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Brownback Says Health Care Ruling Infringes On Liberties

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — The U.S. Supreme Court ruled by narrow 5-4 margin Thursday to uphold the federal health care law and extend health coverage to 350,000 Kansas residents, or about 13 percent of the population who don't now have it.

The decision was a setback for Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and fellow conservatives, who say the law infringes on Americans' civil liberties.

"Stopping Obamacare is now in the hands of the American people. It begins with electing a new president this fall," Brownback said in a terse, one-line statement issued after the decision was announced.

Kansans who've been debating the controversial plan since its passage in 2010 say the controversy is far from over.

"One way or another, this thing will continue to be litigated for at least another four or five years," predicted Art Hall, a University of Kansas economist who has studied the potential consequences of federal health programs on the Kansas budget.

Kansas, like many other states seeking to overturn the Affordable Care Act, have been putting off much of the procedural spadework that will be needed to implement what the U.S. Supreme Court left standing, Hall said. Federal officials seem similarly unprepared to create machinery, such as health-care exchanges, that the law requires



Governor Sam Brownback

them to produce if states don't come up with their own versions.

So with lots to do, little time to do it and partisans on both sides of the debate seemingly determined to continue pushing their view, "anything that appears to solve anything will be litigated," Hall said.

The ruling means Kansans now more than ever "need protection from government mandates that define their choices," said state Sen. Mary Pilcher-Cook, R-Shawnee.

Pilcher-Cook said — before the full ruling was announced — when the state Legislature reconvenes in January she planned to reintroduce a proposed Kansas Health Care Freedom amendment to the state constitution that would exempt state residents from the universal coverage and other requirements.

Kansas legislators passed and Brownback last month signed legislation making those exemptions state law, but not part of the state constitution.

For now, though, Thursday's ruling in Washington means, "there will be a lot more suits filed over specific provisions of the law," Pilcher-Cook predicted.

State Rep. John Rubin, R-Shawnee and a staunch Affordable Care Act opponent, said he fears the verdict will be costly.

"It already has been," Rubin said. "We've spent \$5 million to \$10 million we didn't need to build a state computer system that could accommodate Obamacare."

But that's small change compared to some larger consequences Rubin said he fears from the decision.

Rubin is no fan of the federal legislation's so-called individual mandate, which required everyone to buy health insurance to help control insurers costs for paying for health care.

Rubin contends that requirement is unconstitutional, but said overturning that requirement would have brought harsher consequences.

"Without universal coverage, private insurance companies can't survive," Rubin said. "Healthy people won't buy policies and the loss ratios insurance companies incur paying for the sick will be out of whack, which will put them out of business."

Kansas Wraps Up Year On High Note

Kansas finished the fiscal year on Friday with \$4.2 million more in its coffers than anticipated by the April consensus revenue report.

Revenue receipts for just the month of June were \$32.3 million, or 5.6 percent, more than estimates. The state continued to show

strong growth in June corporate income tax receipts, which were \$19.7 million, or 44 percent, more than anticipated. Sales tax receipts were \$9.4 million more than expected.

"Since January 2011, we have put the state back on a firm financial foundation, turning a \$500 million deficit

into a strong positive balance," said Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan. "After a year of 8.4 percent revenue growth, we have a much healthier economy and are poised to provide Kansas families and business with the tax relief they deserve."

Tougher Accounting Won't Reduce Pension Debt

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

FAIRWAY — The Governmental Accounting Standards Board approved some tough new public pension accounting rules Monday.

New accounting rules won't solve all Kansas pension problems.

Well, about those ...

Most Kansas schools and many Kansas communities won't have to follow them.

State legislators 30 years ago passed legislation allowing local governments to opt out of so-called Generally Accepted Accounting Principles standards — to which GASB rules apply — if they met certain conditions.

Kansas law allows local governments to use something more elementary, called cash basis accounting, if their financial affairs are relatively simple.

Cash basis accounting is what most households do when tracking money. Some goes in, and some goes out.

Accrual accounting, which the GASB standards call for, is more complicated. It counts money coming in or going out, but for a specific purpose, even if that takes longer than a year to happen. Accrual accounting is a more accurate way to track long-term or complex commitments, such as pension funding, accountants say.

Many local Kansas governments go the easier route.

All of Kansas' 289 public school districts routinely track their financial affairs with cash basis accounting, said Dale Dennis, Kansas deputy education commissioner for finance.

"That's because the state pays the school districts' employees' pensions," Dennis said. "The schools don't pay a cent."

A half dozen of Kansas' 105 counties, and 14 percent of its 626 cities, follow GAAP standards, said Roger Basinger, municipal accounting chief in the Kansas Department of Administration, the agency to which local governments apply to use the simpler system.

