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Kansas State University held its Open House last Saturday with displays like this all over campus.



Kansas State had something for everyone to enjoy or pet if you could get to it fast enough.

Wamego, Auburn Washburn: Give'm A C

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — At least two high schools in Kansas give students — even those who are struggling — no grade below a C.

The Kansas State Board of Education met this week, and board member Walt Chappell, of Wichita, wanted to talk about the policy. The board, though, wasn't taking questions on the issue.

The meeting had a full agenda, said David Dennis, the board's chairman. What's more, it's not necessarily a bad policy, he said.

"If it just means no one gets a lower grade than C, that isn't good. But if it means that all students keep working until they reach C standards or higher, and no one is left behind, that is good.

"Besides," he said, "this is a local board matter."

Chappell worries that, if left unchecked, scrapping traditional grading policies could increase pressure on teachers to pass borderline students and increase the need for remedial classes at state colleges.

"We can't ask teachers to change grades," Chappell said.

At high schools in Wamego and Topeka's Auburn Washburn school districts, no student is given any grade below a C. Auburn Washington adopted the practice in 1995; Wamego followed the C-or-higher grading policy about three years.

Advocates say the new approach helps improve academic performance, because it requires students to do C-level or higher work to earn classroom credit. Students whose work falls short get second and third chances to hit the required marks.

Critics say they worry the new approach pressures teachers to award higher grades, either initially or through the remedial work.

The concept has garnered headlines elsewhere, including Texas, which has deemed it illegal.

And at a magnet school in Antioch, Calif., parents and some students tried unsuccessfully to allow teachers to issue sub-C grades, when appropriate. The C-standard, opponents said, is too stressful for struggling students and, in some cases, makes finding remedial help more difficult.

Nevertheless, the policy will continue at Wamego Unified School District 320, which earlier this month reviewed the plan and voted, 4-3, to extend it for at least another year, said Richie Chrest, that school board's president.

Chrest concedes that skeptics still worry that grades will be cheapened somehow if Ds and Fs are off limits, although the school gives Incompletes and withholds credit for work that doesn't meet C standards.

"But the kids we talk to like it," Chrest said. "They say that knowing extra help is available to reach C, if



they test badly, takes a lot of pressure off.

"My own kids, a son who is a sophomore and a daughter who is a freshman, are being graded this way. It isn't something we're taking lightly."

In part because local school boards still control those decisions, few accurate measures exist to gauge the breadth of minimum-grade plans in the United States, said Dan Domenech, executive director of the American Association of School Administrators, a professional association of school superintendents in Washington, D.C.

"But there probably are more than you think," Domenech said.

By association calculations, about 5,000 of the nation's 13,685 school districts appear to be following some grading models other than the traditional A through F system, he said. Some eschew letter-grades entirely and work on numbers systems, usually either via a scale of one to 100 points, or one to four points, which universities use.

Problem is such diversity presents administrative issues at state and national levels, Domenech said.

"Unfortunately, that's why we need standardized tests, which end up driving our educational system," he said. "Bottom line is, there is no consistency or reliability in our grading systems. Grades don't mean a thing."

Texas policymakers dispute that ideology.

Texas in 2008 was beginning what would become a spirited public debate over the perceived pressure on school teachers to hand out grades higher than students deserved, said Joy Baskin, legal services director at the Texas Association of School Boards.

Former sixth-grade teacher and Texas state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, introduced legislation requiring school districts to award students the grades teachers thought they deserved, sans a minimum letter designation. The legislation passed, but in 2010, 11 suburban Houston districts — which didn't want to report grades lower than 50 for their students — challenged it in court.

The case turned on a narrow point. The districts argued that Nelson's standards applied only to specific class work, projects and papers but not to final grades for the semester.

Texas District Judge Gisela Triana-Doyal disagreed.

"And so, in Texas, teachers as instructional professionals are able to assign grades they think students earned," Baskin said.

Frontier Farm Credit Headquarters Breaks Ground

Frontier Farm Credit hosted a ceremony to culminate almost a decade of facilities planning.

The Manhattan-based agricultural financial services provider broke ground Wed., Apr. 18, 2012, for the new administrative headquarters at the corner of Kimball Ave. and Vanesta Dr. More than 85 people participated in the event.

"We are pleased to be on this site today to begin the construction of our new administrative building," said Doug Hofbauer, President/CEO, Frontier Farm Credit. "Since the formation of Frontier Farm Credit more than 12 years ago we've grown to over a \$1.4 billion asset company employing 130 staff, serving our customers with loan and related services including crop insurance, tax, records and accounting, and appraisal services. We are a growing company because we serve the vibrant and growing industry of agriculture.

