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The new Ahearn Field House.

Improvements Continue At KSU Ahearn Field House

Fans attending K-State volleyball matches at Ahearn Field House in 2012 will be greeted with more purple than ever before as the entire upper level seating area has been painted with a fresh coat of K-State Purple.

The new purple upper level seating area at Ahearn replaces the traditional brown bleachers, while the cream railing has been upgraded as well, making Ahearn Field House truly a place where Wildcats can take glory into combat for the Purple and the White.

"It's amazing the difference a new paint job has done to improve the aesthetics of Ahearn," said K-State Head Coach Suzie Fritz. "It is a remarkable improvement and really makes the field house burst with purple Wildcat pride."

Purple paint is not the only improvement being made to Ahearn this year. New, re-designed banners honoring the winning tradition of the K-State volleyball team will be hung later this summer in time for the season. Ahearn has undergone a number of improvements over the last two years with new bleachers installed and giant Powercat banner hanging above the student section welcoming opponents to the Purple Pit.

Excitement is building for the 2012 season that will see every starter from last year's Sweet 16 run return to the

court. The Wildcats lose only one player from last season's historic run that saw the Wildcats defeat No. 2 Nebraska on its home floor in the second round of the NCAA Tournament and post the 18th 20-win season in program history. K-State finished the season ranked No. 22 in the final AVCA Coaches Poll after being picked to finish eighth in the Big 12.

"I believe that with the continuing support of our community and our students, as well as a growing interest in our team's success, that this could be a year that we have the opportunity to break into the top 10 nationwide in attendance," Fritz said. "Personally, I would love to see that happen for our team and for the university. If those who haven't come to Ahearn in a while come back to join us, we won't let them down. It's a wonderful electric and exciting environment in Ahearn Field House, and we're looking forward to getting on the court surrounded by purple."

Season tickets renewals are going on now with a deadline of July 1. On July 2, season tickets will be available to the general public. Last season, Wildcat fans ranked 24th in the nation in attendance for volleyball, averaging more than 1,500 fans per contest. This year's home schedule includes 15 home matches, including two tourna-

ments and four against NCAA Tournament teams.

A number of ticket options are available for the 2012 season including Reserved Chairbacks at \$85 each, available exclusively to Ahearn Fund members, Cat Cushion balcony seating at \$65 each for adults and just \$50 each for youth, senior citizens, faculty/staff and military, and discounted General Admission balcony seating starting at just \$30 each with the purchase of four or more season tickets.

Season tickets are available by calling the ticket office at 800-221-CATS, online at kstatesports.com or in person at the Bramlage Coliseum Ticket Office between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

K-State ranked 24th in the nation in attendance in 2011 thanks to the Wildcat faithful packing Ahearn with more than 1,500 fans per contest. The atmosphere at Ahearn traditionally ranks among the Top 25 in attendance each year, making it one of the toughest places to play in the Big 12 Conference. K-State has a home record of 115-45 in Fritz's 11 years as head coach.

The Wildcats open their 2012 season with a two-day home tournament on August 24-25 when they welcome Oregon State, Oakland and UC Irvine to the improved Ahearn Field House.

Fast And Furious: Executive Privilege Is Shields Wrongdoing

By Todd Gaziano
Heritage Foundation

As a strong defender of executive power (when properly exercised) and executive privilege (when properly invoked), I am concerned when claims of executive power or privilege are abused for any reason—especially if they are invoked to shield potential wrongdoing. In addition to shielding the wrongdoing, it jeopardizes the very executive power that the President is entrusted with when Congress and the courts react—as they did in the post-Watergate era—to the abuse of power.

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is rightfully investigating the Fast and Furious debacle, in which the Administration allowed thousands of guns to flow across the Mexican border, resulting in the death of one U.S. border patrol agent and at least 200 Mexican citizens—according to the Mexican attorney general. The most glaring violation of executive power in that investigation prior to today was the refusal of the Department of Justice (DOJ) to turn over 1,300 pages of documents subpoenaed by the committee without even an assertion of executive privilege. Attorney General Eric Holder simply refused on his own initiative in a blatant act of stonewalling.

As Holder surely knew all these past months, there is no privilege that exists between Congress and the executive branch to withhold documents except the constitutional executive privilege, which is based on the separation of powers. For example, the attorney-client privilege does not exist between Congress and the executive branch because they have the same client—the American people. Holder also knew that executive privilege does not attach to documents automatically. It can be asserted only by the President or with his direct approval. It can be waived; indeed it should be waived in many or most instances when Congress needs the information for its legislative functions. So the slated House committee vote to hold Holder in contempt today was unfortunately necessary to get him to at least reconsider his lawless course of stonewalling.