GASB's new pension reporting standards will still apply to pensions for teachers, police officers, firefighters or other local government workers

in those places, said John Pappas, a Governmental Accounting Standards Board spokesman in Norwalk.

That's because the state, and specifically the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, actually run the retirement plan for those workers, Pappas said, "and the new rules do apply to the state plan."

So how will the new rules change the pension fund reports for KPERS, last estimated to be \$8.3 billion short of what's needed to pay all its future pension obligations?

"We're still working that out," Alan Conroy, the pension fund's executive director, said Tuesday, "but I'm guessing the unfunded liability number will probably be larger rather than smaller."

KPERS officials Tuesday were still parsing details of the changes, and will start including the new adjustments in financial reports as soon as possible, Conroy said.

Pension analysts at the Pew Center for the States last week calculated that KPERS' unfunded pension bill rose to nearly \$22 billion in 2010.

The Washington, D.C., policy researchers say the old accounting rules, which GASB is changing, understated earlier market losses that hit all pension funds in 2008 and overstated KPERS potential investment returns in the future.

The new rules address both of those issues, said Eileen Norcross, a senior research fellow at George Mason University's Mercatus Center in Arlington, Va.

The new rules require KPERS and other funds to presume lower rates of return for some of their chanciest investments and eliminate a practice known as smoothing, she said. Smoothing is an accounting tactic that allows users to spread the impact of unusually big market changes over more than one year to help track long-term trends.

Norcross said she could not estimate how the recalculations might change KPERS' liability.

"The new numbers will reveal more, but they won't fix the problem," Norcross predicted. "In reality, a liability is a liability, whatever the amount."

What The Supreme Court Ruling On Health Reform May Mean For Kansans

By The Kansas Health Institute

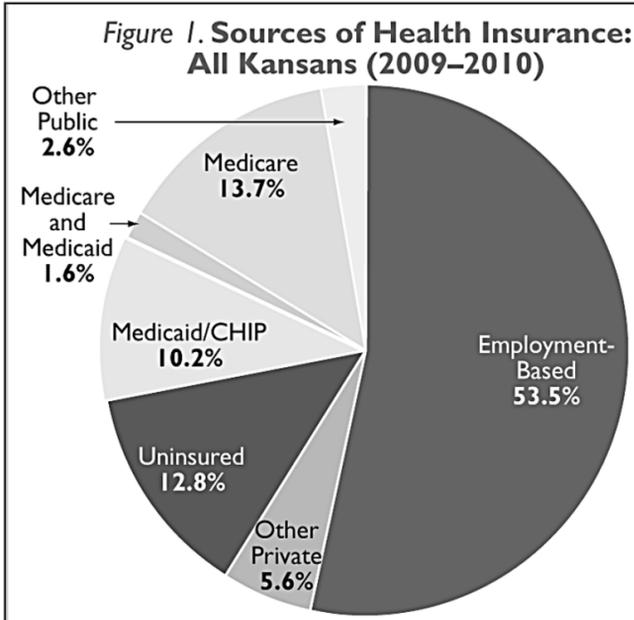
The Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Affordable Care Act (ACA), while altering just one of the primary provisions in the law, means Kansans will likely see more health care changes in the next few years. Although the ultimate fate of the ACA will depend on the November elections and actions of Congress, it has been deemed constitutional by the highest court and is standing federal law.

Several provisions of the ACA already have been implemented, affecting thousands of Kansans. In 2014, the law's most significant changes will roll out, touching every aspect of health care in Kansas. This brief outlines the impact of the ACA in Kansas by examining the changes that have taken place, the major changes ahead and the critical decisions before Kansas policymakers.

THE RULING

In ruling to uphold most of the ACA, the Supreme Court noted that the individual mandate is a valid exercise of Congress' power to tax. This means that in 2014, essentially all Kansans - with few exceptions - will be required to have health insurance or face a tax penalty. The law's numerous other provisions - including those that change the rules for health insurers, invest in public health programs, expand the health care workforce and fund research to find the most effective and efficient medical treatments - also will move forward.

The court's one adjustment was to the law's Medicaid expansion. The



law required that states expand their Medicaid programs to include all non-elderly individuals with incomes up to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level — around \$30,000 annually for a family of four — or risk losing all federal funding for the program. The ruling limited that provision, making this significant Medicaid expansion optional for states.

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Beginning in 2014, the ACA requires that insurers provide cover-

age to anyone who applies, regardless of whether the applicant has a pre-existing condition. The law further requires that insurers not charge disproportionately higher rates to people with medical conditions. Kansans who have group coverage, such as insurance through an employer, are already protected against these practices. However, for consumers who purchase coverage directly from an insurer in the individual market, these rules will be a major change. As shown in

Figure 1 on page 1, the individual market (labeled "other private" coverage) is a relatively small share of Kansas consumers at 5.6 percent. While 2014 brings the most substantial changes, Table 1 shows some of the rules already in effect for health insurance consumers in Kansas.

