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Coach Snyder was not happy with the guy in the background during a game last year.

K-State At The Big 12 Football Media Days

Kansas State Sports Information

DALLAS, Texas – Kansas State head football coach Bill Snyder, along with student-athletes Arthur Brown, Collin Klein, Tre Walker and Ty Zimmerman met with national and regional print, radio and broadcast media on Monday as part of the Big 12 Media Days. The following is a transcript of Snyder's press conference from early Monday afternoon.

THE MODERATOR: We're now joined by coach Bill Snyder from Kansas State. We're going to go straight to questions.

Q. Coach, can you talk about with what happened with Penn State, how hard would it be to run a program with so many fewer scholarships and things like that, what kind of challenge would that be?

COACH SNYDER: I haven't thought about it. I really don't know. That was probably going to be my opening statement, if I were to give one, and that is there's a lot of things going on in our society today, whether it happens to be what you're addressing or things that have taken place in Colorado, et cetera. That's not why we're here.

We're here about for me it's about Kansas State University, about the young people that play the game for us, and it's about the Big 12 Conference. The rest of it I'm not interested in.

Q. During the summer you spoke a time or two about expectations, and after being picked eighth in the Big 12 last season, K State finishes second. Now coming off ten wins, K State enters picked to finish sixth in the league. Just your thoughts on that spot and do you feel like your program does its best when it's considered somewhat of an underdog?

COACH SNYDER: I'm not altogether certain. And I think you look back at last season and we moved up maybe six slots. I just hope that we can do something similar to that.

But for us that's, I don't think, really significant. How do I deal with it? Probably not the same way that young people in the program do. Do we perform better as, quote/unquote, underdogs? That I don't know. I haven't seen any statistics in that regard. Last year obviously we played reasonably well in those circumstances.

I have a greater concern about game by game when we are perhaps selected as favorites in a ballgame. I think that as any coach probably would say, that's where your greatest concern lies, just not making sure that young people don't take things for granted or we as coaches don't take anything for granted.

You go back to the last season and what was our mindset going into the very first ballgame of the season. We played Eastern Kentucky and did not score a touchdown until 58 plus minutes of the ballgame and then we're very fortunate to walk away with a victory.

So one of the things that we have to be concerned about this coming season is that very simple concept of not taking anything for granted. And I think sometimes underdog or favorite, the favorite role is one that's more complex because it's easier to kind of take it for granted.

I think our youngsters have responded well in regards to maybe not so much dealing with the fact that they are an underdog or they're ranked lower, that it may be more so in the day to day improvement just trying to compete every single day to get themselves a little bit better and realizing the rest of it takes care of itself.

However you want to be ranked, you gotta be willing to pay the price today in order to make that happen six months down the road.

Q. You've been in this league a long time. The last two years we've been in this room talking about where this league was going, what was going to happen in this league. Can you talk about the difference in perception today as opposed to the last couple of years, and maybe even to years past on where this league's perceived and where you see the stability of it?

COACH SNYDER: Well, I think it's the state of the conference right now, if there is such a thing in college football. I think it's quite obvious that the universities that make up the Big 12 Conference today are heavily committed to the conference. I think we lost two very fine universities and programs, but we gained two extremely talented football programs and quality universities as well.

I think as evidence as it relates to football, when you look at the preseason rankings and the two incoming universities, they're ranked right up in the top 10 or top 12 in the country. So it would indicate that there's a national perception that they are quality programs as well.

And I think we're an extremely solid conference, and I appreciate the leadership. I have an awfully strong feeling, appreciate Chuck Neinas stepping in and taking some time out of his life to help with our conference. Bob Bowsby added as our new commissioner I think has been a very, very positive step, a very quality person and strong leader as well.

So, again, I think we're a very stable conference.

Q. Coach, if you could, just kind of discuss the maturation of Collin Klein last year how he came along and did it surprise you how quickly he seemed to take to the offense?

COACH SNYDER: First, I'm too old to be surprised. At my age you've seen an awful lot of things take place over a period of time. And I really don't. Believe it or not, it's not my modus operandi to place expectations on young guys in regards to their performance level.

Collin is a wonderful young person. He has made tremendous improvement during his time in the program.

And it's happened because of the quality of person that Collin is. Collin is one of those young guys as we were talking about a moment ago, he's one of those young guys truly committed not just lip service to it, he's truly committed to becoming better every single day of his life in all facets of his life, very faith based young guy and works diligently to improve his plight with the state every day.

He's a tremendous family man and he works diligently every day to become a little bit better family man to try to be a better person, et cetera, et cetera, and certainly to become a better football student athlete. And he works diligently at trying to improve his skills and consequently does.

And I think that's and it was evidenced as you watched him through the course of the season. And, of course, you haven't but seeing him for the past three years and seeing his involvement is really it's the way you'd like for all young people in your program to be. And we have a lot of young guys that have that same kind of commitment to that daily improvement that Collin does.

But he's a shining example of that.

Q. The Big 12 obviously is a league full of good quarterbacks. There are five guys on the O'Brien watch list. How tough is it to play in a league that has so many weapons at that position?

COACH SNYDER: It's been my experience, particularly since coming back, that the league has evolved to a certain degree to be able to, what we say, spread the field and throw the ball around. And you've got quality people doing it. Extremely talented quarterbacks in this conference, and talented offenses collectively. Some great wide receivers have come through the league here of late.

And I can't put it on a scale of how complex it is and how difficult it is other than to say it is extremely difficult. Statistically you look at the passing staffs in the conference, and they're extremely significant.

You look at defensive staffs in the Big 12 Conference, and they're significant in the other way as it relates to defending against the pass. We certainly had our issues with that as well.

So quality players and good systems really make it a very complex preparation week in and week out. Good football teams, awfully good players.

Q. Tyler Lockett, your sophomore receiver, coming back from an injury. He's also on the Preseason All Big 12. How has his recovery been going and how do you expect him to make an impact coming off an injury that debilitated him the last part of the season?

COACH SNYDER: I think what is overlooked perhaps, we have 15 days of practice in the spring, and on the 15th day it was our spring game and Tyler didn't play.

