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Basic Data

School Year	FTE* Enrollment	State Aid	Federal Aid	Local Revenue	Total Expenditures**
2000-2001	5,471.9	24,852,178	5,342,934	17,408,936	47,604,048
2001-2002	5,220.3	23,678,360	4,824,216	19,086,197	47,588,773
2002-2003	5,121.6	22,780,377	6,359,023	20,294,912	49,434,312
2003-2004	5,110.6	19,517,412	7,155,018	25,241,972	51,914,402
2004-2005	4,946.3	20,973,091	6,730,768	20,315,108	48,018,967
2005-2006	5,020.9	24,653,800	6,786,521	22,331,197	53,771,518
2006-2007	5,315.2	26,781,272	6,360,400	25,133,994	58,275,666
2007-2008	5,532.5	29,231,342	6,711,366	27,282,745	63,225,453
2008-2009	5,840.7	32,004,918	6,849,888	24,667,896	63,522,702
2009-2010	5,953.8	29,541,766	10,255,711	27,961,468	67,758,945

Amount Per Pupil

School Year	State Aid	Federal Aid	Local Revenue	Total Expenditures	Total % Increase
2000-2001	4,542	976	3,182	8,700	11.68%
2001-2002	4,536	924	3,656	9,116	4.78%
2002-2003	4,448	1,242	3,963	9,652	5.88%
2003-2004	3,819	1,400	4,939	10,158	5.24%
2004-2005	4,240	1,361	4,107	9,708	-4.43%
2005-2006	4,910	1,352	4,448	10,710	10.32%
2006-2007	5,039	1,197	4,729	10,964	2.37%
2007-2008	5,284	1,213	4,931	11,428	4.23%
2008-2009	5,480	1,173	4,223	10,876	-4.83%
2009-2010	4,962	1,723	4,696	11,381	4.64%

Parents And Teachers Deceived About School Funding

By: Dave Trabert
Kansas Policy Institute

'Deceived' is a strong word but there's no polite way to describe the way parents and teachers are being misled about the nature of school funding in Kansas. Some school boards, administrators, media and even some legislators are saying that state support of public schools is at 1992 levels; others are just saying state aid is declining next year. None of that is true.

State support is increasing by \$86 million next year, and that's on top of a \$261 million increase this year. Kansas Legislative Research reports that state spending on public schools was \$2.710 billion last year; this year it is \$2.971 billion and next year's budget is \$3.057 billion. And by the way, next year's spending will be more than twice what it was in 1992.

Some pieces of state fund-

ing are slightly declining next year because others are growing more than the overall funding increase. According to the school finance formula, amounts required for Special Education, pension payments and the state's portion of local bond payments are deducted from total aid; the remaining balance is then distributed according to the formula on a weighted per-pupil basis. Since the increases in those 'off the top' items are greater than the \$86 million increase in total state aid, a reduction in base state aid was necessary. Still, total aid from state, federal and local sources will still be about \$12,000 per-pupil next year, which would be a 5% reduction since FY 2009. (Federal aid is returning to pre-stimulus levels but local aid should be slightly higher.)

This minor reduction over the last three years is caused

by the worst recession this state has seen in decades. We've lost over 70,000 private sector jobs in the last three years and average annual employment in 2010 was less than in 1998. Based on the change in income tax receipts, corporate earnings plummeted 49% between 2007 and 2010. The resources to insulate public schools from economic reality simply aren't available.

Schools have a number of alternatives to avoid changes that impact classrooms. Inflation increased 10.4% between 2005 and 2010 but per-pupil operating costs outside the classroom jumped 17.7%. That's \$112 million above inflation.

Also, most districts didn't spend all of the revenue they received over the last five years; cash reserves in current operating funds (not counting capital and bond

payments) increased by \$317 million and most of that money is state and local tax dollars that were intended to operate schools. Many districts claimed they couldn't use those unspent aid dollars because some of it was restricted.

But there's no question now that they can spend the money. A new law permits the transfer of unencumbered carryover cash balances from a group of twelve funds to be used for any operating purpose. There are no restrictions on how the money can be used and most districts have three or four times the amount needed to offset the change in base state aid per pupil.

Parents and teachers deserve the truth. State support of public schools is rising next year and districts have options to avoid direct classroom impacts. We hope they choose to do so.

