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Funding Debt City's Debt

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

The City of Manhattan held their second work session on the 2012 Budget Tuesday night. There is a job that everyone would like to have.

The Commissions over the past 8 to 12 years have been adding debt to debt and now the new Commission is trying to figure out how to pay for all of the projects.

Look at the chart at the right. This was produced by the City Finance Department. It shows that last year the City of Manhattan needed to bring in \$13.3 million (Item No. 1) just to pay for old projects. In 2017 that figure goes up to \$28.1 million.

This is not the 2012 Budget this is just the part of the Budget that pays for Bonds and Interest of borrowed money. The \$28.1 million is just one line in the Budget.

Item No. 2 shows that by 2017 the City will add another \$16.3 million for projects that are underway.

And Item No. 3 shows the Future Debt for projects that are going to be added. That figure is another \$10.7 million.

See the asterisk beside Downtown Redevelopment Debt Service? That \$2.6 million a year is for the new "Watching Grass Grow Museum", and they do not know where they are going to get the money.

The City of Manhattan must project they tax residents \$28.1 million in 2017 to just pay principle and interest. And then after that they can start taxing residents to run the government.

The new City Commissioners need to start cutting spending. They need to do it because the Old Commission would not.

Bond & Interest Fund (301)										
Last Update (6/7/11)										
	Actual 2009	Actual 2010	Budget 2011	Budget 2012	Projected 2013	Projected 2014	Projected 2015	Projected 2016	Projected 2017	
Budgeted Revenues										
Beginning Balance	3,126,982	2,995,081	1,469,022	1,540,087	1,300,000	1,200,000	1,100,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Ad Valorem Taxes	570,281	877,337	2,399,386	2,449,778	5,484,120	5,063,882	5,356,453	5,484,902	6,013,786	
Special Assessments	5,718,543	5,929,778	6,123,164	6,220,446	6,064,368	5,979,163	5,854,658	5,768,604	5,632,746	
Transfers from Other Funds	1,518,676	1,547,300	2,050,650	2,209,196	3,362,513	4,249,897	5,186,904	5,802,190	6,117,340	
Sales Tax Transfers	900,000	1,593,745	1,350,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	
Special Election Sales Tax	-	-	1,066,700	1,401,093	1,810,559	1,773,209	1,768,609	1,753,809	1,739,209	
STAR Bond Revenue	-	-	2,017,163	3,727,163	3,890,196	4,024,631	4,112,931	4,201,978	4,280,915	
TIF A Revenue	-	-	979,554	1,439,554	1,745,754	1,795,404	1,848,685	1,890,960	1,933,085	
Motor Vehicle Taxes	42,397	48,593	78,917	184,144	193,351	203,019	213,170	223,828	235,020	
Other Revenues	31,849	351,781	120,969	120,531	120,500	114,009	113,717	111,903	108,844	
Item No. 1	Total Revenues	11,908,728	13,343,616	17,655,524	20,391,992	25,071,361	25,503,215	26,655,127	27,338,175	28,160,945
Budgeted Expenditures										
Current Debt										
<i>Special Assessments & Capital Project</i>										
Bond Principal	4,733,400	6,450,000	7,100,000	6,915,000	6,680,000	6,295,000	6,405,000	6,495,000	6,450,000	
Bond Interest	3,117,095	3,197,750	3,741,897	3,039,807	2,860,221	2,632,425	2,418,524	2,198,200	1,956,028	
<i>Short-Term Capital Project</i>										
Other Principal	75,000	75,000	70,000	180,000	90,000	-	-	-	-	
Other Interest	4,745	5,633	910	2,330	608	-	-	-	-	
<i>CIP</i>										
Current CIP Debt Payments	876,738	1,003,182	1,752,979	1,534,266	1,533,066	1,270,941	1,259,441	1,262,791	1,247,516	
<i>Downtown Redevelopment</i>										
Downtown Redevelopment Debt Service	-	509,810	508,100	542,941	534,404	487,400	480,100	472,650	475,050	
STAR Bond Annual Appropriation	-	-	2,017,163	3,727,163	3,890,196	4,024,631	4,112,931	4,201,978	4,280,915	
TIF A Bond Annual Appropriation	-	-	979,554	1,439,554	1,745,754	1,795,404	1,848,685	1,890,960	1,933,085	
Item No. 2	Subtotal Current Debt	8,806,978	11,241,375	16,170,603	17,381,061	17,334,249	16,505,801	16,524,681	16,521,579	16,342,594
Future Debt										
<i>Special Assessments & Capital Project</i>										
Approved Projects Started (Not Yet Bonded)	-	-	-	919,853	1,600,079	1,600,509	1,600,929	1,601,289	1,601,539	
<i>CIP</i>										
Approved CIP Started (Not Yet Bonded)	-	-	45,233	167,959	1,572,978	2,051,300	2,049,900	2,043,500	2,046,200	
Proposed CIP (w/Mill Levy Impact)	-	-	113,990	137,041	440,090	643,472	831,698	964,662	1,499,343	
Proposed CIP (Financed by Other Sources)	-	-	-	-	371,675	949,843	1,895,630	2,510,543	2,974,668	
<i>Downtown Redevelopment</i>										
Downtown Redevelopment Debt Service	-	-	219,036	679,415	2,645,628	2,645,628	2,645,628	2,589,939	2,589,939	
Item No. 3	Subtotal Future Debt	-	378,259	1,904,269	6,630,450	7,890,752	9,023,784	9,709,933	10,711,690	
Miscellaneous										
City Special Assessments	106,668	106,667	106,662	106,662	106,662	106,662	106,662	106,662	106,662	
Item No. 3	Total Expenditures	8,913,646	11,348,042	16,655,524	19,391,992	24,071,361	24,503,215	25,655,127	26,338,175	27,160,945
<i>Reserves</i>										
	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	
	Ending Cash Position	2,995,081	1,995,574	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<i>Valuation</i>	<i>429,976,877 (actual)</i>	<i>431,845,310 (actual)</i>	<i>436,502,248 (actual)</i>	<i>443,049,782 (estimated)</i>	<i>450,803,153 (estimated)</i>	<i>459,819,216 (estimated)</i>	<i>469,015,600 (estimated)</i>	<i>478,395,912 (estimated)</i>	<i>487,963,831 (estimated)</i>

Senators' Social Security Bill Trumps Empty Obama Rhetoric

By David John

The Heritage Foundation

As an antidote to months of Obama Administration rhetoric that Social Security "isn't the problem," three Senators have produced legislation that both recognizes the program's financial realities and would fix it for the next 75 years. The Social Security Solvency and Sustainability Act, S. 804, introduced by Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Rand Paul (R-KY), and Mike Lee (R-UT), would gradually increase the early and normal retirement ages and gradually reduce benefits for the highest-income retirees.

Rather than ducking a tough problem, the three Senators recognize that delaying Social Security reforms will cause deeper cuts in benefits or greater tax increases down the road. Doing nothing merely makes 22 percent across-the-board cuts in everyone's Social Security benefits all the more likely. The question becomes even more urgent now that Social Security is projected to run permanent cash flow deficits for at least the next 75 years.

Denying the Problem

Meanwhile, the Obama Administration continues its shortsighted denial of the problems that Social Security faces. In his State of the Union Address, the President called

for a bipartisan solution, but then he effectively took everything except raising taxes off the table. Unfortunately for the President, increasing taxes just delays major across-the-board benefit cuts—it does not prevent them.

Then Obama's head of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Jack Lew, declared in an op-ed that fixing Social Security should not be part of discussions about this country's deficit problems because "Social Security benefits are entirely self-financing." In discussing the diversion of federal tax money to repay the bonds in the Social Security trust fund, Lew asserted that, "Now that we are paying Social Security back, the problem is not with Social Security, but with the rest of the budget."

Lew's statement is in sharp contrast to OMB's 2000 description of the Social Security trust fund:

These balances are available to finance future benefit payments...only in a bookkeeping sense. They do not consist of real economic assets that can be drawn down in the future to fund benefits. Instead, they are claims on the Treasury that, when redeemed, will have to be financed by raising taxes, borrowing from the public, or reducing benefits, or other expenditures.

This statement makes it clear that repaying trust fund bonds

increases the federal deficit. The OMB director at the time of the 2000 statement on the trust fund was the same Jack Lew.