The other major change in the private insurance market is the ACA's creation of health insurance exchanges. An exchange is an online marketplace where individuals and small businesses can comparison shop for health insurance plans. The coverage offered through the exchange will be private coverage from companies like Blue Cross Blue Shield or Humana. However, the exchange is also where those who qualify can receive federal assistance to offset the cost of that coverage. As many as 158,000 uninsured Kansans will be eligible for this federal assistance in 2014. Kansans purchasing in the individual insurance market may opt to switch to exchange coverage, and many of them may qualify for subsidized coverage.

States had the option of creating state-based exchanges or ceding the responsibility for developing and operating them to the federal government. Kansas received a \$31.5 million federal grant to construct a state-based exchange, but Gov. Sam Brownback later ordered that money be returned. The Supreme Court's finding that the ACA is constitutional brings back into question what type of health insurance exchange model would be most beneficial for Kansas. Although current

timelines no longer give Kansas the option of a state-based exchange, they still allow other options to be considered, including a federal-state partnership.

KANSAS EMPLOYERS AND THE ACA

Kansas is a small-employer state with the vast majority of private employers employing fewer than 50 workers. In 2014, the ACA requires large employers - those with 50 or more full-time workers - to provide adequate and affordable coverage to their employees or risk financial penalties. The bulk of Kansas employers will be exempt from this rule. Of those large private employers who will be required to offer coverage, 97 percent already do so.

Starting in 2014, small-business owners who want to offer health insurance to their employees have the option of purchasing group coverage in the health insurance exchange. Those employers with fewer than 25 employees who choose to offer coverage through the exchange may be eligible for tax credits. Less than 40 percent of small private employers in Kansas currently offer coverage; it is hard to predict what impact the ACA will have on these business owners.

THE ACA'S 'OPTIONAL' MEDICAID EXPANSION

The ACA originally required states to expand eligibility for their Medicaid programs to all non-elderly individuals with incomes up to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level

See Health Care page 5



Applications Are Ready For Leadership Program

Flint Hills Region - Applications are now available for the nineteenth year of the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program (FHRLP). The Flint Hills Regional Task Force comprised of representatives from Geary, Riley, and Pottawatomie counties developed this program, which is the first regional leadership program in Kansas. The program aims to identify and motivate future leaders and will emphasize regional strengths and

resources, economic development, and entrepreneurial spirit. Participants will also learn the 21st Century Leadership skills necessary to help the Flint Hills Region become the best place in Kansas to live work and raise our children.

Between September 2012 and January 2013, class members will attend six sessions to be held in participating areas of the region. Session locations include Rock Springs Ranch/Junction City,

Manhattan/Riley County, Wamego/Pottawatomie County, Kansas State University, Fort Riley and Topeka. Attendance at these sessions is mandatory. Participants will be exposed to historical perspectives of the communities, key people, industrial and economic information and community vision. Twenty to twenty-four class members will be chosen from Geary, Riley, and Pottawatomie counties. The selection process

is designed to provide a class reflective of the diverse elements of the region. Minorities are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the Junction City, Manhattan, and Wamego Chambers of Commerce. Applications must be returned by July 18, 2012. For more information, contact Aileen Cray, Executive Director, (785) 313-2001 (Cell) or via email at sunflwre@cox.net.

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School District, Teachers Reach An Agreement

Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 and Manhattan-Ogden NEA have reached a tentative agreement. The teams have met seven times over the last three months to discuss the contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

Highlights of the new contract include:

3% compensation package increase

Increase of \$900.00 on the base salary (starting salary for a teacher will be \$34,900)

Continued coverage of the basic health insurance premium

Small increase in supplemental contracts (advisors & coaches)

Continued longevity increment increase

Continued payment for National Board Certification

Provide a new stipend for Bully Prevention teacher leadership

Continued 185 day contract length

Clarified emergency release and assistance related to teachers

"We are pleased to have reached a tentative agreement for a contract that benefits our students, teachers and the long-term future of our schools," said Dr. Robert Seymour, Associate Superintendent.

"Both parties worked very hard towards a shared common goal to put our students first and this tentative agreement is reflective of that goal."

"I have been very pleased with negotiations," James Neff said. "The level of cooperation and trust has helped us reach an agreement which will benefit the district, the teachers, and most importantly, the students."

The Board of Education will vote on ratification of the tentative agreement following teacher ratification in August.

Obituary's

Ayderick Charles Beverly

Ayderick Charles Beverly, 4 months old, of Manhattan, KS, passed away Monday, June 25th, at the North Kansas City Hospital, Kansas City, MO.

Ayderick Beverly was born in Manhattan, KS, on February 15, 2012, the son of Simone N. Beverly and Samuel V. R. Pearson Jr.

