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City Back On Track Spending Money

Ron Fehr got what he wanted at the last election. Two more yes votes for anything he wants. Two more yes votes for more spending and two more yes votes for putting the City deeper in debt.

But don't take the word of the Free Press let the City give it to you the best they can in a memo: (Cut after debt statements)

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO

May 22, 2013

FROM: Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance

MEETING: May 28, 2013

SUBJECT: First Work Session on the 2014 City Budget and 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

PRESENTER: Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance

BACKGROUND

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

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

Once budgetary information is submitted to the City Manager, meetings are set for discussions with each City Department Director or Division Supervisor. At that time, Management reviews all

City of Manhattan Debt Disclosure Statement - April 2013

| Debt Instrument | City-at-Large Portion | Benefit District Portion | Other Obligations | Total |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Obligation Bonds | 45,133,674 | - | - | 45,133,674 |
| Special Assessment Bonds | - | 60,086,326 | - | 60,086,326 |
| General Obligation Temporary Notes | 31,398,650 | - | - | 31,398,650 |
| Special Assessment Temporary Notes | - | 7,981,350 | - | 7,981,350 |
| Senior Lien TIF Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (Series 2009A) | - | - | 20,760,000 | 20,760,000 |
| Subordinate Lien TIF Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (Series 2009B) | - | - | 4,130,000 | 4,130,000 |
| Sales Tax Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (STAR Bonds Series 2009-1) | - | - | 9,475,000 | 9,475,000 |
| Taxable Sales Tax Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (STAR Bonds Series 2009-2) | - | - | 31,435,000 | 31,435,000 |
| Limey Pointe TDD Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (Series 2009) | - | - | 360,000 | 360,000 |
| North Project TDD Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (Series 2010) | - | - | 5,485,000 | 5,485,000 |
| Lease Purchases | 1,641,666 | - | - | 1,641,666 |
| State Department of Health and Environment Loans | 52,248,468 | - | - | 52,248,468 |
| State Dept. of Transportation -Transportation Revolving Fund Loan | 3,355,796 | - | - | 3,355,796 |
| Total Debt | \$ 133,778,254 | \$ 68,067,676 | \$ 71,645,000 | \$ 273,490,930 |
| Debt Authority Remaining: \$54,582,639 | | | | |

requests and either (1) allows an item to stay in the budget for further review and consideration, (2) modifies an item, (3) moves an item to another time-frame, or (4) deletes an item altogether.

This internal process is always accomplished prior to the first budget work session with the City Commission.

DISCUSSION

Traditionally, the first budget work session has provided a broad overview of what City Administration believes will be the key issues shaping the annual City budget process. Please review the attachments to this memorandum which provide additional insight into the issues and challenges that the 2014 City Budget may present.

General Fund

The City's General Fund is the fund that supports a majority of City operations including about 80% of total payroll

expense. As such, it always has been the focus of budgetary discussions.

In order to meet growing service demands, a number of City Departments have requested budgetary increases which will enhance service delivery. The following are key highlights and proposed increases which frame the 2014

General Fund:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Capital Improvement Funding | \$ 477,626 |
| Flint Hills MPO | 118,655 |
| New Employee Positions | 219,238 |
| 2014 Salary Adjustments | 493,211 |
| Employee Health Insurance | 93,428 |
| Other Budgetary Increases (Commodities, Contractual Services, Transfers, etc.) | 291,789 |
| Totals | \$ 1,693,947 |

During the past five-years, the City's annual capital improvement program budget

for the General Fund has not exceeded \$300 thousand despite the citywide growth that has occurred. Indeed, the CIP funding for the current budget year is less than \$71 thousand. City Administration is strongly recommending a sizeable increase to this important aspect within the annual City Budget.

Special Revenue Funds

The City has a number of special revenue funds that are budgeted annually.

These funds are separated into two categories:

(1) Those funds under the control of the City Manager and, (2) Those funds that represent outside agencies governed by appointed boards.

For 2014, some of the special revenue funds that are under the control of the City Manager will experience small mill levy increases including the Employee Benefit Fund, the Kansas Police and Fire Fund

(KP&F), and the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund. This last fund will have a new pumper truck proposed for the 2014 budget cycle.

Outside agency budgets not under control of the City Manager (the Riley County Police Department and the Library) will have nominal budget increases projected for their 2014 budgets with minimal property tax impact.

