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City Slight-Of-Hand

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

You can read it in the Mercury or you can hear it on KMAN, the City of Manhattan's 2012 Budget is only going up by 0.221 mills.

At the Free Press we call this the Great City Slight Of Hand trick. The City talks mills and the local press does not watch the other hand.

Yes, the mill rate is going up only 0.221 mills but the overall City of Manhattan Budget is going up \$8.35 million.

The City has used this method to confuse the Commissioners and the public for years.

But look at the Budget Summary at right, 22 of 27 line items have an increased over last year and a big jump over 2010. Talking about the mill rate does not give a true picture of the Budget. Only the line titled "Totals" gives the correct figure.

The budget figure at the bottom of the page gives a history of the Budget and the mill rate.

This City has problems, big problems.

Look at where this City has gone in the past five years. The Budget has gone from \$89 million to \$110 million. The Mill Rate has gone up 1/3 from 31.683 mills to 42.138. And then there is the Debt. \$89 million to \$255 million.

That \$255 million is up from the \$223 million that is shown on the Budget Hearing Notice to the right. The Debt has gone up \$30 million in the first 6 months of this year and it is going higher.

To make our point about the City using Slight of Hand on this budget we are printing the Memo given to the City Commission. They talk about the Mill Rate but they do not talk about \$110,631,470 budget.

Here is the Memo, only some graphs have been removed.

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMO
July 6, 2011**

FROM: Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance
MEETING: July 12, 2011
SUBJECT: Fourth Budget Work Session on the 2012 City Budget
PRESENTER: Emily Campbell, Budget Officer; Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Finance Department presents an overview of the annual budget for the next calendar (fiscal) year which leads to a proposed published budget and a public budget hearing. In accordance

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

2012

The governing body of
City of Manhattan

will meet on the August 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Commission Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
Detailed budget information is available at the Finance Department and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2012 Expenditures and Amount of 2011 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2012 budget.
Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2010		Current Year Estimate for 2011		Proposed Budget for 2012		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2011 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate *
● General	21,218,364	2.721	21,878,965	2.692	24,436,374	1,097,977	2.444
● Debt Service	11,348,042	2.096	13,094,836	5.497	20,345,757	2,429,181	5.407
● 106 Employee Benefit Fund	1,381,083	0.737	1,707,000	1.439	1,794,000	688,390	1.532
● 107 Fire Equipment Reserve	239,935	0.116	113,554	0.115	483,500	50,000	0.111
● 108 KP&F	479,298	0.347	597,940	0.172	628,000	75,000	0.167
● 109 General Improvement	62,716		62,716		62,717		
● 110 Industrial Promotion	97,503		164,307		180,725		
● 111 Library	1,979,544	4.247	1,998,894	4.175	2,073,910	1,903,386	4.236
● 112 Library EBF	439,800	0.932	440,000	0.916	439,800	400,286	0.891
● 113 Park Development	68,439		61,115		25,000		
● 123 Riley County Health Dept	251,150	0.531	289,319	0.612			
● 124 Riley County Police Dept	11,847,984	25.562	12,321,888	26.299	13,054,500	12,287,858	27.350
● Special Highway	1,492,297		1,696,404		2,103,167		
● 102 City University	485,174		570,700		572,300		
● 103 Aggieville BID	32,282		35,897		56,500		
● 104 Downtown BID	56,400		59,347		65,500		
● 105 Economic Development	2,829,256		7,078,111		5,376,096		
● 115 Sales Tax	5,285,473		4,891,955		4,961,000		
● 116 Special Alcohol	405,498		426,672		560,900		
● 117 Special Parks & Rec	351,745		615,200		979,313		
● 119 Special Sunset Zoo	213,025		254,389		399,050		
● 121 Tourism & Convention	920,110		1,158,143		1,266,231		
● 127 TIF - Downtown	1,361,516		1,496,912		2,700,000		
● 128 Federal Entitlement	71,809		600,000				
● 501 Water	6,884,661		8,931,664		12,693,490		
● 521 Wastewater	5,278,354		6,546,437		12,576,640		
● 531 Stormwater	991,838		1,407,177		2,797,000		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A							
Totals	76,073,296	37.289	88,499,542	41.917	110,631,470	18,932,078	42.138
Less: Transfers	10,413,172		10,516,498		11,695,174		
Net Expenditure	65,660,125		77,983,044		98,936,296		
Total Tax Levied	16,102,722		18,296,294		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	431,845,310		436,502,248		449,283,415		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2009		2010		2011		
G.O. Bonds	77,325,000		87,425,000		97,605,000		
Revenue Bonds	26,697,298		75,885,000		81,430,000		
Other	29,363,171		36,176,567		43,271,391		
Lease Purchase Principal	1,231,605		1,100,393		762,417		
Total	134,617,074		200,586,960		223,068,808		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

This is the Budget Summary Notice showing the \$110 million City Budget.

with Kansas budgeting laws, once the proposed budget is published, the total expenditures for each fund can be lowered—but not raised.

The City Commission has conducted three work sessions on the proposed 2012 City Budget and 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program. While the first two budget work sessions addressed revenue and spending issues associated with

City operations, the third budget work session focused on outside agencies that are historically funded, in part, by the City of Manhattan.

This will be the fourth work session on the 2012 City Budget. Traditionally, this work session sets the stage for what will appear in the published budget and notice of public hearing on the proposed 2012 City Budget scheduled in

early August.

DISCUSSION

The proposed 2012 City Budget of \$113,236,470 represents a 7.8% increase over the 2011 City Budget or approximately \$8.2 million more than budgeted this fiscal year. However, the majority of this proposed increase (about \$6.0 million) is attributed to the City's Enterprise Funds reflecting increased debt payments

due to utility improvements and expansions. There are no City property taxes associated with these obligations.