In a desperate attempt to prevent the contempt vote in the last few hours, Holder asked President Obama to invoke executive privilege to shield these 1,300 pages of documents from Congress, and the President apparently agreed to do so. Yet that is not the end of the story. Even if properly invoked, the Supreme Court has made clear that executive privilege is not absolute. DOJ must provide an explanation why all those documents fit one of the recognized categories of executive privilege. It is questionable whether they all are legitimately subject to executive privilege, for several reasons.

First, the Supreme Court in *United States v. Nixon* (1974) held that executive privilege cannot be invoked at

all if the purpose is to shield wrongdoing. The courts held that Nixon's purported invocation of executive privilege was illegitimate, in part, for that reason. There is reason to suspect that this might be the case in the Fast and Furious cover-up and stonewalling effort. Congress needs to get to the bottom of that question to prevent an illegal invocation of executive privilege and further abuses of power. That will require an index of the withheld documents and an explanation of why each of them is covered by executive privilege—and more.

Second, even the "deliberative process" species of executive privilege, which is reasonably broad, does not shield the ultimate decisions from congressional inquiry. Congress is entitled to at least some documents and other information that indicate who the ultimate decision maker was for this disastrous program and why these decisions were made. That information is among the most important documents that are being withheld.

Third, the Supreme Court in the Nixon case also held that even a proper invocation must yield to other branches' need for information in some cases. So even a proper invocation of executive privilege regarding particular documents is not final.

And lastly, the President is required when invoking executive privilege to try to accommodate the other branches' legitimate information needs in some other way. For example, it does not harm executive power for the President to selectively waive executive privilege in most instances, even if it hurts him politically by exposing a terrible policy failure or wrongdoing among his staff. The history of executive-congressional relations is filled with accommodations and waivers of privilege. In contrast to voluntary waivers of privilege, Watergate demonstrates that wrongful invocations of privilege can seriously damage the office of the presidency when Congress and the courts impose new constraints on the President's discretion or power (some rightful and some not).

But there is at least one helpful development in Holder's request that the President invoke executive privilege to shield these documents: The President now owns the consequences of further stonewalling. There is no ongoing DOJ prosecution or investigation to protect. There is no obvious reason why the President can't waive even what legitimately privileged documents there are (which is probably far fewer than the 1,300 pages being withheld).

The American people will now clearly understand that it is President Obama who doesn't want them to know who is to blame for the Fast and Furious scandal—and whether his Administration has done anything to prevent it from happening again.

Todd Gaziano is the Director of the Center for Legal & Judicial Studies at The Heritage Foundation.

Officials Break Ground On New Hotel At Fort Riley

Fort Riley will soon have a Candlewood Suites on post that is scheduled to open in the fall 2013. A groundbreaking ceremony took place June 12 to mark the official start of the construction for the hotel.

The building of the hotel is made possible through the partnership of the Privatization of Army Lodging, Lend Lease, or PAL, and InterContinental Hotels Group.

"I've been with Lend Lease since 2008, and I'm very proud to be a part of this program and the effect that we see on a daily basis of the service that we're bringing to our military service men and women, and I really appreciate the teamwork that has been created between the Army, ourselves and IHG. It really has been incredible," said Jim Wickenheiser, director of development, lodging, Lend Lease (US) Public Partnerships.

The hotel will provide all the amenities guests would find off the installation at any IHG hotel. IHG hotels include Holiday Inn Express, Staybridge Suites and Candlewood Suites.

Some of the amenities include a swimming pool, fitness center, business center and a hot breakfast.

A shuttle service also will be provided for military guests of the hotel to get around the installation, Wickenheiser said.

"These hotels are really designed for long-term stay guests and have fully equipped kitchens, large work areas, great rooms, lending libraries and our Candlewood cupboards, which allow Soldiers and their Families to get last-minute items when they're staying with us as our guest," said Arthur Holst, vice president of operations, IHG.

Twenty-one installations are involved in the PAL program. The purpose of the program is to improve the accommodations of Army hotels for Soldiers and their Families, Wickenheiser said.