Bond & Interest Fund

The City's Bond & Interest Fund is the primary account from which annual principal and interest payments are made on debt issuances that have been approved by the City Commission. The issuance of permanent financing for growth-related projects across the City will result in higher annual principal and interest payments within the Bond & Interest Fund.

Anticipated ending cash bal-

ances in 2013 actually may reduce the mill levy for the Bond & Interest Fund in 2014. However, the impact of a higher mill levy rate and additional property taxes in the Bond & Interest Fund likely will occur in 2015.

The City's overall debt remains high due to the special obligation debt issued for the redevelopment projects (\$71.mM of STAR and TIF Bonds comprise 26% of City debt) as well as special assessment debt to finance infrastructure for residential subdivisions (\$68.1M in special assessments comprise 25% of City debt).

However, please keep in mind that these debt service instruments comprise over half of the City's total debt and have a dedicated revenue stream of funds along with dedicated reserves to ensure the continued payment of principal and interest on outstanding bonds.

City, Kansas State Hold Groundbreaking For NBAF



Congresswoman Jenkins is pictured making her statement on NBAF Central Utility Plant Groundbreaking

Congresswoman Jenkins Statement On NBAF Central Utility Plant Groundbreaking
Manhattan, Kan. - Today, the National Bio and Agro-Defense (NBAF) Steering

Committee and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) held a groundbreaking ceremony for the NBAF Central Utilities Plant at Kansas State University.

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins (KS-02) released the following statement after the ceremony:

"Today marks an important event more than a decade in the making. From start to finish, it

has been a true team effort between federal, state, local, and university officials. Folks on both sides of the aisle pushed for this facility to improve the security of our

nation's food supply, and I am proud of all those whose dedication, commitment, and hard work has helped to make NBAF at K-State a reality.

"The NBAF will support

federal research that will protect Americans and their families, as well as our livestock, from the threats of devastating diseases, and I will continue to do everything I can to move this critical project forward."

DICK EDWARDS
Manhattan, Kansas



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White House Spins Obama's Role In Benghazi

By Helle Dale
Heritage Foundation

With the weekend's grand slam appearance on the Sunday talk shows by yet another official unqualified to talk about Benghazi, the Obama Administration has again shot itself in the foot.

White House Communications Director Dan Pfeiffer attempted to defend U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice's mischaracterization of the Benghazi terrorist attack, which she blamed on the now infamous anti-Islam video. It was a poor show.

All of this stands in stark contrast with White House's handling of the Navy SEAL Team Six raid that killed Osama bin Laden on May 2, 2011. We have all seen the images of President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton huddled in the White House situation room with the national security staff, riveted to live images of the nighttime raid. It was hardly over before President Obama, speaking proudly as commander in chief, went on national television to announce the death of the enemy of the American people.



The Administration even cooperated with the producers of the movie Zero Dark Thirty about the mission to kill bin Laden.

But now, "irrelevant" is the word chosen by Dan Pfeiffer over and over to describe some of the most pressing questions regarding the White House's role in the Benghazi affair. Instantaneously, "irrelevant" became the word of the day on social media.

Where was President Obama the night of the terrorist attack?

Unlike the Osama bin Laden raid, the President was disturbingly disconnected from the attack on an American ambassador. After the five o'clock intelligence briefing in which Obama was informed that the U.S. diplomatic facility was under attack and the U.S. ambassador to Libya missing, the President's whereabouts remain unaccounted for the rest of the evening. The next day, Obama flew to Las Vegas for a fundraiser. "I don't remember

what room the President was in on that night, and that's a largely irrelevant fact," Pfeiffer snapped at Fox's Chris Wallace.

Or who doctored the talking points, served up to the media and the American people by Rice on September 16 with such conviction? That also, according to Pfeiffer, is "irrelevant."

Contrary to the election-time narrative that "al-Qaeda is on the run," defeated by the

Obama Administration, President Obama and his staff are now pleading ignorance across the board. Pfeiffer's problematic media appearance could fit into an emerging narrative that the Obama Administration may have been more incompetent, than Machiavellian in its handling of the Benghazi terrorist attack. Administration officials spoke to CBS News on condition of

anonymity, proffering the line that bungling, ignorance, and inexperience may have been at the root of the debacle that left four Americans dead in Benghazi.

