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## New Manhattan City Budget Means Nothing

## Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

The Manhattan City Commission passed the proposed 2012 City Budget Tuesday night. Or did they? We will not know what the 2012 Manhattan Budget is until 2014.

A new state law has changed things. Below is part of the advertised 2012 Budget but on the "Prior Year Actual for 2010" shows a new line item. It is called "Non-Budgeted Funds-A". This line adds \$83,163,427 to the \$96,923,520 Budget. They added \$83 million to the 2010 Budget two years after it was published?

These are "projects and borrowed money" that took place in that year. What?

Apparently, after the City gives notice to the public on what they are going to spend, the City can take out loans, spend the money and not tell anyone for the next two years. Yes, I know they have to go before the Commission and get approval but still.

The new 2012 budget also shows the City Debt at \$223,068,808, that is \$223 million, but the City Website says the City is in Debt \$250 million. In other words, the City does not need to tell the public about the true debt until 2014.

Apparently, the City Budget Notice is not for the Public but for State officials. They put the forms together and they know what to look for, anyway the public doesn't have a right to know. Right?

501 Water	6,884,661
521 Wastewater	5,278,354
531 Stormwater	991,838
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	83,163,427
Totals	159,236,723
Less: Transfers	10,708,597
Net Expenditure	148,528,127
Total Tax Levied	16,102,722
Assessed Valuation	431,845,310
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2009
G.O. Bonds	77,325,000
Revenue Bonds	26,697,298
Other	29,363,171
Lease Purchase Principal	1,231,605
Total	134,617,074

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

This is part of the 2012 advertised Notice of Budget Hearing for the City of Manhattan. It shows the changes made to the 2010 Budget. It was only \$83 million. There are \$10 million in transfers from one account to another and Temporary Notes and Loans taken out in 2010.

### Proposed 2012 City Budget

	2011 City Budget	2012 Proposed City Budget
General Fund	\$ 23,253,312	\$ 24,348,374
Special Revenue Funds	41,961,201	40,491,909
Bond & Interest Fund	17,655,525	20,345,757
Enterprise Funds	22,175,500	28,067,130
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 105,045,538</b>	<b>\$113,253,170</b>

### 2012 City Budget

This could be the City Budget but the public will not know until 2014.

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## Grants Are Going To CASA And The Crisis Center

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt today announced that Sunflower CASA Project, Inc., and The Crisis Center, Inc., of Manhattan, have been awarded grants totaling \$75,110 for its victims' service programs.

The grants awarded will fund the following projects:

\$9,000 to Sunflower CASA Project to continue recruiting, training and supervising Court-

Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers to advocate on behalf of children involved in the court system due to abuse or neglect.

\$15,000 to Sunflower CASA Project for a Child Exchange and Visitation Center, to provide a safe, neutral environment for supervised visitations and child exchanges.

\$51,110 to The Crisis Center for services to victims of sexu-

al and domestic violence.

"Organizations throughout Kansas provide essential services to crime victims," Schmidt said. "These funds will enable these key partners to continue serving victims in their communities."

Funds for these projects were awarded from the State Protection from Abuse Fund, Crime Victims' Assistance Fund and Child Exchange and

Visitation Centers Fund, which are funded by district court docket fees, fines, penalties and forfeitures, marriage license fees and county and other municipal and district court costs. The Attorney General's Office Victims' Services Grants Program this year awarded nearly \$2.2 million in grants to local and state crime victim assistance organizations.

## Heritage Foundation: A Dangerous Debt Ceiling Deal

By Kim R. Holmes, Ph.D.  
The Heritage Foundation

The deep cuts in defense spending envisioned in the just-announced debt ceiling deal raise a fundamental question for Americans: Will we let a deal stand that promises to end American security as we know it? Or will Americans demand that the deal, born of crisis-driven politics in Washington, be abandoned as they come to understand what is at stake?

