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## Bond & Interest Fund (301)

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	Actual 2011	Projected 2012	Budget 2013	Projected 2014	Projected 2015	
<b>Revenues</b>						
300.00-00	Beginning Balance - Bond & Interest	1,995,575	2,792,639	1,700,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
	Beginning Balance - City Park Pool	-	1,259,801	1,409,394	1,550,979	1,730,456
	Beginning Balance - CICO/Northview	-	101,402	947,876	1,632,486	2,324,238
	Beginning Balance - Zoo Ed Building	-	-	385,689	509,978	634,538
311.10-00	Ad Valorem Taxes	2,348,630	2,429,181	2,625,027	3,721,385	4,465,786
311.30-00	Special Assessments					
	Current	5,945,881	5,781,452	5,651,688	5,652,046	5,589,620
	Future	-	15,716	153,020	331,659	634,359
311.35-00	Delinquent Special Assessments	330,145	132,131	138,232	128,826	128,994
311.40-00	Delinquent Ad Valorem	22,059	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
311.50-00	Motor Vehicle Taxes	71,815	204,741	180,290	200,158	178,310
318.10-10	Special Election City Sales Tax					
	Current	1,091,299	2,000,344	2,001,344	2,002,345	2,003,346
	Future	-	-	500,336	500,586	500,837
318.15-10	Special Election City Use Tax	92,855	166,243	207,907	208,011	208,115
372.00-00	Other Revenues	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
346.20-06	Passenger Facility Charge	-	76,337	260,000	81,476	260,000
372.01-00	STAR Bond Revenue	-	-	3,641,084	3,775,519	3,863,818
372.02-00	TIF A Revenue	-	-	1,761,669	1,811,319	1,864,600
376.00-00	Donations					
	City Park Pavilion	84,000	74,500	74,500	68,000	68,000
	Discovery Center Exhibits (Estimated \$2.5M)	-	-	-	250,000	250,000
391.13-00	Sales Tax Transfers	1,304,545	1,100,000	900,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
391.14-00	Transfer from Special Street & Highway					
	Current	57,750	56,400	55,050	53,700	52,350
	Future	-	-	-	-	64,250
391.17-00	Transfer from Special Revenue Funds					
	Current	908,553	796,858	741,231	736,763	740,263
	Future	-	-	29,200	28,400	27,600
391.18-00	Transfer from Enterprise Funds					
	Current	897,971	1,100,092	1,008,183	950,338	938,538
	Future	-	-	84,381	748,150	1,674,550
391.21-00	Transfer from Capital Project Funds	1,298,920	-	-	-	-
391.22-00	Transfer from Trust/Agency Funds	246,595	3,656	63,540	-	-
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>16,696,593</b>	<b>18,101,491</b>	<b>24,529,641</b>	<b>27,352,123</b>	<b>30,612,567</b>

## Brownback Signs Bill Giving Business Tax Breaks

Joined by small business owners, state legislators, Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, Governor's Cabinet members and Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer, M.D., Kansas Governor Sam Brownback signed one of the largest tax relief measures in Kansas history into law today at the Capitol in Topeka. The new law cuts state income tax rates for all hard-working Kansans by 14 to 24 percent and eliminates state income taxes on more than 191,000 small business owners.

Governor Brownback likened Senate Sub. for House Bill 2117 to a shot of adrenaline into the heart of the Kansas economy.

"My faith is in the people of Kansas, not the government's ability to tax and redistribute. They know better how to spend their money and I believe they will do incredible things with it," Brownback said. "Today's legislation will create tens of thousands of new jobs and help make Kansas the best place in America to start and grow a small business. Now is the time to grow our economy, not state government, and that's what this tax cut will do."

Kansas Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan said the new law will leave \$1.1 billion in Kansans' pockets during the next two years to save, spend and invest.

"After the lost decade for jobs in Kansas, Governor Brownback has been incredibly focused on creating a pro-growth environment that will increase Kansas families' income and accelerate small business growth," Jordan said. "This focus has turned the budget deficit he inherited into a strong surplus, and, with historic tax relief now in place, Kansas is poised to lead America's economic recovery."

The law collapses the current three-bracket structure for individual state income taxes (3.5, 6.25 and 6.45 percent respectively) into a two-bracket system using rates of 3.0 and 4.9 percent. The business income exemption eliminates certain non-wage business income for small business owners (income reported by LLC's,

Subchapter-S Corporations, and sole proprietorships on lines 12, 17, and 18 of federal form 1040).

The law also flattens the tax structure and increases the standard deduction amount for single head-of-household filers from \$4,500 to \$9,000; and for married taxpayers filing jointly from \$6,000 to \$9,000.

Dynamic projections show the new law will result in 22,900 new jobs, give \$2 billion more in disposable income to Kansans and increase population by 35,740, all in addition to the normal growth rate of the state.

Speaker of the House Mike O'Neal praised the new tax law.

"By reforming income taxes in Kansas, our state will start building a solid tax foundation that will create a strong economy for the years to come. We must continue down a path that brings prosperity to the residents of Kansas and HB 2117 will move our state toward a healthy and vibrant economy," Speaker O'Neal said.

Rep. Arlen Siegfried, the Majority Leader in the House, said the new tax plan paints a brighter future for the state.

"There's a reason surrounding states are racing to keep pace with Kansas in providing tax relief," Rep. Siegfried said. "They recognize this was a significant victory in a constant battle to attract jobs and grow our economy."

The chair of the House Taxation Committee, Rep. Richard Carlson, said Kansas is raising the bar on pro-growth tax policy.

"Kansas is embarking on and setting the threshold for the nation with a pro-growth, pro-jobs tax reform policy," Rep. Carlson said. "Lowering taxes on individuals and small businesses will jump start the private sector growth in Kansas, allowing Kansans to grow Kansas. We invite the nation's businesses to come grow with Kansas."

The bill, Senate Substitute for House Bill 2117, passed the Senate by a vote of 29-11 and the House by a vote of 64-59.

## "In Name Only"

Editorial  
By Jon A. Brake

It's disappointing, very disappointing. The voters of Manhattan added two "conservatives" to the Manhattan City Commission last year hoping they would turn this city around and what happens? They turn out to be RINO (Republican in name only). A liberal Republican can run up the City Debt just as high as a Liberal Democrat. Look at the mess the City of

Manhattan is in:

Debt:  
2009 - \$107,541,956  
2012 - \$257,383,181

In 2009 the City paid \$11.9 million principal and interest on the Debt. In 2012 the City paid \$24.5 million principal and interest on the Debt. In 2015 the City will pay \$30.6 million principal in interest. That is more than twice what it cost the City to run the entire Riley County Police Department, that figure is \$14 million for 2013. The

City of Manhattan is within \$58.5 million of maxing out their Debt authority. That means the State of Kansas will come in (like they did in Junction City) and require higher taxes to pay down the Debt.

Look at the proposed 2013 budget on page 6. Ask the City Commission to approve a cut in Spending, not just a cut in the amount the budget goes up. We need real leaders, not people saying one thing and doing another.