Bridge Repair Projects Start On 113

On Tuesday, July 24, a repair and overlay project started on the northbound and southbound K-113 (Seth Child Road) bridges over Wildcat Creek and Anderson Avenue in Manhattan (Riley County). Project work includes repair work to the bridge deck followed by the application of a polymer overlay. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Project work will take place Monday through Friday.

Beginning on Tuesday, July 24, northbound and southbound K-113 (Seth Child Road) will be reduced to one lane on the bridges over Wildcat Creek and Anderson Avenue and will remain so throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed via cones and signage over the bridge. There will be a 35 mph posted speed limit through the work zone during the duration of the project. Drivers can expect minor delays and should allow extra time during their peak hour morning/afternoon commutes.

Mill Valley Construction, Inc. (Shawnee Mission, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair and overlay project for a total contract cost of \$211,591. The scheduled completion date for the entire bridge repair and overlay project is late September 2012, weather permitting.

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone. For more information on this bridge repair and overlay project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Engineer, at (785) 456-2353. (KDOT Project # 113-81 KA 1319-01)

Tax Reform Leads To More Jobs, Higher Pay

Kansas Policy Institute

Wichita - July 24, 2012 - Answers to many of the policy and political questions regarding the tax reform package that Gov. Sam Brownback signed into law in May are in a new analysis from Kansas Policy Institute. "Tax Reform Gears Kansas for Growth" shows that at least 33,000 new jobs will be created and Kansans will have at least \$1.6 billion more in disposable income. The study also shows that a one-time spending adjustment of about 8.5% is all that is needed to have balanced budgets with healthy ending balances.

Dave Trabert, president of Kansas Policy Institute, offered, "Efficient government spending is the key to tax reform. Every state has schools, social service programs and other primary services. Some states have done a better job of providing those services at lower costs. Kansas can have lower taxes and high quality services by improving efficiency by just 8.5%. In dollar terms, the FY 2014 budget would be about the same as in FY 2011."

Data from the National Association of State Budget Officers shows that twenty-four states spent less per-resident than Kansas in FY 2010 - and that's when Kansas was spending nearly \$900 million less than today.

The paper also shows that revenues will not decline as much as predicted in the Kansas Legislative Research

Department's analysis. KLRD's analysis is "static" in that for every dollar of tax cuts will result in lower revenue. It does not take into consideration the actions of individuals with more money in their pocket. KPI partnered with the Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University to produce a "dynamic" analysis which makes clear that lower taxes equals more money to be spent in the private sector economy.

Practically speaking, this means that some of the money previously collected through income taxes will be spent by consumers and go to the different levels of government in the way of higher sales, and other tax collections. A dynamic analysis also accounts for additional income taxes that will be paid as a result of higher employment.

Finally, the study shows that local government will collect at least \$323 million in higher sales and property taxes as a result of increased consumer activity.

Trabert concluded by saying, "General Fund spending increased by 82% between 1994 and 2011 while inflation and population only grew by 61%, which is further evidence that Kansas has room to operate more efficiently and still provide essential government services. Local government will enjoy even higher tax revenue, so tax reform provides no rational basis for officials to speculate about higher tax rates"

Kicking Recycling Off Curb

By Gene Meyer | Kansas Reporter
FAIRWAY — Kansas lawmakers are kicking recycling off the curb.

City officials in Lawrence and Emporia — and perhaps other Kansas cities — are learning about a little-noticed law passed in the final days of the 2011 Kansas Legislature.

The law, in summary, delays curbside recycling.

"It's frustrating," said Emporia City Manager Matt Zimmerman, who once hoped to offer curbside recycling to residents in early 2013. That won't happen until at least 2014.

So take those cans and bottles elsewhere. Or, just pitch them.

Recycling in Lawrence would, by 2020, help cut by half trash shipments to the city landfill, said Kathy Richardson, the city's Waste Reduction and Recycling Division operations manager.

But the new law has specific timetables for planning, public hearings, legal notices, and an 18-month transition period.

"The earliest we'll be able to begin curbside recycling is June 11, 2014," Richardson said. "And if we miss a deadline along the way, we have to start over."

Think of the law, Kansas House Bill 2195, as an insurance policy, of sorts.

The law was designed to help protect solid-waste companies' investment in trash trucks, sorters, crushers and other specialized equipment should the local governments that hired them decide to terminate their contracts, and either run the service themselves or hire competitors. It spells out specific steps communities must take to inform residents and waste haulers when changes to waste-management contracts are planned, and it postpones the beginning of new plans until 18 months after the changes are approved.

The 18-month delay, in theory, gives waste companies time to sell garbage trucks and other specialized equipment without risking large financial losses.

The law amounts to a compromise between what waste management companies originally asked for — a two-year delay plus payments for lost business — and what opponents sought, which was easier access to all markets for all potential bidders, said state Rep. Steve Huebert, R -Valley Center; he chairs the House Local Government Committee.

"I'm a free-market guy, but this keeps cities from cutting off contracts and forcing the rest of us to find new trash haulers whether we want to or not," Huebert said.

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Heritage: The End Of Welfare Reform As We Know It

By Amy Payne

Heritage Foundation

The Obama Administration made yet another end run around Congress last week—this time, to gut the successful welfare reform law of 1996. If this is allowed to stand, it will mean rewinding years of progress that lifted millions out of poverty.

Before the 1996 reform, welfare was a one-way handout: Government mailed checks to recipients who did nothing in return. The new program the reform law established, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), changed all that. It required able-bodied welfare recipients to work, prepare for work, or at least look for work as a condition of receiving aid. Welfare reform turned “welfare” into

“workfare.”

At the time, liberals denounced the new law and predicted dire consequences for America’s needy. They said the reform would do “serious injury to American children” and “substantially increase poverty and destitution.”

There was “absolutely no evidence that this radical idea has even the slightest chance of success,” they said, crying that “No piece of legislation in U.S. history has increased the severity of poverty so sharply.”

In reality, the exact opposite turned out to be true.

After reform, the welfare caseload promptly dropped by 50 percent. As the caseload plummeted, employment and earnings among recipients experienced an unprecedented surge upward. As Heritage’s

Robert Rector reported:

As welfare dependence fell and employment increased, child poverty among the affected groups fell dramatically. For a quarter-century before the reform, poverty among black children and single mothers had remained frozen at high levels. Immediately after the reform, poverty for both groups experienced dramatic and unprecedented drops, quickly reaching all-time lows.