Ayderick is survived by his parents, Simone Beverly of

Manhattan, KS and companion Derrick Milton of Markham, IL; his father Samuel Pearson of Columbia, SC; a sister Azrah Al-amin, of the home; his grandfather, Fred Beverly of Manhattan, KS; grandmother, Clara Thompson of Midland, TX; grandmother Bernice Crumpton Columbia, SC; Samuel Pearson, Sr., Columbia, SC; and his great grandmother

Emma-Jean Crumdy, Bellville, TX.

Friends are invited to call on Tuesday, July 3 from 9:00am until the service at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, the service will begin at 10:00am, with burial at the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan, KS.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, that memorial contributions may be

made to Ayderick Charles Beverly Memorial

Fund and sent to either the funeral home or the Kansas State Bank, 1010 Westloop Plaza, Manhattan, KS

For more information or to send an email condolence visit irvinparkview.com or on Facebook.

Helen L. Kaufholz

Helen L. Kaufholz, age 100, of Manhattan, died Thursday, July 28, 2012 at her residence.

She was born on February 1, 1912 in Manhattan, the daughter of Venes and Nettie (Lundquist) Wilson.

Caring for others is something that Helen dedicated her life to both personally and professionally. She raised seven children and also three grandchildren. Helen cared for her ailing husband until his death; she then opened her home to her mother and sister as their health failed.

She worked in a doctor's

office in Junction City, mainly with bookkeeping as her main responsibility. She later went to work for Dr. Durkee and Dr. Boese in Manhattan. For 17 years she worked as their bookkeeper, secretary, and receptionist, as well as settling patients into the examination room and sterilizing the equipment.

Following her mother's death she worked for Home Health for 8 years. Helen then worked at the Riley Clinic. She enjoyed the medical field; she continued to miss the work even after she retired at the age

of 80.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Leo G. Kaufholz, a son, Leo V. Kaufholz, a daughter, Linda Kaufholz, and a granddaughter, Helen Ruth Kaufholz.

She is survived by her children: Jerry Kaufholz, of Manhattan, Helen Zdrojny and her husband Stan, of Tomah, Wisconsin, James Kaufholz and his wife Carol, of Manhattan, Sharon Neugent, of Manhattan, Shirley Nielsen and her husband Niel, of Herington, Kansas. Also she is survived by her many grandchildren and

great-grandchildren.

Private services for Mrs. Kaufholz will be held at a later date.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Manhattan Public Library. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Virginia D. Kimzey

Virginia D. Kimzey, age 96, passed away on May 8, 2012 in Manhattan, Kansas.

She was born in West Line, Missouri on February 3, 1916 to Fred & Ollie (Thomas) Evans. The Evans family moved to Louisburg, Kansas where she attended school and was a 1934 graduate of Louisburg High School. Virginia worked for the AAA and the Kansas Miami county Agriculture Department before moving to Manhattan in 1942. In Manhattan, she worked for the Kansas State Department of Agriculture.

She married Dallas C. Kimzey in 1946, and she was a devoted housewife and volunteer. Always helpful to those in need, she served as a Red Cross Lady at the Ft. Riley Hospital for eight years in the late 1940's and early 1950's. She and Dallas volunteered at the Memorial Hospital for many years, helping others and working on fundraisers and ice cream socials. She was very active in the First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan and served as a Deacon of the church. Virginia was always helping others and for many years when Dallas was an elder they were in charge of Communion preparations.

Virginia was a long time Cancer Survivor and supporter of the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at KSU. She was a supporter and contributor of The Mercy Community Health Foundation. She belonged to church circles, NARFE, AARP, SS Club, ESA and other philanthropic organizations. She enjoyed and participated in most activities at the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Village where she lived since January 2001. Before her eyesight limited her, she loved to

sew and paint in her spare time.

Her loving husband of 54 years, Dallas C. Kimzey, her parents and three sisters: Josephine Evans, Georgia Evans McCarter Machin and Margaret D. Cook preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three nephews and their families: Harvey McCarter and his wife Marilyn of Fairview, TX, David Cook and his wife Beth of Roswell, NM, Randy Cook of Hobbs, NM, several great nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends who were privileged to

know and love her. She added much to our lives and we will miss her.

Memorial Services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday July 2, 2012 at the Meadowlark Hills Community Room 2121 Meadowlark Road, Manhattan, Kansas with Rev. R. Cam McConnell officiating. Private inurnment will be at an earlier date in the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Virginia D. Kimzey Memorial at the Manhattan First Presbyterian Church or to

the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at KSU in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Going For A Whistle Stop History Ride

Two cars of the Marshall County Central Branch Railroad were filled as they made the 1st Whistle Stop History Ride Saturday.