Graduated seniors. (left to right) Joseph Catterson, Sarah Dodge, Jonah Ferguson, Casey Chapel, Bo Love, Dennis Luberus, Tyler Eaves, Katherine Smith, Sarah Brown, Rebecca Sylvester, Amy Proctor

## Flint Hills Graduates 11

By Deanna D. Likes,  
FHCS Marketing/Fundraising  
Coordinator

It is a mystery of time when something seems to take forever to arrive, but when it is past, you look back and wonder how the time went by so quickly. Graduation is one of those mysteries. For 11 seniors at Flint Hills Christian School, one chapter of their lives came to an end Saturday, May 19. Another chapter is just beginning.

The ceremony lasted just an hour, with Tyler Eaves giving the Salutatorian's address, and Bo Love and Sarah Dodge delivering the Valedictorians' address. All three thanked parents, teachers, and others who had impacted their lives and talked about the importance of friendship and their faith. Secondary teacher Doug Woods was selected by the seniors as the Commencement speaker. Mixed with humor and seriousness, his speech focused on the importance of keeping oneself grounded in the Word of God, setting Godly goals, and seeing them through with the help of the Lord.

For the seniors, the future holds many opportunities. Sarah Brown will be attending Highland Community College in the fall. She is planning to major in Music and possibly History.

Joseph Catterson will be attending both Manhattan Christian College and Kansas State University with a dual major in Youth Ministry and Secondary Education. Casey Chapel plans to attend Barton County Community College (Ft. Riley Campus) to complete basic college courses. She is undecided about a major, but is considering social work, counseling, or early childhood education. Sarah Dodge plans to study Kinesiology at MidAmerica Nazarene College next fall. She will also be trying out for the basketball team. After college her goal is to work as a physical therapist at Fort Riley. Tyler Eaves will attend Kansas State University and will major in either Architectural or Civil Engineering. Jonah Ferguson plans on majoring in Aerospace/Aeronautical Engineering at Penn State University in Pennsylvania. Bo Love has been accepted at Kansas State University and plans to major in Civil Engineering. Dennis Luberus has been accepted and will attend Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry in Redding, California. Dennis plans on doing mission, music, and youth ministry work. Amy Proctor will attend the University of Kansas to study Biology and participate in ROTC. She hopes to eventual-

ly attend medical school. Katherine Smith plans to attend Highland Community College next year to do her general education classes. She intends to get a degree in either elementary education or nursing. Rebecca Sylvester has been accepted at Southern Nazarene University and will major in Biology/Chemistry. She was selected to be on the 2012-2013 equestrian team. Following graduation at Southern Nazarene, she plans to further her education in the area of veterinary medicine.

Flint Hills Christian School Senior scholarships:

- Sarah Dodge - \$14,000 academic scholarship to Mid-America Nazarene College
- Tyler Eaves - \$3250 scholarship from the KSU Foundation, \$3,000 KSU Grant from Kansas State University, \$500 scholarship from the Riley County Farm Bureau
- Bo Love - \$4000 Fairchild Scholarship, \$3000 First in Class Scholarship both from Kansas State University
- Rebecca Sylvester - \$7000 Dean's scholarship, \$1,500 equestrian scholarship both from Southern Nazarene University

## Dark Clouds For State Unemployed

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

FAIRWAY — Kansas' unemployment rate dropped a notch in April, but trend watchers aren't cheering. The seemingly good news may actually indicate trouble for the state's economy.

A jump in seasonal hiring for construction, retail and leisure industries — golf courses and water parks, for example — helped trim Kansas' unemployment rate to 6.1 percent in April, the Kansas Department of Labor reported Friday. That's down from 6.2 percent in March, and 6.7 percent in April 2011.

The rate fell for another reason, too. Fewer people last month were actively looking for work in Kansas and thus weren't counted as unemployed, said Tyler Tenbrink, a labor economist with the state labor department.

Nearly 3,000 workers among 1.5 million in the state's civilian labor force dropped out of job market in April, and between 2,200 and 3,600 a month have similarly vanished since January.

"The statistics don't tell us why," Tenbrink said. "We don't know how many retired, moved out of state or just stopped looking for work."

The most recent estimates of how many workers are in this group or are working part time because they can't find full-time jobs don't yet include April's numbers. Based on the first quarter 2012 figures available, however, probably more than 174,000 Kansans, or 11 percent of the workforce, would take a full-time job, Tenbrink estimated.

The shrinking workforce is a disturbing omen for the state's economy, said Ernie Goss, a Creighton University economist in Omaha who also watches Kansas economic trends.

Having fewer workers instead of more jobs "makes unemployment rates better for the wrong reason," he said.

Unlike labor department statisticians who use month-end results to track Kansas' performance, Goss seeks signs of how things might change in the future.

Each month, he and fellow economists at the Creighton Economic Forecasting Group, an analytical arm of Creighton's business college, conduct two surveys — of business purchasing managers in cities and community bankers in small-town and

rural areas — throughout the Midwest, asking for their view of economic conditions in their communities in the next three to six months.

The results are then converted into a 100-point index on which readings above 50 indicate expected growth or expansion, and readings below 50 indicate contraction or recession.

The latest numbers for Kansas and its labor market, released Thursday, are mixed, Goss said. The state's overall index is a healthy 62.1, up from 49.1 in April. High land values in rural Kansas, farm income prospects and a drop in energy prices were big contributors to the change, he said.

But the state's jobs indexes, which are a positive 60.5 in rural areas and 57.8 in population centers, both appear vulnerable, Goss said. Farm incomes rely heavily on crop production, and farmers and business owners in parts of Kansas still worry about the lingering dry weather. Future population center job prospects remain uncertain in the state's aircraft manufacturing and food processing industries, Goss said.

"I think we're going to be hitting a soft patch in the next six months," Goss said.

Kansas' mostly rural areas — outside Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka, Manhattan and Lawrence — generally have been better in soft patches than the population centers, said Jeremy Hill, director of Wichita State University's Center for Economic Development and Business Research. Hill has been pulling new information together for the department's next round of state and regional forecasts.

Farm incomes and land values haven't fallen to the same job-wounding forces felt by the population centers, Hill said.

"And you've got a surprising amount of manufacturing out there, too, making machinery and farm equipment," he said.

And job prospects are looking up even in Kansas' hardest-hit population center, Topeka, where state and local government job cuts have been especially painful, Hill said. More than 2,000 Kansas state employees lost jobs in a 2011 downsizing in which Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback abolished three state agencies. Topeka's city government and its schools also have either laid employees off or left jobs vacant to save money.

# City Attorney Bill Frost To Retire

William "Bill" Frost will be retiring as City Attorney for the City of Manhattan effective May 25, 2012. The retirement was announced by Ron R. Fehr, City Manager, for the City of Manhattan.

City Manager Fehr said, "Bill has served the citizens of Manhattan with great integrity and wisdom for 35 years. He has been a tremendous asset to the organization and especially to the City Manager's Office and City Commission throughout the course of his career in

all aspects of local government. Bill's knowledge, experience, and foresight have assisted Manhattan in managing unprecedented growth and in meeting the many challenges of local government law including two major redevelopment projects. We wish Bill the very best as he prepares for the next chapter in his life and extend sincere appreciation for the many contributions that he has provided to our community."

Frost started his career with the City of Manhattan as a

Prosecutor and Assistant City Attorney in January 1977. He has served in the capacity as City Attorney since September 1978 and is a senior partner in the Manhattan law firm of Morrison, Frost, Olsen, Irvine, & Schartz, LLP. He has practiced law as a partner in the firm since 1975.