Courage to Face the Problem

In sharp contrast, the Graham-Paul-Lee bill takes a realistic view of Social Security's problems and proposes concrete solutions that would preserve its benefits for most Americans.

First, S. 804 would gradually increase Social Security's full-benefit age starting in 2017, from today's age 66 to age 70 for Americans born on or after 1970. As with the earlier increase from 65 to 66, the full retirement age would increase by three months every calendar year until it reaches age 70. At the same time, the legislation would increase the early-benefit age starting in 2021, from today's age 62 to age 64 for taxpayers born on or after 1966. Once the new early-benefit and full-benefit ages have been reached, both ages would be indexed for changes in longevity, a move that is expected to add an additional month every two years. These changes reflect longevity improvements that have already taken place and recognize that Social Security cannot afford to pay benefits for longer and longer time periods.

Second, their proposal would gradually change the benefit

formula starting in 2017 so that upper-income Americans would start to receive smaller benefits while benefits for those with lower incomes would remain the same. Under this change, all who qualify for Social Security benefits would continue to receive a Social Security check, but scarce resources would be concentrated on those who need them the most.

The change would shift the benefit formula that divides a worker's career income over a 35-year period. Instead of dividing the career into three segments, it would create four segments. Today, retirees receive a benefit equal to 90 percent of their first \$760 of monthly earnings, 32 percent of the amount between approximately \$760 and \$4,600, and 15 percent of the amount above about \$4,600 a month. The new system after 2055 will pay a benefit equal to 90 percent of a worker's first \$760 of indexed career earnings, 32 percent of the amount between about \$760 and \$2,500, 9.2 percent of the amount between about \$2,500 and \$4,600, and 4.3 percent of earnings above about \$4,600.

A Modest Effect on Benefits

The practical effect of the Graham-Paul-Lee proposal would be to ensure that almost all Americans are protected against poverty in retirement.

Beyond that, most would also have to take additional steps through employer-sponsored retirement savings plans to guarantee a comfortable retirement. If the plan is enacted, Americans with average annual lifetime earnings under \$43,000 would be affected only by the change in retirement ages.

The highest-income taxpayers would see the greatest reduction in their benefits from the portion of the proposal that changes the benefit formula.

New Social Security recipients with average career earnings at or close to \$106,000 would see an 11.2 percent reduction in benefits from the formula change in 2030, rising to a reduction of 36 percent for those retiring in 2080.

Retirees with average annual career earnings of about \$70,000 would see reductions of 8.8 percent for those retiring in 2030, rising to 28.4 percent reductions for those retiring in 2080.

Those with annual average career earnings of more than \$43,000 would see reductions of 4.5 percent for those retiring in 2030, rising to 14.5 percent for those retiring in 2080.

Those with average annual career earnings below \$43,000 would not be affected at all by the change in the benefit formula.

This additional reduction for upper-income taxpayers is only

fair, as they are much more likely to have significant retirement savings. There is little reason why an average-income worker should have to pay taxes to help provide benefits to wealthier individuals who have the ability to provide for themselves.

A Responsible Approach—or Benefit Cuts for All

The Graham-Paul-Lee bill greatly improves Social Security's financial future without tax increases. If it became law, Social Security would still run deficits, but they would be much smaller in the near term and would end permanently after 2052. This is far more responsible than the results of what appears to be the Obama Administration's preferred scenario: perpetual deficits for at least the next 75 years and 22 percent benefit cuts for all after 2036.

Hiding your head in the sand, as the Administration has done so far, does not solve a problem. Fixing Social Security requires the kind of leadership that is willing to face facts and make difficult decisions.

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Obituaries

Carol Bloom Chalmers



Carol Bloom Chalmers, a Manhattan resident for nearly 50 years, died on June 13. She was 95. As was common to women of her generation, Ms.

Chalmers made her contribution through networks of vibrant relationships with organizations, people and the community.

She was born in Boston in 1916, where she grew up. She graduated from Middlebury College, Vermont, in 1937. She taught at the high school and college levels from 1938-1943. Ms. Chalmers came to Manhattan in 1963 with her husband, John Chalmers. From 1963 to the present, she was a persevering and courageous Kansas civic volunteer. "The focus of all my endeavors has been my firm conviction that informed citizen participation in government is absolutely essential to the healthy functioning of our democratic form of government."

She joined the League of

Women voters from 1945. She served on the New York State LWV Board in the early 60's and on the Kansas State LWV board from 1968-1975. During five of those years she was President of the Kansas LWV. She was a member of the LWV of Riley County until she died (and maybe even beyond that).

Separate from her League interests, and during years when there was much misunderstanding of the issue, Ms. Chalmers worked to improve community mental health service in Kansas. Beginning in 1969, though 1980, she served on the North Central Guidance Center Board and its successor, the Pawnee Comprehensive Mental Health Center Board to establish community mental health services in the region. She served, as a founding

member in 1975 and continuously since, on the Community Health Council for Manhattan/Riley County.

Another focus was court reform. By appointment, she served on the Kansas Judicial Advisory Committee (1973-74), and the Kansas Governor's Criminal Justice Advisory Panel (1974-75). She was Kansas' representative to the National Citizen's Assembly on Improving Courts and Justice (1976) and to the National Conference on State Courts (1978). She was the only citizen member appointed by Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Frazier to serve on the Judicial Council on Court Unification Advisory Committee (1984-85).

Ms. Chalmers was a member of the First Congregational

United Church of Christ Manhattan. Through her church, and with her husband, she participated in much charitable work--at the local Bread Basket, with the Douglas Community Center and at Meadowlark Hills.

She is survived by her three children, Jim, Carolyn and Jinny, her sister Virginia Bloom and many, much-loved grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. Her joy de vivre was contagious and enriching in large and small moments every day.

A memorial service will be

held July 16 at 2:00 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 700 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan with The Reverend R. Kent Cormack officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational United Church of Christ Manhattan, Meadowlark Hills Foundation or to The John Chalmers Scholarship at the KSU foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Marguerite Dittman



Marguerite "Jerry" Dittman, age 88, of Dodge City, Kansas formally of Manhattan, died Wednesday June 8, 2011 at the Trinity Manor in Dodge City. Jerry was born October 5, 1922 in Niles, Kansas the

daughter of James and Grace (McCready) Cherry. She grew up in the Bennington, Kansas area and graduated from Bennington High School.

On September 17, 1942 she married August "Augie" Dittman in San Francisco, California at St. Paulus Lutheran Church. After WWII they made their home in Wakefield where they owned operated the IGA Store. Construction of the Milford Dam forced them to move to Manhattan. Jerry worked at the controller's office at KSU where she later retired.

Augie preceded her in death on February 19, 2008. She was also preceded in death by her sister Ellen Cherry.

Jerry was a very active and outgoing person. She loved doing crafts and oil paintings. She was a talented seamstress

and a very good cook. Her favorite thing was to be mom and grandma. Jerry enjoyed KSU sports of all kinds and was K-States "biggest fan". She was proud of her football signed by Coach Bill Snyder.

Jerry was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Manhattan, also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the VFW Auxiliary #1786 in Manhattan.

Survivors include her son Keith Dittman and his wife Dona of Dodge City; her sister Virginia Whitman of Bennington. Additional survivors include her granddaughters: Barbara Dodge and her husband Darrell of Manhattan and Becky Pearce and her husband Mike of White City; great-grandsons: Matthew Dodge, David Dodge, Terry Styles, and Michael Pearce Jr.;

also her great-granddaughter: Sarah Dodge.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Dittman were held on Tuesday June 14, 2011 at 2:00p.m. at the Bennington Bible Church in Bennington, Kansas with Pastor Kent Groethe officiating. Interment will follow in the Bennington Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Christ the King Lutheran Church in Dodge City, Kansas. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Diane L. Stewart



Diane L. Stewart, age 61, died Thursday June 9, 2011 at Meadowlark Hills - Wroten House, Manhattan, Kansas after an extended illness. She was born on August 8, 1949 in Marysville, Kansas the daughter of Lloyd and Virginia (Brown) Lillibridge. Diane

graduated from Manhattan High in 1968. She worked at Manhattan Laundry, where she met her future husband, and later at Carol Lee Donuts.