"When completed," added Hofbauer, "we will have provided new

or remodeled facilities that are efficient and effective for all of our employees in each of 6 regional locations and now in the administrative location in Manhattan. We're pleased to be a part of Manhattan, located near a number of agricultural leadership and commodity organizations and to Kansas State University, a thriving university with strong ties to Kansas and US agriculture. This location is visible and accessible and we've been very pleased with the cooperation and support the Grand Mere team has given us during this process."

The 24,000 square-foot building will house 50 employees, with room to grow. Designed to connect with the surrounding landscape of the Flint Hills, the exterior utilizes warm tones of brick and limestone that tie back to the natural materials found in the area. The \$8.6 million investment includes construction and design costs as well as furnishings. Completion is planned for fall 2013.

"After completing construction

and/expansion of our existing regional offices, we are continuing to invest in our facilities with the groundbreaking of our new Administrative headquarters in Manhattan," said Bill Miller, a rancher from Council Grove and Chair of the Frontier Farm Credit Board of Directors. "We are excited about this opportunity and take pride in the fact that all of our facility improvements have been made with a goal of improv-

ing employee work environment, communications and Frontier Farm Credit's overall operational efficiency to better serve our customers."

Frontier Farm Credit, ACA, is a \$1.4 billion borrower-owned cooperative financial institution and member of the nearly 100 year old Farm Credit System serving more than 6,000 shareholders in Kansas with offices in Manhattan, Marysville, Hiawatha,

Emporia, Baldwin, and Parsons. The Association offers agricultural loans, leases, crop insurance, appraisal services, tax preparation, recordkeeping, and estate and transition planning.

Mar Lan Construction, based in Lawrence, has been the general contractor for the construction or remodel of the Frontier Farm Credit buildings, including the Administrative Building in Manhattan.



Drawing of the new Frontier Farm Credit Headquarters building.



Frontier Farm Credit Staff and Directors are joined by representatives of MarLan Construction, Clark Enersen Partners, Grand Mere Development, CoBank and local dignitaries to break ground for the Administrative Headquarters in Manhattan, KS. L to R, Frontier Farm Credit Directors indicated by hometown: Mark Wulfkuhle (Berryton); Jim Feldkamp (Centralia); Gerald Gerstner (Frankfort); Alan Hess (Alma); Clair Niles (Ottawa); Bill Fleming (Lawrence); Burl Peckman, Vice Chair (Paola); Travis Ball, CoBank; Mary Vanier, Grand Mere Development; Dave Lewis, Riley County Commissioner; Lyle Butler, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce; Gale Lantis, Mar Lan Construction; Rick Wise, The Clark Enersen Partners; Doug Hofbauer, President/CEO, Frontier Farm Credit; Bill Miller, Chair (Council Grove); Dave Pracht (Westphalia); Don Wissman (Manhattan); Jennifer Gehrt (Alma); Steve Powers (Chanute); Larry Hoobler (Manhattan); and Ron Dunbar (Princeton).

Aggieville U Clothing Co. Grand Opening

A new store is now open at 1203 Moro St in the Aggieville storefront next to Kite's Grille and Bar. The store, named Aggieville U Clothing Co., is an outlet for various t-shirts, glassware and other commemorative memorabilia for the Aggieville area and many of its businesses. The grand opening for the new retailer is Saturday, April 28th at 10 a.m.

"This is a great opportunity for patrons to take home a piece of The 'Ville, and since portions of the sales go back to the best little district in Kansas, folks can help us preserve our history, celebrate what we have now, and secure our future! Aggieville is thrilled to welcome our newest, local retailer," said Evan Tuttle, director of the Aggieville Business



Association.

The store has apparel for men, women and children, including unisex tees and hats, fitted shirts for women, and

even some Aggieville gear in youth sizes. Tees include phrases like "I remember when Moro was a two-way street," and "Aggieville, the happiest

place in Kansas." It also offers a variety of glassware, including a line of Aggieville U glasses.

Hats and tees are already available for Kite's Grille and Bar and Last Chance Saloon. Hibachi Hut, The Library Discount Liquor, and the Purple Pig are just a few of the businesses planning to have merchandise sold at the store in the coming months.

Company Information
Aggieville U Clothing Co. is a locally owned retailer. A portion of sales of Aggieville merchandise will go to the Aggieville Business Association. For shoppers outside of the Manhattan area, the store's e-commerce site, <http://www.aggieville.com>, is coming soon.