During his tenure with the City, Frost provided legal advice to city administration, the city commission and various boards of the city. He was instrumental in representing the

City of Manhattan in litigation and appeals, involving all aspects of municipal law, including zoning matters.

Commenting on his departure, Frost said, "It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the City's attorney. I value the relationship I have had with all the ultimate professionals that serve the citizens of the City as its administrative staff, as well as the numerous citizens that have served as commissioners over the years."

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# Obituaries

## Robert Allen Tausig

Robert Allen Tausig (Dr. Bob) of Manhattan, Kansas, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 21, 2012, one week short of his 89th birthday.

Dr. Bob was born to Paul and Elsie Tausig in Denver, Colorado on May 29, 1923 after his mother rolled out of a horse-drawn wagon on the way to the hospital. He started life in a log cabin on a successful Hereford cattle ranch in Kremmling, CO, graduated from high school in Kremmling, and headed off to Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL where he met the love of his life, city girl Mary Irene Marth. The next year he transferred to Colorado State University where he graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1945.

Dr. Bob and Mary were married in Dixon, IL on June 24, 1945. In 1946, Dr. Bob opened the Morningside Veterinary Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, where he practiced large and small animal medicine for 20 years. Seven children were born to Dr. Bob and Mary during their Sioux City years.

In 1966, Dr. Bob accepted a position as a teaching clinician in the College of Veterinary Medicine of Kansas State University (KSU), located in Manhattan, KS. During the next six years, he earned a Master's Degree in Urology and was Director of hospital out-patient services.

During a four-year hiatus in Ahmadu Bello University in

Zaria, Nigeria, sponsored by US A.I.D. Dr. Bob befriended people of the rural nomadic Fulani tribe. He taught his students by giving on-site care not only for the Fulani's Zebu cattle herds, but the Fulani children and Fulani wives, as well.

While in Nigeria, Dr. Bob and Mary initiated the Navigators of Nigeria, a Christian organization for teaching and mentoring students in the Christian faith.

Dr. Bob returned to KSU in 1976. He was the Zoological Medicine section head at the teaching hospital, and later became principle veterinarian at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan. During his tenure at KSU, he made important advances in the recognition and treatment of the urinary diseases of cats.

From 1983 to 1984, Dr. Bob and Mary lived in Dominica and St. Kitts in the West Indies, where Dr. Bob was a professor of Veterinary Medicine at Ross University.

Dr. Bob retired from KSU on April 26, 1988. In his retirement years, his days were filled with service to International students through HIS (Helping International Students), an organization that he and Mary established in Manhattan following their years in Nigeria.

They strived to introduce every International student to an American family, and more importantly, to Jesus Christ whom they served so joyously. They were also instrumental in the founding of ACMI (Association of Christians Ministering among

Internationals).

Dr. Bob spent hours every day mentoring Internationals all over the world through the Internet.

In 2004, Dr. Bob and Mary returned to Nigeria to celebrate the Nigerian Navigators' 30th anniversary, where they were recognized as its founders. At KSU, Dr. Bob was presented with the E.R. Frank Award, which honors veterinarians who have contributed positively and significantly to Veterinary Medicine throughout their long-term service to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Bob lived his life with excellence. He was admired by his family for his faithfulness, his servanthood, his quiet leadership, and his unerring kindness. He gave Mary a gift, as well as a flower and a love poem, on the 24th day of every month for many years to celebrate his love for her. He took delight in nature, music, gardening, and a well-placed practical joke.

Dr. Bob was a member of Grace Baptist Church for 48 years. He was the inspiration behind the International Sunday School class and its teacher for many years. He was an active member of Manhattan's chapter of Gideons International.

He will be best remembered for his unwavering devotion to Jesus Christ and his assurance that he would praise God in His presence for eternity because of God's sacrificial gift of salvation through the death and res-

urrection of Jesus.

He experienced much joy in his life, but he knew sorrow. His parents, his brother

Warren, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, his 22-year-old granddaughter Jayney Tausig and his infant great granddaughter Grace Pierce preceded him into God's presence.

His memory will be cherished by his wife of 67 years, Mary Irene Tausig, his seven children Letitia Thomas (Lindon), Susan Gras (Dave), Paul Tausig (Martha), Timothy Tausig (Janice), former mayor of Manhattan Mark Tausig (Susan), Elizabeth Zoucin (Simon), and Andrew Tausig (Sylvia). He leaves 35 grandchildren and 60 great grandchildren.

Visitation and viewing will be all day on Thursday, May 24th at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, with the family present from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The funeral will be held Friday, May 25 at 10:30 am at Grace Baptist Church, Manhattan, KS, with a pre-funeral viewing and video beginning at 9:30 am.

Memorial gifts may be sent to The Gideons and to the Christian Veterinary Mission in Dr. Bob's memory, or may be left at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation or the church.

Arrangements entrusted to Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation. To send an online condolence visit us at [www.irvinparkview.com](http://www.irvinparkview.com) or Facebook.

The family request donations to the Michael L. Stanley Memorial Fund for his children, Alyssa and Michael Jr.

A combined Service of Remembrance will be held at a later date. To send an email condolence visit [www.irvin-parkview.com](http://www.irvin-parkview.com) or on Facebook. Arrangements by Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation, Manhattan.

## Michael Lee Stanley

Michael Lee Stanley, 30, Ogden, Kansas, passed away Monday, May 14th, on Hwy 18 west of Manhattan.

Mike was born in Kansas City, Missouri on December 21, 1981, the son of Kimberly Ann (Giles) Neidenthal and Jerry Lee Stanley. Mike was a laborer and worked on many projects around the Manhattan

area.

Survivors include his children Alyssa Ann Stanley and Michael Lee Stanley, Jr., both of Moyers, OK; his mother and stepfather Kim and Monty Neidenthal; father and stepmother, Jerry & Pamela Stanley of Moyers, OK; two sisters, Kaitlyn A. Weeks, of Overland Park and Donna A. Mancuso, of White City; grandfather Walter Giles of California and step-grandfather, John Gigante of Peculiar, MO. As well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Ellen Gigante; his paternal grandparents Cecil Stanley & Pat Billings and his fiance Elizabeth Young.

## Katherine Schiller Mulanax

Katherine Schiller Mulanax of Manhattan died on May 14, 2012 at the age of 97.

The following obituary was provided by Katherine several years ago.

Katherine was born in Kirwin, KS (Phillips County) on Sept. 4, 1914. Her parents were Frank and Edith (Thomas) Schiller. She was married to Dr. Paul A. Kline on May 24, 1941 and he passed away in 1942. On Feb. 20, 1963 she married Alvin E. Mulanax and he died on Mar. 24, 1987.

In 1926, Katherine moved from her home town of Kirwin

to Abilene. In 1932 she graduated from the Abilene High School and then attended Kansas University School of Nursing from 1933 to 1936 when she received her diploma after completing and passing the required testing to become a Registered Nurse. In 1939 to 1940 Katherine enrolled at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN and was certified as a Public Health Nurse. In 1940 she moved back to Abilene to become a school nurse until 1941.

In 1936 Katherine was a Staff Nurse at the Kansas University Medical Center in

Kansas City. Katherine also worked at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver; the Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, IL; St. Joseph Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark; St. Mary's Hospital, Manhattan; was a private duty nurse also in Manhattan; University Hospital at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; and Lafene Student Health at Kansas State University until she retired in 1977.