It is not likely, though, that Members of Congress will be satisfied with being told that their questions are "irrelevant" when hearings to unearth the truth resume this week.

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Kansas Cost estimates Draws Criticism

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — When lawmakers craft a piece of legislation, they rely on state departments to give an honest account of what it could cost.

But when it comes to making sense of these fiscal facts, critics say things aren't always what they seem.

It's not hard to find cost estimates that raise an eyebrow or two. Take for example the Kansas Department of Revenue, which says it will cost \$5,000 to stop waiving a vehicle registration fee. Currently, counties with multiple vehicle registration loca-

tions are allowed to charge an extra fee — usually about \$5 — at all but one location. With the passing of SB96, though, that requirement will be lifted.

A fiscal note attached to the bill says it will cost the state nearly \$5,000 just to start charging a fee at these locations. Never mind the fact that this process is already done at countless other locations around Kansas. So, what's the problem?

The system is just too massive to make this an easy switch, said Jeannine Koranda, communications director for KDOR. The agency estimates that it could take up to 30 hours

to program and test the new functions allowing these locations to process the extra fee.

"Sometimes one small change over here can cause problems elsewhere," Koranda said.

Then there's the Personal Financial Literacy Incentive Program that would have been established by the long-dead HB2282. Under the purview of the Kansas Department of Commerce, the legislation would have rewarded teachers who incorporate personal financial instruction into an existing curriculum. The fiscal note compiled by the KDOC estimates the agency would need \$20,000 to 30,000 to hire

a part-time employee to operate the program.

When questioned about the matter, agency communications director Dan Lara said it's more likely those duties would have been absorbed in-house.

"Honestly, that probably would be the first option that we would look at," Lara said.

If that's so, then why ask for so much in the first place?

"I don't know, to be honest with you," Lara added. "It could have been the way the request came through."

Digging deeper, there's also the matter of SB171, which is still alive and well. The bill would require public school districts to post new financial information on their websites in an effort to increase transparency about education spending.

The Kansas State Department of Education says in order to post this information it will cost \$17,000. Dale Dennis, KSDE deputy commissioner, said the cost lies in creating a standardized program to ensure the data is presented uniformly.

"You can't let 286 people across the state do it...you're going to get variations," Dennis said.

"The idea was to try and save money for the taxpayers," he noted.

Kansas House Lays Smackdown On Senate Proposal

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — In a show of force and opposition, members of the Kansas House laid a smackdown on the Senate's proposed tax plan in an overwhelming 5-109 defeat Friday morning.

Republican representatives met in caucus before the vote, where House Speaker Ray Merrick spoke critically, calling out the Senate for what he

saw as an attempt to cram a political plan down their throats.

Merrick- what the House is being asked to do today is not good, policy, it's a political move. Vote your conscience. No politics. #ksleg

— Stephanie Clayton (@SSCJoCoKs) May 24, 2013

But what's more galling than the Legislature's inability to reach an agreement on the

state's tax plan is what the House did next: only minutes after reconvening to defeat the Senate proposal, the House adjourned until 10 a.m. Tuesday.

What a coincidence, just in time for a three day weekend, too!

This just became the fourth-longest session in the last 13 years, folks.

James Dean Eyestone

James Dean Eyestone, age 59, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Monday, May 27, 2013, at the Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka, Kansas.

He was born on November 8, 1953, in Independence, Kansas, the son of Cecil L. and Phyllis J. (Hurty) Eyestone.

The family moved to Manhattan in 1958 where James attended local schools, graduating from Manhattan High in 1971. While in high school he ran cross country. He then attended Kansas State University receiving his Bachelors degree in Business Administration in 1976.

During his youth he was a newspaper carrier for the Manhattan Mercury and was involved in city league softball and baseball. He also was a member of Boy Scouts with the First United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Lee Hilltoppers 4-H Club. He enjoyed summers spent at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch where he was instrumental in helping to construct some of the buildings on the ranch. Other activities that he was involved with included University for Man where he helped organize games and was an avid bicyclist having completed two round trips from Kansas to Florida.

During his working career he was a self employed carpenter.

For over 35 years James suffered from mental illness and was only able to work for short periods of time. Most recently he lived in Eskridge, Kansas in the Golden Living Center.