The thirty-five historical buffs were treated to a long list of history facts as they rode the rails from the Big Blue River east of Blue Rapids to several miles west of Waterville and dinner at the restored Weaver Hotel.

The ride began at the east end of the Central Branch Railroad at the Dean Constable farm. Josh Berger, Sabetha, gave the history of the original plan and construction of the Central Branch rails from Atchinson to Waterville.

The ride proceeded to the trestle high above the Big Blue River for a short discussion of the surveying and the relocation of the tracks due to the construction of Tuttle Creek Reservoir in the early 1960's.

As the train arrived in Blue Rapids, John Schwartz, Blue Rapids re-enacted the part of George Hannah and told of the building and purpose of the Hannah Plant a large employer in the earlier years.

Proceeding on into BR, the ride stopped at the Missouri Pacific caboose for a review of the Orphan Train history by Melva Sanner as Anna Laura Hill, an agent for the NY City Children's Aid Society.

The Orphan Train brought children from the inter cities of the east to be adopted by families in the west.

While in BR, Dr. Don Musil, told the story of a local lucky ticket holder, attended the baseball game in 1913 between the Chicago White Sox and New York Giant's.

The Whistle Stop ride then continued to the Theodore Musil farm where, Ann Walter, portrayed Mrs. Elizabeth Musil, (Aunt Betta), entertained the guests with stories recalled by Ted Musil of the Missouri Pacific train as it ran through the family farm. While at this stop, the passengers saw Hayden Botkin playing the part of a hobo along the rails.

The Musil farm was known by hobos as a place where they could get something to eat along the way. Aunt Betta would never turn them away.

And then wouldn't you know it, the Whistle Stop History train was held up by Dave Sanner, Blue Rapids, on horseback. After being forced to give up their jewels, the passengers



One of the cars taking part in the 1st Whistle Stop History Ride.

saw a young lady (played by Melva Sanner) removed from the train by the villain.

Arriving in Waterville the guests spent some time in the Waterville Opera House where Beverly Hedke played songs of the day, showing off the wonderfully acoustics of the old opera house.

While at the Opera House (wanting to keep the actors and passengers out of the hot summer heat) re-enactors gave the history of Waterville and the area.

Kenny Winkenwader, Waterville told of Waterville in the 1870 and it's time as a cattle town like Abilene and Dodge City. He told about the main street of Waterville being Front Street next to the railroad. Windenwader told of all the business building along the street and some of the owners.

Lester Wiese, Waterville, worked on the last crew of the Missouri Pacific in Kansas and told how the line was built from town to town heading west.

The passengers were then taken to the Weaver Hotel for lunch, as was originally experienced by the passengers on the Missouri Pacific.

Part of the lunch break was used as an opportunity to tell the Weaver Hotel history and to enjoy entertainment in the



Aunt Betta tells about feeding the hobo's along the rails.

hotel.

The guests will depart Waterville on the train traveling to the location of the original cattle stockyard west of Waterville for a review of the Waterville's history as a cattle town along the CB rails by member, Kenny Winkenwader.

After lunch the guests were back on the train traveling to the location of the original cattle stockyard west of Waterville and a review of Waterville's history as a cattle town.

More Whistle Stop History Rides are planned in the future or organizations and families

can make their own plans for a ride on the Missouri Pacific rails.

For more information or reservations (required), contact Ann Walter at 785-363-2343/799-4294

This Friday and Saturday nights the Waterville Summer

Theatre will be performing the "Opera House Follies" starting at 8:00 in the beautiful restored Opera House. Tickets at the door are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for children.

It is another way to relive the past today.



Kenny Winkenwader tells of the cattle town.



Carter Popejoy describes the special lunch.



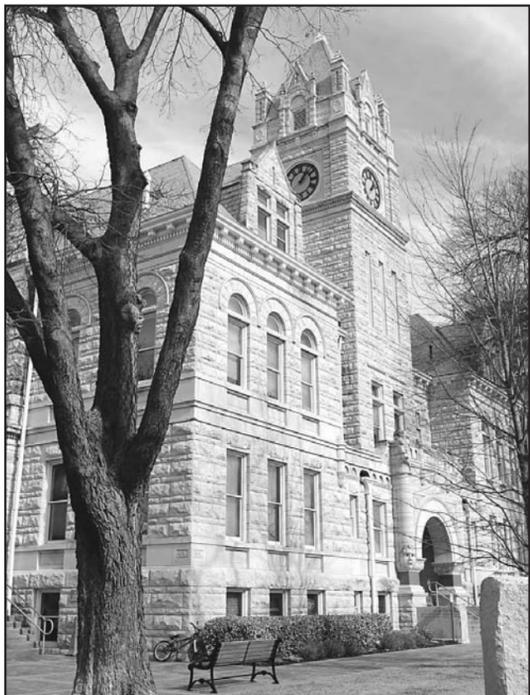
Mrs. Petr provided the entertainment at lunch time.