The deal promises to raise the debt ceiling by the highest amount ever—more than \$2 trillion—while reducing spending by close to \$1 trillion over the next decade. It envisions 6 percent and 7.5 percent cuts in defense spending from the President's budget request in February for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, respectively. It sets a non-binding goal of \$1.5 trillion worth of deficit reduction to be recommended by the congressional Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, which the legislation creates.

If Congress does not enact a sufficient deficit-reduction plan by this December, the deal calls for an automatic sequestration that would authorize making half of the cuts only in security spending, with the bulk coming out of the Department of Defense. Thus a single federal agency—one that is actually doing a good job and serving a constitutionally mandated role—will have to bear nearly the same amount of cuts as all the remaining domestic agencies combined, including Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Education, Interior, Energy, Justice, and Labor.

As if that were not enough, there are no automatic cuts in entitlement benefits. We will have to sacrifice the future security of all Americans without actually getting at the cause of the debt crisis—namely, runaway spending on Social Security and the other big social entitlements.

Liberals closing in on the Ultimate Goal

The politics of this deal are obvious. Liberals have long been trying to force conservatives to choose between tax hikes and defense cuts, and this deal would force them to make that choice. Liberals want to preserve high-cost social programs. They would like to raise taxes to "pay" for them, but if they cannot get that, they will take big defense cuts to save entitlements and other domestic programs.

In the future, the GOP will have to accept the defense cuts, raise taxes, or abandon the deal altogether, none of which they will want to do. Many liberals, on the other hand, will be happy with any of these outcomes.

Essentially, this deal just postpones the day of reckoning on entitlement spending while sacrificing America's security interests. It is hard to imagine a more short-sighted political decision by Congress.

America Cannot Afford Defense Cuts

If the defense cuts in the debt limit deal take effect, the cost to national security will be huge. Do we really need to remind ourselves that we are still a nation at war? These cuts will only worsen the already looming problem of declining military readiness. Over the past year, a full half of the

Navy fleet was either underway daily or engaged, which has reduced the fleet's quality and condition. The Air Force, which has been involved in combat operations for 20 years, has seen aircraft tragically fall out of the sky, likely because of wear and tear.

Engaged in 10 years of war, the armed forces are stretched thin and reaching the breaking point. Has anyone advocating defense cuts thought about how cutting up to \$1 trillion in defense would break the armed forces as we know them? All

the service chiefs have indicated that defense cuts of even half of what is envisioned in this debt ceiling deal would force "fundamental changes" in America's military strategy. Has anyone involved in these debt ceiling talks actually asked themselves—or those service chiefs—what effect these cuts would have on military strategy?

To meet the military spending cuts of the debt deal, at least one and possibly two Navy carrier strike groups will disappear. A large part of the U.S. missile defense program

will have to be scaled back, exposing millions of Americans unnecessarily to nuclear attack. Overseas bases will have to be shut down, meaning that it will be far more expensive and take far longer to move U.S. forces where they need to be in the future—assuming they can even get there at all.

There will be only enough armed forces to fight at best one military operation overseas (historically we have been able to fight two or even more). Some might say this is fine because they are tired of the

Iraq and Afghan wars—but America's enemies are not tired of threatening us. What do we do if the U.S. is hit with another terrorist attack orchestrated from some safe haven overseas, and at the same time a nuclear-armed Iran starts to shut down U.S. access to Middle Eastern oil? Do we just show up at the United Nations and complain?

Future Weapons Required

Next-generation weapons like a new bomber, a stealth helicopter, and a new nuclear submarine will never see the light of day. If you think America is so far ahead of the rest of the world that we can afford to miss the next generation of weapons modernization, think again. Russia and China are developing next-generation stealth fighters, and Russia is developing new nuclear missiles. If we stand still while they move ahead, it is only a matter of time before they catch up and possibly surpass us in some key categories of weapons capabilities.

