information and clarification of the item, dispatchers, and future meetings with the Riley County Law Board and Joint City/Riley County/Pottawatomie County meeting for additional discussion.

Bill Frost, City Attorney, provided clarification of the item and informed the Commission that an interlocal agreement would be written to address funding and other concerns.

After additional discussion of the Commission regarding calls of service, proposed funding levels recommended by the City Administration and percentage splits, an interlocal

agreement, and upcoming meetings to further discuss and negotiate this item with the Riley County Law Board and the Riley County Commission, on a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:52 p.m., the Commission adjourned.

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Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters' State Results

The Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters had 20 youth participate in the Kansas 4-H Spring State Match. The youth participated in BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol Matches.

The BB Gun Team of Austin Becker, Daniel Dietrich, Matthew Plummer, Wade Stroda and Mattie Swisher placed 1st at the match with 1846 points of 2000 possible. They were followed by Phillips/Rooks with 1827 points for 2nd and Wyandotte with 1824 points for 3rd.

Youth shooting BB Gun shot 10 shots/10 minutes in the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions at 5 meters for a total aggregate score of 400 points. Wade Stroda was the "Top Shot" in BB Gun with 381 points. Stroda placed 5th in prone with 97 points and 6X, 1st in standing with 93 points, tied for 8th sitting with 95 points and placed 1st in kneeling with 96 points. Swisher placed 8th aggregate with 372 points, tied for 10th in prone with 96 points, tied for 8th in sitting with 95 points and tied for 7th in kneeling with 94 points. Dietrich tied for 11th aggregate with 370 points, tied for 15th in prone with 95 points, tied for 3rd in standing with 91 points and 1X and tied for 4th sitting with 96 points and 4X. Plummer tied for 8th sitting with 95 points. Becker tied for 10th prone with 96 points. Kirk Stewart tied for 4th in prone with 97 points and 3X. In addition to the above youth, Kaycee Baker, Barnabas Hawkinson and Carlie Henderson participated in the senior BB Gun division.

Junior BB Gun shooter Tristan Neff placed 4th aggregate with 363 points, tied for

5th in prone with 95 points, tied for 2nd in standing with 88 points, tied for 13th in sitting with 91 points and tied for 12th in kneeling with 89 points. Dylan Anderson tied for 6th in sitting with 93 points. Zach Culbertson tied for 12th in prone with 93 points. Brendan Becker, Christopher Becker and Cade Shanks participated in the junior division of BB Gun.

Air Rifle shooters shot 20 shots each in prone, standing and kneeling at 10 meters for a total possible aggregate of 600 points. Wade Stroda placed 3rd aggregate in the senior division of Air Rifle with 529 points and 13X, tied for 10th in prone with 186 points, placed 1st in standing with 168 points and placed 5th in kneeling with 175 points. Jacob Stroda placed 5th aggregate with 519 points, 4th standing with 165 points and 4th kneeling with 179 4X. Naomi Hawkinson placed 15th in standing with 153 points and 16th in kneeling with 162 points. Jacob Dietrich, Matthew Plummer and Judy White participated in the senior division of Air Rifle.

Air Pistol shooters shot 20 shot on paper at 10 meters and 20 shots for silhouette at 1/10th scale silhouettes: five chickens at 10 yards, five pigs at 12.5 yards, five turkeys at 15 yards and 5 rams at 18 yards for a total aggregate of 400 points. Jacob Stroda placed 1st aggregate with 214 points, 3rd on paper with 154 points and 2nd in silhouettes with 60 points in the senior sporter Air Pistol division. Ryan Tully placed 10th aggregate with 176 points, 15th on paper with 126 points and tied for 5th in silhouettes with 50 points. Austin Becker

tied for 13th in silhouette with 30 points.

Junior Sporter Air Pistol shooter Ethan Sylvester tied for 6th aggregate with 172 points, tied for 7th on paper with 142 points and tied for 5th in silhouette with 30 points.

The Straight Shooters are sponsored by Riley and Pottawatomie County Extension Councils, Riley County Fish and Game, Kansas State University Military Science Department, Kaw Valley Archery, Daisy Outdoor Products, Kansas State Rifle Association, Kansas Muzzleloaders Association, National Wildlife Turkey Federation, Flint Hills Pheasants Forever, Justin Corbet Foundation, Friends of NRA and all Shooting Sports parents, families and instructors.



Brendan Becker and Kirk Stewart shoot the kneeling portion of the BB Gun Match while Richard Becker and Doug Schanks coach and spot.



Wade Stroda and Jacob Stroda shoot 20 shots in the standing position at the Kansas State 4-H Match in Great Bend.

Transportation Execs Look for Fuel Tax Alternatives

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — The increase in fuel efficient vehicles on Kansas roads has transportation officials concerned about future funding for highway projects.

More fuel efficient cars making fewer trips to the pump means fewer chances for the state to collect the 24 cent per gallon tax it levies on gasoline. It's a situation coming down the road that has transportation officials in Kansas and other states thinking about additional ways to bring in money to finance ever needed upgrades to the state highway system.

Tolls roads and vehicle mileage taxes are two ideas to collect revenue put forth in a study by the Transportation Research Board in 2006. Transportation Secretary Deb Miller is aware of the study; she was a member of the executive committee that helped put together the research, which recommended finding a new tax collection method within 15 years.

The dilemma for officials at the Kansas Department of Transportation, they say, is that the federal government has been slow to address the looming problem, and they don't want to get stuck into a system that doesn't mesh with a future method imposed by the federal government.

"We know there's a problem we should be working on, but we don't want to paint ourselves in the corner if the federal government is going to be different than the way ours is going to be," said Jerry Younger, deputy secretary for engineering at KDOT.

A vehicle mileage tax would utilize global positioning satellite technology to track how far drivers go and which roads they use to get there. That information would be used to assess a tax based on the number of miles driven.

The idea brings with it two potential problems—privacy and fairness, Younger said. The technology would have to be a log of everywhere the vehicle travels, which could bring up a host of various legal and governmental intrusion objections.

Younger said he's hopeful for the development of new technology that could gather mileage information while at

the same time maintaining privacy.

Because Kansas is a relatively large state with a variety of urban and rural roadways, a strategy to ensure fairness across the system would be another problem to tackle before imposing a mileage tax. Other questions, such as a higher fee for driving on busier roadways, or how to tax miles driven outside the state lines are being tossed around as well.

"We would want to be able to have a system in Kansas that we believe is the most fair for the demographics in Kansas," Younger said.

The imposition of a mileage tax doesn't mean the fuel tax would disappear. Younger said those pump taxes are likely to be around for the foreseeable future because gasoline will still be in demand.

"As we get to a point of more user fees, those are collected are in addition to some sort of fuel tax for a period of time," Younger said.

Meanwhile, another suggestion to use more toll roads, such as those along much of the 236-mile Kansas Turnpike, is a possibility. The idea of paying to use roads has been around almost since the proliferation of the automobile. But only about 8 percent of user highway user revenue comes from toll roads and bridges.

But official proposals for either of the ideas have not yet come out of KDOT. Younger said they're watching what other states do and waiting for direction from the federal government.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation announced Tuesday it's looking for 500 people to test technology centered on the idea of a mileage fee. That research is due to come out in December 2012.

Younger said state transportation departments have brought the issue to the federal government repeatedly, without much response, even though the revenue from the 18.4 cents a gallon tax it levies across the nation also stands to decrease because of more fuel efficient cars.

Kansas collected \$421 million in fuel tax in 2010.

Calls to the U.S. Department of Transportation Wednesday were not returned.

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