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Sunset Zoo Dedicates New Primate Exhibit

Over 1,200 community members joined Sunset Zoo today for the dedication of its newest addition—the John Woodard Memorial Gibbons exhibit — along the Zoo's Asian Forest Trail. Featuring a pair of white-handed gibbons, the new exhibit offers guests multiple elevations to view the "animals in action" as they perform their well-known tree-top acrobats.

The new exhibit was made possible through the generosity of local dentist Dr. Rich Woodard and his family. The project, which began construction in the summer of 2011, is named in memory of their late son John who had a love for animals and Sunset Zoo.

In addition to John's family, several dignitaries were present for today's ribbon cutting including: City of Manhattan Mayor Jim Sherow, Commissioners Loren Pepper and Wynn Butler, former Mayor Bruce Snead, City Manager Ron Fehr and Assistant City Manager Lauren



Palmer, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Eddie Eastes, Sunset Zoo Director

Director Curt Loupe and

Scott Shoemaker.

The exhibit would also have not been possible without the professional services of Wichita's WDM Design, the project's architect, and Wamego's Carley Construction Co. Zoo staff and volunteers also contributed significantly to the exhibit — constructing and installing the interior exhibit "furniture," exterior landscaping and designing the exhibit's graphics, which were printed by Manhattan's Katalyst DZine Group.

For those that may have missed today's festivities, the Zoo is opened seven days a week from 9:30am – 5:00pm. Regular Zoo admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-12, and free for children 2 & under. As always, Friends of Sunset Zoo members enjoy free admission as part of their membership. To learn more about the exhibit or to plan a visit, log onto www.SunsetZoo.com or call 785.587.APES.

Obituaries

Viola G. Thompson

Viola Gladys Thompson, age 73, former longtime Manhattan resident, died Friday, April 20, 2012, at the Rossville Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Rossville, Kansas.

She was born on June 9, 1938, in N. Mankato, Minnesota the daughter of Frank F. and Rosella G. (Burrill) Dueball.

Viola was employed for many years as a laborer for the

City of Manhattan. When her health began to fail she moved to Brighton Place in Topeka and in 2011 to the Rossville Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.

She was married to Richard E. Thompson and they later divorced.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents and by her siblings.

She is survived by extended

family and by numerous special friends, including Theresa Busch of Junction City, Kansas who was assisting in her care.

Graveside services were held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan with Ron Brown officiating.

Family and friends meet at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home Tuesday to form a procession

to the cemetery.

On line condolences may be left at www.ymlfuneral-home.com.

A memorial has been established for the American Cancer Society. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Dorothy Paula Litke

Dorothy Paula Litke, 97, of Alma, Kansas, died Wednesday, April 23, 2012, at the Alma Manor. She was a life-long member of the community.

Dorothy was born in rural Alma the daughter of Paul and Dora Zeckser Geisler. She attended local schools and graduated from Alma High School.

She married Elmer Litke on August 3, 1935 in rural Alma. They operated the family farm west of Alma on Springcreek. He preceded her in death in

December of 1964.

Dorothy was a farm wife and homemaker. She also worked at the Alma Manor, Alma Grade School, Dwight-Alma Dairy and the Quality Restaurant. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, the church's Friendship Circle, Hendricks Creek Ladies Club, Open Door, Wabaunsee County Agency on Aging and Springcreek Community club.

Dorothy was always willing to help others. She was instrumental in organizing the local commodities program. She

enjoyed quilting and working in her garden.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Judy Sommer and her husband, Bob, Alma, Jean Litke, Alma, Paul Litke and his wife, Dianne, Texas, and Herb Litke and his wife, Tanya, Overland Park; nine grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; four step-great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren and five step-great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Hilma Heideman and brother, Charles Geisler.

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Bull Riding Is Set For Saturday

By Frank J. Buchman

"Entertainment to the max." That's as simple as the description can be, yet there is a down-side to the excitement.

It's in memory of a champion cowboy taken in his prime of life, but the fun-packed-evening will be for a worthwhile cause.

The ninth annual Brett Cushenbery Memorial Bull Riding is set 7 p.m., Saturday, April 28, Cico Park, Manhattan.

Coordinator A.J. Griffin has teamed up with Ernie Love, both well-recognized cowboys, and they've "pulled out all the stops" to make this far-and-away-the-best-ever.

"We'll have the best bulls, the best cowboys, the best bull fighters, the best comedy, and the best announcer to make this the undisputedly-best bull riding in the country," emphasized Griffin, without prejudice.

Most importantly, the event honors the life of Brett Cushenbery, champion bull rider and K-State Rodeo Team member for three years.

Cushenbery was trampled by a bull on October 12, 2003, at the Cowboy's Professional Rodeo Association Prairie Circuit Finals in Hutchinson, and died two days later of heart complications.