Some defense experts predict that cuts as draconian as those envisioned in this deal could kill the nuclear triad of bombers, missiles, and submarines. Bombers are already aging, and there is no program to build a new one, while a next-generation nuclear submarine could be axed. Nuclear stockpiles will be reduced, and promised modernization will likely be dropped.

The triad has been the foundation of national security since the end of World War II, and it is pure folly to fool with it. President Dwight Eisenhower cut conventional forces drastically in the 1950s after World War II, but he at least had the wisdom to bolster

America's strategic deterrent to make up for it. The path we are now on will gut both conventional and nuclear forces, leaving the U.S. exposed for decades.

If these cuts go through, we are facing the end of American security as we know it. There is no escaping the fact that we are making a strategic retreat—not through a debate about defense, but through decisions about money completely divorced from a discussion of defense.

This is playing with fire. As we have seen many times in history, when America disarms (often after wars) and leaves itself exposed, some threat comes rushing in to awaken us. Then we have to build up our forces frantically, at a cost much higher and with far greater loss of life than if we had maintained our deterrent.

An Unworkable Deal

In the end, it is hard to see how this debt ceiling deal is sustainable. The Joint Select Committee theoretically is supposed to consider entitlement reductions, but sequestration applies only to discretionary spending, which includes 50 percent of defense. Knowing full well that the Republicans will not support tax increases and the Democrats will balk at entitlement cuts, the sequestration "trigger" is rigged to ensure that the sword will fall on the defense budget. If after careful review Congress concludes that cuts as draconian as those envisioned in this deal could kill the nuclear triad of bombers, missiles, and submarines. Bombers are already aging, and there is no program to build a new one, while a next-generation nuclear submarine could be axed. Nuclear stockpiles will be reduced, and promised modernization will likely be dropped.

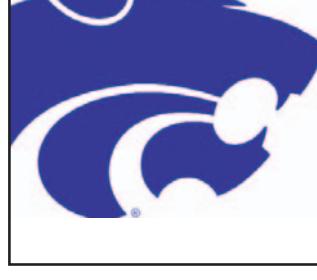
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the defense budget as efficient as possible and redirect the dollars achieved by any reforms in the military to offsetting the cost of modernizing the military and developing next-generation equipment.

America is different from other countries for many reasons, but surely one of the biggest is that we are masters of our fate. We are fortunate to have an armed force that not only defends us but also keeps us from being at the mercy of other countries, many of whom wish us ill.

If Americans do not wake up soon and see what is at stake, we will surely lose that mastery and, with it, our most cherished freedom.

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## Obituaries

### Doris Lerene Peters



28, 1922 in Goodland, Kansas and was a fierce Sherman County loyalist throughout her life. She graduated in a class of 8 from Edson High School in 1941 before relocating to Manhattan and enrolling at Kansas State University, where she studied Elementary Education.

Mrs. Peters met "Chet," her husband of 52 years, outside Anderson Hall as a freshman. The two were married in the Temple Building of the First United Methodist Church on Poyntz Avenue on January 24, 1943. The newlyweds spent their wedding night at the Gillette Hotel on 4th street in Manhattan.

Mrs. Peters resided in Manhattan for 64 years and was always active in community affairs. For many years she volunteered at Lee School Annex assisting disabled children and later at Manhattan Day Care Center, where she cared for pre-schoolers. Mrs. Peters also taught Sunday School to kindergartners and regularly attended the College

Avenue United Methodist Church, where she was active in Bible Study and AGAPE Circle.

Mrs. Peters was a successful homemaker, a wonderful mother, and was her husband's constant companion. She loved to bake and was well known for her German chocolate cake and snicker-doodle cookies. She was an accomplished and well respected seamstress. She belonged to the Konza Prairie Quilter's Guild and was also proficient in needle point, cross-stitch, and knitting. To her last day, Mrs. Peters kept an immaculate home which was richly appointed with her husband's wood sculpture.