Katherine was a member of the First Christian Church of Manhattan and the Lydia Group.

Survivors include her son

## Norman John Witt

Norman John Witt, 77, of Wamego, Kansas, died Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at his home. He was a long-time resident of the community.

Norman was born December 21, 1934, in Downers Grove, Illinois, the son of Adolf and Ida Karsten Witt. He attended local schools. Norman served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Norman was a civil servant and worked as a mechanic at Fort Riley. He had also been a mechanic for International Harvester in Wamego. After his retirement from Fort Riley, he enjoyed working around the

farm, fixing fence, clearing brush and tinkering in the shop. He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wamego.

He married Erma Jean Weixelman on February 1, 1963, in Wamego. She survives.

Norman is also survived by his sons, Robert Witt, Mississippi, Michael Witt, Wichita and Kevin Witt and his wife, Deborah, Torrance, California; his brothers, Kenneth Witt, Lawton, Oklahoma, Robert Witt, Elk Grove, Illinois and Larry Hammond, Gratiot, Wisconsin, a sister-in-law and brother-in-

law, Tom and Kay Ebert, Wamego, Kansas, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Darlene Schaffer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wamego. Father John Pilcher will be the Celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery. The family greeted friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, at Campanella-Evans Mortuary. A rosary prayer service was held at 7:00 p.m. They suggest memorial contributions to St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery,

and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at [www.campanellafuneral.com](http://www.campanellafuneral.com)

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

## State Redistricting Fight Over Big Government

TOPEKA — State Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook (R-Shawnee) said Wednesday the senate redistricting battle was over “big government versus limited government” ideologies.

Pilcher-Cook said “left-wing Republicans and left-wing Democrats are holding together” to block passage of a map preferred by 18 members of the Senate Republican caucus. Pilcher-Cook said these groups “hold onto tax increases and more spending, which has basically put us in the economic crisis that we’re in today.”

After attending Secretary of State Kris Kobach’s press conference about redistricting Pilcher-Cook said she “didn’t have a clue” what might happen in the Senate yet this week in approving new maps.

In his press conference Kobach said intervention by federal courts might not be necessary if the legislature could approve redistricting maps yet this week.

In the video Pilcher-Cook describes a map preferred by 18 members of the senate Republican caucus:

“It’s a real shame that Senate Leadership refuses to work with the majority of its own caucus. There are 18 of us in the caucus who all agree. We just need a few more, and then we would get a vote of the House and we would get the Governor’s signature.”

“We were very careful to have a fair map. We don’t even



**Kansas State Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook, Republican, Shawnee**

know who are opponents are. We don’t take any precautions of drawing out opponents, or drawing in opponents. What we do is try to maintain each senator’s district as much as possible — the way it already is — give or take adjusting the population based on the census data.”

“It’s a fair map. It’s a fair map to every senator in the body. It’s a real quandary to many of us of why this map does not get more votes.”

“He blew up”

Pilcher-Cook said that Senate redistricting chair Tim Owens (R-Overland Park) “blew up” during Senate caucus redistricting discussions on Tuesday, a meeting that Senate President Steve Morris (R-Hugoton) and Majority Leader Jay Emler (R-Lindsborg) did not attend.

In the caucus Pilcher-Cook



**Kansas State Senator Tim Owens, Republican, Overland Park**

said Owens “lost his temper” as he was fielding questions, which she said were being asked respectfully. Pilcher-Cook said some of the questions were about why senate leadership was not at the meeting.

Pilcher-Cooks said Owens had been challenged about population differences between certain senate districts in his plan that other senators thought were unnecessary and harmful in the re-election of some senators who had served for years.

Pilcher-Cooks quoted Owens as saying “I don’t have to listen to this garbage” before he walked out the door.

Owens’ Response  
State Senator Owens declined to make comments on video but agreed to be interviewed at his capitol office on Wednesday.

Owens said his behavior was

“out of character” and similar to “battle fatigue” in the legislature. Owens said it had been a “most difficult year” in the legislature. He acknowledged he left the caucus meeting when he didn’t want to “listen to the garbage” being discussed.

According to Owens Kansas conservatives were trying to control all three branches of government without checks and balances being in place. Besides the Kansas House and the Governor’s office, Owens said conservatives had their sights on the Judiciary and the Kansas Senate.

Owens objected to discussions in the caucus meeting that the Senate was not conservative enough.

Owens said he opposed changes proposed by conservatives for judicial selection. He said the proposals would make the process more political but did not explain why the proposals were made by conservatives who thought the existing process was hiding the politics behind the judicial selections.

There is a “dichotomy in the Republican Party” in this philosophical battle according to Owens. He described the split as “conservative” vs. “moderate” with Democrats “caught in the fray.”

Owens said “we’re all Republicans” and pointed to the picture of Ronald Reagan in his office. Owens claimed Reagan would not be a “conservative” using today’s definition.

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## Area Students Participating In Competition

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Colby Bulter, of Manhattan of Kansas State University’s team

Dustin Hoyt of Manhattan of Kansas State University’s team

Keisha McCoy of Manhattan of Kansas State University’s team

More than 500 students from 47 universities are participating in the competition.

The teams are from schools around the U.S., Canada, Mexico and China.

They have designed bridges that are more than 22 feet long and must be able to hold 2,500 pounds, span an imaginary river and designed to minimize the amount of steel and the time to assemble the bridge.

“There are 47 teams coming and there will be 47 unique solutions to the design of the

bridge even though all teams were given the same problem statement and requirements,” said Clemson professor Scott Schiff, who is working with a Creative Inquiry team of students majoring in civil engineering or Parks, Recreation Tourism Management to host the competition with the Glenn Department of Civil Engineering.

Teams won or placed in regional competitions to qualify for the national event.

The teams begin the competition on Friday, May 25, and will showcase their assembled bridges in the display portion of the competition. They also will compete in an “Fe” Quiz Bowl, named after the periodic table symbol for iron and playing off of the name of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam taken but nearly all civil engineering students.

The construction and load competition begins at 8 a.m. Saturday when the teams bring their bridges pieces and tools to

the Fike Recreation Center on the Clemson campus.

Up to six members of each team will build the bridges one piece at a time and are timed to see how efficiently they can assemble their bridges. Other team members bring the pieces to them one at a time from separate staging area. Schiff said it’s important that the pieces are delivered in the order they are needed because no piece can be left on the floor.

“It’s not just designing a bridge that can hold 2,500 pounds — that’s easy,” he said. “It’s designing a bridge that’s easy to build, meets all of the design requirements and construction rules and can hold 2,500 pounds.”

Teams are scored based on how long it takes to assemble their bridges multiplied by the number of team members building them, how much their bridges weigh to measure how

much material they use, how little their bridges deflect when weight is added and if they can hold the 2,500 pounds. Aesthetics also can affect the final scores.

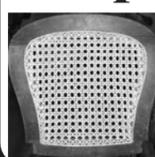
Schiff said steel bridge teams begin planning their bridges after each year’s national competition and spend months designing and fabricating them.

“I wouldn’t want to add up how many hours they devote to this project,” he said.