On August 8, 1972, she was united in marriage to Alvin "Al" Lee Stewart. This union was blessed with their son: Corey Lee. Alvin preceded her in death on March 29, 1998.

Diane loved animals, NASCAR, especially Jeff Gordon, collecting dolls and coins, but most of all she loved spending time with her son and family.

Survivors include her son: Corey Lee Stewart of Saint George, KS; her mother: Virginia Levier of Manhattan; her father: Lloyd of Saint George, KS; her sister: Linda Daily of Manhattan, KS and 2 brothers: Larry Lillibridge of Manhattan, KS and Mike Lillibridge of Saint George, KS. She is also survived by many other family members and friends.

The family received friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 15, 2011 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas. Private inurnment will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Homecare &

Hospice, Inc. and 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 "send condolences" on this page.

Mary E. Schindler



Mary E. Schindler, age 82, of Manhattan, died Thursday afternoon, June 9, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born on June 30, 1928, Ionia, Kansas, and had been a Manhattan resident since 1958.

Additional obituary information and service times will be announced later by the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz

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Editorial

National Anthem Too Violent for College Liberals



Paul A. Ibbetson

Officials at Goshen College, a Mennonite college in Indiana, have banned the use of the Star-Spangled Banner during sporting events. The reason school officials gave for the ban was that America's National Anthem was deemed too violent. Specifically, according to Todd Starnes of FOX News, the school's online fact sheet stated, "Historically, playing the national anthem has not been among Goshen College's practices because of our Christ-centered core value of compassionate peacemaking seeming to be in conflict with the anthem's militaristic language." Professor John Blosser, an art instructor at Goshen, attempted to clarify the school's opposition to the national anthem by saying, "It's obviously about a battle. It's rather violent. It's about using violence to conquer and that would be something that many people would have problems with."

Francis Scott Key and were based on the American defense of Fort McHenry from British attack during the War of 1812. Before liberals like Blosser are able to outlaw our national anthem in places beyond Goshen University, maybe we should take a moment to examine the actual lyrics:

*O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,*

*Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner,
O! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country, should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,*

*O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust;"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!- national-anthems.net/us*

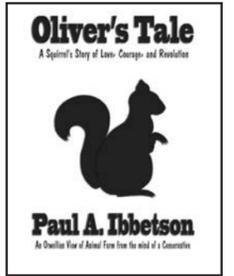
The Star-Spangled Banner defines patriotism through love of flag and country within the context of defending the nation. In this situation, conquering the British was simply defending the homeland and its representing flag. Our country's national anthem is not a song about invasion. This strongly contrasts from Blosser's alluding that the anthem has an association with imperialistic violence. Furthermore, when we take a look at the Star-Spangled Banner in its entirety, there is little doubt that the song itself is an acknowledgment of our country's indebtedness to God to

save us in times of war and deliver us to the blessed peace found in victory.

The U.S. national anthem is a song worthy of being sung in any church pew alongside well-known hymns such as Onward Christian Soldiers. In fact, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, a Civil War hymn, is commonly found in mainstream Christian songbooks throughout the United States. In reality, Americanism, patriotism and Christianity are not negative forces opposing one another in this country; they are the intermingled essence of what has made, and continues to make us unique. If we wish to see America move into the future with the same spirit that is portrayed in our national anthem, we need to defeat the ideological foes that wish to destroy all we hold dear. We must defeat the modern-day liberal. This is a time of choosing, a time of required action. To remain free today, we must also be brave and hold our banner—and all it represents—high.

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and is currently completing his Ph.D. in Sociology at Kansas State University. Paul is the author of several books including the 2010 release "Oliver's Tale: A Squirrel's Story of Love, Courage, and Revolution." Paul is also the radio host of the Kansas Broadcasting Association's 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 award-winning radio program, Conscience of Kansas airing on KSDB Manhattan 91.9 FM, www.ibbetsonusa.com. For interviews or questions, please contact him at ibbetson91.9@gmail.com



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

Editorial

Letters to Tom

Stuff Happens
"The Commission WILL take a proactive approach to this."
Mayor James Sherrow, June 7, 2011

About two floods too late for that, don't you think? On Thursday, June 2, 2011 your friends and neighbors who happen to live in the path of Wildcat Creek fell victim to the weather and unaccountable government. Contrary to enviro-myth, there really isn't much we can do about the weather, however given that we are still a free country, we should be able to do something about our city government.

If you suffer from high blood pressure, don't watch the webcast of the June 7th Manhattan City Commission Meeting. What you see and hear may be hazardous to your health.

I was going to write about the latest change to the city's rental inspection program but after watching our city commission and city staff 'handle' the catastrophe of the flood with a dazzling display of promises, evasion, and bureaucrat-



Mike Kryschal

ic mumbo-jumbo, it seemed like a good time to talk about the flood before our local mainstream media sends it to the memory hole.

For forty minutes I watched as nine citizens went before the commission and told their stories. They were grateful for the warning they received to evacuate their homes, even though the warning was incomplete and inadequate. Incomplete because residents who live in upper floors were not notified and inadequate because they

were not warned in time to salvage their vehicles. They also had some questions, most of which went unanswered. They wanted to know: Why have these floods become an annual occurrence? Who is going to pay for the damage to their homes? What is going to happen next? What is the city going to do to fix this problem? I would add two additional questions: How did this happen in the first place? Who is going to be held accountable?

When politicians say that it is not prudent to revisit a past problem, it usually means they don't want to conduct a necessary investigation. When they say that they are going to be proactive (note the FUTURE tense), it means that they have made a hash of things and want us to trust them to make it right. Elected officials are expected to always be proactive. During the campaign, at candidate forums and coffees, they assure us that they have a plan and that program that will serve the needs of Manhattan! Well it's time to live up to those promises.

What we saw on Tuesday was the opposite. No one had any answers. Instead we were treated to a Wizard of Oz like litany of what hurdles have to be jumped in order to make things right. The impression was that any help would have to come from the state or federal government; good luck with that! The same body that delights in telling us what we can and can't do in our homes, cars, and private property was at a loss to provide useful information or an explanation of why this event happened. "Not Me" and "I Don't Know" were two gremlins from The Family Circus cartoon; Not Me and I Don't Know would watch the children shift blame by saying "Not Me!" and "I Don't Know." Watching our commission and the city staff I couldn't help but think that they were carrying on that legacy.

After listening to the citizens who lost so much, Mayor Sherrow came up with four questions:

1. What are we going to do for future planning?
2. Do we need improved warning?

3. Are engineering studies going to look upstream as well as downstream on considering backup situations?

4. What happens to those houses that are condemned and are currently unoccupied and what happens to the owners' properties.

Mr. Mayor, with respect, how many floods before these questions get answered.

The mayor concluded by assuring us that "This commission will take a PROACTIVE APPROACH to this. We want to find a very prudent, well thought out plan that will ACTUALLY WORK. The worse we can do is put money to this problem to fix it, that in the end will just BACKFIRE and make the situation WORSE. I know that we have good staff here, that will be studying this, I know that we have good engineers here, that there's people in the state, people at the university who have studied hydrology and best management practices. YOU HAVE THE COMMITMENT OF ALL OF US UP HERE."

Again, with respect, how many

floods before you actually fix this problem? When will you tell us the TRUTH about how this politician made disaster was visited upon the citizens of this city?

Mike Kryschal, Colonel (Retired), United States Army, was a Bachelor's Degree from John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio and a Master's Degree in International Relations from Boston University. He served in the United States Army from 1972 to 1999. He was a platoon leader in the 25th Infantry Division, company commander in the 82d Airborne Division, battalion commander in the 1st Infantry Division, and brigade commander in the 2nd Infantry Division. He served in the 1st Infantry Division in Desert Storm. Since retirement, Mike has been an adjunct professor of history, political science, and leadership.

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



Manhattan City Minutes

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION
MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 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 James E. Sherrow and Commissioners Loren J. Pepperd, John Matta, Wynn Butler, and Richard B. Jankovich 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 210 interested citizens.