Manhattan Cash Balance

FUND NAME	FUND #	K.S.A.	COL 1	COL 2 A*	COL 2B **	COL 3	COL 4****	COL 5
			JULY 1, 2009 BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	2009-10 EST REVENUES FROM GENERAL, LOB & CONTINGENCY	2009-10 EST OTHER REVENUES RECEIVED	TOTAL AVAILABLE (Col 1 + Col 2A + 2B)	2009-10 EST TOTAL EXPENDITURES	JUNE 30, 2010 UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCE
General Fund	06	72-6431	1		3114516	3,114,517	3114517	0
Federal Funds	07	12-1663	0		126,779	126,779		0
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	72-6435	18,323		1,046,173	1,064,496	1,046,173	18,323
Adult Education	10	72-4523	0			0		0
At Risk (4yr Old)	11	72-6414b	8,030	10,000		18,030	15,100	2,930
Adult Supplemental Education	12	72-4525	0			0		0
At Risk (K-12)	13	72-6414a	15,720	311,000		326,720	321,000	5,720
Bilingual Education	14	72-9509	0	450		450	450	0
Virtual Education	15	72-3715	0			0		0
Capital Outlay	16	72-8801	560,993		78,000	638,993	40,000	598,993
Driver Training	18	72-6423	3,504	2,000	400	5,904	4,000	1,904
Declining Enrollment	19	72-6451	0			0		0
Extraordinary School Program	22	72-8238	0			0		0
Food Service	24	72-5119	35,413	52,600	216,542	304,555	287,674	16,881
Professional Development	26	72-9609	4,419	3,000		7,419	5,000	2,419
Parent Education Program	28	72-3607	11,586	13,358	86,380	111,324	100,000	11,324
Summer School	29	72-8237	101			101		101
Special Education	30	72-6420	79,887	350,000	397,016	826,903	792,000	34,903
Cost of Living	33	72-6449/72-6450	0			0		0
Vocational Education	34	72-6421	178	96,000		96,178	96,000	178
Gifts and Grants	35	72-8210	3,429		4,880	8,309	4,850	3,459
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	72-8248	0			0		0
School Retirement	44	72-1726	0			0		0
Extraordinary Growth Facility	45	72-6441	0			0		0
Special Reserve Fund	47	72-8249	0			0		0
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	74-4939a	0		216,052	216,052	216,052	0
Contingency Reserve	53	72-6426	207,512			207,512		207,512
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	72-8250	0			0		0
Bond and Interest #1	62	10-113	179,907		271,733	451,640	249,383	202,257
Bond and Interest #2	63	10-113	0			0		0
No Fund Warrant	66	79-2939	0			0		0
Special Assessment	67	12-6a10	0			0		0
Special Education Cooperative***	78	72-968	0			0		0
TOTALS			1,129,003	838,408	5,558,471	7,525,882	6,418,978	1,106,904



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Data Given On Kansas Schools

Two new Kansas Legislative Research reports show Kansas expenditures and unencumbered cash balance. The reports are for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Free Press looked at several School District in Riley County and Districts the same size as Manhattan USD 383. The reports give two different figures for expenditures. The first shows \$67,758,945 for the Valley Heights expenditures. The second adds in local money voted in for buildings and sports facilities. That figure for Valley Heights is \$92,851,026

Hutchinson \$90,061,211 Maize \$98,540,894 Junction City \$123,408,975 Salina \$173,334,407 Riley County \$10,443,589

Another area of interest coming from the reports is the amount of Local, State and Federal Aid put into the School Systems. This money is the Local Option Budget and other money coming from the District.

Local Revenues:
Manhattan \$27,961,468 Hutchinson \$13,948,588 Maize \$21,085,107 Junction City \$16,849,152 Salina \$43,641,811 Riley County \$1,973,821

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Obituaries

Ira H. Cookman

Ira H. Cookman, age 62, of Manhattan died Saturday June 18, 2011 at the Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan, Kansas.

He was born on September 26, 1948 in Fort Wayne, Indiana the son of Kenneth and Velma (Eckwright) Cookman.

He enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country until his retirement in 1997 at the rank of SSG E-6. He later was an over the road truck driver for several years.

On July 4, 1974 he was united in marriage to Jeanne M. Galland at Fort Carson, CO.

He is survived by his wife: Jeanne of the home; 3 daughters: Janette E. Gibbs of Manhattan, KS, Kathrine I.