Lester Wiese tells of working on the MP.



Just like in the old days, the passengers and train crew had lunch at the Weaver Hotel.



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 June 25, 2012 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

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

McCulloh moved to appoint Dave Lewis as Riley County's voting delegate for the 2012 NACo Conference. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2012 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Rod Harms, attended.

Holeman said the Attorney General's opinion on the 1/2 cent sales tax is not completed.

9:30 Press Conference
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Larry Couchman, EMS Director; Captain Tim Hegarty, Riley County Police Department; Eileen King, Treasurer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; and Jeff Burkhart, KMAN, attended.

Couchman reported he was very pleased with the 17th year of the Country Stampede. Couchman said he believes it was one of the highest attended Country Stampede events.

Couchman stated the number of patients was higher, but attributes it to the higher attendance.

Couchman reported the busiest day was Saturday.

Hegarty stated the Riley County Police Department works traffic and campground security for the Country Stampede. Hegarty stated it was an uneventful event for the Riley County Police Department.

King reported she has been appointed to the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission.

King presented the following information on motor vehicle renewals and registrations:

Friday, June 29th is the last day for "H-I" renewals.

Treasurer's office is able to process all vehicle transactions on a daily basis. Lines may be longer than people are accustomed to. This is caused by some records not converting over to the new system and because of connectivity issues from the state.

Staff works overtime to complete mailed in renewals, titles, and non-customer related tasks. Staff does not take breaks when there are long lines. Staff has been trained on the system to allow them the maximum knowledge possible to process transactions. Anyone in line at

5:00 p.m. each day is helped no matter how long it takes.

King said please be patient and allow extra time for motor vehicle transactions. 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 don't wait until afternoon to come in, especially Friday afternoon.

King said for some reason the system seems to get overloaded in the late afternoon and slows down or comes to a complete stop. At these times service slows and lines lengthen. Usually the problem is solved within 15 minutes, but sometimes it takes an hour. There is no guarantee.

McCulloh said a Greater Manhattan Community Foundation Grants and Awards event will be held today at the Manhattan Public Library at 4:00 p.m. McCulloh said the Community Corrections Department and Emergency Medical Services will receive two of the thirty-one grants this year.

10:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services

10:00 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 11:15 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:12 McCulloh moved to go out of executive session. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:15 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/ Director of Administrative Services

11:15 Johnson 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 11:35 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to go out of executive session. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:38 Robert Nall, Information Technology/GIS Director; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Lewis moved that the County Commission approve the disciplinary action reviewed today in executive session, and the County Counselor shall advise the parties in writing, with the offer we discussed. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:40 Lewis moved to adjourn after the intergovernmental luncheon. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.



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— about \$30,000 for a family of four. The court's decision prohibiting the federal government from withholding Medicaid funding from states that do not comply has the effect of making the expansion optional. Of the approximately 351,000 uninsured Kansans, 151,000 could qualify for the expanded Medicaid program if Kansas implements it. Of those, an estimated 130,000 are low-income adult Kansans who today do not qualify for Medicaid and who would be made eligible by the expansion. Table 2 shows a breakdown of uninsured Kansans and how the ACA's federal subsidies and proposed Medicaid expansion would affect them.

As outlined in the ACA, for the next three years of the expansion, the federal government will pay for 100 percent of the costs of covering the newly eligible Medicaid population. That federal contribution declines to 90 percent by the year 2020, with the state picking up the remaining 10 percent.

OTHER ACA IMPACTS

The Affordable Care Act is an enormous piece of legislation that touches on every aspect of the health care system. Not only does it significantly change the health insurance market, it also alters health care delivery and payment systems. The law changes the way that Medicare pays providers and hospitals and uses the program as an incubator for testing new methods of care coordination and management. The ACA imposes new transparency requirements on health insurers and providers. Hospitals will be required to publish lists of their "standard charges," and nonprofit hospitals have to demonstrate how they benefit the communities they serve to a greater extent than before. Kansas hospitals and providers already are

adapting to the ACA's new landscape.

An often-overlooked portion of the law is the public health component. The ACA allocates funding to a host of public health initiatives, and Kansas has received thousands of these dollars. This funding includes grants for early childhood home visitation programs, family-to-family educational centers for those with special health care needs and school-based health clinics. Given the country's uncertain financial situation, the ACA's public health funding — and other funding pools — may be vulnerable. Congress has already reduced funding in several portions of the ACA, although Kansas has received millions in ACA funding for public health and other efforts to date as seen in Figure 3.