Still, the left fought the work requirements. But after legislative attempts to do away with them failed over the years, the Obama Administration decided to rescind the reforms without Congressional approval. This Administration has had no problem acting in an imperial way, rewriting law on its own, whether its new dictates are

legal or not. In fact, Heritage legal scholars have determined this latest move is indeed illegal.

What did they hate so much? The reform simply reflected Americans’ willingness to help their neighbors in need, on the condition that welfare recipients do what they can to help themselves as well.

Under the law, some 40 percent of adult TANF recipients in a state were required to engage in “work activities,” defined as unsubsidized employment, subsidized employment, on-the-job training, attending high school or a GED program, vocational education, community service work, job search, or job readiness training. Participation was part-time, 20 hours per week for mothers with children under

six and 30 hours for mothers with older children.

In the past, state welfare bureaucrats have attempted to define “personal care activities,” “massage,” “motivational reading,” “journaling,” attending Weight Watchers, and “helping a friend or relative with household tasks” as work activities. Expect far more of this in the future as no-strings-attached handouts again displace workfare.

Instead of helping people get back on their feet—from job training to obtaining employment—welfare will now go back to locking them in a cycle of dependence on the government.

President Obama has made no secret about his plans to expand the welfare state permanently. He has increased spending on federal means-tested welfare (“means-tested” benefits are doled out according to the recipients’ income levels) by a third since taking

office. And he plans to increase this even further after the current recession ends, calling for a permanent increase in annual means-tested spending from 4.5 percent to 6 percent of gross domestic product. Overall, President Obama plans to spend \$12.7 trillion on means-tested welfare over the next decade.

The welfare-to-work provisions of the TANF law were a real bipartisan success story—which is rare in a federal government with more than 80 means-tested welfare programs that provide cash, food, housing, medical care, and social services to poor and low-income people.

At the beginning of last week, only two of these programs had active work requirements. With Obama’s latest order, the list is now down to one.

All 105 Kansas Counties On Drought Status

Topeka – Drought conditions persist and intensify for Kansas which led Governor Sam Brownback to update the Drought Declaration for Kansas counties with an Executive Order 12-10 today. The update includes all 105 counties in an emergency status.

“While reservoirs and cities have been able to meet their communities’ needs so far, it is imperative citizens conserve water in every way they can,” Governor Brownback said. “Drought outlook indicates conditions are expected to continue or intensify for the state and we need increased cooper-

ation going forward.”

The updated drought declaration has all 105 counties in an emergency status. This status triggers the Kansas Water Office (KWO) and Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWP) to issue a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for emergency

use of state fishing lake storage under conditions of drought emergency declared by the Governor. This action was recommended by Tracy Streecher, Director of the KWO and Chair of the Governor’s Drought Response Team.

Obituary's

Leon “Dave” Smerchek

Leon “Dave” Smerchek, age 61, of Waterville, passed away while riding his bike last Saturday, July 21, 2012.

Dave was born June 26, 1951 at Marysville to Lauren M. and Cleo J. (Taylor) Smerchek. He graduated from Valley Height High School in 1969. After High School Dave graduated from Beloit Technical College and later attended Farrier School in Sperry, Oklahoma. He served in the US Marine Corps during Vietnam. He married Linda J. Anderson at the Waterville United Methodist Church on February 21, 1976.

Dave was the founder and owner of the Titan Trailer

Manufacturing family of businesses headquartered in Waterville. He was a member of the Waterville United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 237 of Linn and the Marine Corps League. He also rode with the Pony Express Re-Riders for several years.

Survivors include his mother, Cleo Smerchek of Blue Rapids, his wife Linda of Waterville, his children, Dan Smerchek and wife Sonja of Waterville and Haley Smerchek of Arlington, Texas, three sisters, Karen Brokenicky and husband Phil of Manhattan, Cindy Tholen and husband Mike of Odessa, Missouri,

Vicki Hargadine and husband Dirk of Blue Rapids and a grandson.

Funeral services are planned for 10:30 am, Thursday, July 26, 2012 at the Waterville United Methodist Church with Pastor Debby Dick officiating. A duet of piano and Organ is to be played by Beverly Hedke and Carol Hood. A congregational hymn of “The Hymn of Promise” will be sung and Mike Tholen will sing “Let it Be”. Casket Bearers include Randy Austin, Rich Jensen, Todd Perkins, Brendan Delehanty, Carl Dressman and Doyle Jackson. Honorary Bearers include Charles Strauss, Bill Dunmire, Alec

Doner and Preston Smerchek. Burial will be at the Czech-Moravian Cemetery south of Blue Rapids. Military honors provided by the US Marine Corps.

Memorials are suggested to either the Waterville United Methodist Church or to the Camp Chippewa Horse Program. Memorials may be sent in care of the funeral home at PO Box 61, Waterville, KS 66548.

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

Thelma Soupene

Thelma J. Soupene, age 88, of Manhattan, died Monday July 23, 2012 at the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community- Sloan House.

She was born on October 11, 1923, in Manhattan, the daughter of James and Hattie (Dewey) Piper. She attended grade school in the Manhattan area and graduated from St. George High School in 1941.

On March 6, 1943 in Pottawatomie County she was united in marriage to Jim Soupene.

Thelma was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan. She enjoyed

sewing, embroidering and quilting. Also she loved to cook for her family and to read and watch the cardinals out of her window.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Soupene, three sisters: Mildred Area, Hazel Fair and Dorothy Fair, and also four brothers: James Piper, Frank Piper, Dean Piper, and Donald Piper, and a grandson, Rusty Soupene.

Thelma is survived by her husband Jim, of their home in Manhattan, her daughter Jane Lamb, of Wamego, four sons: David Soupene and his wife Kathleen, Tom Soupene and his

wife Carol, and Russ Soupene, all of St. George, and Ken Soupene and Roxie, of North Richland Hills, Texas. She is also survived by her sister Martha Hyde, and her two brothers, Jack Piper and Kenneth Piper, all of St. George, and her 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Soupene will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 27, 2012 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Troy Bowers officiating. Interment will follow in the Valley View Memorial

Gardens east of Manhattan.