Cookman of Flint, MI and Ilona M. Cookman of Kansas City, MO. 2 sons: Arthur B. Cookman of Manhattan, KS and Clifford C. Cookman of Dallas, TX. He is also survived by 2 sisters, 1 brother, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday June 23, 2011 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas. Interment will follow at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 22, 2011 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may

be made to the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at KSU 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.

**Joan Ruth Ackerman**

Joan Ruth Ackerman, age 76, of Manhattan, died June 16, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan, surrounded by family.

She was born December 17, 1934, in Manhattan, the daughter of Robert James and Hilda Theresa (Mallon) Rowe, and had been a lifetime area resident.

Joan attended Sacred Heart Academy through 6th grade,

and then attended Keats schools graduating in 1953.

She was a homemaker and had worked as a bookkeeper at Bottger's Marine for several years.

Joan was very devoted to her faith and was a member of Seven Dolors Catholic Church and for 12 years she and her twin sister, Jean, took care of the Adoration Chapel. She was also a member of the Seven Dolors Altar Society and Stagg Hill Women's Golf Association. The most important part of her life was her family.

She married Ralph Sheldon Ackerman on September 12, 1953. Ralph survives of the home. Additional survivors include her four children: Randy Ackerman and his wife Linda of Garden City, KS, Sherry Miller of Sulphur, LA, Deb Schram and her husband Chuck of Manhattan, and Duane Ackerman and his wife

Annette of Bella Vista, AR; four siblings: Bernice Enlow of Manhattan, Jim Rowe of Riverside, CA, Jean Jensen of Manhattan, and Patty Massey of Madison, WI; six grandchildren: Jennifer Barrett (Lee), Scott Ackerman (Angie), Craig Ackerman (Ashley), Hannah Miller, Julia Pittman (Brandon), and Sarah Miller; and five great-grandchildren: Katelyn and Cameron Barrett, Ethan and Austin Ackerman, and Poete Pittman.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents; her son-in-law, Mark Miller; and eight siblings: Gladys Daniels, Thelma Draper, Bertha Delisle, Robert Rowe, Bill Rowe, Margaret Adams, Bess Nudson and Betty Sherman.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the doctors and the staffs of Dr. Meek, Dr. Peloquin, Mercy Regional Health Center and The Good Shepherd

Hospice House for the wonderful care that Joan received.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, June 20th, at Seven Dolors Catholic Church with Father Joseph S. Popelka as Celebrant and Fathers LeRoy Metro and Merlin Kieffer as Concelebrants. Interment will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Ogden, KS.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 until 7:00 P.M. Sunday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. A Christian Wake Service and Rosary will be held at 7:00 P.M. Sunday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Father LeRoy Metro officiating.

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

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Good Shepherd Hospice

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Editorial

The current mentality forwarded today is that feminists don't bash men. That's just something angry males say when faced with the undeniable logic forwarded by the women's movements. If you are a reasonable male and wish to avoid an argument you will keep your eyes forward and just nod in agreement. The first problem with such a statement is that it is seldom placed to scrutiny with how feminists truly act. Second, these kinds of propositions are almost always void of half of humanity's thoughts on the issue. Yep, very few men other than the occasional token male academic feminist get to chime in on the subject.

An example of the common feminist disconnect with reality is seen in ABC's This Week with Christiane Amanpour. During the program Roundtable: Sex and Politics, Amanpour brought together a feminist coven to discuss the after-effects of the Anthony Weiner sexting incident. Strangely enough, the group discussed the good fortune of Weiner's adulterous actions as it was seen as fortuitous to the feminist movement. Considering that Weiner's spouse was victimized by the New York democrat's philandering, this is contradictory enough. But guess why this wife's pain was seen as a femi-



Paul A. Ibbetson

nist gain? Amanpour would lead her all-female roundtable through a discussion of the evils of testosterone and how the Weiner scandal could open new inroads for more females in politics. Here is where many a clear-thinking man and woman will start to really look askew at the feminist mindset.

Roundtable attendee Torie Clarke said that in politics and the public sector women were more honest, sincere and hard-working than men. She added later in the discussion that women do not compete in the negative ways that men do, but instead work to accomplish goals. Wrapped around the Weiner sexting scandal, feminist and roundtable attendee Claire Shipman got down to business and made the first strike on male testosterone as the culprit that leads to risky,

and just plain bad business deals. Woman-controlled companies were said to be better profit makers. Additional claims were made that women do not have the same ego problems as men. In short, testosterone was framed as evil while estrogen was stated as being money-making-less-fighting-egoless-sex-scandal-free good stuff! The problem with these statements is that they are so biased and devoid of truth that it is difficult to decide whether to laugh or cry at the audacity of people that would actually share this tripe as intelligent dialogue.