2012 CITY BUDGET OVERVIEW

Mill Levy Rate – The proposed tax levy rate for 2012 will increase less than three percent based on City Commission direction during the third budget work session.

This includes a City valuation increase of 2.9% compared to an estimate that the Finance Department had been forecasting of 1.5%. [Note: A majority of the increase in taxable valuation was due to new improvements across the City during 2011.]

As a result, the tax levy rate now stands at 42.138 mills or

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Budget Comparison	Mill Rate	Debt of Manhattan
2001 - \$46,458,844		
2002 - \$52,064,033		
2003 - \$56,674,301		
2004 - \$60,550,947		
2005 - \$65,350,000		
2006 - \$73,044,567		
2007 - \$79,948,203		
2008 - \$89,111,132		
2009 - \$98,623,255		
2010 - \$96,923,520		
2011 - \$102,275,538		
2012 - \$110,631,470		
	31.683	\$89,356,808
	34.268	\$119,759,794
	37.232	\$134,617,074
	41.836	\$200,586,960
	42.138	\$223,068,808
		\$255,242,170
	Debt as of June 1, 2011	

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Wamego Hospital Earns Award for Community Contributions

The Columbian Theatre, Museum and Art Center's will be holding an opening for the Zeandale Art Project exhibit. The opening is Thursday July 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

There will be live music performed by the Manhattan Jazz Trio featuring Jessica Furney, Hors D'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. This is the Zeandale Art Projects third

exhibit in the Swogger Gallery at the Columbian Theatre which will continue to be available to the public until August 31st. All of the artists live in Zeandale. The participants this

year are:
Nate Cunningham Potter
Judy Love Painter
Tom Leopold Photographer
Gene Sievers Potter
For further information you

may contact:
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www.ColumbianTheatre.com

Obituaries

LaVina Walk Gilman



LaVina (Lou) Walk Gilman, age 79, of Manhattan, Kansas passed away on July 9, 2011, at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan with her family by her side.

She was born on September 30, 1931, in Anthony, Kansas, the daughter of Harry and Ida

(George) Bonham. Lou grew up in Attica, Kansas moving to Wichita following her high school graduation. While living in Wichita she met Paul Walk at Boeing and they were united in marriage in 1954. Paul passed away in 1975. Lou was also preceded in death by her parents, four brothers: Leland, Chester, Lester and Richard Bonham, two sisters: Mary Martin and Dorothy Bonham who died in infancy, and one step grandson: Dustin.

Lou worked in Wichita until deciding to become a housemother at Kansas State University. In 1977, she moved to Manhattan where she became housemother at the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house where she was affectionately called "Mom Walk." In addition to being a housemother she was an avid reader and was formerly active with the

PTA when her children were in school.

In 1992, she was united in marriage to John Gilman of Manhattan. He survives of the home. Also surviving are her two children: Mark Walk and his wife Maria of Cork, Ireland; and Joni Walk Etherington and her husband Chuck of Loch Lloyd, Missouri. Four step children: Debbie Gilman, Coty Gilman, Greg Gilman and Sharon Gilman, all of Manhattan, Kansas, six grandchildren: Matthew, Andrew, Alex, Wendi, Travis and Stephen, five step grandchildren: Crystal, Tyana, Kiara, Derick and Brandon and eight step great grandchildren. Lou is also survived by one sister: Imogene McDaniel of Eureka, Kansas and by many nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

Lou was a wonderful mother, wife, grandmother and friend.

She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 12th, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend Andy Hargrove officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service during a visitation beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Graveside services were held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, at the Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Wichita, Kansas.

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

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Stroke Association or to a charity of the donor's choice. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Elizabeth Southerland

Elizabeth Southerland, age 95, of Topeka, died July 7, 2011 at Midland Hospice House.

She was born July 2, 1916, in Manhattan, Kansas, the daughter of Fred and Katherine (Cooper) Dial. She grew up in Manhattan and Cleburne and graduated from Cleburne High School in 1934. She attended Business College in Abilene following high school.

Mrs. Southerland was a secretary at Kansas State

University first with the Department of Business Administration and later at the School of Veterinary Medicine.

She was a longtime member of Olsburg Lutheran Church, was very active with Knox Presbyterian Church while she lived in Lenexa, and then Westside Christian Church in Topeka.

Elizabeth loved to help everyone when they were in need. She had many different kinds of pets over the years and her cat Daisy was her last best friend.

On January 1, 1938, in Cleburne, Kansas, she was

married to Paul L. Southerland. Mr. Southerland preceded her in death on January 26, 1979. She was also preceded in death by her brother Robert Dial.

Survivors include two children: Steve Southerland and his wife Deb of Topeka, KS, and Susan Marshall of Whiting, NJ; six grandchildren: Syndee Haake, Tobi Barron, Sunny Southerland-Jamison, Cody Southerland, Kimberlie Burr and Michelle Marshall; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at 1:00 P.M. Monday, July 11th, at the West Side Christian Church, 432 SW Lindenwood,

Topeka, KS, with Reverend Jay Gideon officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3:30 P.M. Monday at Olsburg Lutheran Cemetery in Olsburg, KS, with Pastor Gordon Sandquist officiating.

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

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

Earl Sanders

Earl "the Pearl" Sanders, age 68, died Friday July 8, 2011 at the St. Francis Hospital, Topeka, Kansas.

He was born on May 25, 1943 in Junction City, Kansas the son of Orville and Pauline (Kensing) Sanders. He was a self employed carpenter for many years.

Earl enjoyed fishing, watching NASCAR and woodwork-

ing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters: Emma Wood and Evelyn O'Donnell.