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

PROCLAMATION
Mayor Sherow proclaimed May 2011, Mental Health Month. Robbin Cole, Executive Director, Pawnee Mental Health Services; Bill Meredith, Chair, Board of Directors of Pawnee Mental Health Services; and Carroll Hess and Stan Wilson, Board of Directors of Pawnee Mental Health Services, were present to receive the proclamation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Sherow provided an overview of items mentioned during the Discussion/Briefing Session held prior to the City Commission Legislative Meeting. The Commission updated their calendars; provided an update with the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce on Lot 9, Downtown Entertainment District; received a legislative update from Dick Carter; received updates on the Riley County-Manhattan Health Department Board and Manhattan Housing Authority; discussed the upcoming City Commission Retreat and Goal Setting Session on Thursday, May 26, 2011, starting at 12:00 Noon; discussed a memorandum on the financial analysis for Flint Hills Square; discussed the hotel market analysis to be completed by Strategic Advisory Group (SAG); and received an update from the Director of Public Works Dale Houdeshell on poten-

tial funds available for water meter upgrades. He then informed the community that earlier in the day a memorial service was held for Atina Hanna. The Mayor stated that she was a wonderful community member and will be missed.

CONSENT AGENDA
(* denotes those items discussed)
MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

CLAIMS REGISTER NO. 2672
The Commission approved Claims Register No. 2672 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from April 27, 2011, to May 10, 2011, in the amount of \$3,064,395.72.

LICENSE
The Commission approved an annual Cereal Malt Beverage On-Premises License for Valentino's, 3003 Anderson Avenue Suite 901.

FINAL PLAT - SCENIC WOODS ADDITION PUD
The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of Scenic Woods Addition, a Residential Planned Unit Development, generally located southwest of the intersection of North Scenic Drive and Stone Drive, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS - SCENIC WOODS ADDITION PUD
The Commission authorized City Administration to finalize and the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreements regarding construction and maintenance of the stormwater facilities and travel easement for Scenic Woods Addition, a Residential Planned Unit Development.

ORDINANCE NO. 6893 - AMEND - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (UPDATED GATEWAY TO MANHATTAN PLAN)

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6893, amending the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan by adopting and incorporating by reference the updated Gateway to Manhattan Plan, dated April 2011, and incorporating the necessary citation in Chapter 4 as proposed; and by adding a cross-reference to Vision

2025: A Comprehensive Plan for Riley County, Kansas, in Chapter 4, as proposed.

***ORDINANCE NO. 6894 - REPEAL - MOBILE FOOD VENDING**

Lauren Palmer, Assistant City Manager, provided additional information on the item and asked for clarification.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, informed the Commission that the item could be tabled for additional consideration.

Ralph DeZago, City Prosecutor, Junction City, informed the Commission that he appreciated consideration on the item and provided additional information.

After discussion of the Commission, it was determined that the item would be tabled.

***ORDINANCE NO. 6895 - AMEND - PEDDLERS/SOLICITORS**

Lauren Palmer, Assistant City Manager, provided additional information on the item and asked for clarification.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, informed the Commission that the item could be tabled for additional consideration.

After discussion of the Commission, it was determined that the item would be tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 6896 - NO PARKING EXCEPT SUNDAYS - BROWNING AVENUE (UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6896 altering the existing "No Parking Anytime" area on the east side of Browning Avenue, from Claffin Road to Dickens Avenue, to a "No Parking Except Sundays" area on the east side of Browning Avenue from 150 feet north of Claffin Road to 200 feet south of Dickens Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 051711-A - REVISED PETITION - KSU FOUNDATION - SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (SS0812)

The Commission found the revised petition sufficient and approved Resolution No. 051711-A, rescinding Resolution No. 051909-I, and finding the Kansas State University Foundation Sanitary Sewer Improvements (SS0812) project advisable and authorizing construction.

***RESOLUTION NO. 051711-B - TEMPORARY NOTE SERIES 2011-03**

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided an overview on the item and responded to questions from the Commission.

Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance, responded to questions from the Commission on the issuance of temporary notes.

The Commission accepted the best bid for selling the notes and approved Resolution No. 051711-B issuing Temporary Note Series No. 2011-03 in the amount of \$7,385,000.00 to finance the following eight (8) capital projects to be debt financed: Stone Pointe Addition, Unit 1, Phase 2, Pedestrian Bridge (SP0701); South

End Downtown Redevelopment Parking Garage (PG0901);

Discovery Center Exhibit Fabrication and Installation (CD0902);

Fire Station #5 (FR775P);

Fire Station # 3 (FRX75P);

Miller Parkway Water Main Extension (WA0622);

Smith and Manfax Sanitary Sewer Improvements (SS0901);

and Kimball Avenue and Candlewood Drive Intersection Improvements (ST1002).

RESOLUTION NO. 051711-C - TEMPORARY NOTE SERIES 2011-04

The Commission accepted the best bid for selling the notes and approved Resolution No. 051711-C Temporary Note Series 2011-04 in the amount of \$4,750,000.00 to finance the South End Downtown Redevelopment Conference Center (CC0901).

***RESOLUTION NO. 051711-D - INCREASE - TAXI RATES**

Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance, responded to questions from the Commission on the requested rate increase and past rate increases.

The Commission approved Resolution No. 051711-D increasing the taxi rates due to higher fuel costs (See Attachment No. 1).

***CHANGE ORDER NO. 3-FINAL - GRANDE BLUFFS AT MILL POINTE, UNIT ONE - STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ST1008)**

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works, provided additional information on the change order and responded to questions from the Commission.

The Commission approved Change Order No. 3-Final for the Grande Bluffs at Mill Pointe, Unit One, Street Improvements project (ST1008), resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$47,074.65 (+24.00%) to the contract with Manhattan Trenching Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas.

***CHANGE ORDER NO. 3-FINAL - SMITH STREET/MANFAX AVENUE - SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (SS0901)**

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works, provided additional information on the change order

and responded to questions from the Commission.

The Commission approved Change Order No. 3-Final for the Smith Street/Manfax Avenue Sanitary Sewer project (SS0901), resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$38,305.50 (+7.99%) to the contract with J and K Contracting, of Junction City, Kansas.

***CHANGE ORDER NO. 2-FINAL - 3RD STREET AND PIERRE STREET INTERSECTION (ST0910)**

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works, provided additional information on the change order and responded to questions from the Commission.

The Commission approved Change Order No. 2-Final for the 3rd Street and Pierre Street project (ST0910), resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$54,394.77 (+5.14%) to the contract with Pavers, Inc., of Salina, Kansas.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - 2216 CLAFLIN TOWNHOMES - WATER (WA1108), SANITARY SEWER (SS1109), AND STORM SEWER (SM1104) IMPROVEMENTS

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Development Agreement with the 2216 Claffin Townhome PUD owner for water main (WA1108), sanitary sewer (SS1109), and storm sewer (SM1104) improvements for the 2216 Claffin Townhome PUD.

***SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT - CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICES - 4TH STREET AND BLUEMONT AVENUE INTERSECTION (ST0703)**

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works, provided additional information on the Supplemental Agreement.

The Commission authorized the City Manager and City Clerk to execute a supplemental agreement in the amount of \$13,048.24 with Alfred Benesch and Company, of Manhattan, Kansas, for additional construction observation services for the intersection of 4th Street and Bluemont Avenue (ST0703).

EASEMENTS - RILEY COUN-

TY WILDCAT CREEK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a permanent easement and two temporary easements to Riley County as required for the Wildcat Creek Road improvements.

PURCHASE - MOWER

The Commission approved the purchase of a Toro Groundskeeper Model 3280D and snow removal accessories in the amount of \$29,696.92, from Professional Turf Products, of Overland Park, Kansas, to replace Unit #704(CIP CP047E) and to be paid from the Special Parks and Recreation Fund.

After discussion of the Commission, Commissioner Pepper moved to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of Item F, ORDINANCE NO. 6894 - REPEAL - MOBILE FOOD VENDING and ORDINANCE NO. 6895 - AMEND - PEDDLERS/SOLICITORS, which was tabled.

Commissioner Jankovich seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0, with the exception of Item D, FINAL PLAT / RESTRICTIVE COVENANT - SCENIC WOODS ADDITION PUD, and Item N, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - 2216 CLAFLIN TOWNHOMES - WATER (WA1108), SANITARY SEWER (SS1109), AND STORM SEWER (SM1104) IMPROVEMENTS, which carried 4-0 with Commissioner Jankovich abstaining from both items.