James is survived by his parents: Cecil and Phyllis Eyestone of Manhattan. Also surviving are his siblings: Carolyn and Tom Milbourn, Green Bay, WI; Cecilia and Scott Dolenc, Longmont, CO; Thomas and Mitzi Eyestone, Manhattan, KS; Allen and Beth Eyestone, Wellington, FL; and Gregg and Gwen Eyestone of Manhattan. In addition James is survived by thirteen nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2013, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Pastor Patrick McLaughlin officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family will receive friends prior to the funeral on Thursday beginning at 1:30 p.m.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

A memorial has been established for the GMCF for the Pawnee Mental Health Service Endowment Fund in Manhattan. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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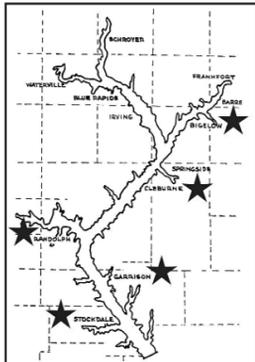
Free Press Second Front

Tuttle Creek Dam Will Be 50 This Year Results Of Tuttle Creek Dam And Reservoir

Everyone agreed flood protection was desperately needed in Kansas. The disagreement lay with the construction of a large reservoir in prime farm land. For nearly 30 years the controversy continued.

Ten towns were affected by the building of Tuttle Creek Dam: Stockdale, Randolph, Winkler, Cleburne, Irving, Blue Rapids, Schroyer, Garrison, Barrett, and Bigelow.

Three thousand residents of the Blue River Valley were affected by the dam. For 13 years the U.S. Corps of Engineers negotiated with 1,713 landowners to establish a fair price for their land. Many purchased land in other areas, some left farming and began



Five of these small Kansas towns were completely inundated.

new professions. More than 60,000 acres were purchased for both the lake and ease-

ments. Transportation facilities, including two railroads were abandoned or moved. Numerous state highways, county, and township roads were relocated. Schools, churches, cemeteries, and public utilities were moved. Approximately 55,000 acres of the fertile farm land was flooded.

The Blue River was finally contained behind the dam in 1959 and by 1963 the reservoir had reached the desired level. The dam and reservoir were built at a cost of \$80 million. Over the years the lake has prevented an estimated \$3 billion in flood and drought damages.



Looking over the River Pond area as Tuttle Creek Reservoir begins to fill.



Bigelow's Depot—miles of railroad track was moved or abandoned because of the dam.



Randolph was the only one of the inundated towns that was moved to a new site. This image shows Randolph's residents at the new site.



Right: Irving's Presbyterian Church. Congregations often split apart as members of the various churches in the valley moved to new locations.

Apple Defends Itself Against Tax-Hungry Senators

By Chris Edwards
CATO Institute

A Senate Subcommittee chaired by Senator Carl Levin heard from three panels of witnesses today on Apple Inc.'s corporate tax payments.

Democratic senators and some news stories are making it sound like some vast tax cheating has been going on, but that's not what the hearing actually revealed. My sense in listening for four hours is that Apple pretty well does what many or most U.S. multinationals do to legally minimize their tax payments on foreign income. No one at the hearing said the company is doing anything illegal.

The basic story seems to be that Apple uses a holding company to gather all the after-tax profits from its sales outside of the Americas. Those sales may or may not be subject to tax in the countries where they occur, but that first layer of tax is up to those particular countries. The holding company is apparently not taxed as an entity in any country, but Apple says that its investment earnings are taxed in the U.S. to the Apple parent company.

The purpose of Apple's corporate structure that the senators focused on seems to be to avoid double-taxation of its foreign earnings. That goal makes sense because the U.S. is one of few major countries left that does not have a territorial corporate tax system. Essentially, Apple and many other companies are trying to create a home-made territorial tax system so that they can remain competitive in foreign markets. Thus, they are doing the job that Congress should have done in reforming the U.S. international tax system.

Note that Apple holds such a big pile of cash abroad in a holding company mainly because the U.S. applies such a high corporate tax rate to profit repatriation. A major goal of

tax reform is to slash America's absurdly high corporate tax rate so that companies can bring home their piles of foreign cash and invest it here. With such a reform, the issue of whether or not investment earnings of foreign holding companies were taxed would become far less important.