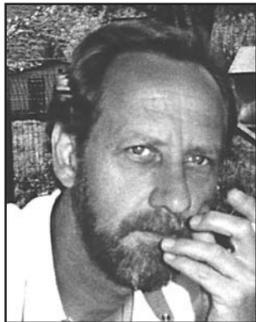
Survivors include his son: Rodney Sanders of Mission, Kansas; daughter: Brenda Sanders-Young and her husband Danny of Timmonsville, SC and a brother: Ernie Sanders and his wife Louann of Junction City, Kansas.

Graveside Services were at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday July

13, 2011 at the Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Kansas with Pastor Devin Wendt officiating. There will be no Visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Earl Sanders Memorial Fund and left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Editorial

Gay Marriage: Cambridge, Massachusetts Pays Stipends to Gay Couples

As reported by Johanna Kaiser in the Associated Press, the city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, has decided to pull \$33,000 in city funds to pay stipends to city employees who are currently in a homosexual marriage. The rationale behind the redistribution of funds is said to be a defrayment for federal taxes that married homosexual couples employed by the city must pay on the value of their health benefits. Unlike traditional married couples, homosexual city employees who have been designated as "married" in the gay-marriage-friendly state of Massachusetts, do not qualify for standard spousal tax deferrals. The city of Cambridge will be the first community to advance gay marriage from simple legal recognition to financial reward. Who will pay for this liberal social experiment? Mostly the funds will come from heterosexuals.



Paul A. Ibbetson

and cities in the country. The city of Cambridge will divert money to give tax breaks to 22 homosexual public employees. So there will be 22 happy gay workers for the city and the people of Cambridge will inevitably absorb the \$33,000 loss by paying a little more for city services. Of course that will have to be paid every year. Also, since this is such a great deal for homosexual couples, more will surely join this grand little experiment. Here is a chance to create even more happy gay city employees, but that also means more costs will be handed down

to the heterosexual majority of Cambridge citizens. Hmm, I wonder if there will be any downsides to continually raising costs of city services to off-set tax stipends to promote gay marriage. The other option is to simply reduce services. That means fewer potholes get filled and high-demand services such as police overtime are less available. In reality, over time the people of Cambridge will get both—higher costs and fewer services, all in the name of legitimizing deviant behavior. Will this eventually create a divide between the city planners and the local populace of this city?

Some will say, "Well that is what the people of Cambridge, Massachusetts, want. After all, Massachusetts was the first state in the U.S. to legalize marriage for gay couples, right?" Yes they certainly did, but are they ready to put their money where their morals are? We are not talking about federal grants or other subsidies that extract tax dollars from people

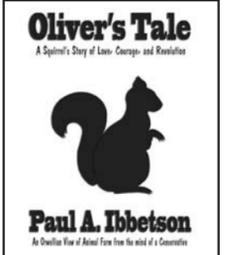
in other parts of America who very well may not agree with the gay-ifying of marriage in this country. In this case, we are talking about good old blue state Massachusetts' liberal cash. Just how far will northeast blue-state liberals go to promote the gay agenda when the cost goes beyond liberal theories wrapped in moral relativism and ends up in their pocket-book? I would guess not as far as even the most deluded liberal would assume.

As a matter of fact, I would say that if you offered the citizens of Cambridge the ability to individually vote with anonymity, the overall majority would side with keeping more of their cash, rather than reallocating their money for tax breaks for homosexual couples that wish to be considered married. The relevancy of the heterosexual majority, even in this crazy state, would become very relevant once again. If Cambridge's misguided city plan were to stay in effect for 10 years, it would most certainly end up being

rejected by its own people. Why? Because while central planners like those in Cambridge wish to be cutting-edge on moral deprivation initiatives, in the end they will inevitably want federal dollars to do it. In other words, they will want traditional America to help fund their little Sodom and Gomorrah and will not wish to take full financial responsibility for their own actions. I say what is created in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is their own social, spiritual and financial burden to bear. Let them reap the whirlwind of their own misguided municipal and state decisions.

Paul A. Ibbetson is a former Chief of Police of Cherryvale, Kansas, and member of the Montgomery County Drug Task Force. Paul received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Criminal Justice at Wichita State University, 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



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Editorial

Letters to Tom

Just Say NO

On June 21, 2011, by a vote of 3 to 2, the Manhattan City Commission rejected the Manhattan Area Transit Services Interlocal Agreement and Operating Plan for July 2011 through June 2012. In effect they rejected an invitation to participate in a trial year for a fixed route public transportation system connecting Riley, Geary, and Pottawatomie Counties. Some have accused them of regressive behavior and others have lectured them about the need to promote the general welfare of our community. These criticisms remind me of e-mails that periodically appear in my inbox. I suppose I am regressive, too, because I have passed by the opportunity to get millions of dollars in exchange for a small payment made made to the former Nigerian Foreign Minister.



Mike Kryschal

University and the family members of soldiers assigned to Fort Riley. I am all for people getting to their jobs, or appointments, or to Aggieville; but I do not think that the taxpayers of Manhattan should pay for providing that service to other citizens. This is important because the proposed bus line WILL BE SUBSIDIZED. All of the agencies that are now willing to share the cost of a test program cannot be counted on to continue to be there for the long haul. This means that you and I, the tax paying public, would be expected to pay the difference.