The family will greet friends during a visitation from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

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

Memorial contributions are suggested Alzheimer’s Disease Association or to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure-Breast Cancer Research. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Tony Gieber

Tony Gieber, 80, of Manhattan, KS passed away at Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan, KS on July 21, 2012. He was born in Ogden, KS on September 2, 1931 to Leo and Lola Gieber. He married Vida Fagan, June 26, 1950 at Seven Dolores Catholic Church. He was a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and a parishioner at Seven Dolores for 62 years.

He served 20 years in the Kansas National Guard retiring as Commanding Officer of the 891st engineering battalion.

He was owner and operator of Stichel Cleaners and Aggie Lounge for 40+ years. He was a member of Mid-America Fabric Care Association and South West Dry Cleaners Association. He was a strong advocate of the Manhattan Catholic Schools and a member of Post Number 17 of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Lola Gieber, son Gregory Lynn Gieber, sister Betty Siebert and

brother Floyd Conover.

He is survived by his wife Vida Gieber his daughters; Toni Murphy (Emerson) Burns, Jeanette (Jeff) Gould, adopted daughter Milly Gieber Vazquez, sons; Douglas (Michelle) Gieber and Brian (Erin) Gieber all of Manhattan; sister Lois Dougherty of Chattahoochee, FL, and brother Daniel (Mardee) Gieber, Fresno, Ca. Grandchildren: Dale, Toni Lea, Becky, Greg, Rachel, Clayton, Kylie, Lola, Luke and Elle; eight great

grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial will be Saturday July 28 at 10:00 A.M. at Seven Dolores Catholic Church with Father Joseph Popelka as Celebrant. Interment with military honors will follow in the St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Ogden.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 P.M. Friday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. A Christian Wake Service and Rosary will be held

at 7:00 P.M. Friday in the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Shepherd Hospice House or Manhattan Catholic Schools. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Reitz has voted with the

Democrats in most of the issues before the Senate.

Reader is the most conservative of the group and has a big following in the Tea Party group and conservative in the County.

Knopp was a leader in the Kansas House of Representative and is looked at as a more "middle of the road". Knopp has expressed some dissatisfaction with Gov. Sam Brownback's agenda.

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Tax Unit	City or Township	City or Twp Levy	State	Riley County	Fire Dist	NCK Library	School Dist	School Dist Levy	Cemetery Dist	Misc	Levies	2011 Levy	2010 Levy	Percent Change
001	Leonardville	22.740	1.500	34.782	4.899		378	54.859		Bala Twp	3.426	122.206	116.913	5%
002	Manhattan City	42.156	1.500	34.782			383	51.637				130.075	124.981	5%
008	Manhattan City	42.156	1.500	34.782			378	54.859				133.297	130.162	3%
009	Manhattan City	42.156	1.500	34.782			378	54.859				133.297	130.162	3%
010	Manhattan TIF5	42.156	1.500	34.782			383	51.637				130.075	124.981	5%
005	Ogden City	34.625	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637		Ogden Twp	1.189	130.032	125.710	4%
006	Randolph	17.626	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Fancy Creek #6	Jackson Twp	3.440	120.166	117.085	3%
007	Riley City	37.349	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Riley #3	Madison Twp	3.132	137.921	130.718	6%
150	Ashland	5.498	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637				99.716	94.420	6%
151	Ashland	5.498	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	475	45.499				93.578	90.582	4%
090	Bala	8.013	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Walsburg#5		1.648	107.101	103.719	4%
091	Bala	8.013	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859				105.453	102.473	3%
092	Bala	8.013	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Lasita		0.783	106.236	103.810	3%
093	Bala	8.013	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	E.F.&G.#4		0.701	106.154	103.165	3%
094	Bala	8.013	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	379	43.947	E.F.&G.#4		0.701	95.242	91.434	5%
095	Bala	8.013	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Bala Jt 2		1.466	106.919	105.231	2%
040	Center	14.027	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	May Day#1		2.908	116.035	112.530	4%
041	Center	14.027	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519				113.127	110.906	3%
042	Center	14.027	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Fancy Creek #6		2.281	115.408	113.090	3%
043	Center	14.027	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Crooked Creek		2.157	115.284	114.425	1%
044	Center	14.027	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Lasita		0.783	113.910	112.243	2%
060	Fancy Creek	8.163	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Walsburg #5		1.648	108.911	106.007	3%
061	Fancy Creek	8.163	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Crooked Creek		2.157	109.420	108.280	2%
062	Fancy Creek	8.163	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Crooked Creek		2.157	107.760	106.145	2%
063	Fancy Creek	8.163	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Lasita		0.783	108.046	106.098	2%
064	Fancy Creek	8.163	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Lasita		0.783	106.386	103.963	3%
065	Fancy Creek	8.163	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Walsburg#5		1.648	107.251	103.872	4%
110	Grant	8.059	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Riley #3		1.312	106.811	104.794	2%
111	Grant	8.059	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	E.F.&G.#4		0.701	106.200	104.262	2%
112	Grant	8.059	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859				105.499	103.570	2%
113	Grant	8.059	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637	E.F.&G.#4		0.701	102.978	99.081	4%
114	Grant	8.059	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637				102.277	98.389	4%
115R	Grant	8.059	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637		Terra Hts	4.088	106.365	102.473	4%
116R	Grant	8.059	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637	E.F.&G.#4	Terra Hts	4.789	107.066	103.165	4%
050	Jackson	10.898	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Rose Hill		1.774	111.772	112.698	-1%
051	Jackson	10.898	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Fancy Creek #6		2.281	112.279	112.827	-1%
052	Jackson	10.898	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519				109.998	110.643	-1%
053	Jackson	10.898	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Walsburg#5		1.648	111.646	111.889	-1%
100	Madison	3.925	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Bala Jt 2		1.466	102.831	100.559	3%
101	Madison	3.925	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	E.F. & G. #4		0.701	102.066	98.493	4%
102	Madison	3.925	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Riley #3		1.312	102.677	99.025	4%
103	Madison	3.925	1.500	34.782			1.400	378	54.859			96.466	92.812	4%
104	Madison	3.925	1.500	34.782			1.400	475	45.499			87.106	83.793	4%
130	Manhattan Twp	6.149	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637				100.367	96.403	5%
132R	Manhattan Twp	6.149	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637		Valleywood Oper.	13.736	114.103	102.761	12%
133R	Manhattan Twp	6.149	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637		Carson Sewer	3.096	103.463	99.531	4%
030	May Day	7.946	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Fancy Creek #6		2.281	109.327	106.971	3%
031	May Day	7.946	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519				107.046	104.787	3%
032	May Day	7.946	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	May Day #1		2.908	109.954	106.411	4%
140	Ogden Twp	3.287	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637				97.505	93.247	5%
070	Sherman	7.381	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Walsburg #5		1.648	108.129	102.130	6%
071	Sherman	7.381	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Walsburg #5		1.648	106.469	99.995	7%
072	Sherman	7.381	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	E.F. & G. #4		0.701	105.522	99.441	7%
073	Sherman	7.381	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	E.F. & G. #4		0.701	107.182	101.576	6%
074	Sherman	7.381	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519				106.481	100.884	6%
075	Sherman	7.381	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859				104.821	98.749	7%
076R	Sherman	7.381	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519		Univ Parks	8.283	114.764	106.759	8%
077R	Sherman	7.381	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	E.F. & G #4	Univ Parks	8.984	115.465	107.451	8%
078R	Sherman	7.381	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Walsburg #5	Univ Parks	9.931	116.412	108.005	8%
015	Swede Creek	10.089	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	498	58.424	Bellegard Jt #1		3.537	114.631	112.090	3%
016	Swede Creek	10.089	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Bellegard Jt #1		3.537	112.726	110.425	3%
017	Swede Creek	10.089	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	498	58.424	Czech Moravian		1.636	112.730	110.198	3%
018	Swede Creek	10.089	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Czech Moravian		1.636	110.825	108.533	3%
019	Swede Creek	10.089	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519				109.189	106.878	3%
020	Swede Creek	10.089	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Swede Creek		0.936	110.125	107.799	3%
021	Swede Creek	10.089	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	498	58.424	Swede Creek		0.936	112.030	109.464	3%
022	Swede Creek	10.089	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Fancy Creek#6		2.281	111.470	109.062	3%
023	Swede Creek	10.089	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	384	56.519	Rose Hill		1.774	110.963	108.933	2%
120	Wildcat	3.959	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859				101.399	99.567	2%
121	Wildcat	3.959	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	378	54.859	Riley #3		1.312	102.711	100.791	2%
122	Wildcat	3.959	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637				98.177	94.386	5%
160	Zeandale	6.384	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637				100.602	95.981	5%
161	Zeandale	6.384	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	320	57.161				106.126	104.172	2%
162	Zeandale	6.384	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	329	58.420				107.385	105.001	3%
163	Zeandale	6.384	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	320	57.161		Watershed	4.001	110.127	108.297	2%
164	Zeandale	6.384	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	329	58.420		Watershed	4.001	111.386	109.126	3%
165	Zeandale	6.384	1.500	34.782	4.899	1.400	383	51.637		Watershed	4.001	104.603	100.106	5%