Mrs. Peters enjoyed collecting stuffed bears, reading, traveling, Dancing With The Stars, and the color red. Most of all, Doris enjoyed Chet, the true love of her life. Prior to Chet's passing, the two exercised every morning at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex, a tradition Doris continued with her daughter Karen and her many good friends almost

every day until being recently diagnosed with brain cancer. Mrs. Peters was diagnosed with cancer on five separate occasions and was a cancer survivor for some 61 years following her original diagnosis at age 28.

Services for Mrs. Peters will be held at the College Avenue United Methodist Church on Thursday, August 4 with a visitation with the family at 9:30a.m., a memorial service will follow at 10:30 a.m. There will be a lunch following the memorial service at the church. Due to the weather, inurnment will be held at 7:30 am on Friday, August 5 at the Wamego Cemetery, where Mrs. Peters will be laid to rest with her husband.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be directed to the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University or the College Avenue United Methodist

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

Doris Lerene Peters passed in her home on July 30, 2011 at age 89. She was proceeded in death by her husband, Chester E. Peters, her parents John and Ann Clow, and is survived by her brother J. Leslie Clow, age 93, from Keller Texas. Additional survivors include her children Karen S. Hartner from Manhattan and Stephen Peters from Fraser, Colorado. Mrs. Peters had three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, each of whom resides in Riley County.

Mrs. Peters was born on May

### Irva Ione Gishwiller

Irva Ione Gishwiller, 92, of Manhattan, passed away Saturday, July 30th, at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community. She was a homemaker and had also worked for the ASCS office in Manhattan and also with the US Government in Washington, DC.

Irva Walkey was born in Sheridan County, Kansas on April 20, 1919, the daughter of the late Alice Gertrude

(Launchbaugh) and Earle R. Walkey. Irva graduated from Dresden High School in 1937, Dresden Kansas.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939 at Dresden, she married Louis Eugene Gishwiller, who died on August 16, 2007. She was a member of First Congregational Church in Manhattan, where she taught Sunday School, sang in the church choir, was the church pianist, and was a member of the Women's Fellowship where she was the past president. She also was active in the Harmony

EHU, and was the past president of the Ladies Sertoma Club in Manhattan.

Irva is survived by her daughter, Jeanne Urban (Richard) of Bel Aire Kansas; son, Galen (Joan) Gishwiller, of Burnsville, Minnesota; four grandchildren, Mike (Vickie) Urban, Melissa Wefald, Dennis Gishwiller, Courtney Gishwiller; and five great-grandchildren, Ben, Abbe & Sam Urban; Kaeli & Cassie Wefald. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two sisters Ila Ruggless

and Nelva Heniger.

Visitation was on Monday August 1 from 5-8pm, and Tuesday from 8am to 8pm and from 6-8pm, with the family greeting friends at the funeral home. The funeral service was held 10:00am on Wednesday, August 3rd at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, with burial following at the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family request donations to the First Congregational Church in Manhattan or the American Heart Association.

### Bert Elsworth Jepson

Bert Elsworth Jepson, age 87, of Manhattan, Kansas, died July 30, 2011 at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born January 2, 1924 in Nampa, Idaho, to Bert and Gladys Jepson. He graduated from Nampa High School and attended Coin Electrical School before serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was involved in seven major sea battles while aboard the USS Pensacola, and received recognition for his service after discharge in 1946.

Bert returned to Idaho and

attended the College of Idaho before marrying Dorothy Margaret Daniels on March 23, 1947. He worked in the US Postal Service before moving to Eugene, Oregon where he graduated from the University of Oregon in Business Administration. He then worked as a Certified Public Accountant for the Federal Government for thirty four years before his retirement in Portland, Oregon. He then assumed part time teaching positions in accounting, held a small private accounting practice, and was active in Village Baptist Church, where he served in their jail ministry and Stephens Ministry for several

years. He enjoyed fishing, camping, reading and treasured his family.

Bert was also an ardent and life long Oregon Duck fan, raising funds among his friends and associates every year for his alma mater. He was also very active in the Duck Club of Portland, Oregon. However, after his move to Kansas to be near his daughter and son-in-law, he donned the purple shirt and hat for every Kansas State home football game for the three years of his life here in Manhattan.