To offset this federal funding, the ACA includes several revenue-raising provisions, primarily taxes on health insurance, medical device and pharmaceutical companies, and individuals in the highest income brackets. A goal of the law's renewed focus on medical innovation and research is to identify the most effective and least costly treatment options so that health care dollars can be spent more wisely. The ACA's payment reforms focus on rewarding quality of care rather than quantity.

CONCLUSION

The Supreme Court's health reform ruling ends months of speculation and uncertainty, but it also raises key questions for Kansas policymakers.

Among the most pressing is the question about the Medicaid expansion. If policymakers choose not to comply with the eligibility changes called for in the law, an estimated 130,000 low-income adult Kansans may remain uninsured. The ruling also resumes the discussion of

whether Kansas should develop a more state-focused model for a health insurance exchange.

These decisions ensure that the ACA will have a significant impact on Kansans.

The Kansas Health Institute is an independent, nonprofit health policy and research organization based in Topeka, Kansas. Established in 1995

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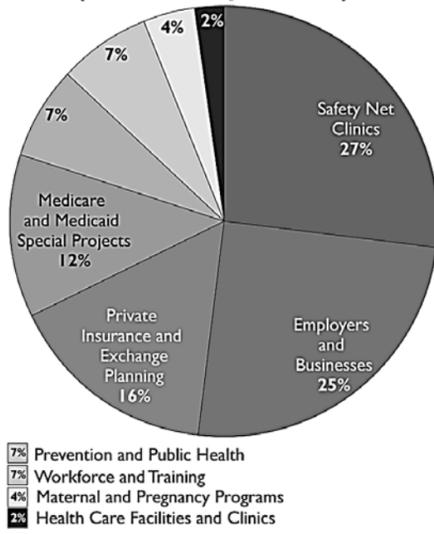
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Figure 2. ACA and Kansas Employers

- **Early Retiree Reinsurance Program:** Offers federal payments to employers and unions who provide health insurance coverage to retirees who are not yet Medicare-eligible.
 - In Kansas: \$11.3 million paid, 62 employers and unions enrolled in program including Koch Industries, Sprint and the State of Kansas.
- **Therapeutic Discovery Project Grants:** Provides tax credits and grants to promising biotechnology and medical innovation projects.
 - In Kansas: Grants and tax credits awarded to 16 Kansas biotech and medical innovation companies.

Source: Healthcare.gov

Figure 3. ACA Funding to Kansas: \$88 Million (March 2010–June 2012)



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation ACA Federal Funds Tracker, June 2012.

Table 1. Impact of the ACA Provisions Already in Place

Provision	Impact in Kansas
Dependent coverage up to age 26	As of June 2011, 22,000 young adult Kansans were covered through this provision, and that number has likely grown.
Preventive care at no cost to patient	As of March 2012, 529,000 Kansans in private plans have received free preventive care through this provision.
No lifetime limit on health insurance plans	As of March 2012, an estimated 1,021,000 Kansans no longer face lifetime limits. This includes 279,000 children, 368,000 men and 374,000 women.
Medical Loss Ratio ("MLR") rules	For each dollar received in premiums, insurers must spend 80 to 85 cents on medical care or quality improvement rather than administrative costs or profit. If this threshold is exceeded, consumers receive rebates from the company. By August 2012, roughly \$4.2 million will be rebated to Kansas consumers, primarily those in the individual market.

Sources: Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts and HealthCare.gov

Table 2. Uninsured Kansans and the Affordable Care Act

Income Level (family of four)	Number of Uninsured in Kansas (total = 351,000)	Impact of ACA
More than \$90,000	42,000	These individuals would not be eligible for premium tax credits though they are welcome to purchase in the health insurance exchange if they choose.
\$30,000–\$90,000	158,000 ¹	These individuals may qualify for premium tax credits for coverage purchased through the health insurance exchange.
Less than \$30,000	151,000 ¹	These individuals may qualify for Medicaid if the state adopts the ACA Medicaid expansion; these individuals are generally not eligible for premium tax credits through the exchange. ²

¹These figures include children who may be currently eligible for Medicaid or CHIP but are not enrolled.
²An inconsistency in the law may allow for some Kansans between 100 percent and 133 percent of FPL to qualify for federal assistance.
 Note: For some who are eligible, cost-sharing subsidies are available in addition to the premium tax credits.
 Source: Current Population Survey data, 2009–2010

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Straight Shooters participate in 2012 National 4-H Invitational Match: (l to r) Austin Becker, Manhattan, Small Bore Pistol; Daniel Dietrich, Wamego, Hunting Skills; Jacob Dietrich, Wamego, Air Rifle; Matthew Plummer, Wamego, Hunting Skills; and Wade Stroda, Manhattan, Small Bore Rifle, participated in the 2012 National 4-H Invitational Match June 17 to 22, 2012 in Grand Island, Nebraska. (Photo: Tim Stroda)

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Team Kansas Places 3rd At 4-H National Shooting Match

Five members of the Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters participated in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Match held in Grand Island, NE, June 18-22.