The Riley County, Kansas Tax Levy Sheet above gives you everything you have ever wanted to know about the different taxing bodies in the County.

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Free Press Big 12 Sports

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Klein Named a Manning Award Candidate

Although the announcements of National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) watch lists came to an end on Friday, Kansas State still picked up another preseason award nomination over the weekend as quarterback Collin Klein was named to the Manning Award watch list, the Allstate Sugar Bowl announced.

Klein's candidacy for the award — which honors the nation's top quarterback — pushes the Wildcats' school-record total to 15 candidates for major college football awards, four more than the previous school record of 11 set by the 1998 squad. The Loveland, Colo., product was one of five Big 12 quarterbacks named to the list and one of 25 nationally.

Klein is the first quarterback in school history in the running for the award, which handed out its first trophy following the 2004 season. It is Klein's third inclusion on a preseason award watch list this season after being honored by the Maxwell and Davey O'Brien Awards.

The preseason watch list for the Manning Award recognizes top quarterbacks in the nation based on previous collegiate performance, while every quarterback in the nation remains eligible for the honor. A list of 10 finalists will be released on Monday, November 26, while the winner will be announced on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

Klein registered one of the best all-around seasons in



Collin Klein goes around right end for the touchdown against Kansas.

school history during the 2011 campaign as he led the Wildcats to a 10-3 record and berth in the AT&T Cotton Bowl. Considered by many the toughest player in college football last season, Klein tied a Big 12 record and set the FBS quarterback record with 27 rushing touchdowns to go along with his 1,141 rushing yards. The signal caller was also effective through the air as he connected on 161-of-281 pass attempts for 1,918 yards and 13 touchdowns.

An honorable mention All-

American by Sports Illustrated and a First Team All-Big 12 performer by the Associated Press, Klein ranked seventh in school history and first among quarterbacks in rushing yards, while he led the Big 12 with 317 rushing attempts, 67 more than the player in second place.

Klein, along with teammates Arthur Brown, Tre Walker and Ty Zimmerman, will join head coach Bill Snyder Monday in Dallas at the annual Big 12 Conference football media days. Follow the day's activities on Twitter (@kstatesports)

as well as online at k-statesports.com and big12sports.com.

The Wildcats' 2012 season kicks off at 6 p.m., on Saturday, September 1, as K-State hosts Missouri State at Bill Snyder Family Stadium for the fourth annual K-State Family Reunion. A four-pack of tickets for the game, as well as the September 15 contest against North Texas, can be purchased by August 1 for \$75. The game against the Mean Green also begins at 6 p.m.

Fans can also purchase tick-

ets for the highly-anticipated matchup against the University of Miami, which will kick off at 11 a.m., on September 8, for \$75 (bench seating) and \$85 (premium bench seating). For more information on season or single-game tickets, contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800-221-CATS or visit www.k-statesports.com/tickets.