Feminists miss the mark when they attempt to think like socialists and separate men and women into groups as if they have no individualism. This alone is a kind of dehumanization that leads to women's victimization. Of course Clarke's assertion that women are more honest, sincere and hard-working than men is ludicrous and based on nothing more than her desire for the world to be as she wishes it. In fact, women, as equally capable of remarkable accomplishments in society, also have the ability to screw up, just like men. Take the Anthony Weiner incident before the panel. Weiner was no doubt an adulterer and a liar, but the women he cavorted with through cyberspace were

not children being stalked, but active, mutually consenting female adults who engaged in sexual phone calls and electronic photo and message swapping. If it takes two to tango it most certainly takes two to Twitter in the Weiner love circle.

World Net Daily has a painfully detailed history of the modern "sexpiedemic" of female school teachers, public servants who failed to keep their dignity in their panties when it came to their students. Ranging from substitutes as young as 19 to veterans as old as 45, these female teachers violated societal trust and were convicted or are alleged to have been involved in sexual texting, phone sex, nude picture e-mails and many counts of sexual intercourse with under-aged high school and grade school male students. Yes, many female public servants in the education field, along with their estrogen, have put the shameful acts of Weiner to shame.

The idea that women don't have ego issues like men, and that they just naturally come together for the purpose of problem-solving is nothing short of stupid. In many cases,

hypocrisy that overflowed from the Amanpour roundtable. Women, alone or in groups, are often just as strategic, cutthroat and petty as their male counterparts. We don't even need to examine female political figures such as Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer to see this as factual.

The truth is that men and women are individuals with the potential to make smart and dumb decisions, good and evil actions. It is below intelligent discourse to demean men over the phallic falsehood that testosterone is a predictor of indecent conduct. It is as petty and baseless as decreasing the value of women based on the natural occurrence of menstrual cycles. We can be above this kind of thinking. Accountability for men is truly found at the same place it is for women. That is, in the evaluation of the heart, the mind and the soul. These are the critical areas from which public actions, policies and private conduct spring forth. The growth of women in politics as everywhere else will be found in the evaluation of these characteristics and not by attacking men's natural composition.

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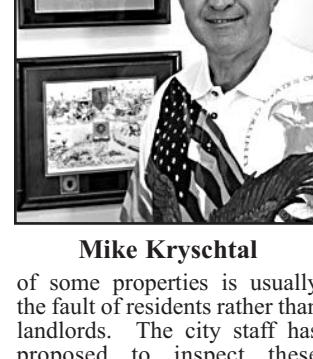
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Editorial

Letters to Tom



Mike Kryschta

of some properties is usually the fault of residents rather than landlords. The city staff has proposed to inspect these 11,000 units with a staff of two people. That is incredible. They are either lowballing their estimate in order to get the amended ordinance approved (more staff to follow!), or they don't anticipate conducting a large number of actual inspections. Either way this does not fill me with confidence.

The ordinance was reviewed and voted on at the June 7th meeting of the City Commission. During public comments, citizens expressed some interesting and useful opinions. In the category of

interesting, one individual told the Commission that they are elected to represent "not the rich and powerful," but "the poor and powerless." This is simply not true; our elected officials and the unelected bureaucrats who work in government are supposed to represent all of us regardless of any quality that might distinguish one individual from another. In another 'interesting' comment, one tenant claimed that renters are oppressed because they do not vote in Manhattan's elections and because the rent in Manhattan is higher than in Kansas City. This kind of nonsense and attitude of entitlement makes me fear for the future of our civil society. Like most Americans I have lived in rental housing and, when I was a Housing Officer for the US Army in Belgium, I worked with hundreds of landlords and thousands of renters. The overwhelming majority of disputes that I dealt with were the result of misconduct by renters (property damage and failure to pay rent). Bad landlords were few and far between, driven out by market forces. Unless business practices have changed since my days as a renter, landlords and renters always conduct an

inventory and inspection when a property is rented. The 'hovels' and 'run down' properties are usually the result of neglect and abuse by the renter. This may seem harsh and politically incorrect, but it is the truth.