"The PAL program is providing a consistent approach across all Army installations on the standards of the accommodations. So (Soldiers and Families) can fully expect wherever they go, wherever they have their duty, or wherever they (permanently change station) to — when they stay at an IHG Army hotel, they will have all the amenities that they would have outside the gate," Wickenheiser said.

Creating these hotels is one way to

give back to the Soldiers and their Families for their service, Wickenheiser said.

"We're providing better accommo-

dations for the Soldiers so when they're here — the average length of stay could be two weeks and some locations up to a year — they're basi-

cally living out of a hotel room, and so we're trying to provide the best possible accommodations for the Soldiers that we can," Wickenheiser said.



The new hotel is the start of something big. (Photo: Calun Reece, Ft. Riley Public Affairs)

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Obituary's

George Dent Wilcoxon

George Dent Wilcoxon, 98, of Manhattan, died Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at Meadowlark Hills in Manhattan.

The son of George and Cora Wilcoxon, he was born in Murphy, Oregon on October 16, 1913. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of California, Los Angeles (1936, 1938), and he earned his Ph. D. in history there in 1941. His first teaching position was at Lewis and Clark College in Portland Oregon (1941-43), and soon after he accepted a position at Chaffey College in Ontario, California, where through the Army Specialized Training Program, he helped to prepare administrators for posts in occupied territories in Europe and Asia (1943-44). After a brief tenure at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska (1944-46), he became a member of

the history department at Kansas State University in 1946 and spent the rest of his career at this institution, earning the rank of full professor in 1948. After 38 years of service, he retired in 1984, but he continued to teach part-time for the department for an additional dozen years.

Although his initial field of study was eighteenth-century England, Professor Wilcoxon became interested in the ancient world, mastered Latin and Greek, and taught advanced undergraduate courses on ancient Greece and Rome throughout his career at Kansas State. In 1979, the Iowa State University Press (Ames) published his study of early Athenian history, Athens Ascendant. He was especially interested in student affairs and served as the faculty representative to the Student Senate for

23 years; he was also a co-adviser to the Blue Key Honor Society for 10 years.

Outside of academic life, Dent (the name he preferred) was an avid baseball fan and travelled each year to watch his favorite team, the L.A. Dodgers. For many years, he enjoyed the company of an emeritus professor of engineering, Wilson Tripp, with whom he made numerous "bacon cheeseburger" wagers on sporting events. Above all, Professor Wilcoxon was an avid reader to the very end of his life and kept the staff at the Manhattan Public Library busy delivering him books at Meadowlark Hills. He had a fine group of close friends at Meadowlark Hills who enjoyed hearing his many stories from history and from his own life that spanned nearly a century. He died peacefully and with his

mental faculties fully intact, which is a blessing. His friends will remember him as a gentleman in every respect who approached life with an admirable blend of serious purpose and good humor.

For those that would like to reminisce about Dent there will be a gathering from 3:00 until 5:00 P.M. Thursday, June 28th, in the Community Room at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Meadowlark Hills Good Samaritan Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Steven "Hank" Patrick

Steven "Hank" Patrick Klingsieck, 54, of Manhattan, passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2012. He was born May 26, 1958 to the late Maynard and Bessie Klingsieck, and lived in

Manhattan, KS and Illinois.

He attended Kansas State University. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and highly knowledgeable on the subject

of history. He was also known for "sticking up for the underdog". He also loved making wine.

Cremation is planned with a private ceremony for family

and friends on Labor Day Weekend. A memorial fund is available to help family with final expenses. Donations may be sent to Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation.

Maurice J. Weckerling

Maurice J. Weckerling, age 92, former resident of Manhattan, Kansas, died Sunday, June 24, 2012, at the home of his daughter in Mission, Kansas.

He was born on August 20, 1919, in Rozel, Kansas, the son of Bert and Elsie L. (Timken) Weckerling. He attended rural schools in Pawnee County, Kansas and high school in Larned, Kansas and Manhattan, Kansas, graduating from Manhattan Senior High School.

On July 5, 1942, in Jetmore, Kansas, he was united in marriage to the former Wilma Thompson. She survives of their home in Mission.

Mr. Weckerling was attending Kansas State Agricultural College in Manhattan when he was called into military service on November 29, 1943. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a photo

interpreter, locating enemy military installations with a stereoscope and aerial photographs. On March 31, 1946, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

Following his military discharge he returned to Kansas State where he earned his Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1947.