GENERAL AGENDA
ORDINANCE NO. 6897 - REPEAL - ORDINANCE NO. 6880 CONCERNING NON-DISCRIMINATION

Mayor Sherow provided an overview of the process for the item and the procedure to accommodate public comment, which would be limited to two minutes per person.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided background information on the item.

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

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Mike Herman, 446 Edgerton Avenue, informed the Commission that he circulated a letter expressing concerns with the repeal of this ordinance and the negative impact that would occur at Kansas State University. He asked the Commission to think about the negative impact in repealing this ordinance.

Stephanie Mott, 119 Southeast 14th Street, Topeka, Kansas, Executive Director, Kansas Statewide Transgender Education Project, and Vice Chair, Kansas Equality Coalition, asked the Commission to please rethink their position and to carefully consider their choices for basic human dignity.

Dale McKullup, 1020 Houston Street, voiced concerns with the repeal of this ordinance. He stated that this action will hurt the community economically and is an issue that provides basic civil liberties.

Michael Lambert, 800 Ratone Street, asked the Commission to respectfully stand on the side of enhanced and expanded rights and to not repeal the ordinance.

Michael Bonella, 331 North 14th Street, informed the Commission that the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce does not represent or reflect the position of all business owners in Manhattan. He stated that Manhattan needs to be an inclusive and welcoming community for everyone.

Beniah Wilson, 2448 Woodside Lane, voiced his concerns with the current ordinance and requested that the ordinance be repealed.

Savannah Neuffer, 1020 Houston Street, informed the Commission that she recently moved to Manhattan for graduate school and stated that the student population at K-State is not okay with the decision to repeal this ordinance. She stated that she was ready to leave the community due to the precedence being set by leaders of this community.

Frank Siegle, 1013 Houston Street, voiced his concerns in repealing the ordinance and asked the Commission to provide insurance to those in Manhattan that do not have insurance against discrimination.

Phil Anderson, 1718 Fairchild Avenue, stated that the previous City Commission spent a good deal of time, energy, and resources to put the ordinance in place. He asked that the ordinance be maintained and allowed to be evaluated on its merits and to set an example to the state of Kansas.

Jonathan Mertz, 34107 Highway K-18, President, Flint Hills Human Rights Project, shared his concerns if the ordinance is repealed. He stated that we will not give up and asked the Commission to support the ordinance.

Mary Siegle, 1013 Houston Street, provided concerns if the ordinance is repealed and stated that she was disappointed that this ordinance was not given an opportunity to be successful in supporting the rights of others.

David Jones, 7100 Anderson Avenue, Pastor, Ecumenical Campus Ministry, informed the Commission that not all clergy members in the Manhattan community were in support of the repeal, as supporters of the Awaken Manhattan clergy group. He urged the Commission to vote on the right side of history and extend privileges and rights to all citizens of this community.

Simone Dorsey, 618 Moro Street, Vice President, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (LGBT) Knowledge, stated that if this ordinance is repealed before it has a chance to go through, what will it take to stop discrimination from happening with another group. She asked that the ordinance remain in place.

Nate Wilson, 2488 Woodside Lane, informed the Commission that the ordinance would discriminate against his religious practices as an Evangelical Christian. He encouraged the Commission to repeal and revoke the ordinance.

Stan Hoerman, 2021 Bluehills Road, encouraged the Commission to repeal the ordinance and voiced concerns with the ordinance.

Theresa Young, 530 Pierre Street, expressed her concerns for equal rights for employment and housing and asked that the ordinance not be repealed.

Roger Seymour, 1181 Rock Springs Lane, voiced his concerns with the ordinance. He asked the Commission to repeal the ordinance and to protect his rights from the potential of a frivolous lawsuit.

Jo Foy, 3213 Anderson Avenue, Graduate Student, Kansas State University, asked the Commission to reconsider repealing this ordinance and to seek some kind of compromise.

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, provided clarification that the effective date of Ordinance No. 6880 is September 1, 2011.

Katie Jackson, Assistant City Attorney, responded to questions from the Commission and provided clarification on the item.

After further discussion and comments of the Commission, Commissioner Pepper moved to approve Ordinance No. 6897 repealing Ordinance No. 6880 and reinstating the prior provisions of Chapter 10 relating to civil rights. Commissioner Matta seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 3-2, with Mayor Sherow and Commissioner Jankovich voting against the motion.

At 8:40 p.m., the Commission took a brief recess.

PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION PERMIT FOR 831 LEAVENWORTH STREET

Karen Davis, Director of Community Development, presented the item. She then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the process and request.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided

additional background information on the item.

Mayor Sherow opened the public hearing.

Bill Varney, 216 Fordham Road, Representative, First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan, 801 Leavenworth Street, provided an overview on the history and use of the 831 Leavenworth Street property. He highlighted the 17 relevant factors provided to the Commission substantiating a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to demolition of the structure at 831 Leavenworth Street, and that the project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic properties of the Robert Ulrich House and the Woman's Club House. He presented the Commission with the proposed financing of rehabilitation costs for 831 Leavenworth Street, potential funding sources, and the shortfall of funds. He also presented a petition from members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan for the City Commission to issue a demolition permit for the house and garage at 831 Leavenworth Street and stated that financially it makes more sense to tear the house down and return the land to green space. He then responded to questions from the Commission.

Wynn Cragg, Cragg's Remodeling, LLC, Wamego, Kansas, informed the Commission that he provided an estimate to the First Presbyterian Church to renovate the structure at 831 Leavenworth Street for labor and materials at \$771,870.00. He provided an overview of the items needing repair and distributed a pamphlet on renovations. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding lead-based paint and historic restoration projects.

Cam McConnell, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, 5913 Stony Brook Drive, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to address the issue and provided background information on the demolition permit request. He informed the Commission that the Church has made serious efforts to find a use for the house after the Manhattan Emergency Shelter vacated, but the Church does not have a particular use for the house. He stated that it is a financial burden to the congregation and that the resources are not there to take on a project of this magnitude and would be better spent in continuing outreach and mission work. He informed the Commission that a beautiful landscaped greenspace would provide a win-win situation for both the neighborhood and the congregation.

Bill Varney, 216 Fordham Road, Representative, First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan, 801 Leavenworth Street, responded to questions from the Commission regarding use and upkeep of the property by the Manhattan Emergency Shelter.

Sara Fisher, 811 Osage Street, Vice President, Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, asked that the request for demolition be denied. She expressed her concerns about the request for demolition and with the high estimate from the contractor and knowledge of tax credits. She stated that the demolition would come with a significant loss to the neighborhood, both socially and financially. She then responded to questions from the Commission and stated that she knows of others willing to purchase the house.

Kathy Dzewaltowski, President, Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, 100 South Delaware Avenue, informed the Commission that the Preservation Alliance opposes the request from First Presbyterian Church to demolish 831 Leavenworth Street. She stated that there are feasible and prudent alternatives to demolition. She highlighted the value of 831 Leavenworth Street as an important historic cultural resource, resources that could assist with renovation costs, and provided feasible alternatives to demolition. She voiced concern that the Church has not adequately maintained the property and stated that several items in the renovation quotes were unnecessary and inflated. She presented before and after rehabilitation photographs of the Strasser House and 617 Colorado Street. She informed the Commission that the Preservation Alliance would be willing to provide the First Presbyterian Church with assistance in preparing a historic register nomination, assist in applying for grant funds, and provide guidance and support within its available resources.

Dixie West, 1014 Houston Street, stated that the bid of \$771,000.00 was too high and advised to seek other bids from companies familiar with historic restoration projects. She stated the importance in using tax credits to help with renovations.

Virginia Benkelman, 3202 Willowpond Lane, Member, First Presbyterian Church member, informed the Commission that after many years of faithful service to the community, the house has been used up and that it would need more funding than the Church can afford. She stated that green space would benefit the neighborhood and the Church, and that it is time to tear down the house.

Loren Reiswig, 5008 Coachman Road, Chairperson, Business Affairs Committee, First Presbyterian Church, informed the Commission that after lengthy discussions, the decision was made to seek a demolition permit for 831 Leavenworth Street. He stated that it is not feasible for the congregation to take on the astronomical expense of renovating this house and that the Church is dedicated to preserve and maintain the area with grass, trees, and shrubs.