There were over 536 youth participating in the match, which included Air Rifle, Air

Pistol, Compound Archery, Recurve Archery, Hunting Skills, Muzzleloading, Smallbore Pistol, Smallbore Rifle, and Shotgun. Team Kansas placed 3rd behind Texas and Missouri, with 33 states represented.

Matthew Plummer, Wamego,

and Daniel Dietrich, Wamego, were members of the first ever Kansas Hunting Skills team. The Kansas team was co-coached by 4-H Straight Shooters' Wayne Hubbard, St. George. The team placed 3rd overall after placing 3rd on Wildlife ID/Game Management, 3rd on Hunter Decision Making, and 2nd on General Hunting Skills, including shooting skills in archery, shotgun, and small bore rifle.

Austin Becker, Manhattan, was a member of the overall 1st place Small Bore Pistol team that placed 1st in Bullseye, 1st in Silhouette, and 4th in Camp Perry Round (modified).

Wade Stroda, Manhattan, was a member of the overall 3rd place Small Bore Rifle team, co-coached by 4-H Straight Shooters' Sally Stroda, Manhattan. The team placed 2nd in NRA Silhouette, 2nd in CMP Rimfire, and 4th in NRA 3-P.

Jacob Dietrich, Wamego,

was a member of the overall 5th place Air Rifle team. The team placed 5th in 3-P Sporter Air Rifle, 3rd in Sporter Air Rifle Standing, and 6th in NRA Sporter Air Rifle Silhouette.

Visit: <http://4h.unl.edu/ntl-shootingsportsinvitational/results> for more results from the 2012 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational.

The Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters are sponsored by Daisy Outdoor Products, National Wild Turkey Federation, Kansas State Rifle Association, Kansas Muzzleloaders Association, Riley and Pottawatomie County Extension Councils, Riley County Fish and Game, Kansas State University Military Science Department, Kaw Valley Archery, Flint Hills Pheasants Forever, Justin Corbet Foundation, Friends of NRA, and all Shooting Sports parents, families and instructors.

Kansas Will Have Less Control Over Health Insurance Sales

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

FAIRWAY — Kansans will have limited control over developing a health-insurance exchange before the Nov. 16 deadline, the state's insurance commissioner says.

Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, giving states such as a Kansas little time to organize a state-run plan, said Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, the state's chief regulator of the companies selling the health insurance policies consumers will be required to buy.

"That opportunity is lost," Praeger said in a telephone news conference Thursday afternoon.

The federal government will determine how Kansas consumers buy health insurance — required under the Affordable Care Act, either through a partnership with Kansas, or done wholly in Washington, D.C., Praeger said.

Praeger, a Republican, started planning in 2010 for just such a state-run exchange, using a \$32 million federal early innovator grant. The federal Department of Health and Human Services offered the grants to Kansas and other states to help develop model electronic market places, allowing consumers to shop and compare health insurance online.

But the Kansas GOP made the 2010 elections largely a referendum on President Obama and conservative frustration over his health plan and other policies. Republicans scored their biggest wins in 46 years in those elections, and their hostility toward the health-care law led Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback — a Republican and Obamacare opponent — to return the money.

The state instead ordered a far more costly, \$135 million system designed to screen applicants for social services programs, but which might also

be useful for an insurance exchange. Kansas, like all states, faces the Nov. 16 deadline for submitting its exchange plans to regulators at the U.S. Health and Human Services. If that doesn't happen, federal officials could prescribe a plan of their own.

Thursday's Supreme Court ruling could prove costly for Kansans in other ways.

No one yet knows how much it will cost Kansas' 350,000 uninsured residents to buy coverage, which will be required beginning in 2014. Those costs aren't yet calculated.

But if the premium costs are anywhere near the almost \$2,200 a year for individuals as reported in a national survey by eHealthInsurance.com — a Mountain View, Calif. Online broker — the total tab would be almost \$769 million a year. That's equal to more than a fourth of the \$3 billion in personal and business income taxes Kansans paid in 2011.

The potential total bill for Kansas taxpayers tops those premium costs many times over, according to a study completed last year by the Kansas Policy Institute, a Wichita think tank that advocates free market solutions for public policy questions.

The study, by former Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland economist Jagadeesh Gokhale, concluded that the Affordable Care Act would require \$4.7 billion additional general fund spending for Medicaid, the state's largest health plan, between 2014 and 2023, the first 10 years universal coverage would be required.

That total could change. Legal experts were still parsing the Supreme Court's ruling late Thursday.

Until then, "Medicaid spending accounts for 18 percent of state revenues, but under the ACA will hit 31 percent in just 10 years," said Dave Trabert, the Institute's president. "That doesn't allow much room for spending on other state priorities such as education."

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