Accusing the majority of the City Commission of regressive behavior and inferring that they are somehow indifferent to the general welfare of Manhattan was meant to be an indictment. As to the charge of regressive behavior, if refusing to commit the tax paying citizens to yet another 'good idea' that

increases the city's debt is regressive, they should wear that title with pride. 'Progressive' commissioners have given us ever-rising mill levies and a debt as far as the eye can see. As far as promoting the 'general welfare', how about we truly promote the general welfare and not the welfare of those who belong to the FEE Party. The City of Manhattan is currently reviewing the 2012 Budget. Yesterday, the City Finance Director said that this year's budget would probably result in a 'small' increase of a little over two mills in property taxes. He also predicted that the 2013 Budget would pose a larger challenge. If, like me, you are on a fixed income, you probably feel as if you are between a proverbial rock and hard place. The Federal Government has manipulated the way it measures inflation in order to minimize (eliminate actually) cost of living allowance increases (COLA). In practical terms this has resulted in retirees and those on fixed incomes losing ground to inflation. Meanwhile the price of food has gone up. The price of gasoline has gone up. Our taxes have gone up and will go up higher. Does the general welfare not include those of us who are expected to pay for these 'good' ideas? Perhaps some of our leaders have con-

fused the term welfare with handout. Contrary to what one local politician once said about the public not being able to do without government services, most of us do not turn to the city or state to meet our daily needs. We work hard and pay our own way. All we ask is that the government stop looking for more ways to buy votes while using our money.

I would like to express my gratitude to the City Commission for honoring the promises they made when they ran for office and for having the courage to say no when it would be easier to say yes.

Mike Kryschal, 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.

City Budget

over the 2011 mill levy. City Administration was able to exceed the Commission's goal of a three percent increase over the 2011 mill levy rate due to a higher than anticipated amount of motor vehicle tax estimates for 2012. The projected 2012 mill levy takes into account the decision to withdraw from the joint Manhattan-Riley County Board of Health.

As a result of this decision, the Finance Department used the following calculation to determine the projected mill levy rate:

Property Taxes and Mill Levy Impacts
2011 (current budget) 3% Target Increase for 2012 Budget: \$ 19,114,432 42.544

In essence, the three percent mill levy increase was based on what the mill levy rate would have been had the Health Department not received funding in 2011. By taking the adjusted 2011 mill levy (41.305) times three percent, a 2012 target mill levy of 42.544 was reached. Additional mill levy adjustments were made possible by a higher estimate on motor vehicle taxes for 2012 which are applied to property tax funds in addition to other budget reductions. [Note: See Attachment No. 2 for further information on 2012 budget reductions.] Property Taxes - Property taxes are now proposed to increase by \$635,784 which is less than the property tax increase associated with the Riley County Police Department (\$808,487). In order to exceed the Commission's target of no more than a three percent increase over the 2011 property taxes levied, additional expend-

iture reductions had to be made.

City Commission direction also provided two possible savings within the General Fund (1) the movement of the Chamber's 24/7 program (\$40,000) to the Economic Development Fund and (2) eliminating the annual audit requirement for the Wolf House (\$775).

Management directed all City Departments/Divisions to reduce their respective budgets in order to achieve additional savings within the General Fund. A total of \$230,650 was reduced from Departmental budgets.

The result of all these changes resulted in property taxes being reduced by \$430,744 or a mill levy decrease of 0.959 mills. A typical Manhattan homeowner with a residence appraised at \$200,000 would see their City property taxes increase by only \$5 in 2012. It is important to note that the property tax increase for RCPD alone would have been about \$29 for this homeowner had other City budget reductions not been made. [Note: See Attachment No. 3 for further information related to property tax impacts on local homeowners.]

The increase in City valuation, and first time property taxes collected from new construction across the community, would have paid for proposed City operations and CIP increases needed to fund additional firefighters for the new Station No. 5 and other positions due to the growth of the City. However, all of these new taxes were used to partially offset RCPD's budget increase for 2012. In addition, City depart-

ments absorbed additional cuts to fund the rest of the RCPD funding mandate as well as their own operational increases.

With the known increases anticipated for the 2013 budget, including the new fire stations, the practice of cutting operational City departmental budgets to fund RCPD and related services is not sustainable and could affect City services in the future.

City Administration agrees that police services are an important governmental function. However, if budget increases in police services are deemed vital then property taxes should be increased accordingly to fund this growth instead of cutting other City departmental budgets to pay for such increases.

General Fund - The 2012 General Fund (the main operational fund of the City) is proposed to increase by about \$1.2 million to \$24,436,374 or 5% over the 2011 General Fund Budget.

Nearly all of this proposed increase is related to staffing issues associated with the two new fire stations, the Parks Division, and one new legal staff member.

Bond & Interest Fund - For 2012, the Bond & Interest Fund budget is projected to grow by about \$2.7 million over the 2011 budget. A majority of this increase is attributed to the "moral obligation" associated with the STAR/TIF issue related to the downtown redevelopment project

In addition, the projected 2012 beginning cash balance for the Bond & Interest Fund continues to reflect a decline (over 50% since 2009) which,

will require additional property taxes in order to service debt requirements.

Outside Services and Agencies - In addition to the traditional outside agencies funded by the City (RCPD and the Library), a number of other social service agencies also receive funding, primarily from the General Fund, through the annual budgeting process. During the third budget work session, the City Commission heard from most of those agencies. With the exception of changing the funding source for the Chamber of Commerce's 24/7 campaign and a minor change to the audit requirement for the Wolf House, full funding for all agency budget requests have been included within the 2012 City Budget as presented during the third budget work session.

2011 UTILITY RATE INCREASES AND ISSUES

See City page 5

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Riley County Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas June 30, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building June 30, 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; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Debbie Nuss; Chuck Murphy, Susanne Kufahl – Riley County-Manhattan Health Department; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; Richard Seaton; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Paul Foltz, attended.

Murphy presented a revised 2012 Health Department budget. Murphy stated the Health Board has approved the revised budget.

Vargo stated he and Holeman will meet today to discuss moving forward on the transition from a City/County department to a County Department.

McCulloh stated she feels the Health Board should remain in place in an advisory capacity. McCulloh said the authority of the Health Board should be formalized.

Foltz asked if foreign KSU students can get a health card to receive our health services.

Murphy said yes if they come with an existing health card.

Murphy suggested listening tours in the community to see what health services are needed.

Nuss said many of the Health Board members are medical professionals, who provide good public health knowledge. Nuss said the Board members would like to have authority in making public health decisions.