Part of the hearing regarded transfer pricing and whether Apple is unjustifiably shifting U.S. profits abroad. Transfer pricing is a gigantic complex mess that is getting worse over time because of the high-tech nature of most modern corporations, and with the rise in the importance of intellectual property. It's hard to know where much of the income of high-tech corporations is actually "earned." Transfer pricing has become especially a problem for tax administration in countries—such as the United States—that try to swim against the current and retain high statutory corporate tax rates.

Senator Ron Johnson had the best questions and comments at the hearing. Johnson focused on the fact that much of Apple's employment, research, supplier network, and shareholders are in the United States, and they benefit if Apple's affiliates reduce their tax payments to foreign governments. He also noted that the share of Apple's global income taxed in the United States is just a bit less than the U.S. share of Apple's global product sales, but that is because Apple's foreign sales are somewhat more profitable than its U.S. sales. Put another way, the U.S. government seems to be getting a roughly "fair share" of Apple's global profits.

An Apple official noted that 50,000 of Apple's 75,000 global employees are in the U.S. At the same time, about 60 percent of the company's sales are abroad. So obviously—as Senator Rob Portman noted—Apple's foreign sales are great

for the United States because it means that U.S. employment, research, and other activities get boosted.

Democratic senators and the liberal witnesses at the hearing seemed to believe that piling more tax regulations on multinationals would be a good idea. But as I discuss in Global Tax Revolution, we've been adding more and more tax rules on multinationals since the early 1960s to reduce avoidance, and we've ended up with perhaps the most vastly complex corporate tax system in the world. And that approach hasn't even solved the supposed avoidance problem that liberals worry about, as illustrated by this hearing.

A much better solution would be to sharply reduce our federal statutory corporate tax rate from 35 percent to, say, 15 percent, which is the current rate in Canada. I've noted that Canada's huge tax rate cut does not seem to have lost the country much, if any, tax revenue.

The U.S. rate is the highest general corporate tax rate in the world, as shown in the chart below based on KPMG data. (KPMG lists UAE at 55 percent, but that rate is only applied to foreign oil companies, and even then those companies often cut special deals to reduce the rate). The KPMG global average rate for 130 countries is just 24 percent. Thus, the U.S. federal-state rate of 40 percent is two-thirds higher than the global average.

Given the U.S. tax disadvantage, it's not surprising that Apple and every other U.S. multinational have strong incentives to move their real investments and paper profits abroad. That Apple may or may not be doing so is the non-story of these hearings.

Jenkins: Scandal In Government Run Amuck

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — U.S. House Rep. Lynn Jenkins joined a cavalcade of congressional delegates in putting the screws to the Internal Revenue Service following the latest developments in the taxing agency's scandal.

Jenkins vented her frustra-

tions Wednesday on Fox Business News, calling out IRS director Lois Lerner's controversial decision to invoke the Fifth Amendment to avoid testifying on charges that the IRS unfairly targeted conservative organizations.

"I think it's raised additional questions and concerns about the transparency at the IRS and

with this big government," Jenkins said.

Jenkins, a certified public accountant, said she has previously represented clients before the IRS.

"None of my clients were ever allowed to get away with 'I don't know,' or 'I simply made a mistake' or 'I'm sorry,'" Jenkins said.

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Have you heard about the fourth branch of government? If not, read on because we believe there's a growing concern even here in Manhattan.

We all know the original three branches from our days in grade school Civics - the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches. Now there's a fourth developing according to an interesting piece that appeared in the Washington Post last week. George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley wrote: "Our carefully constructed system of checks and balances is being negated by the rise of a fourth branch, an administrative state of sprawling departments and agencies that govern with increasing autonomy and decreasing transparency." He points to 2,840,000 federal workers in 15 departments, 69 agencies and 383 nonmilitary sub-agencies to make his case for why we may be losing control to the non-elected.

Of course, we have to go no further than Lois Lerner to understand the concept at play here. Ms. Lerner is the IRS official who revealed during a recent American Bar Association conference that employees in her Cincinnati IRS's tax-exempt unit had improperly scrutinized applications from dozens of organizations including the Tea Party.



Bob Strawn

A very smug Lois testified before Congress: "I have not done anything wrong. I have not broken any laws. I have not violated any IRS rules or regulations." She then took the Fifth and later refused to resign her position. Lois has been a federal employee for 34 years, at the Justice Department, the Federal Elections Commission as well as directing this IRS unit.