Griffin, K-State alumnus, started the event nine years ago in honor and memory of Cushenbery, who was his rodeo team mate and close friend.

"The benefit has been getting bigger and better every year," Griffin said. "We had the bull riding in Weber Arena on the K-State campus previously, but it has outgrown those facilities."

"We are excited to move into Wells Arena at Cico Park in order to accommodate the constantly-increasing crowd attendance," Griffin added.

A many-times champion bull rider and all-around cowboy in his own right, Ernie Love, who has organized a number of rodeos and Western events over the years, lives neighbors to Griffin, east of Manhattan, and has been involved in production of the benefit from the beginning.

"I've been a part of rodeos all of my life, and this benefit bull riding has developed into one of the most successful events I've been involved in," Love commented.

Proceeds will go to benefit growth and activities of the Kaw Valley Rodeo Association, which is expanding its efforts to increase awareness of the sport of rodeo and the Western-way-of-life, according to Griffin.

"Since we started, we've raised more than \$22,000 to benefit the sport of rodeo and bull riding, all in memory of my good friend Brett Cushenbery," Griffin related.

"None of this would be possible without generous sponsorships and partnerships from supporters and businesses throughout the Midwest," Griffin emphasized.

R.C. McGraw's, local Western night club, managed by Nick Powers, was credited for strong corporate support from the beginning. "We really appreciate their involvement," Griffin acknowledged.

Powers accentuated, "R.C. McGraw's is so happy to help with this great program in memory of an outstanding young cowboy, recognize his family and benefit the community."

"It's been neat to see how the

bull riding has grown since its meager beginning and how more and more individuals and businesses have joined in the support," Powers continued. "I really take my hat off to A.J. and Ernie for getting behind this incredible event."

"It's been a boost to our business too, with large and overflowing crowds throughout the weekend of the bull riding. Of course, we appreciate that as well," Powers admitted.

"Several sponsorships have been contracted, but there are additional partnerships available to all interested parties," Griffin noted.

Of course, key to success of such an activity is the quality of bucking bulls.

"The bulls will be supplied by Jimmy Crowther of Roxbury and Matt Williams of Arkansas City," Griffin said. "They'll each bring half of the bulls to be bucked, guaranteeing every contestant an outstanding bull."

Both stock contractors have had bulls at the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Championship Bull Riding and Professional Bull Riders Finals in Las Vegas as well as other circuit and major bull riding jackpots.

"The draw will include bulls that have qualified for all of those major events. Every one of the bulls will turn back right out the gate," Griffin assured.

Only as good as the stock is the contestants, and Griffin furthered his pledge in that field. "We don't know exactly who will be entered until the day before, but we'll have many cowboys competing who have ridden in the National Finals Rodeo, as well as CBR and the PBR Finals," he said.

Forty cowboys are getting down in the chutes on bulls in the first-go-round, with the top ten contestants coming back in the short-go-round, from which the champion and top money winners will be named.

One cowboy who won't be competing this time, but who has ridden at the NFR and PBR Finals, and who is a former champion of the Cushenbery Memorial, is Dave Samsel of Fort Worth, Texas.

"Brett Cushenbery was a great cowboy, who I went to school with, and this is a tremendous event in his memory," Samsel credited. "My hat's off to A.J., Ernie and all of the folks who've stepped up to make such an excellent and beneficial program."

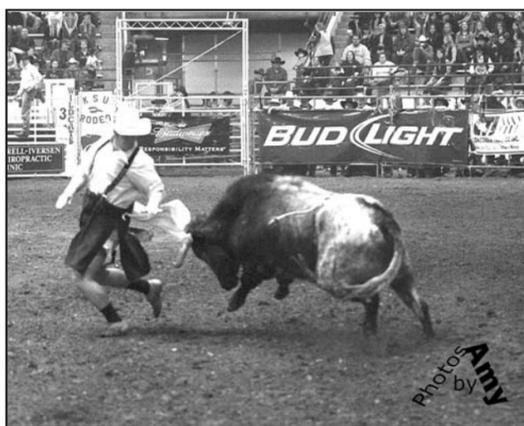
Having just retired last October from his successful bull riding career, including six qualifications to the PBR Finals where he was third in the world one year, and also competing at the National Finals Rodeo in 2007, Samsel, 41, is especially proud to have won the Cushenbery Memorial Ride a few years ago.

"That's still truly a highlight of my career," admitted Samsel, while offering regrets that other commitments will keep him from attending this year.

However, Samsel pointed out, "The bulls are always so great, making it one of the best bull riding competitions anywhere."

A free-style-bull-fight with four contestants is expected to again be a highlight of the evening, according to Griffin.