Lewis said a City of Ogden Council member called and asked for him to come to and discuss flooding and the K-18 project at the Ogden City Council meeting July 6, 2011.

Lewis asked Hobson to attend.

Lewis said a resident called concerned about a ditch on Cindella Road being plugged and water not flowing.

McCulloh discussed the Regional Planning Executive Board Meeting.

Johnson moved to approve "Resolution No. 063011-18, a Resolution for the compromise and settlement of personal property tax and interest of Lawrence Douglas Prawl for tax years 2007 through 2010 as a result of bankruptcy." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved approve a Plaza Reservation Request for Ralph DeZago for hot dog sales from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. from July 2, 2011 to September 24, 2011 subject to cancellation by the Board of County Commissioners. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the Agreement Conditions of the Grant for FY12 with the

Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority for the Community Corrections Department. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.v

Holeman said the grantee, Riley County, is responsible for all non-compliance by Community Corrections with the grant conditions.

Johnson moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$216,964.76 and the following warrant vouchers for June 30, 2011:

- 2011 Budget**
County General \$317,911.41
Riley Co Juvenile Service 6,295.09
Motor Vehicle Operations 5,030.76
21st Jud Dist Teen Court 935.63
Riley Co Adult Services 6,503.30
Capital Improvements Fund 5,909.28
Economic Development 535.92
Solid Waste 3,153.82
County Building 15,566.66
Road & Bridge Cap Project 115,276.88
RCPD Levy/Op 1,808.39
Resourceful KS Energy Grt 34,587.26
Riley Co Fire Dist #1 9,947.82
University Park W&S 296.00
Deep Creek Sewer 75.00
Valleywood Operations 61.53
TOTAL.....\$523,894.75

- 2011 Budget**
County General \$444,530.97
Teen Court Collected Fund 341.00
Riley Co Juvenile Service 2,367.60
P.A.T.F. 457.92
Riley Co Adult Services 5,976.16
Capital Improvements Fund 495.25
Emergency 911 3,697.04
Solid Waste 155,596.29
County Building 13,121.94
Road & Bridge Cap Project 105,146.41
RCPD Levy/Op 4,990.94
Riley Co Fire Dist #1 16,995.44
University Park W&S 49.72
Hunters Island Water Dist 21.56
Deep Creek Sewer 9.44
Moehlman Bottoms 6.36
Terra Heights Sewer 18.48
Konza Water Operations 60.04
TOTAL.....\$753,882.56
Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Request to Write Off Account Receivables for Zacariah Richardson, 291 Johnson Road, Konza Water Benefit District in the amount of \$75.50 for the Public Works Department. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Request to Write Off Account Receivables for Mark Todd, 5324 Thompson Road, Terra Heights Benefit District in the amount of \$225.19 for the Public Works Department. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve an Agreement with Computer Software Associates, Inc. for the Business Continuity Assurance Program for the Register of Deeds' Office.

Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve an On-line Access Agreement for Doc Hunters for the Register of Deeds' Office. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Temporary Construction Easement with Zora Lou McWhorter to lay out, relocate, and widen to the west of current Wildcat Creek Road, or alter a certain public road known as Wildcat Creek Road solely for the purpose of constructing a road and/or bridge project, described as follows: A tract of land in the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 10 South, Range 7 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Riley County, Kansas described as follows: Beginning at a point that is S00°43'32"E 1320.74 feet and N89°11'22"E 30.00 feet from the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 32, said point being on the East right of way line of Wildcat Creek Road and on the South Line of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 32; thence N00°43'32"W 200.00 feet along the East Line right of way line of Wildcat Creek Road to the North Line of the R.E. McWhorter and Zora Lou McWhorter tract recorded in Book 822, Page 6636 in the Riley County Register of Deeds Office; thence N89°11'22"E 10.00 feet along the North Line of the said McWhorter tract; thence S00°43'32"E 200.00 feet to the South Line of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 32; thence S89°11'21"W 10.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2,000 square feet. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement for Diebold Appraisal for the Appraiser's Office. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:03 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Jeff Burkhart, KMAN, attended.

Holeman stated the 5th and Humboldt parking lot plan review was approved by City of Manhattan's Historic Resources Board, subject to compliance with the minimum landscape requirements of the City of Manhattan's zoning regulations.

Holeman said Judge Wilson, who is serving on the "Blue Ribbon Committee" reviewing our judicial system, asked for the Board's opinion maintaining the law library.

Holeman said the current law library rent is \$925 a month and Riley County pays also utilities and maintenance.

Hobson said when we moved the law library the issue was access for the attorneys and public that use the law library.

Holeman said we are not required to provide a public library.

McCulloh asked Holeman to see what is available to the public at the State Law Library electronically.

The Board agreed with the availability of electronic information, the Law Library is probably obsolete.

Holeman said the Judge also asked the Board's opinion on any impact if the Courthouse office hours were extended.

McCulloh said it would be beneficial for the convenience of the public.

The Board agreed by consensus with increasing the hours of operation for the Courthouse, but want to be sure there is adequate security by the Riley County Police Department or the Courts.

Holeman said KAC's deadline is August 1, 2011 for providing suggested legislation for the counties platform.

Holeman said he has been asked by KAC to make a presentation at "County Government and the Law" in Salina on working with the County Counselor interlocal agreements.

The Board approved his attendance.

9:30 Bob Isaac, Planner
Jeff Hancock; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women

Voters; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Robert and Linda Deemie; and Jeff Burkhart, KMAN, attended.

McCulloh opened the Public Hearing for a request to plat and rezone a tract of land for Robert and Linda Deemie.

Isaac presented a request to rezone a tract of land from "G-1" (General Agricultural) to "A-5" (Single Family Residential) and plat the subject tract together with Lot 5 of Tuttle Cove North Addition Unit Two into a single lot.