It was not all class warfare and calls for rent control. One landlord who had recently returned from Joplin, Missouri, where he had volunteered to help in the clean up after the tornado, identified a real issue. In Joplin efforts to identify the missing were made even more difficult by the lack of a reliable system to register the residence of all of its citizens. Manhattan does not have a residential registration system either. This is an issue that should be addressed since it impacts on disaster readiness, emergency services, and voter registration. Another landlord noted that all property should be treated in a uniform manner. If it is a good idea to inspect rental property, the same policy should apply to other residential and business property and that all property be inspected whenever it is sold or rented. After reading and hearing all of the negative press about landlords I was impressed by their professionalism and desire to

do the right thing. In the end, the Commission voted against the repeal of the ordinance. It will revisit this issue this coming July.

What should be done? First, the Commissioners should repeal the Residential Licensing and Inspection Program. Secondly, they should solicit the advice of the landlords to craft an ordinance that would improve the safety and condition of all property in Manhattan while respecting the rights of property owners. Thirdly, the city should not be in charge of any inspection program. Why? Because it will grow government at a time when government payrolls need to be cut rather than expanded. It is ironic that at a time when the Department of Defense has seen the wisdom of outsourcing Housing Management to a contractor, our city is proposing to spend our resources on a service that can be done more efficiently by the private sector. Finally, whatever system is devised I hope that it does not result in more government intrusion into our lives. As a renter I did not want to have my landlord inspect my home during the term of my lease. Like most

Americans, I wanted to own my home in order to be free of inspections and interference. Those who want Big Government to sock it to the landlords should be careful what they wish for - they may find their names in the paper, in the classifieds, next to the folks who don't cut their grass.

Mike Kryschta, Colonel (Retired), United States Army, has 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.

The Columbian Theatre Presents: Zeendale Art Project

Gene Sievers

Potter

Judy Love's paintings are explanations of the interplay between light, form and color. In some we are looking at wide expanses of hills, clouds and sky. In others we are so close that flower petals become hills.

The paintings seem abstract but are recognizable. By omitting some detail and focusing on color and shading, Judy's

paintings allow you to step through the frame and feel the hot sun, the approaching storm, the peaceful morning. Having

tutored art for many years at K-State she is now painting in her studio in the Old Zeendale Store.

Tom Leopold may as well have been born with a camera around his neck as he is seldom seen without one. Whether it is shooting the street life in San Francisco, the aftermath of tornados or crowds at music festivals, Tom manages to make attention grabbing images.

Although he has done weddings, family reunions, and graduation photos, his passion is being on the spot street

photographer. With a degree in photo journalism and decades of hands-on experience, his training, tenacity and talent bring us unexpected angles on the common place and extraordinary views of the unusual.

Gene Sievers' ceramics have

a classical grace and balance.

They offer traditional utilitarian forms with subtle alterations of shape and touches of texture and color that mark the individuality of the artist. He works in high fired stoneware clay and porcelain. Gene enjoys the intimacy and directness of the

medium. He has an MFA in Ceramics from Kansas State University.

Nate Cunningham fires his pottery in a wood fired kiln that he has built in Zeendale. The firing lasts a day or more, during which he introduces a sodium mixture to glaze the pots.

He also uses glazes made from colored wood ashes. His work

is highly textured and captures

a tension between the running

glaze and the standing texture.

Nate has been making pottery for over ten years and has a

BFA in Ceramics from Kansas

State University.

The Columbian is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00PM.

There is no charge for visiting the gallery. Many of the works displayed are for sale. For further information you may contact:

The Columbian Theatre

521 Lincoln

Wamego, KS 66547

Phone: 785.456.2029

www.ColumbianTheatre.com

Riley County Minutes

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; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager;

Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury;

Heath Schremmer, Dennis Stearns, Perry Schremmer – Maplewind Community; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Cox introduced Heath Schremmer, Dennis Stearns, and Perry Schremmer as the buyers of the Maplewind trailer park. Cox discussed the settlement agreement on the

Maplewind trailer park.

Johnson moved to approve the Settlement Agreement with A Maplewind Community, LLC for personal property tax lien for years 2007 and 2011 on Larry Prawls' mobile homes located in Ogden, Kansas in the amount of \$6,063.87. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign a letter to members of the Washington County Commission regarding the cost of repair or replacement of the Parallel Road bridge on the Washington/Riley County line. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

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The Board discussed the Health Department.