"Freestyle bullfighting is a 90-second competition, where the bullfighter avoids the bull by means of dodging, jumping and using a barrel. The fight-



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ers' ability to remain close to the bull, without losing their footing determines scoring," Griffin detailed.

Although, two-time freestyle bullfighting world champion and a former contestant at the Cushenbery Memorial, Wacey Munsell won't be competing this time, he plans to be in attendance and provide commentary during the competition.

Likely the one to be most remembered of the evening's entertainment will be "Radical" Ryan Rodriguez of Phillipsburg, five times recog-

nized as the Clown Of The Year by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

He'll be working as the barrel man distracting bulls from cowboys, while also entertaining as the funnyman and keeping the crowd in stitches between the rides.

"I've been to rodeos all over the country from Calgary to Denver to the National Finals rodeos and bull ridings in Las Vegas, but I'm really excited to come to this important benefit bull riding right in my home state," Rodriguez said.



RETIREMENT: Barbara Poresky, Curator of Design at the Riley County Historical Museum, is retiring after thirty six years at the Museum. On Friday April 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. there will be a reception in her honor at Riley County Historical Museum, in recognition of her long service and significant contribution to the preservation of Riley County history. Everyone is invited to attend.

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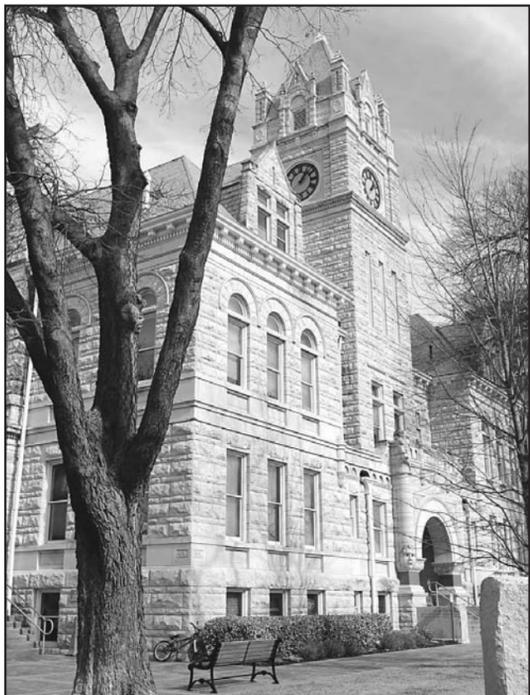
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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building April 16, 2012 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, 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; Mel Van Der Stelt; Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief; Kristin Holt, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; and Rod Harms, attended.

Shepek presented the 2013 budget development worksheet.

P. Collins discussed the weekend storm activities.

Lewis moved to approve a Plaza Reservation Request for the Purple Power Play on Poyntz on August 30-31, 2012 from 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. for local bands and performance groups. Loudspeakers were approved for use after 5:00 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to recess as the Board of Riley County Commissioners and to convene as the Riley County Fire District #1 Board. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve a Purchase Authorization for a 1998 E-One Cyclone II American Eagle Pumper Fire Truck for the Riley County Fire District #1 in the amount of \$65,000. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh said the Park

Board has reviewed and approved the plan. McCulloh moved to go out as the Riley County Fire District #1 Board and reconvene as the Board of Riley County Commissioners. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Nicholas Hinton, a new hire, as a HIV-AIDS Case Manager, in the Health Department, at a grade M step 1, at \$18.76 per hour.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2012. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

8:50 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:00 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

8:55 McCulloh moved to go out of executive session. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:00 Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; and Doug Pickert, Indigo Designs

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Rod Harms; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Meredith reported there was approximately \$30,000 in damage to roads and bridges this weekend due to storms.

Meredith and Pickert reviewed the CiCo Park Playground Renovation Master Plan.

McCulloh said the Park

Board has reviewed and approved the plan.

McCulloh moved to adopt the CiCo Park playground design plan as presented by Indigo Design, and recommended by Park staff and the Riley County Park Advisory Board. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:18 Captain Rich Fink, Riley County Police Department

Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Mel Van Der Stelt; Dan Page, KMAN; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Rod Harms; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director /County Engineer, attended.

Johnson opened the Public Hearing.

Fink stated the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to the state and local jurisdictions.

Fink stated that since 2005 Riley County has been awarded Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grants. Fink stated the Riley County Police Department has applied for the grants on behalf of the County each year and received various allocations.

| Year | Grant Amount |
|------|--------------|
| 2007 | \$33,016 |
| 2008 | \$11,867 |
| 2009 | \$40,345 |
| 2010 | \$37,307 |
| 2011 | \$28,656 |
| 2012 | \$23,158 |

Fink stated there is no matching fund requirement for this grant.