McCulloh closed the Public Hearing.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 063011-19, Resolution amending the zoning map of Riley County concerning the use of certain real estate located in Grant Township." Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve "Resolution No. 063011-20, A Resolution approving the Tuttle Cove North Addition Unit Three plat and accepting the street rights of way, easements, and licenses as shown to be dedicated on said plat." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2011 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:48 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Hobson reviewed pictures of the wash out along White Canyon Road, which is a private road. Hobson said some of the stabilization rock has washed out, but the road has not been damaged and is intact.

Hobson said the estimate is \$3,500 to extend the tube and cover with rock.

McCulloh said the issue is this is not a county or township road.

McCulloh asked if the property owners could petition for the road to be accepted by the township.

Hobson said yes, but it would have to be brought up to county standards.

Vargo asked if there are other county or township roads with similar problems which have not been repaired.

Hobson said yes there are other public roads which have washouts along or into the roads which have not been fixed.

Holeman suggested a letter to the residents explaining their options.

The Board agreed by consensus to draft a letter to the residents explaining their options since it is not a public road.

Meredith stated he met with Carl Friedrich, Mayor of Randolph. Meredith said the area of the road breaking up is a section Riley County did not repair in 2008. Meredith said if the road had been repaired it would not have deteriorated to this level.

Hobson stated it would cost

approximately \$7,100 for an overlay.

Lewis stated Riley County cannot pave roads in front of fire stations in all communities.

Johnson suggested writing a letter to notify Randolph Riley County cannot repair the road.

Hobson discussed attempts to reduce ricochets at the Riley County Police Department firing range. Hobson said the latest option was a dirt berm. Hobson said they have been told ricochets are still happening. Hobson said staff is now out of low cost options to stop the problem.

Hobson said he will bring back further options for the Board to consider.

10:17 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Jeff Buckhart, KMAN; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Vargo reported the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, KPERS, will increase 0.6% for 2012. Vargo said the State Health Insurance rates will also increase for 2011 and 2012. Vargo stated to cover the rate increases it would require Riley County to increase the rate benefits are budgeted from 37% to 40%.

The Board agreed by consensus to increase the budgeted benefits rate to 40%.

Shepek presented the following summary of changes made since the work session on Monday, June 27th:

The transfer of \$250,000 from the General fund to Economic Development has

been eliminated based on permanently financing the Konza Water Project.

A revenue of \$200,000 has been added based on a transfer from Economic Development to the General fund. This is also based on permanently financing the Konza Water Project.

Overtime has been adjusted for the policy change eliminating comp time. This is a cost of \$2,489.96.

An increase in Personnel Services to account for the increase costs of insurance and KPERS. This is an increase of \$141,712.83.

The Board agreed to place in the budget a 1% cost of living adjustment (COLA). The Board agreed they may not be able to fund a COLA this year.

Shepek suggested the Board establish an amount for the indigent attorney's contract.

The Board agreed by consensus to increase the indigent attorney contract by 3% under the current terms of the agreement.

McCulloh suggested Riley County may have to consider charging the City of Manhattan for municipal inmates.

Vargo asked if the Board would like for staff to pursue what Riley County can legally charge for municipal inmates.

The Board agreed by consensus staff should see what cost may be charged for City of Manhattan municipal inmates.

Hobson asked if the Board is going to consider any new staff positions.

The Board agreed by consensus to not consider the addition of any new staff positions for 2012.

The Board agreed by consensus to place as a footnote in the budget to consider a \$500,000 transfer to fund the Capital Improvements Projects fund.

11:09 Johnson moved to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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SCOTT CITY, Kan. (AP)

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The state's Division of Water Resources has offered water rights holders in selected counties a pair of options for adjusting the way they use their five-year allocations. The program is a condition of a drought declaration for dozens of Kansas counties that have been long suffering under drought conditions.

The Hays Daily News reports that farmers and ranchers are more likely to participate in southwestern counties coping with less than half the normal rainfall.

Jan King, manager of the

Western Groundwater Management District No. 1 in southern Wallace County, said irrigators would be allowed to borrow from their 2012 allocation or participate in a flexible account system that spreads their water rights allocation over five years.

"I've heard a lot of people talking about it. I think there will be interest," King said. "It has been very dry here."

The offer is for water rights holders to pump more water from aquifers this summer in effort to save crops and keep livestock going. The amount of water used this year will be deducted from the amount users could pump in 2012.

King has seen the drought take a toll on her wheat crop harvested in nearby Logan

County.

"It was so pitiful. I don't even want to talk about it," she said.

To the north, farmers and ranchers are less likely to participate in the water program.

Wayne Bossert, manager of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4, said the area has been dry, but has received about 80 percent of normal rainfall. About 2 inches fell July 1 and other rains have fallen since then.

"I don't think we'll have very many interested up here," Bossert said.

Bossert said irrigators further south in other groundwater management districts will use the program. He and others have asked the Division of

Water Resources' chief engineer David Barfield to closely monitor interest in the program.

The goal is to keep crops from withering and dying if farmers have pumped their limits from wells. The emergency pumping program will allow extra water use so the crops mature and can be harvested, albeit at reduced yields.

"It's just borrowing against next year," Bossert said.

King said irrigators in her district will do the two-year option, even though it limits usage levels next year if normal conditions don't return.

"At least they'll have a year to decide how they'll do their cropping practices," she said.

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City Budget

Utility rates in the Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Funds have increased every year since 2008 in order for the City to meet the requirements of community growth and to ensure funding for various projects in the foreseeable future, a significant amount of which are federal and state mandated improvements.

In 2012, City Administration is again recommending rate increases for all three enterprise funds. The following table reflects the recent history of utility rate increases plus the proposed increases for 2012.