For many years the Weckerling's made their home in Satanta, Kansas where Mr. Weckerling was employed by the Cities Service Natural Gas Company as a Supervisor and Superintendent of a Compressor Station. He retired in 1981 following 30 years of employment.

In 1981, they moved to Manhattan where they resided until 2000, when they moved to Topeka. In 2011, they moved to Mission, Kansas to be with

their daughter.

Mr. Weckerling's memberships included the Masonic Lodge in Ulysses, Kansas, and the Trinity Presbyterian Church and American Legion Post 17, both of Manhattan.

In addition to his wife he is survived by one daughter: Susan O'Neill and her husband Mike of Mission, Kansas, his daughter-in-law: Lot

Weckerling of Topeka, Kansas, two sisters-in-law: Luella Weckerling of Boulder, Colorado and Dorene Weckerling of Manhattan, Kansas. Also surviving are five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Weckerling was preceded in death by his parents, one son: Maurice J. "John" Weckerling, Jr., two brothers: Gordon and Leonard Weckerling and one sister: Phyllis Vavroch.

Manhattan, a brother Perry Weis and wife Janet of Lyons, a sister Georgia Kepple of Culver and by seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister Ladonna Redding.

Viewing was from Noon to 7:00pm, Tuesday, at St. Monica and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Blue Rapids. Jerry's family received guests at the church between 5:30 and 7:00 pm. A Rosary was said at 7:00 pm at the Church.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 am, Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at St. Monica and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Blue Rapids. Father Pat Sullivan and Father Jim Shaughnessy

were Concelebrants of the Mass of Christian Burial. Moogie Roeder was the organist, the Cantor was Mary Ann Kehler. "Amazing Grace" was sung by granddaughter Lauren Paschal during communion.

Other hymns sung included, "Here I am Lord", "Be Not Afraid" "On Eagles Wings" and "Prayer of St. Francis". Casket Bearers included Mike Besel, Alan Paschal, Josh Walker, Ronnie Lange, Richard Failer, Tom Chavey, Gordon McClure and John Redding. Honorary Bearers included, Bob Schwartz, Jerry Stenberg, Larry Gallagher, Kenny Johnson, Bill Peterson and Jerry Pope. Military Honors

provided by George Bedford Post 169 of the American Legion, Blue Rapids.

Burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery in Blue Rapids.

Memorials are to be designated later and may be sent to the funeral home at PO Box 61, Waterville, Kansas.

Services arranged by Terry-Christie Funeral Home, Waterville, Kansas. Condolences may be left on line at www.terrychristiefuneralhome.com

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Jerry J. Weis

Jerry J. Weis, age 68, of Manhattan, formerly of Blue Rapids, passed away on Thursday, June 21, 2012, at Camdenton, Lake of the Ozarks, in Missouri.

Jerry was born April 7, 1944, to the late George C. and Mary E. (Ribble) Weis at the family's home in Culver. He graduated from Culver High School in 1962 then attended the Brown Mackie School of Business in Salina, graduating in 1963. On October 3, 1964 he married Verina Brown at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Minneapolis.

Jerry was President and CEO at State Bank of Blue Rapids at the time of his retirement in December 2008. He had been with the bank for 30 years and had been a Kansas banker for 48 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Manhattan and a former longtime member of St. Monica and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Blue Rapids, where he had served on the Parish Council. He was a member of the American Legion in Linn and the Kansas Banker Association. He had served on the Blue Rapids City Council and the Community Memorial Health Care Board of Directors in Marysville. He was a former member of the Blue Rapids Rotary Club and the Marysville Country Club. Jerry had also coached girls' softball for many years. Jerry had served in the US Army Reserves until his discharge in 1969.

Jerry is survived by his wife Verina, three daughters, Stephanie Besel and husband Mike of Olathe, Julie Paschal and husband Alan of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jennifer Walker and husband Josh of

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A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: Julia will be a happy three year old unburdened by the federal government. She will not be \$50,000 in debt the day she is born, and her parents will have access to private preschool providers of choice.

FACT: Despite spending more than \$167 billion on the Head Start program, a recent government study could find no lasting benefits for participants. (Head Start Impact Study: Final Report, p. xxxviii.)

AGE 3

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: Julia takes a job as an administrator at a Catholic school. After Obamacare's repeal, Julia and her colleagues are free to choose a health plan that meets their needs and matches their values, rather than the school facing fines for keeping health coverage consistent with its religious teaching.