The point with Lois is that she seemed to be making her own rules based on her personal understanding of the law or perhaps her willingness to implement regulations based on her Progressive political philosophy that would squelch

dissenting views. We'll have to see as this plays out over the next few months.

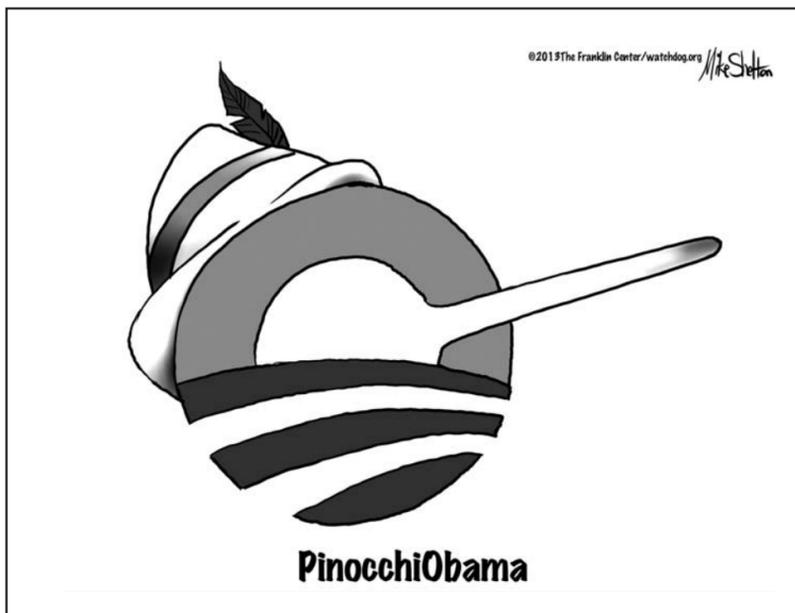
So, how is this somehow reflective of Manhattan?

Well, whenever we set up independent agencies - like the RCPD - we create an environment for the Lois Lerner's of the world. Power then flows through the agency director rather than through an elected body responsible directly to the people. Therefore, we should always be wary for as Einstein put it: "The attempt to combine power and wisdom has rarely been successful and then only for a short while."

Conservatives tend to be far more circumspect than liberals in this regard. You'll recall that city commissioners Butler, Matta and Pepperd to their credit put the kibosh on the city/county health department for just this reason, poor oversight. Liberals howled. But the then independent agency now reports like any other county department to the county commission, as it should have all along.

So, when folks talk about creating a new agency, like an airport authority or such, your antennas should go straight up because we should never confuse independence or power with wisdom. Quite the opposite is too often the case. We give you Ms. Lois.

The Conservative Side...



Governor: McConnell Air Base Selection Good News

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback applauded the U.S. Air Force's selection of the McConnell Air Force Base as its first operational Active Duty Air Force base for the KC-46 tanker, also known as MOB 1.

"The USAF's selection of McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita as the Preferred Alternative to operate the KC-46A is great news for Kansas and is a credit to the men and women at McConnell," Governor Brownback said. "This major milestone could not have occurred without the community support received from the citizens of Wichita, our Delegation and the people of Kansas."

The next stage of the Air Force's KC-46 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process will include the release of a Draft EIS and a public comment period. This will lead ultimately to a Record of Decision (ROD) which the Air Force has projected will occur in the Spring of 2014. McConnell, which was evaluated along with bases in North Dakota, Washington and Oklahoma, would be the home base for 36 KC-46A tankers,

subject to a favorable ROD affirming the selection of McConnell as the Preferred Alternative.

"Although there is more work ahead, we are very grateful for this reaffirmation by the Air Force of the critical role which McConnell plays in meeting its world-wide requirements," Brownback said. "The demonstrated ability of the 22nd and the 931st to work jointly was a positive attribute in the evaluation of McConnell."

The aircraft will be operated in cooperation by the Active Duty 22nd Air Refueling Wing, and the 931st Air Refueling Group of the Air Force Reserve; an Active Association between the Units is currently in place.

While Wednesday's announcement brought positive news to the City of Wichita and McConnell AFB, another unit, the 190th Air Refueling Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard, operating from Forbes Military Airfield in Topeka, was under consideration to serve as the Reserve Component KC-46 basing site. The Air Force selected Pease Air Force Base in New

Hampshire to host the mission for which Forbes and four other bases competed for selection.