Nadim Aziz, chairman of the Glenn Department of Civil Engineering and Clemson’s associate provost for faculty development and support, called the annual steel bridge competition “a great student engagement opportunity.”

He added, “These students not only solve engineering problems, but they learn about leadership, team-building and communication.”

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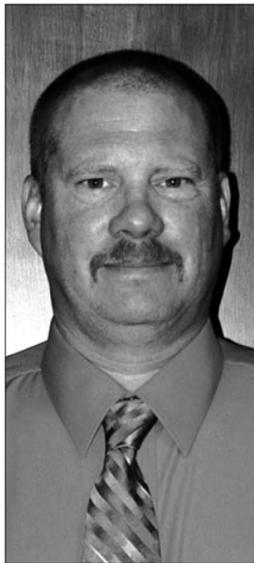
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## Messer Named USD 383 Transportation Director

383. Messer comes to USD 383 from the Riley County Fire Service where he has served for 17 years as the Assistant Fire Chief Supervisor. For 15 years, Messer also served as a bus driver, trainer and dispatch supervisor for USD 383 Transportation Services. He attended Manhattan Area Technical College and Kansas State University.

“I’m very excited to be coming back to USD 383 Transportation Services,” states Messer. “Having started with the district as a school bus driver in 1991, I feel like I’m coming home again. I realize there are challenges ahead, but am prepared to handle the changes caused by redistricting.”

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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 May 10, 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

Paul Foltz; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laurie Harrison, Emergency Management Coordinator; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Rod Harms; and Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director, attended.

Hobson said under Riley County policy "hours worked" states no exempt employee shall work more than 100 hours per pay period without the Board of County Commissioners' approval. Hobson stated with some asphalt projects staff will work 12-14 hours a day, 5 days a week.

Foltz stated concerns with employees working long hours decreasing attention spans and causing potential liability.

Holeman stated he will draft a letter for the Board to authorize some exempt employees to work over 100 hours for certain projects.

Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an ECBG - Child Care Scholarship Intern, in the Health Department, at a grade H.

McCulloh moved to sign the 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Application. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve a Temporary Construction

Easement for the City of Manhattan to lay, construct, maintain, alter, repair, replace drainage facilities, including by way of example, but not limited to, grading, storm drainage culverts, headwalls, tree removal under and through the four real properties described here, situated in Riley County, Kansas:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 7 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Riley County.

Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved a Permanent Drainage Easement for the City of Manhattan to lay, construct, maintain, alter, repair, replace drainage facilities, including by way of example, but not limited to, grading, storm drainage culverts, headwalls, tree removal under and through the real property described here, situated in Riley County, Kansas:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 7 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Riley County. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve a Silver Maintenance Agreement with ThyssenKrupp Elevator for three elevators at the Riley County Health Department. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the McDowell Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project #R.4-32.0 Contract with PCIRoads, LLC of St. Michael, Minnesota in the amount of \$182,782.10. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2012 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director

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

Rod Harms; Paul Foltz; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Jeff Burkhart, KMAN, attended.

Kufahl presented a Health Department staff report.

McCulloh noted the international students do pay property, sales, and sometimes income taxes.

McCulloh said she would like to setup an hour to discuss public health. McCulloh stated there was a good session on public health assessments at the County Commissioners' Association Annual Meeting.

Foltz asked if the Health Department has record of services provided to foreign students.

Kufahl stated she does not believe the programs require the necessary information to track services provided to foreign students.

9:23 Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director; Rod Harms; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Paul Foltz; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Butler discussed Civic Plus' expansion and retention in Manhattan.

Butler reminded the Board of Riley County Commissioners that the new Chamber staff position will work with only local businesses.

9:34 Eileen King, County Treasurer

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director; Rod Harms; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; and Mel Van Der Stelt attended.

King stated the Treasurer's Office's new system is able to process motor vehicle tags, but could not do the motorcycle tags.

King said at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday the office's internet went down and came back up at 6:00 p.m.

King presented monthly financial reports.

Johnson said at the City of Riley Commission Meeting they discussed collecting hazardous waste which was turned into the Household Hazardous Waste facility and were told they would be charged for the waste because they were not certified to collect it.

Johnson stated the City of Riley is concerned the emergency siren did not work and the 911 system was down.

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

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director; Rod Harms; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; and Mel Van Der Stelt attended.

Holeman presented the proposed Charter Resolution creating a Public Health Advisory Board and duties of the Local Health Officer.

McCulloh moved to approve the charter and bylaws for the Public Health Advisory Board. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Holeman said legislation to allow counties to collect payments by credit card is moving forward.

Holeman stated the legislation regarding exempting

machinery and equipment from taxation has been revised. Holeman stated the tax classification of commercial real property value would be determined by the owner of the property.

Holeman stated decreased tax collection from the loss in commercial real property value would represent a property tax shift.

10:20 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy County Clerk, attended.

Shepek presented an update on the CIP fund and CIP projects.

10:40 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to 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 10:50 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:50 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:50 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to 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 11:00 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:00 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:04 Lewis moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

### 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 May 14, 2012 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Alvan Johnson, Chair, was absent.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Paul Foltz; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Rod Harms, attended.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2012 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:30 Press Conference

Paul Foltz; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Steve DeHart,

Sanitarian; Dan Page, KMAN; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director; Eileen King, Treasurer; and Rod Harms, attended.

Wilson said Walk Kansas 2012 ended Saturday, May 12th.

Wilson said the Walk Kansas Celebration will be held at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 16th at Pottorf Hall.

Wilson said the County 4-H Camp will be held June 12th - June 15th.

Wilson said the 4-H Ambassador Military Kids Camp will be held June 21st at Pottorf Hall.

Wilson said Kids 4 Health Day Camp will be held June 26th or June 28th at Pottorf Hall.

Wilson said a Kids a Cookin' Camp will be held twice a week at the Ogden Community Center the month of June.

DeHart said his position has moved from the Health Department to the Riley County Planning and Development Department.

DeHart said residents should test your well water once a year.

DeHart said he can test water in the office. DeHart said a lab has been set up to test water.

Smith said they have had 37,651 rides this year.

Smith said aTa Bus made 260 trips the first day of the fixed route.

Smith said a groundbreaking will be held June 15th for the aTa Bus Building.

King presented the following on motor vehicle renewals and registrations:

System is up and running, Tuesday wait time was 2 hours,

Wednesday wait time was 1 hour,

Thursday wait time was ½ hour to 1 hour,

Friday wait time was usually ½ hour.

King said Tuesday the internet went down around 4:30 p.m. and they were unable to process anything.

King said Thursday and Friday they had a problem at the end of the day where the system slowed down.

King said this morning they are having a problem with scanning documents.

King said please be patient and allow extra time for motor vehicle transactions. King said they are just a week into this system and not all problems have been solved. King said if you are in a hurry, please come in when you have plenty of time, mail in the renewals or do online.

King said they have been so busy with over the counter customers, they have not had time to work up the mailed in renewals. King said please allow at least a week for turn around time.

King said all the mailed in renewals they have received so far should be in the mail by the end of the week, barring any computer glitches.

Hobson said Riley County plans to apply an asphalt overlay to RL 875S Blue River Hills Road and P891 Blue Ridge Road. The overlay will begin at the intersection of Blue River Hills Road and Blue

Ridge road and proceed for 7.50 miles. The project will begin on Monday, May 14, 2012 and continue through Friday, May 18, 2012.