FACT: Under Obamacare, religious employers such as Catholic hospitals, Christian schools, and faith-based crisis pregnancy centers will have to provide health coverage for abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization and contraceptives for their employees—even if it conflicts with their convictions—violating their Constitutional freedom of religion.

AGE 27

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: Julia isn't stuck with a one-size-fits-all Common Core national standards and was able, because of robust school choice and online learning options, to attend a school with a curriculum tailored to her unique learning needs and future career goals.

FACT: A recent study found that adopting national standards is likely to cost participating states around \$16 billion over the next seven years just to implement. (National Cost of Aligning States and Localities to the Common Core Standards, Pioneer Institute)

AGE 17

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reform: When Julia becomes a mother, she will not be tethered to a government or employer health care plan, so she can choose the coverage best suited for her maternity, her child's pediatric years and her growing family's needs.

FACT: Under Obamacare, federal bureaucrats in Washington will make health care choices for families rather than parents like Julia.

AGE 31

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: Julia will go to an innovative college that controls costs and fits her budget, qualifications, and career goals, thanks to reforms that encourage saving for college instead of driving students into debt.

FACT: Education subsidies have not kept college costs down. Pell grants have increased 175% since 1980, while the cost of attending college has increased 439% since 1982 (more than four times the rate of inflation). (Measuring Up 2008: The National Report Card of Higher Education, January 11, 2010)

AGE 18

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: Julia's son Zachary starts kindergarten. Because Julia has the freedom to choose her son's school, he will not be stuck in a broken system — ensuring that he will have a brighter future.

FACT: Since the 1960s, federal spending per child has nearly tripled while reading and math scores have largely flatlined. (U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2009)

AGE 37

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: During college, Julia undergoes surgery. After Obamacare's repeal, she, and her family, are eligible for tax credits to purchase a health insurance plan they choose and own that fits their needs. They are also protected by a new Medicaid safety net that allows states to pursue high-quality, innovative care if she needs it.

FACT: Under Obamacare, millions of families will be dropped from their employer-based health care plans and dumped into government-run exchanges because it is cheaper for employers to pay the federal penalty than to provide health care coverage. (House Ways and Means Committee Report 5/1/2012)

AGE 22

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: Julia starts her own business. With a flatter tax system, reduced barriers to investment, and simpler and more transparent regulations, Julia can focus on growing her business and hiring others.

FACT: A massive \$494 billion "Taxageddon" is planned for 2013 unless Congress and the President act to stop it. This unprecedented tax hike will further hamper our already fragile economy. (Taxpayers: Move Tax Increase Coming in 2013, 4/4/12)

AGE 42

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: Julia will be able to choose a job that rewards her performance without government interference. Even if she wants to help build the Keystone Pipeline or airplanes in South Carolina. She will live in a Right to Work state, and not be forced to pay union dues, unless she desires to do so.

FACT: America has had 99 straight months with unemployment over eight percent. Over 5 million Americans have been unemployed for 27 or more weeks. The Obama economy has been especially hard on the young. More than 13% of people aged 20-24 are unemployed. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 2012)

AGE 23

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: Julia gets the freedom to choose a health care plan that best fits Julia, whether that's Medicare's fee-for-service plan or a private health plan. And new protections ensure that she cannot be bankrupted by medical bills.

FACT: Between 2010 and 2020, Medicare spending is expected to nearly double to almost \$1 trillion. The program's long-term unfunded liabilities—the total cost of the benefits promised but not paid for—amount to a breathtaking \$36.8 trillion. (CMS Office of the Actuary)

AGE 65

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: A higher education tax deduction and a reformed tax system which rewards savings will allow Julia's parents to save for her college education.

FACT: Extending the temporary federal student loan rate will cost taxpayers \$5.9 billion over one year while saving the average recipient only \$7 a month. (Washington Needs A Lesson on Student Loans, The Heritage Foundation, 4/27/12)

AGE 25

A BETTER LIFE FOR JULIA

With conservative reforms: Julia retires with a healthy nest egg because a reformed tax code incentivized her to save, and she opted for a personal retirement savings account. A stronger and sounder Social Security program is in place to provide true insurance protection and supplement her income if she needs it.

FACT: According to the government's own estimates, Social Security as we know it will be bankrupt by 2033 (when Julia is only 21) unless Congress enacts serious reforms. (The Hill, 4/29/12)

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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

June 22, 2012.

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building June 18, 2012 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Lori Muir sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Steve French; Ron Wells; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Rod Harms, attended.