"Realistically, it was highly unlikely that two bases in the same State would be selected to host the initial round of KC-46 bases, but the fact that Kansas was the only state which had two bases in consideration speaks of the high quality of the personnel at both bases," Governor Brownback noted. "General Tafanelli and I couldn't be more impressed with the 190th Wing for the capabilities they offer, and the professional approach they took in competing for the KC-46A Reserve Component site."

The State of Kansas, City of Wichita, and Kansas Congressional Delegation will now prepare for the public comment and review period. Brownback said they will work closely with the Air Force to show the American people that the confidence which the Department has shown in selecting McConnell Air Force Base for the KC-46 Active Duty Operational site was the best choice and a wise selection for this critical mission - now, and into the future.

Top 10 Bizarre Bills Of The 2013 Legislative Session

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — While the Kansas Legislature is mired in debate over budget and tax issues — the meat and potatoes of any state government — it's easy to forget that elected officials aren't always dealing with such substantial issues.

For every reasonable piece of legislation that passes through the halls of the Capitol building, there's at least one or two bills that make residents question the motives or intelligence of the elected officials pushing the matter. And with the 2013 legislative session now in overtime (today marks day 96), it's hard not to wonder if some of these bills — which range from the benign to the absurd — didn't siphon-off precious time lawmakers could have used to avert the current stalemate over the state sales tax.

Considering the overtime session costs Kansas taxpayers \$45,000 for every day it continues, I figure these matters become all the more pertinent.

So, without further delay, I present the Top 10 Bizarre Bills of the 2013 Kansas legislative session:

HB 2054 — The "strippers are destroying our communities" act

SB 144 — A legislative attempt to force a KU/WSU basketball game

HB 2240 — In which lawmakers attempt to ban unmanned aerial luminaries

SR 1736 — Congratulating the 2012 Miss Kansas pageant winner

HB 2046 — A bill increasing golf cart speed limits to 35 mph

SR 1757 — The "drugs are bad" resolution

HB 2187 — An attempt to license massage therapists

SB 120 — Creating a central

farmers' market registry
SR 1747 — Recognizing the Boy Scouts of America
HB 2402 — Establishing National Cowboy Day in

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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building May 20, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment, Commission Comments, & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager /Deputy Clerk; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Wedel asked the Board if they would like to submit a letter to the City expressing financial support for the update of the Urban Area Plan.

The Board agreed by consensus to submit a letter to the City in support of proceeding with the update of the Urban Area Plan.

Shepek stated Riley County will be responsible for the damages to the Pawnee Mental

Health facility caused by a vehicle.

The Board agreed to pay for the Pawnee Mental Health facility repairs from County Building.

Lewis said he would like to continue discussion of forming a Public Building Commission (PBC).

Boyd asked for additional information regarding the formation of a PBC.

Boyd moved to sign a Highway Use Permit with Westar Energy to install 1-#2ACSR overhead primary with neutral across Fairview Church Road and onto private property to serve a new home for Chris Culbertson. The new home is located directly across the street from 8230 Fairview Church Road. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Curtis Flaming, a rehire and for other (correct hiring department to Parks from Public Works), as a Seasonal Laborer, in the Parks Department, at a grade A step 1, at \$10.60 per hour.

Larry George, an After Hours Security, in the Public Works Department, for Separation from County Service, effective March 29, 2013.

Boyd moved to approve a Lease with Manhattan Hospitality, Inc. (dba Holiday Inn at the Campus) for radio communications repeater with antenna for the Emergency Management Department. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Lanna Nichols, Court Administrator

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Nichols said IT recently replaced four of District Court's printers with multi-function printers, eliminating the need for three of their existing copiers. Nichols said they anticipate submitting the 2014 budget to include exchanging three of the remaining copiers. However, they are asking at this time, to be able to use 2013 funds to purchase one new copier for replacement in the Clerk of the District Court's Office. Nichols said they have received proposals from ProCopy and Midwest Office Technology.

Nichols said the proposal from ProCopy is for a Xerox WC5335T at a cost of \$5,178 (including trade-in).

Nichols said the proposal from Midwest Office Technology is for a Lanier MP5002 at a cost of \$5,565 (including trade-in).