Hobson said the road will be reduced to one lane during the construction process. Hobson said traffic will be allowed through the project, but drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes. Be advised that fresh asphalt oil will be applied and to take alternate routes when possible. The schedule may change due to weather delays.

10:00 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Mel Van Der Stelt; Paul Foltz; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Rod Harms, attended.

Shepek presented year to date budget and expenditures report.

10:18 Cheryl Collins, Museum Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Mel Van Der Stelt; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Rod Harms, attended.

C. Collins said on March 31, 2012 she was one of two featured speakers at the Little Apple Pilot Club of Manhattan women's seminar. C. Collins said she spoke about "Riley County Lady Leaders: Elizabeth Hoyt Purcell, Eusebia Mudge Irish, Mattie Toothaker Kimball and Lucy Pottorf."

C. Collins said the Riley County Historical Museum Curator of Design, Barbara Poresky, retired on April 27th. C. Collins said they are currently in the process of hiring for this position. C. Collins said they have received over 90 applications from across Kansas and from more than seventeen states across the country.

C. Collins said Kansas Preservation Volume 34, Number 1, 2012 has three articles that mention Riley County places.

10:24 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Rod Harms; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Paul Foltz, attended.

Holeman presented a pending county projects update. 10:45 Ron Fehr, City of Manhattan Manager

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Burke Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Rod Harms; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Paul Foltz, attended.

Fehr said on Sunday, May 13th the Flint Hills Discovery Center welcomed its 10,000th visitor.

Fehr discussed projects that the City of Manhattan is currently working on.

11:16 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

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# Moving on...

The Flint Hills Christian School K-4 Promotion Celebration was held last week. Parents watch as the students sing The Butterfly song they learned this year in class. From left to right, Kayleigh Blair, Cheyenne Crow, Cearra Douglas, Ian MacDonald, Christian McDade, Aaron McReynolds, Lizzie Shultz.

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# Letter...Who Is Responsible?

Is the federal government or the police responsible for my personal safety? Is the Kansas legislature or school administrators responsible for my personal safety? Who is responsible?

Ultimately, we are each responsible for our own personal safety, and must continue to be diligent that the human right to self-defense is not infringed upon. Individuals who have chosen the option to carry concealed, who have passed rigorous background checks at the local, state and federal level, who have successfully passed an approved course outlined by the Kansas Attorney General that includes a written and shooting qualification, should be allowed that option without interference from imaginary boundaries or impotent 'no guns allowed' signage.

There are those who would argue that individuals should depend solely upon the police for our personal protection,

when even the Supreme Court has ruled that the police have no legal responsibility to prevent crime and protect the victim. On Sunday, March 16, 1975, two men broke into a home shared by three women in the District of Columbia. As one woman in the lower floor was being raped and sodomized, two of the woman in an upper floor called police. After being told by dispatchers that police were on the way, and seeing police cruisers drive by and even stop and move to the front door, the two women in the upper floor called down hoping police were in the house to help. They were not. The call only alerted the two men on the lower floor and they moved upstairs to attack.

The three women were held hostage and raped for the next fourteen hours.

The three women brought a suit against the District of Columbia Police in a case that eventually made it to the Supreme Court. In a 4-3 deci-

sion the court ruled that "...a government and its agencies are under no general duty to provide public services, such as police protection, to any particular individual citizen..." - Warren v. District of Columbia, 444 A.2d 1 (D.C. App. 1981).

Warren v. District of Columbia clearly illustrates that the individual cannot depend on the federal government or the police for our personal protection. Recent events in the Kansas Senate clearly indicate that there are elected representatives who feel that a government and its agencies are under no general duty to provide the individual with the option to self-defense in public and municipal buildings. Certain Senators are so loathe to the idea, they even refuse to vote on the matter.

Most recently, two bills before the Senate (HB 2353 and SB 394) contained wording that would have prohibited 'no firearms allowed' signage to be posted on a public or municipal building unless added security

was in place to prevent ALL weapons from entering the building, instead of just disarming law abiding citizens. In both cases, certain Senators are satisfied to see the bills expire rather than vote and being held accountable by their constituents. This is hardly the leadership Kansans deserve nor are these the individuals we want making decisions about our personal protection and safety.

Kansas citizens, along with students and employees of public colleges and universities, must work together to change the Kansas political landscape and elect those who will work to eliminate laws eliminating gun-free zones. This elimination will allow those legally licensed by the state to carry concealed virtually everywhere else in Kansas the option to carry concealed in public and municipal buildings, including those on public college and university campuses.

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# Computer Leaves Kansas Tag Office In Low Gear

By Gene Meyer  
 Kansas Reporter

MISSION — Kansas officials are offering drivers an unexpected suggestion in beating problems with a new state computer system that's turned getting car tags into a hours-long endurance test: Stick it in the mail.

"We're suggesting you use our mail-in option, if you just have a typical renewal," said Jeannine Koranda, spokeswoman for the Kansas Department of Revenue. "Anyone can renew by mail."

Many Kansans who register or renew 2.7 million cars, trucks and other vehicles annually go in person to one of 109 motor vehicle registration offices in the state — with drivers' licenses, registration documents and proof of insurance in hand.

On May 1, Kansas shut down its entire motor vehicle registration system, including its network of driver's license offices and other government identification providers, swapping the state's 30-year-old Department of Motor Vehicles mainframe for a new \$40 million system. The state bought the system from 3M Co., the Minnesota science giant and inventor of Scotch Tape.

Kansas turned the new machinery on May 8. Things didn't go well.

Problems began as early as 7:30 a.m. for DMV workers in Johnson County's Kansas City suburbs, Sedgwick County's offices in Wichita, the capital city of Topeka, and other parts

of the state.

DMV workers in Johnson County's Mission and Olathe offices stopped taking new customers before noon the first few days the offices reopened, so they could finish the paperwork for more than 400 or so people in line by 6:30 those evenings.

Thomas Franzen is Johnson County treasurer, overseeing two of the state's busiest DMV offices, in Mission and Olathe. By mid-day Thursday, a week and a half after reopening, the estimated waiting time still extended to nearly six hours in Mission and beyond seven hours in Olathe.

The two offices have some nifty new software, not unlike what restaurants use to manage seating reservations, sending text messages to people's cell phones when their turns are coming up.

But conveniences such as those don't help with Johnson County's more fundamental problem, Franzen said.

"We're still processing only half the volume we were doing before the conversion," he said.

Workers in Johnson County are still finding the new system has trouble processing applications with potentially tricky insurance or title issues, he said. The county's offices also were more thinly staffed than normal when the systems changed; county executives previously chose not to fill eight vacant positions, to help stretch the county's budget.

The results may be promising.

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# City Wants Budget To Hit \$122 Million, Up \$9

At Tuesday night's Manhattan City Commission meeting, the Commission received this memo and graphs from Bernie Hayden, Director of Finance for the 2013 Budget:

## BACKGROUND

Early each year, City Administration begins an extensive budgeting and planning process that begins in February involving City Management, the Department of Finance, and virtually every Department/Division of the City. This process includes preparation of budgeting and capital planning worksheets for City Departments to complete and for Management to review prior to presenting this information to the City Commission.