Bert is survived by his wife, Dorothy. Other survivors include his daughter Jeanette Munyon and husband Jim of

Manhattan; son, Bert Daniel Jepson and wife Mary of Portland; four grandsons, Ryan James Munyon, Grant Daniel Munyon, Bert Elsworth Jepson and Jacob Daniel Jepson; and a nephew, Gary Brown of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Funeral services will be arranged at a later date by the family.

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

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## Riley County Minutes

### The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas July 21, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building July 21, 2011 with the following members present: Karen McCulloh, Chair; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chair; Dave Lewis, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

#### 8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Jeff Buckhart, KMAN; Paul Foltz; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

P. Collins presented the Kansas Vulnerable Needs Planning System memo of understanding.

Lewis moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Vulnerable Needs Registry. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

P. Collins presented the 911 maintenance agreement. P. Collins recommended the purchase of the maintenance agreement.

Johnson moved to approve the 911 maintenance agreement from AT&T/INTRADO in the amount of \$21,697.10. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

P. Collins stated several counties have implemented burn bans. P. Collins said he does not see the need to implement a burn ban in Riley County at this time.

#### 9:10 Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Amy King, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy Register of Deeds; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Buckhart, KMAN; and Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

Regester presented a year-to-date revenue report for the Register of Deeds office.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2011 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

#### 9:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

• Administrative Work Session

Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Buckhart, KMAN; Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director; and Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

Holeman discussed the County's initial \$50K loan to aTa Bus for construction of a new facility. Holeman stated the Board has already approved the promissory note as seed money to start the aTa Bus facility project.

Vargo suggested the Economic Development fund as a resource for the project.

The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with the \$50,000 promissory note to the aTa Bus facility. The \$50,000 will come from the Economic Development fund.

Holeman discussed the City of Manhattan's proposed charter ordinance which has four possible ways to deal with Health Department reserve funds to Riley County.

Holeman discussed the structure of the Board of Health.

The Board discussed the Board of Health.

Holeman stated the Blue Ribbon Commission report on the State's judicial system should be completed this fall.

Holeman stated the design for a county fleet parking lot at 5th and Humboldt passed the MUAPB.

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

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

Sherow stated the City's consent is to do as Fehr has explained and transfer the City's rights to all health property and equipment and reserve funds to Riley County.

Fehr said the intent after the charter ordinance is passed to pass legislation transferring all the City's rights to all health property and equipment and reserve funds to Riley County on August 2, 2011.

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The Board asked to schedule a work session on building codes.

#### 9:00 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director & Laurie Harrison, Emergency Management Coordinator

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Amy King, Deeds

Hobson presented the Hunters Island average water rate increase from \$31.50 to \$35.75. Hobson stated that at the end of 2010 the District had approximately \$16,000 in a reserve account and approximately \$4,700 in cash.

The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with the proposed Hunters Island water rate increase.

Hobson presented the Mochlman Bottoms average water rate increase from \$48 to \$52.75. Hobson stated that at the end of 2010 the District had approximately \$5,000 in a reserve account and approximately \$6,000 in cash.

The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with the proposed Mochlman Bottoms water rate increase.

#### 10:09 Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

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

Schoen said the 2012 RCPD budget has been finalized by the Law Board. Schoen discussed consolidated dispatch. Schoen stated RCPD will have a booth at the Riley County Fair and will be patrolling the area.

10:19 Lewis moved to adjourn after the Joint City/County/County Meeting. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:30 The Board of County Commissioners held a reception in honor of Eileen King for receiving the honor of National Outstanding Treasurer of the Year.