K-State on Preseason Watch

Lists

Bednarik Award (Arthur Brown, Nigel Malone) Butkus Award (Arthur Brown)

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Rotary Lombardi Award (Arthur Brown)

Manning Award (Collin Klein)

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Bronko Nagurski Award (Arthur Brown, Nigel Malone)

Davey O'Brien Award (Collin Klein)

Rimington Trophy (BJ Finney)

Jim Thorpe Award (Nigel Malone)

Doak Walker Award (John Hubert)

Simoneau Receives Ultimate Honor

By Mark Janssen

Kansas State University

Mark Simoneau's advice to youngsters with dreams of being... well, a Mark Simoneau: Don't waste a day. Each day is critical to have success and to get to where you want to go.

Where that philosophy has sent the former Kansas State linebacker is into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

"The recognition is hard to put into words," said Simoneau of his recent honor that will include an official induction on Dec. 4 in New York City. "It's exciting for me and my family, but I hope also exciting for K-State and my hometown (Smith Center). It was an exciting time that was very unexpected. I so appreciated just being nominated. I had no expectations after that."

Simoneau said he received word of the honor from a box that arrived in the mail at his Overland Park, Kan., home. "It said National Football something, so I just thought it was something from the NFL," said Simoneau. "But inside was a football with my name on it and a note saying I was being inducted. I was shocked."

There are plenty of reasons for Simoneau's induction starting with leading the Wildcats to a 42-7 record between 1996 and 1999, which included three 11-win seasons. He led the 'Cats to four bowl games and two Big 12 North titles, plus holds the school record of 251 solo tackles, and is third in total tackles with 400, tackles for a loss with 52 and forced fumbles with eight.

"I think playing four years had a lot to do with it and being in front of the media for a long period of time," said Simoneau on what elevated him to the most elite of honors. "What I did on the field, plus the Butkus recognition (a three-time candidate) and being an All-American (twice) all tied things together."

Not bad for a young product from Smith Center, Kan., who grew up in the shadows of his brothers, Tim and Jeff, while starting his career in a Huff uniform, plastic helmet and a t-shirt pulled over miniature shoulder pads.

It was a time when, "I'm sure we didn't tackle properly, but it was just trying to get the guy down on the ground."

Through the years, few got people to the ground better than Simoneau.

K-State was the only school to offer the prep runningback/linebacker a scholarship. A dasher, by the way, who totaled 2,252 yards, averaging better than 10 yards per tote. Demonstrating his dedication and work ethic, the weight room, he squatted 585 pounds with my name on it and a note saying I was being inducted. I was shocked."

"I never had anyone knocking at my door other than K-State," said Simoneau. "I never attended camps, but my brother (Jeff) had played there in 1992, so I was familiar with the program and had a good feeling about it."

Simoneau immediately recognized the size and speed difference, but following Bill Snyder's theme of day-by-day, he saw his game get better to the point he said, "I can do this."

While there was a debate as to whether to play as a true freshman, a bout of mononucleosis made that decision easy, giving Simoneau another year to mature into the program.

In 1996, Simoneau was named the Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year, followed by All-Big 12 First Team honors in 1997, 1998 and 1999 when he was also the Defensive Player of the Year in his senior season.

"When you're an athlete trying to get better it becomes a gradual process over time. When that process is going on, success really doesn't become a surprise," said Simoneau, who calls the 40-30 victory over Nebraska in 1998, and the 35-18 upset of Syracuse in the 1997 Fiesta Bowl as his biggest personal team wins. "There

have been times I've wondered if I would have missed several days of trying to get better, what it might have met to my career. You just have to take advantage of every day to better yourself."

Now two years removed from an 11-year career in the NFL that included 525 career tackles in 124 games with the Atlanta Falcons, New Orleans Saints, Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs, Simoneau says of his recent reflections, "My college career and years in the NFL... those are things I never dreamed would happen. Even at a young age, my thoughts were only of that next step, whatever that was. But now that it's over, sure, with time to reflect you just say, 'Wow ... what a dream.'"

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EDUCATION. Reitz has worked tirelessly in the Senate to champion responsible funding for education. Last year he worked to help K-State expand its engineering program and restore \$43.7 million in K-12 school funding. Reitz believes the path to economic success starts in the classroom.

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Kickoff Times Set for First Three Football Games

Kickoff times for Kansas State's first three games at Bill Snyder Family Stadium have been determined, K-State Athletics and the Big 12 announced Friday.

K-State will open the season at 6 p.m., September 1, as the Wildcats take on Missouri State. The game time for the September 8 contest against Miami is set for 11 a.m., while K-State will take on North Texas at 6 p.m., on September 15.

K-State, the Big 12 Conference and its television partners will determine what digital or telecast distribution opportunities are available for

the three games. Further details will be released as soon as the information is available.

Tickets for the fourth annual K-State Family Reunion on September 1 remain on sale, including a four-pack for \$75 that can be purchased prior to August 1. There is also a four-pack of tickets for the North Texas game, while tickets to the contest against Miami are on sale for \$75 (bench seating) and \$85 (premium bench seating).

To order tickets, fans can contact the K-State Athletics Ticket office at 1-800-221-CATS or online at www.k-statesports.com/tickets.



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 July 5, 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

Ron Wells; Cheryl Collins, Museum Director; Bob Boyd; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

Hillary Williams (Glasgow), a rehire, as an As-Needed Museum Assistant, in the County Museum Department, at a step 3, at \$9.89 per hour.

William Wagner, a rehire, as a Records Assistant II, in the County Clerk's Office, at a grade H step 4, at \$16.24 per hour.

Lewis moved to approve a Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement with Intrust Bank, N.A. for the Appraiser's Office. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of July 2, 2012 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

Ron Wells; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Williams discussed the following funding implications:

KDOC: Added \$500,000 from the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund for community corrections grants. Williams said she requested an additional \$13,000 for contracting out cognitive education services, which was not approved through the unexpended grant application process.

JJA: Add \$700,000 State General Fund for JJA prevention and graduated sanctions grants.

Williams discussed the Riley County Police Department (RCPD) and Community Corrections daily and monthly collaboration activities.

9:15 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

Ron Wells; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Peterson presented a Noxious Weed/HHW Department staff report.

9:29 Greg McHenry, Appraiser

Ron Wells; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

McHenry said the Appraiser's Office recently received final results of the 2011 Sales Ratio Study. The results are at or near the top of the state scores once again.