Roger Seymour, 1181 Rock

Springs Lane, stated that this comes down to personal property rights and if the Church believes this is in their best interests, they should be allowed to do so. He wanted to see historical items saved prior to demolition and stated that he did not believe it would take \$700,000.00 for rehabilitation of the property; however, if the amount was even half that, it would far exceed the value of the property.

Doug Shilling, 4101 Wellington Drive, Member, First Presbyterian Church, stated the difficulties in raising money and building a budget. He asked the Commission to support the request to tear down 831 Leavenworth Street.

Melanie Klein, 730 Leavenworth Street, voiced her concerns on the impact to the environs and monetary consequences for neighbors if 831 Leavenworth Street is allowed to be demolished. She stated that the Church has not shared plans for compatible reconstruction.

Sandra Stewart, 4196 Taneil Drive, Member, First Presbyterian Church, informed the Commission of the mission work that the members of the Church provide to the membership and to the community. She asked the Commission to grant permission to demolish the house and garage at 831 Leavenworth Street to benefit the entire community.

Enell Foerster, 2132 Meadowlark Road, representing the Manhattan/Riley County League of Women Voters, informed the Commission that the League supports preservation of historic buildings and the community's older residential neighborhoods. She provided a list of improvements that were made during the occupancy of the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. She urged the Commission to not circumvent the recommendation of the local Historic Resources Board, to not allow demolition of 831 Leavenworth Street, and encouraged the Church to work with the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance and Eastside Park Neighborhood to preserve this historic structure.

Don Rathbone, 1520 Sharningbrook Drive, provided clarification on the item and informed the Commission that he recently toured the building and that the building is in great need. He stated that it would not be cost effective to renovate the house, given the amount of expensive repairs needed and the best option would be demolition.

Marsha Jaskowicz, 4166 Taneil Drive, Member, First Presbyterian Church, provided additional information on the request and stated that neglect is the last word that should be used for the congregation. She asked the Commission to approve the request.

Mike Mecseri, 1015 Leavenworth Street, Owner, Timber & Stone, informed the Commission that he works with historic preservation and restoration projects and asked the Commission to not allow the property to be destroyed. He provided additional information from his letter submitted to the Commission and stated that when considering property rights, it is imperative to consider the rights of the neighboring properties as well. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the estimate provided by Cragg's Remodeling, LLC, for 831 Leavenworth Street and stated that the renovation can be accomplished for significantly less than proposed and provided an estimate of \$401,170.00 to renovate this property and ensure continued viability.

Tom Barth, 1600 Wyndam Heights Drive, Member, First Presbyterian Church, informed the Commission that the foundation of the house needs to be dealt with and is a very expensive project. He then asked that the request for demolition be supported.

Gene Klinger, 1516 Wyndam Heights Drive, Member, First Presbyterian Church, provided additional information on the item and voiced concern with the tremendous amount of money needed to renovate the house. He asked the Commission to support the request and let the Church do what needs to be done.

Linda Glasgow, 2236 Snowbird Drive, Vice President, Kansas Preservation Alliance, Inc. (KPA), provided additional information on the KPA and the nomination and designation process. She provided past examples of Manhattan properties that have been championed by the Preservation Alliance. She informed the Commission that the tax credit market is very attractive, voiced concern with demolition by neglect and urged that the demolition permit for 831 Leavenworth Street be denied.

Cameron Ward, 618 Bluemont Avenue, Director of Youth Ministries, First Presbyterian Church, asked the Commission to support the request and to allow demolition of the property.

Tom Roberts, 2015 Pierre Street, Chair, Historic Resources Board, presented an overview on the responsibility of the Historic Resources Board in advising the City Commission on matters related to historic preservation. He highlighted facts and guidelines outlined in a memorandum from the Historic Resources Board to the City Commission, with a recommendation to deny the request for demolition. He informed the Commission that as part of a strategic plan of the Historic Resources Board, the Board has recognized an issue with demolition by neglect and should be considered to help alleviate and prevent future problems. He then responded to questions from the Commission on the restrictions of environs and re-iterated that two properties in the community have been restored and are

back on the tax rolls.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Sherow closed the public hearing.

FINDING - DEMOLITION PERMIT FOR 831 LEAVENWORTH STREET

Karen Davis, Director of Community Development, responded to questions from the Commission regarding zoning of this property.

After discussion, Commissioner Butler moved to approve the issuance of a demolition permit, as requested, no sooner than 31 days after today's date, because there are no feasible or prudent alternatives to demolition and the applicant's information includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic properties. This motion is based upon all of the evidence presented to the Commission, both oral and written, and specifically upon the economic issues, the cost of renovation, the value of the house, the future use of the house, and the financial burden that would be placed on the current owners. Commissioner Pepper seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-1, with Mayor Sherow voting against the motion.

The Commission took a brief recess.

3RD STREET OPENINGS AT LEAVENWORTH AND PIERRE STREETS (ST0806, ST0910) - PAYMENT TO CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT; RESOLUTION NO. 051711-E - TEMPORARY NOTES - 3RD STREET AT LEAVENWORTH STREET INTERSECTION (ST0806); RESOLUTION NO. 051711-F - TEMPORARY NOTES - 3RD STREET AT PIERRE STREET INTERSECTION (ST0910)

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, presented an overview of the item and financing for 3rd Street and Leavenworth Street and 3rd Street and Pierre Street. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the Downtown Fund, financing considerations, proposed improvements, and landscaping plans.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided additional information on financing aspects and recommendation to use the Downtown Fund for the payment required to the District Court. He then responded to additional questions from the Commission.

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission on the Downtown Fund, land acquisitions, financing options for the Commission to consider, and Core Downtown improvements that are in the 2011 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). He stated that the Commission will be considering an agreement on architectural services for the Core Downtown improvements at the June 7, 2011, City Commission meeting.

Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance, and Ron Fehr, City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission on financing related to the project.

Mark Skochdopole, Board President, Downtown Manhattan, Inc. (DMI), informed the Commission that the Core Downtown has been asked to sit on the sidelines during the redevelopment of the north and south. He asked the Commission to not place an unfair burden on the Core Downtown businesses and to complete the Poyntz Avenue projects by using Downtown Funds. He then responded to questions from the Commission and stated that he did not want to see the Downtown Funds shifted or extinguished. He asked that the funds be available to help fund improvements for Poyntz Avenue, alleyways, and the Downtown Mall Plaza.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided additional information on the funding options and informed the Commission that it would be difficult to guarantee replenishment of the Downtown Fund until all the costs are known.

Mark Skochdopole, Board President, DMI, responded to additional questions from the Commission and stressed the importance of the Downtown Fund for Poyntz Avenue projects.

Gina Scroggs, Executive Director, DMI, informed the Commission that the 3rd Street connectivity is important and part of the entire redevelopment plans, as is the Core Downtown improvements. She stated that the Poyntz Avenue Core area projects are in

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the CIP with the understanding that funds are available in the Downtown Fund and re-establish a benefit district. She then responded to questions from the Commission about the redevelopment and provided background information on items in the CIP.

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, and Ron Fehr, City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission and provided clarification on the item.

Cindy LaBarge, 404 Poyntz Avenue, Owner, informed the Commission that they are continuing to restore their building and asked the City to keep the commitment in the CIP for the Poyntz Avenue Core area improvements.

Barbara Nelson, 406 Poyntz Avenue, Owner, informed the Commission this redevelopment has been going on for ten years and was promised monies help with the Downtown area. She voiced concern that if the \$650,000.00 is used from the Downtown Fund, it will not come back and the City will find something else to do with the funds. She asked the Commission to help the downtown area.

Lyle Butler, President, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, provided a brief history on the redevelopment project. He stated the importance for the Core to be connected and stressed the importance for the Core Downtown area to be refurbished and developed as part of the redevelopment project, as envisioned.

Jay Nelson, 406 Poyntz Avenue, Owner, provided background information on the Downtown Fund. He voiced concerns with the financial consequences for the Downtown properties and asked the Commission to support Downtown and not chip away from the Downtown Fund.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, informed the Commission that the June 7, 2011, City Commission meeting, will provide an opportunity to discuss the Core Downtown improvements and funding for those improvements.

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, and Ron Fehr, City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission regarding their desire to use funds from the Downtown Fund. They then responded to additional questions regarding a potential benefit district and percentage splits to be considered, scope of architectural services, and the project timeline and phasing.