Fink stated the Riley County Police Department is requesting approval from the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency (Law Board) today to apply for these funds. Fink stated the Riley County Police Department requests the Board of County Commissioners approve the Riley County Police Department's request to draw upon the available JAG funds at the earliest possible opportunity.

Fink stated the Riley County Police Department intends to utilize the grant funds to purchase mobile radio systems in its ongoing attempt to comply with the FCC's narrow banding requirement. Many of the Riley County Police Department's existing radios are neither compliant with the quickly approaching narrow banding deadline nor are they compatible for upgrade to the ultimate bandwidth reduction that will be federally mandated.

Johnson asked for public comment.

Johnson did not receive any public comment.

Johnson closed the Public

Hearing.

Lewis moved to approve the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program application. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:30 Press Conference

Rod Harms; Cheryl Collins, Museum Director; David Ball, Tech

Assistant/Training Coordinator; Eileen King, County Treasurer; Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director; and Paul Foltz attended.

Harms stated rain barrels will be available this weekend at three locations: K-State's Earth Day Celebration on Bosco Plaza, Friday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Blueville Nursery, 4539 Anderson Avenue, Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; and the Max Fitness parking lot, 3011 Anderson Avenue, Sunday April 21, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Harms stated the rain barrels were assembled by Wildcat Creek Watershed Council (WCWC) volunteers, transforming plastic barrels donated by Coca-Cola and Armour-Eckrich into 55-gallon rain barrels. Harms said the barrels are available for \$20 and provide an affordable way for homeowners to collect rainwater, slowing the water's return to Wildcat Creek. Harms stated you may also design and build your custom rain barrel, on-site, with the assistance of volunteers or specify design requirements to be assembled and delivered at a later date. Harms stated additional features are priced separately. Harms stated local delivery is available. Harms stated that in celebration of Earth Day weekend, residents whose address is within the Wildcat Creek Watershed boundaries will receive a free PVC valve, typically an optional feature.

Harms stated the Wildcat Creek Watershed is a 99-square mile area, including 8 square miles of west Manhattan, which extends to Riley and Leonardville. Harms said all rain water that falls within this watershed flows into Wildcat Creek which, in turn, flows into the Kansas River south of downtown Manhattan. Harms stated the purpose of the project is to remind residents of a centuries old principle of collecting rain for later use. Harms stated WCWC promotes the storage and slow release of rain resulting in increased ground moisture and base flows in Wildcat Creek. Harms stated the Wildcat Creek Watershed Council is a group of residents and professionals who have been working since 2009 to

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Minutes

enhance Wildcat Creek drainage. Harms stated WCWC participates in the City/County Wildcat Creek Working Group Committee that meets monthly at Manhattan City Hall.

Harms said that more information can be found at www.wildcat-creek.org, or by emailing info@wildcat-creek.org, or by calling (800)869-0332. Harms stated that if you are a business that would like to sponsor future distribution days or purchase rain barrels to donate to schools and other non-profits, please call Rod Harms at (800)869-0332.

Harms stated that in addition to the rain barrels, K-State's 2012 Earth Day Celebration events will include: Students for Environmental Action Plant Giveaway; a plant sale by the Horticulture Club, with more than 80 types of plants; a bring your own cup juice stand; a clothing swap, allowing you to recycle and reuse clothes by trading with others; and other booths representing numerous campus organizations. Harms stated celebration parades will begin at 11:00 a.m. and 1:20 p.m.

C. Collins stated "Life in the 1880s" will be featured in special demonstrations throughout the Wolf House Museum, 630 Fremont Street, Manhattan, during an open house on Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. C. Collins stated admission is free and everyone is invited to come and visit the past. C. Collins stated for more information please contact Cheryl Collins at (785)565-6490.

C. Collins stated Barbara Poresky, Curator of Design at the Riley County Historical Museum, is retiring after 36 years as a volunteer, part-time, and full-time employee of the Museum. C. Collins stated that Friday, April 27, 2012 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. there will be a reception at the Riley County Historical Museum, 2309 Claflin Road, to recognize her long service and significant contribution to the preservation of Riley County history. C. Collins stated everyone is invited to attend. C. Collins stated for more information please contact Cheryl Collins at (785)565-6490.

C. Collins thanked Poresky for her work at the Riley County Museum.

Poresky said she has really enjoyed working at the Museum and thanked the Board of County Commissioners for their support.

Ball reported "Go Orange Day in Kansas" is Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Ball stated in

2011 there were 4.4 work zone accidents per day in Kansas.