French said the beer vendor for the Kaw Valley Rodeo would like to sell beer in cans instead of plastic cups as done last year. French said they have suggested placing recycle bins around the fairground arena area to collect the cans.

The commission asked if they had more than one bid for beer sales.

French said they had two bids for selling beer at the Kaw Valley Rodeo.

The commission suggested the Kaw Valley Rodeo Board go back to both vendors and offer them the opportunity to sell beer in cans with the option to re-bid the job.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Codi Kersey, a Medical Clerk, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective

Johnson asked Hobson about posting signs for littering on county roads.

Hobson said he will meet with Steve Higgins and Gary Rosewicz to discuss signs and enforcement then report back to the board.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2012 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director

Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Mel Van Der Stelt; Rod Harms; Ron Wells; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director /County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Meredith presented a park projects update on the following.

- 1.) Little Apple Fieldhouse
- 2.) Land acquisition at Fairmont Park
- 3.) Current Park projects:
 - a. Install retaining wall at fairgrounds vendor area
 - b. Dirt to Fairmont playground
 - c. Leonardville playground equipment
 - d. Soccer fields and roads in Fairmont
 - e. Trail at Fairmont – add vistas and connecting trails
 - f. Heat bathrooms at Fairmont

Meredith said a group of citizens has organized to plan the development of a multi-sport indoor recreational facility. The prime location under consider-

ation by the committee is Fairmont Park. The Little Apple Fieldhouse Committee is requesting \$2,500 from Riley County to match other funds for preparing a feasibility study. The study is projected to cost \$20,000. They are also asking the City for \$2,500, the Manhattan Community Foundation for \$5,000, and private donations of \$10,000 to fund the study.

Meredith said the Riley County Park Advisory Board voted to recommend that the County contribute \$2,500 for the study, if the City of Manhattan contributes \$2,500. Meredith said funds may need to be set aside in the CIP for land purchase.

Meredith said the Parks Department has several projects in the works. In addition to mowing, watering, and other normal park maintenance activities, park staff will be working on the projects outlined above and preparing for the Riley County Fair.

Meredith said they are close to purchasing some property near Fairmont Park. Meredith asked the commission to think about whether the funds for the acquisition would come from Economic Development or CIP. Shepek suggested putting the land acquisition on the CIP list with no value attached, because the possible sale price is unknown at this time.

9:15 Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer Bid Opening for Mineral Springs bridge replacement

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Mel Van Der Stelt; Rod Harms; Ron Wells; Brock Krehbiel, Bridges, Inc.; Don Bond, B&B Bridge; Brett Danner; Midwest; Duane Jackson, Ebert Construction; Robert Boyd; and Dustin Nutsch, Dondlinger & Sons Construction, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for the Mineral Springs bridge replacement:

Company	Total Bid	Alternate Bid to remove old bridge
B & B Bridge Company, LLC		
PO Box 128		
St. Paul, KS 66771		
	\$565,002.00	\$ 10,000
Bridges Inc.		
PO Box 823		
Newton, KS 67114		
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Reece Construction Company, Inc.
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\$458,899.90 \$ 9,200
Engineers Estimate
\$475,222.10 \$70,000
Johnson moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:25 Meredith said the Little Apple Fieldhouse Committee is requesting \$2,500 from Riley County to match other funds for preparing a feasibility study for the development of a multi-sport indoor recreational facility.

The commission, by consensus, agreed they are supportive, but they need to look at the budget and would like to know if the City of Manhattan will contribute funds for the study.

9:30 Press Conference

Rod Harms; Ron Wells; Mel Van Der Stelt; Larry Couchman, EMS Director; Lacey Yordy, Office Assistant II; Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Bryan Richardson, Manhattan Mercury; Robert Boyd; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

Couchman discussed the upcoming County Stampede and suggested the following hot weather suggestions for anyone attending:

drink plenty of fluids and limit alcohol consumption, wear and reapply good sunblock, wear light colored, breathable clothing, get out of the sun when possible, wear proper shoes, have an emergency plan for possible severe weather, be aware of environmental conditions, wear a hat.

McClure said harvest started May 29th this year. McClure said they are seeing yields 30 to 50 bushels per acre.

McClure said the rain last week is helping crops.