After discussion of the Commission, Commissioner Jankovich moved to authorize City Administration to pay the award and fees into the Clerk of the District Court and acquire the property by condemnation to construct the openings on 3rd Street at Leavenworth and Pierre Streets (ST0806) (ST0910); approve Resolution No. 051711-E authorizing the issuance of temporary notes to finance the opening at 3rd Street and Leavenworth Street (ST0806); and approve Resolution No. 051711-F authorizing the issuance

of temporary notes to finance the opening at 3rd Street and Pierre Street (ST0910). Commissioner Pepper seconded the motion.

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

DISCUSSION - NORTH END POCKET PARK

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, presented an overview of the item and preliminary budget and shortfall estimates for the pocket park. He then responded to questions from the Commission.

Tom Hittle, President, Hittle Architects, responded to questions from the Commission and provided background information on the project and design concepts.

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, and Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided additional information on the item and responded to questions from the Commission regarding the project budget and availability of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) B Bonds, park concepts, streetscape, and projected revenues to pay for the improvements.

Tom Hittle, President, Hittle Architects, provided additional information on the park elements envisioned, the bid document process, and the potential to incorporate bid alternates, depending on the level of available funding.

Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager, and Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided additional information on the item and responded to questions from the Commission on potential amenities that could be added when funding is available.

Tom Hittle, President, Hittle Architects, responded to questions and informed the Commission that he would come back at a future date with revisions for the Commission to consider.

As this was a discussion item, no action was taken by the City Commission.

FIRST READING - ANNEX - PORTIONS OF SCENIC DRIVE AND ANDERSON AVENUE

Karen Davis, Director of Community Development, provided a brief overview of the item.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided additional information on the item and responded to questions from the Commission.

Bill Frost, City Attorney, provided clarification on the annexation.

After discussion, Commissioner Jankovich moved to approve first reading of an ordinance annexing portions of Scenic Drive and Anderson Avenue rights-of-way, as requested by Board of Riley County Commissioners. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, recommended that the City Commission forgo the Executive Session that was on the agenda, given the lateness of the meeting. The City Commission concurred.

At 12:55 p.m., the Commission adjourned.

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Riley County Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas June 2, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building June 2, 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

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works/Parks Director; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Meredith said flooding on Wildcat Creek is higher this year than last year. Meredith said Wildcat Creek rose over the bridge deck on Scenic Drive.

Meredith discussed the extensive flooding throughout Riley County. Meredith said there have been reports of 4-6.5" of rain.

Lewis said he had a call from a resident concerned about the Valleywood area and Nelson's Landing.

Shepek presented updated numbers on law enforcement cost per capita from six communities showing Riley County as 10-20% lower.

Meredith said the Department

of Energy has interviewed him about our shop project green energy systems.

Meredith stated the furniture in the Public Works offices in the Courthouse Office Building will be utilized in the move of the engineering staff to the shop site.

Lewis moved to approve a Purchase Authorization for additional office furniture for completion of downstairs remodeling at the shop site for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$20,432.10 to be funded by the Road and Bridge fund. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson said a Mrs. Davis called and complained about musk thistle.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 060211-16, A Resolution establishing certain fees to be assessed to users of the Riley County Solid Waste Facility". Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign a Riley County Capital Improvement Program, CIP Project Funding, Certification of Project Authority for GO Bond Issue for deck repairs for the McDowell Creek Road bridge in the amount of \$250,000.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Kansas Service Contract for Public Officials Liability and Employment Practices Liability insurance coverage. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of

\$212,072.71 and the following warrant vouchers for June 3, 2011:

2011 Budget

County General	\$257,464.99
Riley Co Juvenile Service	6,377.13
Motor Vehicle Operations	4,686.12
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	980.53
Riley Co Adult Services	6,551.86
Capital Improvements Fund	10,223.00
Economic Development	702.94
Solid Waste	3,191.84
County Building	41,181.64
RCPD Levy/Op	18,773.49
Resourceful KS Energy Grt	40,471.53
Riley Co Fire Dist #1	3,256.29
University Park W&S	8.00
Deep Creek Sewer	75.00
Valleywood Operations	98.95
Konza Water Operations	846.46
Konza Water Cap Reserve	6,398.94
TOTAL	\$401,288.71

Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Gregory Norris, a new hire, as a Public Works Operator II, in the Road and Bridge Department, at a grade I, step 1, at \$15.20 per hour.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2011 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Whitney Hodgkin, Manhattan Mercury; and Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Williams presented a Community Corrections monthly update.

9:15 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Whitney Hodgkin, Manhattan Mercury; and Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director, attended.

P. Collins stated there were 2.5-3.0" of rain in Manhattan, 4.5" in Riley and 5-6" in north county. P. Collins said water was flowing over Anderson Avenue. P. Collins discussed the housing areas evacuated. P. Collins estimated 200 people were affected.

P. Collins said they called Commissioner McCulloh early this morning to declare a local disaster.

P. Collins stated the Kaw River is expected to crest at 19 feet.

Lewis moved to sign a "Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency for Riley County, Kansas". Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:25 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Whitney Hodgkin, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Peterson presented a Noxious Weed/Household Hazardous Waste department report.

Peterson discussed problems with getting our chemical supplies from our chemical bid supplier.

Peterson said one of the service trucks is now out of service due to mechanical failure, it is unsafe to drive and needs to be replaced.

Peterson said there is a 1991 tractor, which also needs to be replaced due to continuing mechanical failures.

9:34 Greg McHenry, Appraiser

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director, attended.

McHenry said there are five crews out doing flood damage assessment. McHenry stated damage assessment will take staff a couple of weeks.

McHenry presented an Appraiser's office report.

9:47 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Wedel discussed HB2445 the Fort Riley coordination bill in which the military identifies possible encroachments and critical areas of the installation.

Wedel said the draft of the comprehensive plan is about complete.

Wedel stated Rod Harms has contacted him about the flooding on Wildcat Creek.

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

Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Anne Smith, aTa Bus; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

Holeman presented the "Final" Draft of the Transit Agreement.

The Board agreed with the changes made to the draft transit agreement.

Holeman reported the LEPP funding of \$750,000 was not vetoed by the Governor. This is a 20% cut in state support.

Holeman stated the neighborhood meeting on the 5th and Humboldt lot went well. Holeman said there were no comments against the rezoning application.

10:30 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

10:30 Lewis 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 10:45 a.m. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:47 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:48 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

Holeman presented proposed changes to Charter Resolution No. 8.

Holeman stated the new language would read as: "Such maintenance fee may be imposed only after an unsuccessful petition is attempted by the landowners or the county engineer" and "As used in this section, 'maintain and keep in repair' shall be defined to be routine work on the street, road or avenue such as occasional crack sealing, patching or minor repairs, which do not become so frequent or costly that, in the opinion of the county engineer, improvement of the street, road or avenue is warranted hereunder".

Holeman said the language is similar to what was requested by

some citizens at the public meeting.

Johnson moved to publish the revised Charter Resolution No. 8 as presented. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:10 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Joe Knopp; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

Shepek reviewed the 2012 Board of County Commissioners, Coroner, General Services, Bond and Interest, CIP, and Economic Development funds.

McCulloh suggested the com-

missioners salaries be frozen at the 2011 rate and keeping the current copier.

The Board of County Commissioners, by consensus, agreed to keep their salaries at the 2011 rates.

McCulloh suggested bonding the \$486,590 cost for the Konza water project.

The Board agreed to place the budget of \$150,000 annually for the K-18 airport ramp in the Economic Development fund.

12:06 Johnson moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

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The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas June 6, 2011
The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building June 6, 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
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Brad Dornes, Sara Shi - Manhattan Mercury; Aarika Wellnitz, Legal Extern; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Holeman introduced the new legal extern Aarika Wellnitz. Johnson moved to approve "Charter Resolution No. 9, A Charter Resolution exempting Riley County, Kansas, from K.S.A. 68-729, providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject, and repealing Charter Resolution No. 8." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Program, Kansas Historical Society Reimbursement Request Form for the Riley County Courthouse first floor window replacement. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Vargo said Jeanette Collier at NEKCAP asked if Riley County will be appointing a representative to the NEKCAP Board.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to not appoint a board member to the NEKCAP Board. Lewis moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2011 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brad Dornes, Sara Shi - Manhattan Mercury; Aarika Wellnitz, Legal Extern; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

Cox reported the following Prawl Bankruptcy Settlement Agreement:
*A Maplewind Community, LLC will purchase all 51 of the Prawl mobile homes.