McHenry said Riley County's residential median sales ratio was 100% for the 3rd year in a

row, and the commercial median sales ratio was also near 100%. In addition, the measures of uniformity (COD and PRD) were excellent. McHenry expressed his appreciation & thanks to the Riley County appraiser's staff for a job very well done.

McHenry said PVD has completed their procedural compliance tests for the 2012 appraisal cycle. Based on their preliminary results it looks like the Appraiser's Office will receive a perfect score again.

McHenry presented the Appraiser's Office staff report. 9:47 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Ron Wells; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Jeff Holmes; Brad Claussen; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Wedel presented the Planning and Development Department project list.

Wedel said sometime back the BOCC decided not to pursue the adoption of building codes in the unincorporated area, but were interested in considering a property maintenance code. Wedel said he has completed his review of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), which has raised several questions that require direction from the BOCC. To clarify, Wedel said the page from the IPMC and the highlighted section is for the Board's review. This particular section discusses the protective treatment of the exterior of property and states: "Peeling, flaking, and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted." Therefore, any such area on any home in the unincorporated area would technically be a violation of the code. The code also includes requirements for interiors, rental units, occupancy limitations, and other potential areas of concern regarding enforcement. The question is whether or not this is the type of code envisioned by the BOCC.

Wedel said in order to answer the question, staff suggests considering the intended purpose of the code. Does the BOCC desire a code that requires all properties in the unincorporated areas to be maintained to a certain level or does the BOCC desire a code that provides the county a mechanism to deal with a severely deteriorating or uninhabitable type of structure? If it is the latter only, staff suggests considering whether or not the current Unsafe or Dangerous Structures resolution is sufficient for this purpose. Staff seeks direction from the BOCC on which avenue to pursue depending on the ultimate objective desired by the board.

McCulloh stated she is inter-

ested in building codes especially after hearing fire insurance cost may increase because of lack of codes.

Johnson and Lewis stated they were not interested in pursuing building codes.

Johnson stated the code presentation states chipped paint on a house is a violation. Johnson said he does not want a code we cannot enforce.

Wedel said he is seeking direction on the objective of the BOCC on property maintenance codes.

The Board asked for a work session on property maintenance codes.

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

Administrative Work Session

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

10:10 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 10:25 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:23 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Holeman presented a draft agenda for the County Officials' Luncheon.

10:30 Ron Fehr, Manhattan City Manager

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Dave Fiser; Bryan Richardson, Manhattan Mercury; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Fehr presented a general update on various City of Manhattan projects.

Fehr discussed needing to work with Riley County staff on the right of way and asking the State to move road signs for the bridge pier signs.

The Board agreed Riley County staff will assist Manhattan City staff with a joint right of way application to KDOT for the bridge pier project.

Fehr stated if Riley County elects to not fund the Animal Shelter at the \$65,000 requested, the City of Manhattan would require a reduction in services.

McCulloh discussed the Metro Planning Organization and her desire to see the planning dollars go to the RPO.

Lewis expressed the need for

a sidewalk along Casement Road and McCall Road areas. Lewis suggested GIS staffs discuss consolidation and collaboration.

11:04 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Debbie Register, Register of Deeds; Amy Manges, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy Register of Deeds; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Dawn Shoffner, Assistant Director of Technology; Eileen King, Treasurer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Rod Harms; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Dave Fiser; Bryan Richardson, Manhattan Mercury; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Shepek presented the revised 2013 budget work session.

Shepek recommended increasing the Health Department transfer from \$212,000 to \$215,000.

The Board agreed by consensus to increase the Health Department transfer to \$215,000.

The Board agreed by consensus to a one year contract and COLA only for the indigent attorney panel.

The Board agreed by consensus to not approve additional staff for the IT/GIS department.

Vargo presented The Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program request for sponsors to contribute \$500 - \$1,000.

The Board agreed by consensus to not provide a sponsorship allocation to The Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program. The Board did approve Susie Kufahl to attend The Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program.

Holeman discussed a resident's request for fireworks in the unincorporated area, to end at 11:00 p.m. rather than 12:00 a.m.

The Board agreed to not change the fireworks resolution as it conforms to Manhattan's rules.

11:37 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 July 9, 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

Ron Wells; Bob Boyd; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Bill Kennedy, County Attorney; Larry Larson; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; and Gary LaGrange, attended.

Kennedy and LaGrange, long-time friends of Alvan Johnson, requested the RCPD building be named in Alvan Johnson's honor upon his retirement. Kennedy and LaGrange presented a proclamation honoring Alvan Johnson.

The Board agreed it would be appropriate to name the Law Enforcement Center in honor of Alvan Johnson. The Board agreed to find a date to hold the ceremony.

McCulloh moved to approve a Riley County CIP Project Amendment Form to amend the CPE window replacement in the amount of \$165,000 to the CPE elevator replacement in the amount of \$125,000 for the Public Works Department. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve Change Order Number 1 with Midwest Construction Company, Inc. for North Otter Branch Road bridge replacement in the amount of \$1,491.00 for a total adjusted contract price of \$294,493.65. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of July 5, 2012 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Administrative Work Session

Ron Wells; Bob Boyd; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Larry Larson; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Jeff Holmes, attended.

9:00 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 9:10 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:08 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:15 Eileen King, Treasurer Larry Larson; Ron Wells; Bob Boyd; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Mara

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Weary, Manhattan Mercury; Dan Page, KMAN; and Jeff Holmes, attended.

King presented monthly financial reports.

9:30 Press Conference

Ron Wells; Bob Boyd; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Mara Weary, Manhattan Mercury; Dan Page, KMAN; Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Eileen King, Treasurer; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Gregg Eyestone, County Extension Agent; and Jeff Holmes, attended.

Eyestone invited everyone to the Fall Vegetable Gardening class Wednesday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Manhattan Public Library.

McClure said the corn is pollinated.

McClure said rain is seriously needed although soybeans look good. McClure reported many farmers will be ammoniating wheat straw as a food source. McClure said ammoniating is a far better feed source than adding liquid protein. McClure said they may need to early wean calves to put weight on the cows going into fall.