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Enterprise Fund	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed

The proposed water rate increase above reflects the recent changes to the rate struc-

ture as a result of the study conducted by Springsted, Inc. the City's financial advisor. Under this new rate structure, larger water customers will be paying a greater share for the use of City water. While the City's rate structure remains a declining rate scale, it will not offer as low of rates as in the past for the use of more City water.

In addition, revenue adjustments associated with tap fees and the placement of water meters for new homes and businesses will be presented to the City Commission for consideration and approval.

2012 2010 2011 Proposed
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SUMMARY
 The 2012 City budgeting process continues to be chal-

lenging due to growth issues and a myriad of new City improvements across the community.

Please note that increases to the City's overall debt burden plus fully staffing two new fire stations will continue to add to fiscal stress for the 2013 budgeting process. As presented, the 2012 City Budget represents very austere operational spending without reducing City services. City Administration will continue to closely monitor spending patterns and revenue projections in order to ensure that overall City services are maintained at the highest levels expected by the City Commission, community residents, and local businesses.

For the fourth work session, City Administration would like feedback from the City

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Commission on the following items in order to finalize the 2012 City Budget:

1 Proposed rate increases in all enterprise (utility) funds.

2 A target budget publication amount for the Public Hearing on the 2012 City Budget. [Note: See Attachment No. 4.]

FINANCING

There are numerous revenue sources that make up the 2012 City Budget. Please recall that about 75% of all revenues supporting the annual City Budget come from sales taxes, property taxes, franchise fees, and enterprise fund charges (water, wastewater, and storm water).

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The annual fair parade, which marks the official start to the fair, will be Thursday, July 21 at 6:00 pm. The parade will begin at the Manhattan Town Center and travel down Poyntz Ave. to City Park. Following the parade on July 21 at 7:00 pm will be the pedal tractor pull at Hurlburt Arena in CiCo Park. Both events are free to the pub-

lic. This year's farm animal nursery exhibit will be better than ever. Fair goers will have the opportunity to see baby farm animals and learn about the importance of agriculture in Wreath Barn.

Entries for the quilt exhibition will be accepted on July 21 from 5-8 pm. The public will vote for their favorite July 22 through July 23 at 10 pm. The People's Choice Award will be awarded on Sunday, July 24 at 10 am.

The entertainment tent, located at the south end of the fairgrounds will feature the 6th

annual Riley County Idol contest as well as music from local groups. Amateur entertainers will compete for prize money and a trophy in four age divisions, beginning Friday, July 22. Ottaway Amusements will provide carnival entertainment each evening of the fair. They will offer wristbands nightly for \$25 each. The Kaw Valley Rodeo will provide entertainment for rodeo fans with nightly performances on July 21, 22 and 23. Tickets are available online at www.kawvalleyrodeo.com.

The Blue Valley Pork Producers will host their annu-

al pork burger barbeque from 5-7 pm on Friday, July 22 on the Pottorf Hall patio. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased that evening. The 6th annual Fair Factor will take place at 2 pm on Saturday, July 23 in Hurlburt Arena. Teams of five will compete in a variety of events in this exciting contest. Again this year, the Fair Factor for Kids contest which will be held following Fair Factor in the entertainment tent. This slightly milder version gives youth ages 6-13 an opportunity to compete for prizes.

If you're a salsa chef, you want to be sure to enter your

favorite recipe in the Fresh Salsa Contest to be held on Saturday, July 23 at 10:00 am. Open class baked goods are also entered and judged at this time.

A new event at this year's fair will be a Pinewood Derby on Sunday, July 24, at 1:30 pm.

There will be two divisions: premade cars and cars built on site. Car kits will be available for \$1.

Be sure to stop by Pottorf Hall and the livestock barns to see the exhibits that 4-H members have been working hard all year to make. Livestock shows will take place each

evening, July 22-24. The annual 4-H livestock auction will begin at 7:00 pm on July 25. Champion foods items will be auctioned prior to the livestock sale at 6:30 pm.

There's a lot to see and do at this year's Riley County Fair. For more information or a full listing of scheduled events please access www.rileycountyfair.com or call the Riley County Extension Office at 785-537-6350.

Kaw Valley Rodeo Features New Website

Thanks to Briggsauto.com the Kaw Valley Rodeo has a new website! www.kawvalleyrodeo.com

The site features information about rodeo events and activities. A big first is the ability to purchase general admission tickets online. Tickets purchased in this manner are to be printed off and scanned at the gate. Check out the website often as pages are being added and updated!

The 36nd Annual Kaw Valley Rodeo will be held July 21, 22 & 23, 8:00 p.m. at Wells Arena in CiCo Park, Manhattan during the Riley County Fair. Presented by Briggsauto.com the rodeo features born and bred, ranch-raised bucking stock from the Rafter H Rodeo Company; cowboys of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) competing in rough stock and timed events; and ladies of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) running the Brigg's barrels for the fastest time.

Each night Barrelman Andy North will entertain the crowd with antics and crazy stunts. He will join "the protectors" Josh Rivinius and Greek Ellick in the bullriding events.

Kid' events will be featured each night. McDonald's Mutton Bustin' is for kids, ages 5-7. Registration for Mutton Bustin' begins at 6:30 each night inside the main southwest

gate and is limited to the first 15 riders. No early registrations. Parent's signature required. The calf scramble will be open to different age groups each night-Thursday 7-8 year olds, Friday 9-10 year olds and Saturday 11-12 year olds.

For added color and prestige the Silver Buckle Drill Team from McPherson will perform each night. Fourteen young riders will execute drills and maneuvers on their mounts in Wells Arena. Rodeo Royalty will also take part in rodeo events. Brande Iseman 2011 Miss Rodeo K-State and Miss Rodeo Kansas Alyssa Morrison will be signing autographs and participating in arena presentations and youth activities.