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Riley County

Shilo Heger, Tax & Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

King presented monthly financial reports.

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

Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

Holeman presented an initial draft of an interlocal cooperation agreement for consolidated 911 dispatch.

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

Bid opening for North Otter Branch Road culvert replacement

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Brad Fagan, Schwab-Eaton; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for North Otter Branch Road culvert replacement.

Company Total Bid
Klaver Construction Co., Inc.

P.O. Box 272
Kingman, KS 67068
\$ 73,524.00

Ebert Construction Co., Inc.
103 W. Valley

Wamego, KS 66547-0198

\$ 67,931.46

Reece Construction Co., Inc.

P.O. Box 168

Scandia, KS 66966

\$ 63,473.00

Engineer's Estimate

\$107,182.60

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

10:25 Rich Vargo, County Clerk and Jolene Keck, Elections Supervisor

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

Vargo said the Riley County Commissioners have expressed an interest in redistricting the County Commission districts. The commissioners also expressed a preference for each commission district to have rural constituents in each district. The population figures are based on the 2010 U.S. Federal Census figures per state law. The current breakdown by commission district is as follows: Commission District #1 (Dave Lewis) -24,208, Commission District #2 (Al Johnson) -27,080 and Commission District #3 (Karen McCulloh) -19,823, which adds up to a population of 71,111. The 2010 Federal Census total is 71,115. Vargo said he is told the difference of 4 is due to "shape files", not matching. Lori Archer in GIS has identified the difference as 4 residents who actually live in Geary County.

Vargo said he would recommend, if there is a consensus among the Board, to redistrict that it be finalized as soon as possible so anyone wanting to file for the Commission Districts #2 & 3 positions for the 2012 election will know what area the district comprises.

Vargo said in talking with Bryan Caskey at the Secretary of State's Office the criteria required to be followed in redistricting member districts of a Board of County Commissioners are they must be drawn as compact and equal in population as possible (K.S.A. 19-204). In legislative redistricting the general rule of thumb is 5% variation between districts. Attorney General Opinion 2002-12 states there is no requirement the districts be comprised of contiguous area.

Vargo said according to K.S.A. 25-26a03 no election precinct shall be created, divided, abolished or consolidated or the boundaries changed during the period four months prior to each primary election and the succeeding general election or between January 1 of a year the last digit of which is 8 and December 1 of a year the last digit of which is 0, and from and after January 1, 1993, between January 1 of a year the last digit of which is 7 and the time when the legislature has been redistricted in a year the last digit of which is 2 except in the certain cases. This means

any adjustments to the current commission districts will have to be done with existing precinct boundary lines, whole precincts can be moved from one commission district to another, and precincts can be split at this time. Vargo said he would recommend they do not split precincts at this time. The reason is Riley County is located in a critical area regarding State redistricting. This means it is highly likely once the State has completed redistricting around June of 2012 they could very well create new district boundaries in Riley County. The new boundaries the State creates could very well split up existing precincts in Riley County.

Vargo said of the three beginning options they are presenting to the Board, none of them keep all districts contiguous. Vargo said his preference is to keep them contiguous, although not a requirement of the law, which is virtually impossible when considering the location of current commissioner residency and trying to get the populations of each district as equal as possible.

Vargo said he and the clerk's office staff have reviewed the possible options for a considerable amount of time and did not find any better options to consider than those presented. Vargo said they of course are open to reviewing any potential changes the Board would like to review.

The Board discussed the three options presented.

The Board asked Vargo to schedule another work session on redistricting next week.

10:35 Rich Vargo, County Clerk

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Vargo presented the 2012 Clerk and Elections budget request.

11:00 Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Services

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

Cole presented Pawnee Mental Health Services 2012 appropriation request.

11:15 Robert Lienemann, Riley County Soil Conservation District

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Norman Danielsen, Riley County Conservation District; Kevin Religa, USDA Natural Resources; Andrew Quintana, USDA Natural Resources; Steve Hargrave, Riley County Conservation District; Stan Johnson, Riley County Conservation District; and Steve Strauss, Riley County Conservation District, attended.

Lienemann presented 2012 Riley County Soil Conservation District appropriation request.

11:25 Mary Jo Harbour, Riley County Council on Aging

Tom Finney, John Allard, Charles Niernberger; Connie Stout – Riley County Council on Aging; Judine Mecsen, Homecare and Hospice; Robert Leazenby, Randolph; Karen Mayse, North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Harbour presented the Riley County Council on Aging 2012 appropriation request.