McClure said the hay supply might be low this year and it is possible to feed livestock wheat straw. McClure said it is possible to take big round straw bales, stack them up, cover them with black plastic then cover them with anhydrous ammonia. This is called ammoniated wheat straw and was used a lot in the late 1980's and early 1990's when the weather was dry.

Cindy Kabriel attended the meeting.

Lori Muir left the meeting.
10:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session
Mel Van Der Stelt; Julie

Merklin, League of Women Voters; Robert Boyd; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

10:10 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on pending litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the County 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 10:20 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-

0.
10:17 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

Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Mel Van Der Stelt; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Robert Boyd; Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director;

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

Hobson presented a Public Works projects update.

10:50 Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Mel Van Der Stelt; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Robert Boyd; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Kufahl presented a general orientation to the public health department.

11:27 Recessed until 1:30 p.m.

12:00 Law Enforcement Agency Meeting

1:40 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

Robert Nall, Information Technology/GIS Director; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Volanti presented the CPI-U and cost of COLA and steps for the 2013 budget.

2:00 Eileen King, Treasurer Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Robert Boyd, attended.

King presented monthly financial reports.

2:13 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh 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 June 21, 2012 with the following members present:

Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

9:00 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Shannon Wertzberger, Administrative Analyst; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Jeff Holmes; Ron Wells; Bob Boyd; Amy Manges, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy Register of Deeds; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Rod Harms, attended.

Volanti asked to clarify some recently provided information regarding positions for the 2013 budget.

Volanti reported one of the custodian positions for the Health Department was a replacement for a previous Health Department Custodian.

Volanti said another one of the custodian positions replaced the contracted Holmes Cleaning Service, which is a net savings.

Volanti stated the City of Manhattan is requesting a 1.7% COLA for 2013.

Lewis moved to approve a Contract Agreement with Reece Construction Co., Inc. for the Sherman Road culvert replacement project in the amount of \$157,489.31. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to accept the low bid submitted by Ebert

Construction Co., Inc. Wamego, Kansas for the Mineral Springs bridge replacement project in the amount of \$421,191.56 with Alternate #1 (to remove old bridge) in the amount of \$6,500.00 for a total of \$427,691.56. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Vargo reported the 2012 July Certified Assessed Value for Riley County is \$526,848,288, which equates to a \$526,848 mil.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2012 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:15 Amy Manges, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy Register of Deeds

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Jeff Holmes; Ron Wells; Bob Boyd; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Rod Harms, attended.

Manges presented the Register of Deeds' year to date revenue.

McCulloh asked Manges to review fees set in the department to be sure fees are covering cost.

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

Administrative Work Session

Jeff Holmes; Ron Wells; Bob Boyd; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Rod Harms, attended.

9:30 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the County 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 9:40 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:42 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Holeman discussed the conditions of grant for the Juvenile Justice Grant. Holeman stated Riley County is the "Grantee" and must "Notify JJA in writing, within ten (10) days of appointment, of administrative changes of the Chairperson for the Board of County Commissioners and Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, Administrative Contact, Director of Juvenile Intake and Assessment, Community Case Management and Juvenile Intensive Supervised Probation. Adhere to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, K.S.A. 38-1008 et seq., as well as JJA field standards, policies and procedures, and JJA's Financial Rules and Guidelines for Graduated Sanctions and Prevention Block Grants. GRANTEE shall be responsible for any and all costs associated with non-compliance under this section".

Holeman said the Board needs to be aware they are being held financially responsible.

Holeman stated the Budget and Planning Committee has agreed to recommend the Board proceed with the financing of the paving benefit dis-

tricts finished last fall since the Konza waterline project is not completed. The Board does have the authority to use the estimated cost of the Konza waterline project to bond with the benefit district.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to proceed with the GO Bond issuance for the Lakewood, Driftwood, and High Meadows paving benefit district without the Konza waterline project which is not completed.

10:00 Monty Wedel, Planning /Special Projects Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Jeff Holmes; Ron Wells; Bob Boyd; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Rod Harms, attended.

Wedel said the Riley County Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) conducted an annual review of the Riley County Solid Waste Management Plan as required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). As a result of the review, the SWMC identified several items that will need to be examined and/or modified in the next update of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). This review is reflected in the June 14, 2012 minutes of the SWMC meeting.

Wedel said the SWMC and staff recommend approval of the review for forwarding to KDHE.

To move the funding for the HHW Program from the Solid Waste Department to the General Fund. This is a net reduction to the Solid Waste Fund of \$35,000. The General Fund is currently receiving the reimbursement for labor and equipment associated with the HHW Program.