King stated the Riley County's Treasurer's Office's vehicle and driver's license business will be closed May 1-7, 2012.

King stated real estate and property tax services will be available during the conversion. King stated second half of 2011 taxes are due by May 10, 2012. King stated that to avoid long lines on May 9th and 10th, come in from May 1-4, 2012.

King stated Kansas Web-Tags will shut down at midnight, April 26th and will not be back online until May 7th. King stated the website already warns customers that online renewals must be made at least 10 days prior to a registration's expiration date, the last day of the month, for the customer to be guaranteed a timely renewal.

King stated vehicle owners whose registrations expire in April, and who want to renew online, need to do so by midnight, April 26th to allow for processing and mailing.

King stated mailed-in renewals must be received by April 27th, in order to guarantee processing before the system is shutdown. King stated the Treasurer's Office encourages people to renew vehicle registration in person at the County Treasurer's Office by the end of the day, April 30th. Mail received on April 30th will not be processed until May 7th.

King stated registration renewals due in May, which are printed to be compatible with the new system, will be mailed later than usual. King said typically registration renewals are mailed by the middle of the month prior to their expiration. King stated during this cycle, May renewals will be mailed the fourth week of April.

King stated May registrations can be renewed in person by April 30th or after May 7th. King said mailed-in May renewals will be processed after the Treasurer's software conversion.

King stated the Riley County Treasurer's Office will be closed to driver license and identification card business from May 1-7, 2012.

King stated drivers and identification card holders whose credentials expire during this time are being notified that services will be unavailable, so they have the opportunity to renew before conversion starts.

Smith discussed the new fixed route traffic system.

Smith stated U.S.C. 49-5311 grant funding was approved for SFY 2013 as follows:

Federal Operating:

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\$556,236.00 (CFDA 20.509)

Administrative Operating: \$55,623.60 (CFDA 20.509)

State Operating: \$166,870.80

Capital: 20-passenger lift vehicle, replacing vehicle #5515

Smith stated this is a record level of grant funding from the State for aTa Bus.

10:00 Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Dan Page, KMAN; and Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for McDowell Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation:

Company Total Bid

PCiRoads 14123 42nd Street NE St. Michael, MN 55376-9564 \$182,782.10

Wildcat Construction Co. Inc. & Subsidiaries 2244 NW Brickyard Road Topeka, KS 66675 \$177,853.00

Bridges Inc. PO Box 823 Newton, KS 67114 \$278,746.75

Engineer's Estimate \$277,067.20

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

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

Administrative Work Session

Mel Van Der Stelt; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

10:10 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:25 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:24 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:30 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

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

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for University Park Water and Wastewater System Operator:

Company Base Bid

HPS Systems Bob Blume 3715 Cedar Road Milford, KS 66514 \$24,600/year

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

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for Terra Heights Wastewater System Operator:

Company Base Bid

HPS Systems

Bob Blume 3715 Cedar Road Milford, KS 66514 \$4,800/year

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

10:45 Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Rod Harms; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

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

Company Per Gallon

Asphalt & Fuel Supply 11282 Hemlock Street Overland Park, KS 66210 \$3.10

Vance Brothers, Inc. 5201 Brighton Avenue Kansas City, MO 64130 \$3.02

Alternate \$2.67

Coastal Energy Corp. 1 Coastal Drive Willow Springs, MO 65793-3554 \$2.87

Alternate \$3.08

Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions 10520 Wolcott Drive Kansas City, KS 66109 \$2.575 either

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

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for 3/8-inch crushed limestone chips:

Company Per Ton

Bayer Construction Co., Inc. PO Box 889 Manhattan, KS 66505-0889 \$21.30

Hamm Companies 603 Perry Place Perry, KS 66073-0017 \$20.50

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

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for BM-2 Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt:

Company Per Ton

Shilling Construction Co., Inc. 555 Poyntz Avenue #260 Manhattan, KS 66502 \$55.22

Hall Brothers, Inc. 1196 Pony Express Hwy. Marysville, KS 66508 \$56.80

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

11:05 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Mel Van Der Stelt; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Paul Foltz; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Vern Bulk, attended.

Holeman stated Van Der Stelt has stated he would like to have his attorney involved. Holeman suggested rescheduling at a time when Van Der Stelt's attorney can attend.

Van Der Stelt said his attorney should be present. Van Der Stelt stated he will have his attorney contact Holeman.

Van Der Stelt stated all the residents of Nelson's Landing should be notified of the meeting.