Under state law the annual budgetary process is left up to each municipality across the state of Kansas. However, there is a uniform standard requiring every municipality to submit a budget by August 15 of each year prior to the start of the new fiscal year, which in Kansas runs on a calendar year basis January 1 through December 31.

Once budgetary information is submitted to the City Manager, meetings are set for discussions with each City Department Director or Division Supervisor. At that time, Management reviews all requests and either (1) allows an item to stay in the budget for further review and consideration, (2) modifies an item, (3) moves an item to another time-frame, or (4) deletes an item altogether.

This internal process is always accomplished prior to the first budget work session with the City Commission. [NOTE: Those reductions and changes made by Management are reflected on pages 10-13]

## DISCUSSION

Traditionally, the first budget work session has provided a broad overview of what City Administration believes will be the key issues shaping the annual City budget process. Please review the attachments to this memorandum which provide additional insight into the issues and challenges that the 2013 City Budget may present.

## General Fund

The City's General Fund is the fund that supports a majority of City operations including about 80% of total payroll expense. As such, it is typically the focus of budgetary discussions.

For 2013, it is once again anticipated that most Departmental Divisional budgets within the General Fund will remain flat with little increase in operational expenditures. [NOTE: See pages 7 and 15.]

Some of the proposed increases to the 2013 City Budget will occur in full staff funding for new Fire Station No. 5; a new Municipal Parking Division; salary adjustments for City employees; pool seasonal employment costs (See related memo from Curt Loupe on Swimming Pools. Also note that this increase is for a full summer of staffing at all three pools.), and utility costs paid by the City. City Management has made a number of cost reductions and expenditure shifts in other areas of the General Fund budget to try and minimize the potential impact to the General Fund's 2013 mill levy rate.

Even with these proposed increased costs, only a small increase in General Fund property taxes is anticipated at this time.

## Special Revenue Funds

The City has a number of special revenue funds that are budgeted annually. These funds are separated into two categories:

(1) Those funds under the control of the City Manager and,

(2) Those funds that represent outside agencies governed by appointed boards.

For 2013, some of the special revenue funds that are under the control of the City Manager will experience small mill levy increases including the Employee Benefit Fund. With the addition of new employees costs approved in the 2012 City Budget staffing the new fire station, Discovery Center, and City parks, health-related expenditures will increase for 2013 but with a very small increase to the property taxes levied in the Employee Benefit Fund. [NOTE: See page 8 and pages 16-22.]

Outside agency budgets not under control of the City Manager (the Riley County Police Department and the Library) will increase and will have a property tax impact and a higher mill levy rate associated with these increased budgets (although the estimated mill levy impact for the Library is small).

## Bond & Interest Fund

The City's Bond & Interest Fund is the primary account from which annual principal and interest payments are made on debt issuances that have been approved by the City Commission. Unprecedented growth across the City, in addition to current community-wide projects under construction, has created a significant upswing in the annual principal and interest that must be paid from the Bond & Interest Fund. [NOTE: See pages 9 and 23-25.] While property taxes that are required to pay for these new principal and interest payments will need to increase over the next few years, the impact of these higher debt payments will not be felt until 2014. Currently, only a small mill levy rate increase in the Bond & Interest Fund is reflected for 2013, which is the result of holding onto low-interest temporary notes until they mature in 2014.

While the City's overall debt is high because of the special obligation debt issued

for the redevelopment projects (\$76.5M of TIF and STAR Bonds comprise 29% of City debt) as well as special assessment debt to finance infrastructure for residential subdivisions (\$65.2M in special assessments comprise 26% of City debt), keep in mind that these debt service instruments comprise 55% of the City's total debt and have a dedicated revenue stream of funds along with dedicated reserves to ensure the payment of those funds. The City's primary direct debt instrument of General Obligation Bonds comprise less than a quarter of the City's overall debt, which is primarily supported by property taxes and is the main focus of measurement and analysis by rating agencies and other entities. As such, the City of Manhattan ranks in the lower middle in comparison to other first class cities in Kansas

Enterprise Funds  
The City's Enterprise Funds—Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater—are not supported by property taxes but rather by user fees associated with each utility. [NOTE: See pages 9 and 26-30.]

Due to major plant expansions and improvements related to unfunded federal mandates, it is again likely in 2013 that each utility will require additional rate adjustments in order to adequately meet debt repayments to the State of Kansas as a result of mandated expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and capacity/modernization improvements at the Water Treatment Plant and well fields.

Operational improvements in the CIP also are anticipated based on community growth as well as a continued (although somewhat lessened) commitment to reinvestment and main-

tenance of existing infrastructure. These rate adjustments will be discussed separately as part of the second budget work session to be held in early June. Summary  
As in the past, there are sev-

eral issues that will require City Commission direction in the 2013 City Budget. Although City Management has made a strong effort to manage spending in 2013, ongoing community-related growth has continued

to put pressure on City services necessary to accommodate that growth.

City Management and the Finance Department are very willing to respond to any Commissioner request for addi-

tional information or analysis. Please keep in mind that considerable current data is also available on the City's website by accessing the Budget Information Center at any time.

General Operating Fund								Attachment 1
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES								(Proposed)
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
1 General Government	668,810	695,198	669,600	682,510	665,560	679,670	717,540	
<b>Finance</b>								
2 Finance & Accounting	511,100	530,072	580,500	570,700	563,250	574,250	594,850	
3 Information Technology	353,350	371,919	316,510	330,650	318,600	307,200	308,900	
4 Customer Services	160,355	190,059	166,560	171,000	172,600	175,600	174,800	
5 Airport	726,230	599,923	657,610	616,330	646,930	726,163	776,215	
<b>Fire Services</b>								
6 Operations, Technical, Inspections	4,078,840	4,402,108	4,665,095	4,910,130	5,023,936	5,156,550	5,546,750	
7 Building Maintenance	367,695	353,975	384,590	397,790	404,190	381,517	572,940	
8 Human Resources	382,281	412,984	416,375	426,799	422,650	397,490	401,170	
<b>Public Works</b>								
9 Administration	142,620	184,864	216,674	223,914	210,590	245,590	239,054	
10 Streets	1,270,976	1,446,229	1,651,686	1,724,927	1,755,572	1,750,473	1,866,078	
11 Engineering	652,255	744,988	775,104	817,990	803,380	809,595	850,569	
12 Traffic Control	375,630	453,233	461,155	474,020	471,295	453,920	509,570	
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>								
13 Administration	146,150	152,988	157,450	160,700	180,425	164,450	183,810	
14 Douglass Center	184,579	211,313	223,720	213,340	206,090	209,590	195,400	
15 City Parks	1,991,810	2,059,475	2,118,503	2,070,991	2,018,373	2,102,403	2,106,200	
16 Swimming Pools	264,550	275,945	297,153	407,465	408,840	487,330	601,700	
17 Sunset Zoo	778,220	800,609	827,255	847,160	858,235	901,980	936,190	
18 Recreation	1,098,287	1,207,027	1,294,587	1,308,870	1,329,520	1,362,000	1,437,780	
19 Discovery Center	-	72,820	74,500	150,000	239,066	790,740	796,750	
20 Animal Shelter	426,980	510,364	537,572	533,577	520,535	522,775	537,295	
21 Community Development	515,090	568,643	583,710	609,450	581,700	611,660	597,700	
22 Legal Services & Municipal Court	691,540	721,675	786,245	840,030	838,430	967,515	877,640	
23 General Services	2,956,850	3,106,484	3,459,443	3,788,900	3,811,350	3,944,182	4,297,957	
24 Outside Services	662,924	728,180	809,020	844,970	802,195	625,731	689,282	
25 Municipal Parking Lots	-	-	-	-	-	-	140,200	
<b>Total Budget :</b>	<b>19,407,122</b>	<b>20,801,075</b>	<b>22,130,617</b>	<b>23,122,213</b>	<b>23,253,312</b>	<b>24,348,374</b>	<b>25,956,340</b>	