To move the funding for the subsidy to Howie's to the General Fund. This is a net reduction to the Solid Waste Fund of \$15,000.

To raise the price of commercial brush from \$3 per ton with a \$3 minimum to \$10 per ton with a \$5 minimum.

To raise the price of compost being sold from \$10 per ton with a \$2 minimum to \$20 per ton with a \$10 minimum.

To raise the MSW tipping fee \$3 per ton.

McCulloh moved to approve the 2012 annual review of the Riley County Solid Waste Management Plan as recommended by the Riley County Solid Waste Management Committee. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:15 Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

Jeff Holmes; Ron Wells; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Captain Rich Fink, Lieutenant Greg Steere, Sergeant Pat Tiede - Riley County Police Department; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Rod Harms, attended.

Schoen discussed the planning for the future location of the Riley County Police Department (RCPD) firing range.

Fink presented a PowerPoint presentation on the planning for the RCPD firing range. Fink stated the Riley County Fire

District #1 and EMS are also interested in the firing range project for training. Fink discussed the need for a multi-purpose training facility for emergency services.

Fink stated the six phases beginning in 2012 would have the project completed in 2018. Fink stated our current firing range lease ends June 1, 2019.

Lewis asked for figures showing the potential return on training cost savings and charges to other organizations.

Fink estimated the total cost at \$2-3 million.

Fink stated there are currently no grants available for a project like this. Fink said Manhattan City fire is interested in the facility. Fink stated the KBI and FBI are interested in the facility. Fink said the FBI may provide some funding for this project.

McCulloh asked about simulator training.

RCPD stated simulators do have training limitations and are very costly.

Schoen asked if at some point in time Riley County needs a facilities request letter from the Law Board.

The Board agreed a letter from the Law Board would be beneficial.

Wedel stated this will require a special use application process.

10:50 Monty Wedel, Planning/ Special Projects Director and Ty Warner, Regional Planning Organization

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Robert Nall, Information Technology/GIS Director; Jeff Holmes; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Mel Van Der Stelt; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Rod Harms, attended.

Wedel said a City /County /County meeting will be conducted on June 28 to discuss options related to the establishment of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Manhattan and a surrounding area (precise area yet to be determined). The purpose of the work session is to prepare the Riley County Commissioners for this meeting. KDOT officials and others will be there to present background information, answer questions and assist with the decision-making process.

Two primary unknowns that will need to be resolved are:

1. What will be the jurisdictional area of the MPO? Options range from a minimal area around the City of Manhattan to more of a regional area encompassing Junction City, Manhattan, and surrounding unincorporated areas. Reportedly four different options will be presented at the meeting for the Board's consideration.

2. Where will the MPO be housed? Realistic options are the City of Manhattan or the Flint Hills Regional Council. According to KDOT officials, the City of Manhattan could potentially make this decision unilaterally. However, this may depend on how the final boundary is drawn. Ideally, the final decision would be agreeable to all parties involved in the MPO area. KDOT will support any local decision in this regard.

Wedel said according to KDOT officials, funding for the planning requirements could begin January 1, 2013, assuming all essential steps have been completed. The funding comes with a 20% matching requirement. Riley

County could be asked to assist with providing the matching funds in the out years. Precise figures are not yet available. Funding currently provided to the Flint Hill Regional Council could potentially go towards the matching requirement if the decision is made to house the MPO with the council.

Warner said \$166,000 would be allocated from Federal Transportation dollars to our MPO. Warner said the money is to be used for transportation planning. Warner stated the MPO has to be formed by March 1, 2013 to not lose federal transportation dollars.

11:08 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/ Director of Administrative

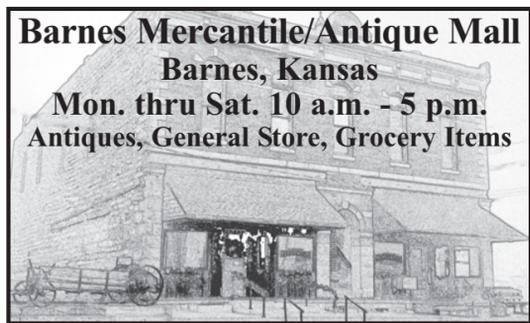
Services; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Robert Nall, Information Technology/GIS Director; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Mel Van Der Stelt; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Rod Harms, attended.

Shepek presented the 2013 budget development worksheet.

11:38 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

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