11:10 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

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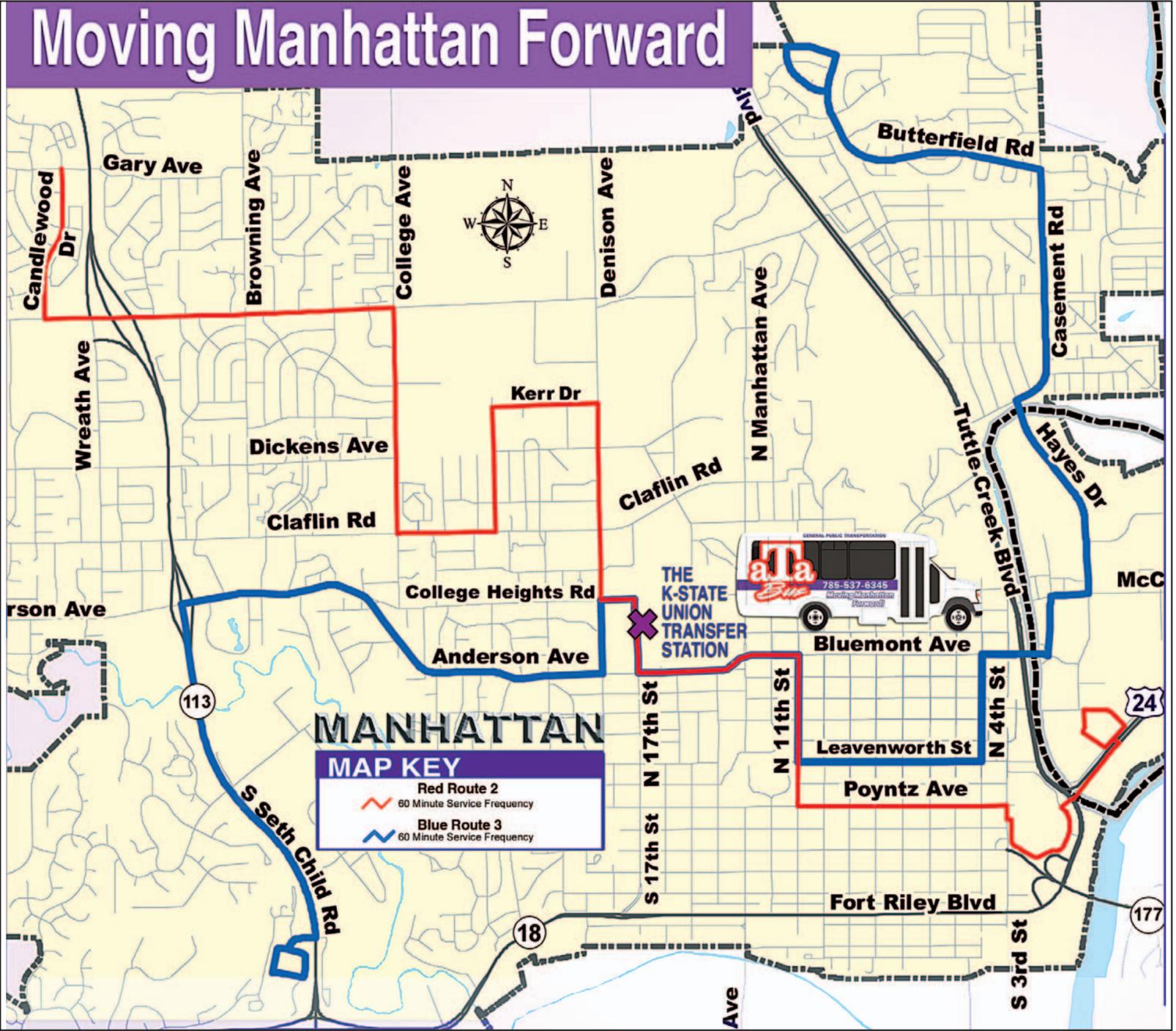
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From layover on Walters Dr, (S) Kirkwood, (S) on Butterfield Rd, (S) on Casement Rd, (SE) on Hayes Dr, (W) on McCall Rd, (S) on Hostetler Rd/Frontage Rd, (W) on Bluemont Ave, (S) on 4th St, (W) on Leavenworth St, (N) on 11th St, (W) on Bluemont Ave, Bluemont Ave becomes Anderson Ave, (N) on 17th St, (W) on College Heights Rd, (S) on Denison Ave, (W) on Anderson Avenue, (S) on Seth Child, (W) on Southwind Rd, (S) on Commons Pl, layover (if scheduled) by Target store.

Green shaded time points indicate start and end time for weekday service
 Pink shaded time points indicates start and end time for Saturday service

Fees:

Monthly Pass \$30.00
 Single Fare:
 Adult: \$1
 Youth 6-18: 50 cents

Hours Of Operation:

Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Saturday: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

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