Special Revenue Funds								Attachment 2
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES								(Proposed)
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
1 City/University Projects (102)	379,600	394,200	510,800	488,300	570,700	677,000	609,300	
2 Aggieville BID (103)	30,500	36,400	36,000	36,000	37,000	56,500	56,500	
3 Downtown BID (104)	55,500	59,590	60,000	62,500	62,500	65,500	68,500	
4 Economic Development (105)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
5 MEDOFAB	554,300	319,265	1,116,000	205,197	137,500	150,750	-	
6 RICOED	5,183,884	6,947,595	8,328,616	8,520,585	7,084,597	5,225,346	4,673,700	
7 Employee Benefits (106)	1,000,000	1,091,700	1,122,500	1,382,136	1,707,000	1,794,000	2,551,000	
8 Fire Equipment Reserve (107)	450,000	718,550	686,262	591,591	451,399	483,500	379,271	
9 KP&F Pension (108)	450,000	523,260	652,120	675,916	597,940	628,000	770,000	
10 General Improvement Fund (109)	62,813	97,775	119,345	64,647	62,716	62,717	175,000	
11 Industrial Promotion (110)	477,750	500,000	423,100	420,429	295,000	180,725	257,400	
12 Library (111)	1,639,588	1,850,830	1,926,383	1,980,219	1,999,494	2,073,910	2,177,406	
13 Library Employee Benefits (112)	261,016	328,108	400,000	439,800	440,000	439,800	466,200	
14 Park Development Fund (113)	240,504	371,240	150,810	78,898	61,495	25,000	100,000	
<b>Sales Tax Fund (115)</b>								
15 Revenue to General Fund	1,149,900	1,581,900	2,107,200	1,938,458	2,090,468	2,186,000	2,699,977	
16 Revenue to Park Development	86,500	211,000	-	28,000	28,000	25,000	75,000	
17 Revenue to Employee Benefits	650,000	800,000	953,175	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,450,000	
18 Revenue to General Improvement	-	23,100	114,320	59,387	-	50,000	-	
19 Revenue to KP&F	344,000	426,745	556,850	515,883	450,000	450,000	450,000	
20 Revenue to Fire Equipment Reserve	320,500	534,000	-	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	
21 Revenue to Library	260,350	300,000	311,750	-	-	-	-	
22 Revenue to Bond & Interest	1,770,000	1,100,000	1,158,000	1,797,833	1,350,000	1,100,000	900,000	
23 Special Alcohol Programs (116)	360,574	404,500	426,600	552,349	603,500	560,900	560,900	
24 Special Park & Recreation (117)	591,760	422,000	870,060	752,316	950,576	979,313	901,250	
25 Special Street & Highway (118)	1,710,000	1,809,815	2,219,757	2,001,029	1,827,716	2,103,167	1,772,000	
26 Special Sunset Zoo (119)	290,000	282,005	315,765	321,775	264,250	399,050	543,050	
27 Tourism & Convention (121)	654,000	661,000	707,800	920,110	1,158,143	1,266,231	1,225,634	
28 Health Department (123)	212,880	225,651	239,191	251,150	289,319	-	-	
29 RCPD (124)	9,311,532	10,102,584	11,271,456	11,847,984	12,321,888	13,054,500	14,144,590	
30 Capital Improvement Reserve (126)	1,200,000	2,725,000	2,875,000	2,234,930	2,770,000	2,605,000	1,755,000	
31 Downtown Redevelopment TIF (127)	800,000	1,325,000	1,395,000	1,925,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,703,000	
32 CDBG (128)	-	-	-	300,000	600,000	-	-	
<b>Total of All Special Funds:</b>	<b>30,497,451</b>	<b>36,172,813</b>	<b>41,053,860</b>	<b>41,542,422</b>	<b>41,961,201</b>	<b>40,491,909</b>	<b>41,564,678</b>	

Enterprise Funds								(Proposed)
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES								
<b>Water Fund</b>								
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		
33 General & Administration	614,770	607,287	685,694	644,277	669,025	672,685	700,217	
34 Meter Services	447,823	982,895	572,984	323,155	487,600	582,235	602,086	
35 Supply & Treatment	3,125,547	2,407,240	2,420,445	2,745,660	2,650,259	2,884,165	3,204,064	
36 Distribution	2,254,490	1,141,279	1,219,785	1,019,035	1,128,135	1,373,840	1,316,820	
37 Utility Location	-	-	-	-	-	67,090	76,840	
38 Non-Operating	4,806,427	5,692,399	6,081,677	6,179,778	5,395,481	7,113,475	8,396,813	
<b>Water Fund Expenditures:</b>	<b>11,249,057</b>	<b>10,831,100</b>	<b>10,980,585</b>	<b>10,911,905</b>	<b>10,330,500</b>	<b>12,693,490</b>	<b>14,296,840</b>	
<b>Wastewater Fund</b>								
39 General & Administration	518,470	490,798	506,426	541,655	552,113	532,165	581,561	
40 Non-Operating	3,711,709	4,814,875	4,445,870	4,508,915	5,526,967	8,164,698	9,413,172	
41 Treatment	2,009,714	1,570,705	1,562,024	1,651,135	1,905,575	2,431,585	2,128,148	
42 Bluetownship	-	-	-	-	-	35,734	28,590	
43 Maintenance	720,212	997,122	1,088,917	1,538,295	1,392,345	1,349,318	1,426,280	
45 Utility Location	720,212	-	-	-	-	63,140	73,340	
<b>Wastewater Fund Expenditures:</b>	<b>6,960,105</b>	<b>7,873,500</b>	<b>7,603,237</b>	<b>8,240,000</b>	<b>9,377,000</b>	<b>12,576,640</b>	<b>13,651,181</b>	
<b>Stormwater Fund</b>								
46 General Expenditures	1,227,911	1,325,986	1,671,000	1,857,000	2,468,000	2,797,000	2,977,000	
<b>Stormwater Fund Expenditures:</b>	<b>1,227,911</b>	<b>1,325,986</b>	<b>1,671,000</b>	<b>1,857,000</b>	<b>2,468,000</b>	<b>2,797,000</b>	<b>2,977,000</b>	
<b>Total of Enterprise Funds:</b>	<b>19,437,073</b>	<b>20,030,586</b>	<b>20,254,822</b>	<b>21,008,905</b>	<b>22,175,500</b>	<b>28,067,130</b>	<b>30,925,021</b>	
<b>Bond &amp; Interest Fund</b>								
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES								(Proposed)
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
47 Bond & Interest Fund	10,642,557	12,106,658	11,955,567	13,484,910	17,655,525	20,345,757		