*Purchase price is estimated 2011 personal property taxes (\$6,063.87).

*Riley County will petition Court of Tax Appeals to compromise and settle delinquent taxes for years 2007 through 2010.

*Riley County and Maplewind will identify "salvage" mobile homes to be removed from tax sale.

*Maplewind will register with County Appraiser all new acquired mobile homes moved into Ogden.

*Riley County will litigate any mobile home ownership dispute with Larry Prawl in Prawl bankruptcy case.

*41 mobile homes will be salvaged.

Cox said he is drafting the Deutsche Bank petition.

Holeman discussed Charter Resolution No. 8 and No. 9. Holeman stated Charter Resolution No. 8 is still in effect until Charter Resolution No. 9 becomes effective.

Holeman discussed the indigent defense panel.

9:30 Press Conference

Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator; Eileen King, Treasurer; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brad Dornes, Sara Shi - Manhattan Mercury; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

C. Collins said on June 9, 2011 the third of six Kansas 150 Look Back Lectures will be held at the Manhattan Public Library, 629 Poyntz Avenue at 7:00 p.m. The Riley County Historical Society and Museum will present former Governor John Carlin who will speak on "Kansas." John Carlin served as Kansas Governor 1979-1987. He also served as a Kansas State Representative 1971-1979 and in other State and Federal public service positions. He is now on the faculty of Kansas State University. The program is free and everyone is invited to attend.

King presented the following:

Programs:
*Bank Debit Program - Payments are taken directly out of the taxpayer's bank account on the 10th of each month.

*Coupon Program - The Treasurer's Office provides coupons for the customer to remit monthly payments to us.

Current Taxes:
The payment plans are designed for any taxpayers to make 12 monthly payments, beginning in June and ending in May each year. The taxes are calculated using the most current assessed valuation and the most current year's mill levy and divide by 12 months. Once tax bills are printed in November, we will adjust the amounts to coincide with the current amount due for that year. Should there be any overage after the May payment, we will issue a refund or apply it to the next year's taxes. If there is less than 12 months for the total payment period we will adjust the payments accordingly.

Delinquent Taxes:
For delinquent taxes we have the same two programs, but we apply the payments to the interest and penalties first and then to the tax amount. If there are multi-years due, we pay off the oldest first.

King said for more information or to sign up, call 785-537-6321.

Muir reported the next Riley County blood drive will be today in the second floor conference room of the Courthouse Office Building.

Muir stated in 2010 Riley County blood drives collected 107 pints of blood.

Shepek provided an update on the 2012 budget.

Vargo said the Riley County Clerk's Office has developed a Facebook page. Social media is an excellent way to get information out to the public, especially young people. This will serve the purpose of various office announcements for commission meetings, parks and licenses, real estate, job openings, elections, or basically any information we would like to get out to the public. Our Facebook page also references our website for further information about Riley County and our office. To find our Facebook page just search "Riley County Clerk's Office," and "Like" us.

McCulloh reported the Riley County HHW collection trailer will be at Howie's on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

10:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brad Dornes, Sara Shi -

Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; and Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director, attended.

Meredith presented pictures of the June 2, 2011, flood and flood damage.

10:20 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brad Dornes, Sara Shi - Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; and Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director, attended.

Hobson discussed the Parallel Road bridge project.

Hobson stated any cost sharing per state statute based on assessed valuation would require the cost be split 89% Riley County and 11% Washington County.

McCulloh stated the bridge has been closed for 3 years while there have been inconveniences, residents have managed. McCulloh said after looking at cost it is time we keep the bridge closed.

McCulloh moved to recommend the closing of the Parallel Road bridge and notify Washington County. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Holeman will draft a letter to Washington County on the Parallel Road bridge.

McCulloh suggested a work session to discuss the consolidation of water and sewer benefit district fee collections because of the moving of the Public Works engineers.

Hobson said he will prepare a work session on the collections of the water and sewer benefit district fees.

10:45 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager

Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Brad Dornes, Sara Shi - Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; Robert Nall, Information Technology Director; and Barry Wilkerson, Attorney, attended.

Volanti said she has prepared the costs associated with the additional personnel requests. Along with the personnel and benefit costs, each department has been asked on their anticipated costs for equipment, furniture, supplies, etc.

Volanti said below is a summary of requests that have been received.

Department	Position	Total Cost
Planning and Development	Residential Code Inspector	\$ 58,046.35
Information Technology	Administrative Assistant I	\$ 41,262.21
County Attorney	Senior Trial Attorney/Asst Attorney	\$ 116,450.00
Parks Facility and Grounds	Tech I	\$ 41,262.21
Community Corrections	2-Interns (dependent on State funds)	\$ 23,511.60
	Total	\$ 280,532.37

Volanti said each departmental budget that was prepared for 2012 does not reflect the monies associated with these additional position requests.

Nall discussed the need for the technical staff to be relieved from administrative duties. Nall stated with additional staff at the shop site and addition of additional support of the new aTa Bus facility technical support will increase.

Lewis discussed possible future need for additional IT support of the Health Department.

Wilkerson discussed the request for a Senior Trial Attorney/Assistant Attorney.

Meredith said the Parks workload has exceeded the staff level.

11:05 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Lynne Berry, Extension Administrative Assistant; and Jay Terrell, attended.

Wilson presented the 2012 Fair budget request.

Wilson presented the 2012 Extension appropriation request.

11:20 Bernie Hayen, Manhattan City Finance Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Hayen presented the Animal Shelter 2012 appropriation request.

Hayen said the City of Manhattan does want a formal agreement with Riley County.

1:15 Department Heads 2012 Budget Request

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Robert Nall, Information Technology Director; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Eileen King, Treasurer; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director, attended.

1:15 Holeman presented the Counselor/Administrative Services Department 2012 budget request.

1:24 Nall presented the Information Technology Department 2012 budget request.

1:43 Wedel presented the Planning and Development Department 2012 budget request.

1:52 King presented the Treasurer's Office 2012 budget request.

2:06 Meredith presented the Parks Department 2012 budget request.

2:30 Meredith and Hobson presented the Public Works 2012 budget request.

Hobson said there was a request for free dumping at the Transfer Station for flood victims. Hobson said in 2010 we did not allow free dumping after the flood.

The Board did not authorize free dumping for flood victims.

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

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KPERS' Cost to Rise for Taxpayers, Workers

By Gene Meyer June 1, 2011 KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Using newly passed legislation to begin plugging funding holes in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System will cost state taxpayers an additional \$14.5 million in just the first year of the reforms, system officials told legislators Wednesday.

Those scheduled increases in 2014, on top of about \$481.4 million that taxpayers already pay to fund Kansas' required annual contributions to teachers and state workers' pension plans, escalate sharply after that, to a projected \$94.8 million by 2017, Glenn Deck, KPERS chief executive, told a meeting of the legislature's Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits.

But escalating those payments now will save taxpayers money in the long run, Deck told the legislators. Investing more money earlier in the underfunded teachers' and state workers' plans is projected to cut a bit more than \$2.9 billion from the estimated \$23 billion that would be required at present contribution rates to fund the plans through 2033.

Many KPERS-covered workers, who now put nearly \$216 million of their own money into the plan through payroll deductions, will be kicking more into the effort too, Deck said. Those contributions are scheduled to go up another \$32 million in 2014 and nearly \$80 million in 2015. These increase won't hit workers hired after July 1, 2009; the new pension changes will trim their future benefits instead, through either lost cost of living

adjustment guarantees or benefit calculation formulas that will result in smaller checks.

All these projections are subject to change, however. The new law, which Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback signed a week ago, also calls for the creation of a 13-member KPERS study commission, appointed by the governor and leaders of both houses of the legislature, to come up with proposals for revamping the retirement plan entirely and to present them to legislators next January.

The contribution changes projected Wednesday only reflect what seems likely to happen if the federal Internal Revenue Service declines to approve some changes needed to make the new plan work or if lawmakers are unable to agree on further changes that are expected to be proposed in 2012.

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