11:32 Recessed for lunch

1:15 Department Heads 2012 Budget Request

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; Dalan Nichols, Court Administrator; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Peterson presented the 2012 Noxious Weed and HHW budget request.

Williams presented the 2012 Community Corrections' budget request.

Nichols presented the 2012 District Court budget request.

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1:54 Johnson moved to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman,

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

Johnson moved to approve the low bid submitted by Reece Construction, Co. Inc. of Manhattan, Kansas for North Otter Branch Road culvert replacement in the amount of \$63,473.00 to be funded by the half cent sales tax fund. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the Contract Agreement with Riley Construction Co., Inc for the Public Works Operations Facility lower level finish out in the amount of \$53,975.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Foltz asked for an update on the Riley County boundary line.

Holeman said he is still working on the project.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2011 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Rich Vargo, County Clerk

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

Hobson discussed the Wildcat Creek Road, Valleywood drainage and sewer line, Scenic Drive turn lanes, North Otter Creek bridge, paving of benefit districts, University Park sewer system, and the 5th and Humboldt lot rezoning projects.

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Vargo presented year to date budget and expenditure reports.

9:08 Department Heads 2012 Budget Request

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Regester presented the Register of Deeds' Office 2012 budget request.

C. Collins presented the Museum 2012 budget request.

9:30 Press Conference

Gregg Eystone, County Extension Agent; Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief; Eileen King, Treasurer; Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Eystone reported the 23rd Annual Garden Tour will be held Saturday, June 18, 2011. Eystone discussed the various sites on the Garden Tour.

Messer said the deadline to purchase a Retail Fireworks permit for the unincorporated areas of Riley County is fast approaching. Messer said to sell fireworks in Riley County (outside of any incorporated city) an organization, business or person must complete an application by June 25, 2011.

Messer said because that date falls on a Saturday this year, Riley County Fire District is allowing an extra two days.

Messer said the permit and associated fee will need to be submitted by 5 p.m. on June 27th. Messer said the cost for the permit is \$25.00 and is not refundable.

Messer said the sales of fireworks are allowed in Riley County from 8 a.m. July 1st through Midnight July 4th.

Messer said the permit can be obtained at the Riley County Fire District #1 Office, 115 N. 4th street Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Messer said some of the requirements to sell fireworks in Riley County:

Must purchase a permit for \$25.00 from Riley County Fire District #1,

Must provide the name and license of the Kansas Licensed Distributor where they purchased their fireworks,

The sale of bottle rockets in the State of Kansas is illegal,

Must have 2 portable fire extinguishers with a minimum rating of 2A, 1 must be a pressurized water type (fireworks stands less than 200 square feet only require 1 pressurized water extinguisher),

Must have signs that read "FIREWORKS – NO SMOKING" at each entrance or within 10 feet of every aisle,

Must have an inspection performed by Riley County Fire District #1 on the first day of

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RILEY COUNTY (USD D0378) RILEY COUNTY

Basic Data

School Year	FTE* Enrollment	State Aid	Federal Aid	Local Revenue	Total Expenditures**
2000-2001	580.2	3,760,453	158,157	1,462,144	5,380,754
2001-2002	606.0	3,848,773	166,753	1,017,526	5,033,052
2002-2003	618.0	4,304,495	187,546	1,098,958	5,590,999
2003-2004	632.6	4,304,912	227,421	1,076,178	5,608,511
2004-2005	642.5	4,637,792	294,356	1,542,334	6,474,482
2005-2006	626.7	5,071,310	243,772	1,628,426	6,943,508
2006-2007	642.5	5,399,160	209,966	2,153,482	7,762,608
2007-2008	657.0	5,649,617	228,802	2,148,543	8,026,962
2008-2009	646.3	5,809,141	213,518	2,334,266	8,356,925
2009-2010	698.5	5,124,586	713,307	1,973,821	7,811,714

Amount Per Pupil

School Year	State Aid	Federal Aid	Local Revenue	Total Expenditures	Total % Increase
2000-2001	6,481	273	2,520	9,274	9.67%
2001-2002	6,351	275	1,679	8,305	-10.45%
2002-2003	6,965	303	1,778	9,047	8.93%
2003-2004	6,805	360	1,701	8,866	-2.00%
2004-2005	7,218	458	2,401	10,077	13.66%
2005-2006	8,092	389	2,598	11,079	9.94%
2006-2007	8,403	327	3,352	12,082	9.05%
2007-2008	8,599	348	3,270	12,218	1.13%
2008-2009	8,988	330	3,612	12,930	5.83%
2009-2010	7,337	1,021	2,826	11,184	-13.50%

This report shows the amount of money received by Riley County School District from the State, Federal and Local tax payers.