King said sales tax collections for Riley County include the following:

Average sales tax collection 15.18% over 2011 through June

At current rate 2012 would bring in \$3.5 mil, \$.5 mil over budget

Auto sales are up
Retail sales are up
Intercollegiate athletics are up

Utilities are mixed

King stated that on Saturday she will be inducted as the President of The National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers.

Peterson announced the HHW collection trailer will be at Howie's this Saturday to collect paint, used motor oil and filters, cleaning products, pesticides, lithium and car batteries, mercury products, florescent lights, and prescription drugs.

Peterson stated they no longer take electronic waste.

10:15 Discuss 1/2 cent sales tax question

Ron Wells; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Mara Weary, Manhattan Mercury; Dan Page, KMAN; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; and Jeff Holmes, attended.

Meredith reported Governor Brownback and Secretary of Interior Salzar will dedicate the Kansas River as a National Water Trail. Meredith stated it will be only the second National Water Trail in the U.S. Meredith stated the event will be Saturday, July 14th at 9:30 a.m. at the Discovery Center.

The Board discussed their frustration in not receiving the Attorney General's Opinion on the 1/2 cent sales tax question in

a timely manner.

Lewis stated he is inclined to move forward with the original 1/2 cent sales tax question.

McCulloh stated she is concerned the question would not pass.

Lewis stated the 2002 language said we "shall" present the question again in 2012.

Johnson agreed.

Holeman stated the Board of County Commissioners has authorized to put the ballot question on as is or leave out the economic development language and state the City of Manhattan can use its proceeds for any lawful purpose. Holeman said the Board has control of the ballot question language.

Lewis said the County has shown what we have done with our revenues.

McCulloh said she feels we should just go with a 1/4 cent for the County.

Johnson stated we need to move forward on the educational program.

Lewis moved to proceed with a dedicated County 1/4 cent sales tax for roads and bridges on the November 6, 2012 General Election. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:00 Cheryl Collins, Museum Director and Allana Saenger, Curator of Design Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

C. Collins introduced Allana Saenger, Curator of Design. C. Collins said the Riley County Historical Museum was

pleased to have Allana Saenger join our staff on July 2nd as Curator of Design.

Saenger stated she has a M.A. in Museum Studies from the University of Kansas and a B.A. in History from Kansas State University, where she has served as an intern with the Chapman Center for Rural Studies.

Saenger stated she has had a number of exhibit development and construction experiences at the Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum, Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, and the Watkins Museum in Lawrence.

12:00 County Officials Luncheon

1:30 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Bob Boyd; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Robert Nall, Information Technology/GIS Director; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Bernie Hayen, Manhattan City Finance Director; Debbie Register, Register of Deeds; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; and Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; attended.

Hayen presented a history and projection analysis of Riley

County's usage of the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter.

Lewis said with the 1/4 cent sales tax we did not take into account the small cities.

Johnson said he would like the small cities to continue to receive the same amount of sales tax funding.

Holeman stated the small cities funding can be agreed to in an interlocal agreement.

Holeman stated the Board could withdraw its request for the Attorney General's Opinion.

The Board agreed to receive the Attorney General's Opinion when it is completed.

Shepek presented the revised 2013 budget worksheet.

Shepek reported King increased the 2013 sales tax cell to \$1,750,000.

Johnson suggested reducing the Public Works budget \$250,000 and County Building \$50,000.

McCulloh said she prefers to keep the mil flat or with a very small increase.

Meredith stated if funds are reduced in the Public Works' budget it would be in asphalt.

The Board signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Lori Archer, a GIS Analyst, in the IT/GIS Department, for Separation from County Service, effective June 29, 2012.

McCulloh stated she would like to not fill the GIS Analyst position. McCulloh stated she would like to use more interns in GIS.

Nall discussed the need for the GIS Analyst position.

McHenry stated his concern is the mapping side of GIS. McHenry said if Nall believes an intern position would not be adequate he would agree.

Meredith said there is a GIS asset mapping request, which has been on the back burner for some time.

Wedel stated sometimes

intern positions are not adequate.

Volanti said her concern would be for the structure of the GIS Office.

Lewis moved to publish the GIS Analyst position. Johnson seconded. Carried 2-1 (McCulloh opposed).

2:30 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.



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Threat To ObamaCare

By Michael F. Cannon
CATO Institute

It turns out that ObamaCare makes an essential part of its regulatory scheme—an \$800 billion bailout of private health insurance companies—conditional upon state governments creating the health insurance “exchanges” envisioned in the law.

This was no “drafting error.” During congressional consideration of the bill, its lead author, Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT), acknowledged that he intentionally and purposefully made

that bailout conditional on states implementing their own Exchanges.

Now that it appears that as many as 30 states will not create Exchanges, the law is in peril. When states refuse to establish an Exchange, they are blocking not only that bailout, but also the \$2,000 per worker tax ObamaCare imposes on employers. If enough states refuse to establish an Exchange, they can effectively force Congress to repeal much or all of the law.

That might explain why the

IRS is literally rewriting the statute. On May 24, the IRS finalized a regulation that says the law's \$800 billion insurance-industry bailout will not be conditional on states creating Exchanges. With the stroke of pen, the IRS (1) stripped states of the power Congress gave them to shield employers from that \$2,000 per-worker tax, (2) imposed that illegal tax on employers whom Congress exempted, and (3) issued up to \$800 billion of tax credits and direct subsidies to private health insurance companies—

without any congressional authorization whatsoever.

Some supporters of the law claim that Congress never intended to give states the power to block ObamaCare's insurance-industry bailout. No doubt there are many in Congress who held that position. But they lost. If they're unhappy now, they should take it up with Max Baucus.

What they should not do is set a precedent where the IRS can, on its own discretion, tax one group and subsidize another to the tune of \$800 billion.

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alerts, and hopefully come up with a cure."

Safety advocates say that when people see only a few severe crashes in their immediate community, they miss the magnitude of the situation. That's why they have developed a graphic to announce the statewide year-to-date fatalities. The data, along with a few relevant statistics, will be updated monthly on www.KTSRO.org.

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Kansas State University

- Friends of McCain
- Student Body President
- Blue Key Scholarship Honorary
- Lifetime Alumni Association Members

Law Practice

- President of Solo and Small Practice Section of Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association Legislative Affairs Committee
- President of Riley County Bar Association.
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