#### 4:00 Joint Manhattan City / Riley County/Pottawatomie County Meeting (at City Offices)

Representing the City of Manhattan were Jim Sherow, Rich Jankovich, Loren Pepperd, John Matta, and Wynn Butler – City Commissioners; Ron Fehr, City Manager; Gary Fees, City Clerk; Loren Palmer, Assistant City Manager; Dale Houdeshell, City Public Works Director; and Eric Cattell, City Assistant Director Planning. Representing Riley County were Karen McCulloh, Alvan Johnson, and Dave Lewis – County Commissioners; Rich Vargo, County Clerk; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer. Chuck Murphy, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department Director; Susanne Kufahl, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department; Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; John Pagen, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; and Debbie Nuss, attended.

Bulter and Pagen presented the Chamber of Commerce mid-year economic development report.

Pepperd suggested the State create a Big Red 1 license plate.

Cattell discussed the K-18 corridor study in relation to the realignment of K-18.

Fehr stated a subgroup of the Wildcat Creek Water Area Working Group met. Fehr stated the committee will meet next Thursday.

Jankovich stated there will be 17 members of the working group. Jankovich said next Thursday the working group will view what the area looked like during and after the flood.

Holeman discussed the City's Charter Ordinance to transfer Health Department funds to Riley County.

Holeman said he has talked to Bill Frost and understands the charter ordinance was drafted prior to the public statements made stating the City would transfer all Health Department funds to Riley County.

Holeman said he would prefer the City repeal the proposed charter ordinance and draft a new ordinance stating the Health Department funds will be transferred to Riley County.

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Wellnitz stated that on March 28, 2011, Leon Hobson received a written request from the Fancy Creek Township Board to vacate a portion of Pleasant Hill Road which lies east of Alert Road, between Section 8-7-5 and Section 17-7-5, and continues to run south, stopping in the middle of Section 17-7-5. This road has not been used for public travel for some time and has become physically impassable for motor vehicles. The adjacent landowners have been contacted by the township board and have given their consent on the vacation request.

Johnson asked if any land owners will lose access to their property.

Larson said no.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 072511-23, a Resolution vacating a portion of Pleasant Hill Road in Riley County, Kansas." Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wellnitz said that on July 1, 2010 Lexie's Law became effective in the State of Kansas. Lexie's Law places the authority for the regulation of all child care centers in the state with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Inspections and enforcement will be carried

Kufahl moved to approve "Resolution No. 072511-24, a Resolution repealing 'Family Day Care Regulations' for the unincorporated areas of Riley County, Kansas." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Holeman thanked Wellnitz for her valuable work as the Riley County Summer Extern in the County Counselor's office.

**10:39 Suzanne Kufahl, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department**

Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Cindy Volanti, Human Resources Manager/Deputy County Clerk; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Kufahl presented a diagram of the Family and Child Resource Center and discussed programs.

Kufahl presented the guidelines for entities housed in Riley County Family & Child

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Resource Center at 2101 Claflin, Manhattan, KS.

Vargo stated Riley County staff and Health Department staff have discussed the transition of the Health Department employees to a 40 hour work week. Vargo said Riley County staff and Health Department staff agree adding a half hour each day will work best for the Health Department, staff, and residents.

The Board agreed by consensus that the hours for the Health Department, effective January 2012 will be: Monday-Wednesday 8:00-5:00, ½ hour lunch; Thursday 8:00-7:00, ½ hour lunch; and Friday 8:00-12:00 (noon).

**10:53 Johnson moved that the County Commission recess**

into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:18 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

**11:07 Johnson moved to go out of executive session.** Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

**11:18 Johnson moved to go out of executive session.** Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

**11:31 Lewis moved to adjourn after the Intergovernmental Luncheon.**

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

**11:08 Johnson moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss an initial offer of purchase by Riley County, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:18 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.**

**11:18 Johnson moved to go out of executive session.** Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

**11:18 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss an initial offer of purchase by Riley County, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:30 a.m. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.**

**11:30 Lewis moved to go out of executive session.** McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

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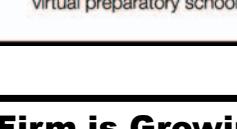
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