Cash Balance To Start Year

FUND NAME	FUND #	K.S.A.	COL 1	COL 2 A*	COL 3	COL 4****	COL 5
			JULY 1, 2009 BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	2009-10 EST REVENUES FROM GENERAL, LOB & CONTINGENCY	2009-10 EST OTHER REVENUES RECEIVED	TOTAL AVAILABLE (Col 1 + Col 2A + 2B)	JUNE 30, 2010 2009-10 EST TOTAL EXPENDITURES
General Fund	06	72-6431	170	4920548	4,920,718	4920548	170
Federal Funds	07	12-1663	0	149,844	149,844	149,844	0
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	72-6435	59,789	1,584,803	1,644,592	1,584,803	59,789
Adult Education	10	72-4523	0		0	0	0
At Risk (4yr Old)	11	72-6414b	0		0	0	0
Adult Supplemental Education	12	72-4525	0		0	0	0
At Risk (K-12)	13	72-6414a	0	173,000	173,000	172,200	800
Bilingual Education	14	72-9509	0		0	0	0
Virtual Education	15	72-3715	0		0	0	0
Capital Outlay	16	72-8801	104,996	12,000	201,625	318,621	255,000
Driver Training	18	72-6423	536	18,000	3,000	21,538	21,140
Declining Enrollment	19	72-6451	0		0	0	0
Extraordinary School Program	22	72-8238	0		0	0	0
Food Service	24	72-5119	30,689	222,125	311,477	564,291	560,930
Professional Development	26	72-9609	311	50,000	50,311	49,500	811
Parent Education Program	28	72-3607	0	13,057	13,057	13,057	0
Summer School	29	72-8237	0		0	0	0
Special Education	30	72-6420	47,389	713,433	760,822	760,307	515
Cost of Living	33	72-8449/72-8450	0		0	0	0
Vocational Education	34	72-6421	0	264,330	264,330	263,820	510
Gifts and Grants	35	72-8210	0		0	0	0
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	72-8248	0		0	0	0
School Retirement	44	72-1726	0		0	0	0
Extraordinary Growth Facility	45	72-8441	0		0	0	0
Special Reserve Fund	47	72-8249	0		0	0	0
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	74-4939a	0	307,667	307,667	307,667	0
Contingency Reserve	53	72-6426	203,282		203,282	203,282	
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	72-8250	0		0	0	
Bond and Interest #1	62	10-113	684,363	367,153	1,051,516	375,954	675,562
Bond and Interest #2	63	10-113	0		0	0	0
No Fund Warrant	66	79-2939	0		0	0	0
Special Assessment	67	12-8a10	0		0	0	0
Special Education Cooperative***	78	72-968	0		0	0	0
TOTALS			1,131,527	1,465,945	7,846,117	10,443,589	9,434,770
						1,008,819	

This report shows the amount of money the school ended the 2009-2010 school year with and started the 2010-2011 year. (right column)

Classifieds

Auctions

St. Louis, MO - June 30, 2011 Ritchie Bros. will be holding an unreserved public auction. No minimum bids or reserve prices. rbauction.com for details

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by Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas gaming revenues appear to have dipped by 1.5 percent, to about \$233 million, during 2011, Kansas Lottery Commission members heard Wednesday.

Despite the drop, which is similar to ones experienced in other states that receive gaming revenue, when books are closed on the fiscal year ending this month, the Kansas Lottery will transfer about \$1 million more than last year, or a total \$70 million, to various state funds supported by gaming revenues,

outgoing Kansas Lottery Director Ed Van Petten reported to state lottery commission members at their monthly meeting.

Nationally, state gaming revenues peaked near \$24 billion in 2008 after a nearly three-decade long rise before that, according to a Rockefeller Institute study. That study and similar industry examination generally conclude that the downturn is due to the onset of a steep national recession in 2008, which stifled plans in Kansas and elsewhere to build more casinos to meet a perceived growing demand.

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