The Kaw Valley Rodeo is a part of the Kansas Lottery Championship Rodeo Series. All ProRodeo contestants are invited to enter Kansas PRCA rodeos that make up the membership of the Kansas Association of Rodeo Committees (KARC). The Kansas Lottery supports the series. KARC committees from across the state work together to promote rodeo and help preserve the American western heritage.

Thursday night is KIDS NIGHT. Kids (12 and under) will get in FREE with a non-perishable food donation to benefit the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Thursday night is

also Military Family Appreciation Night at the Riley County Fair and the rodeo. A partnership with the Manhattan Chamber Military Relations Committee, commercial sponsors, Riley County Fair and Kaw Valley Rodeo provides a free pre-picnic and tickets to the rodeo. A family registration form is required. The form can be found at www.manhattan.org/militaryrelations under the upcoming events tab. Military cardholders can stop by ITR on post, the Chamber of Commerce in Manhattan, Dick Edwards Ford on Hwy 24 E or sign up through their FRSA's.

Friday night is Tough Enough to Wear Pink (TETWP) night! The Kaw Valley Rodeo has joined the challenge to help raise fund for cancer research and education. Funds raised for TETWP stay local, benefiting the Terry C. Johnson Basic Cancer Research Center at K-State. Activities include a balloon launch, t-shirts sales, and passing of pink boots. More information on the center's work is available at www.k-state.edu/cancer.center

Plan to attend the Kaw Valley Special Rodeo Friday at 7:00 p.m. Watch area children with special needs pair up with real cowboys, cowgirls, clowns and queen for the rides of their lives in safe, unique rodeo events. Gentle horses and

experienced staff and volunteers from Hope Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center will be lending a hand. Pre-registration is required. Contact Sandy Chandler 785-313-3863.

Advanced rodeo ticket prices are reserved \$10 (\$12/gate), general admission \$8 (\$10/gate) and children 12 and under \$4 (\$5/gate). Tickets are

available in Manhattan: Copeland Insurance, Dara's Fast Lanes, RB Outpost, Dillons Stores, Orschlens, Lee's Western Wear, Manhattan Town Center and Cenex Ampride;

Wamego: Vanderbilt's; Riley: GTB Meats and ITR on Ft. Riley. Rodeo Ticket Headquarters is located at Copeland Insurance,

601 S. 5th Street, Manhattan, phone 785-539-1455.

Kaw Valley Rodeo website www.kawvalleyrodeo.com. Riley County Fair and Kaw Valley Rodeo information also www.rileycountyfair.com. For specific rodeo information contact Char Henton, char@ksu.edu, 785-564-1385.

Kansas Awarded \$3.7 Million for Police, Courts and Prisons

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter
TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas will receive nearly \$3.7 million in federal grants this year to help pay for crime reduction programs in the state, federal and state officials said Monday.

And part of the money, nearly \$578,000, will be used, beginning in January, to train 12 new Kansas Highway Patrol recruits whose jobs previously were sidelined when legislators in the last session rejected an \$872,000 request by the patrol for training funds.

Those are three fewer positions than patrol executives originally sought, but will still help fill gaps that are expected as more currently serving patrol officers reach retirement age in a few years, said KHP spokesman Lt. Scott Harrington.

Another \$211,000 will go to the Kansas Supreme Court, to help set up an electronic filing system for the state's appellate courts, part of a larger court records streamlining proposal that lawmakers also axed last session.

More than \$917,000 is going to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, primarily to provide continuing funding for an 18-county Southwest Kansas Drug Task Force, which historically has been funded by grant

money rather than state appropriations, a KBI spokesperson said.

About a fourth of the state wide total also will go to 18 county sheriff, police or corrections departments in the state. Among them, more than \$239,000 was awarded to the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections to help retain intensive supervision officers in that organization. Most other county level organizations received amounts ranging between \$4,600 and \$92,000 to help buy equipment or fund alcohol, drug abuse and domestic battery prosecutions or counselling programs.

The awards are part of the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program, named after a fallen New York police officer, that is the nation's primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local governments. Kansas' share of the funds are administered by the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Its members include the governor, the state attorney general, the chief justice of the state Supreme Court, and the chief executives of the state Department of Corrections, Kansas Highway Patrol, the Juvenile Justice Authority and the Kansas Bureau of

Investigations.

Other major grant recipients included the state Department of Corrections, awarded nearly \$617,000 to retain parole officers and victims services staff members; the state Juvenile Correctional Complex facilities in Topeka and Larned, which were awarded a total \$351,000 to retain corrections officers, and the state Department of Administration, which received \$93,000 for the director of the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System, which is the state's central record keeping system for offenders in the state corrections system.

Furniture Amnesty Day

MANHATTAN, Kansas, July 11, 2011— HandOn Kansas State and Manhattan Good Neighbors are providing a FREE furniture exchange and disposal event on July 29 from 8:00am — 5:00pm. The public is invited to drop off used furniture and/or household appliances for exchange or disposal with no charge. Items in good condition will be available for FREE donation on a first-come, first-served basis. The event will take place on the north end of City Park in the Wilson Field parking lot. Furniture pick-up is available at no cost by calling 785-587-2440, prior to July 29.

HandOn Kansas State is also looking for volunteers to assist with Furniture Amnesty Day. Volunteers will help with load-

ing furniture on trucks, taking furniture inventory, and disposing of all furniture remaining at the end of the day. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. Email handson@ksu.edu or call 785-532-3670 to register to volunteer.

Manhattan Good Neighbors (MGN) is a joint program of the City of Manhattan and Kansas State University. MGN provides opportunities for students and permanent residents to build and maintain positive relationships. MGN developed Furniture Amnesty Day to help keep Manhattan clean by offering an alternative disposal option for items that might otherwise be unlawfully dumped in alleys, front yards, or curbside.

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