Nichols said Riley County District Court's 2013 budget included \$2,000 in the printer line item, \$1,500 in the furniture line item, and \$1,500 in the office equipment line item. Nichols said they believe they could use these funds to help pay for one of the copiers.

Nichols recommended approval of the purchase of the Xerox WC5335T.

Boyd suggested we consider centralizing the analysis of copiers.

Boyd moved to approve the purchase of a Xerox WC5335T copier for Clerk of the District Court's Office in the amount of \$5,178.00. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Nichols discussed fund 050, which collects service fees. Nichols said she would like to use the funds for the purchase of speakers and stenographer writer machines.

The Board suggested a Commission Agenda Report (CAR) be submitted on fund 050 request.

Boyd moved to sign a letter

to Karen Davis, Manhattan City Community Development Director, committing \$25,000 towards the update of the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan to be paid in 2014. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:15 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Katy Vaughan, Health Educator; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Hobson discussed Public Works projects.

9:30 Press Conference

Cheryl Collins, Museum Director; Ginny Barnard, County Extension Agent; Larry Satzler, USD 378 Parent; Katy Vaughan, Health Educator; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

C. Collins said on Thursday, May 30th at 11:30 a.m. the Riley County Commission will open the traveling exhibit "Americans by Choice: The Story of Immigration & Citizenship in Kansas" at the Manhattan Town Center Mall.

This exhibit is sponsored by the Riley County Historical Society and Museum and it will be open through July 9th. The award winning traveling exhibit was commissioned by the U.S. District Court, District of Kansas to highlight the Court's role in the naturalization process. It illustrates the paths to citizenship taken by Kansas settlers from around the world over the past 150 years, and personalizes the story of immigration and citizenship—who came, where they came from, why they came to Kansas, and why they chose to become U.S. citizens. The exhibit is free and is open regular Manhattan Town Center hours 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Barnard reported 118 teams consisting of 620 individual participants put in 87,450 miles.

Satzler, parent of three in USD 378 and a member of the KIDS (Keep Improving District Schools) Committee, discussed the USD 378 Bond Issue.

Satzler said community meetings on the upcoming USD 378 bond issue are scheduled the next three Wednesday nights. Satzler said he is excited about the opportunity this bond proposal represents for our district, as well as the county as a whole.

Satzler said the KIDS Committee is comprised of residents who are interested in improving USD 378 schools

and are helping distribute information about the upcoming bond issue.

Satzler said the proposed solution is a culmination of several years' assessments, planning session, and surveys involving staff, parents, community members, and various experts. The goals of the proposed bond, outlined by the school board-appointed Ad Hoc Bond Committee, are to:

Improve educational programs and support

Address middle school overcrowding

Improve and upgrade security and safety

Enhance community involvement and use

Increase facility energy efficiency and systems

Satzler said these will be achieved through improvements and expansions, including:

Constructing, equipping, and furnishing additions to the existing Riley County High School facility, which will include middle school and high school classrooms and support areas

Enhancing building safety and security at all school facilities

Making improvements and expansions of parking areas and drives for improved safety

Making energy efficient upgrades to the existing Riley County High School and Grade School facilities

Remodeling and improving restroom areas for ADA compliance at Riley County Grade School

Satzler said everyone is invited to come and learn about the bond issue at upcoming community informational meetings.

Wednesday, May 22nd

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.: Tours offered at the Riley County High School, 12451 Fairview Church Road, Riley, Kansas

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Informational meeting at the Leonardville Community Center, 118 N. Erpelding Street, Leonardville, Kansas

Refreshments will be served, and playground supervision will be available for children.

Wednesday, May 29th

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Informational meeting at the Keats Park Pavilion Community Building, 3221 Reservation Avenue, Keats, Kansas

Refreshments will be served, and playground supervision will be available for children.

Wednesday, June 5th

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Tours offered at the Riley County Grade School, 100 N. Remmele Street, Riley, Kansas

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Refreshments will be served, and playground supervision will be available for children.

8:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Informational meeting at the Riley County Grade School, 100 N. Remmele Street, Riley, Kansas

Informational meeting at the Riley County Grade School

Refreshments will be served, and childcare will be available.

Satzler said additional details are available on the website www.usd378-bond2013.com, or by calling the district office at (785) 485-4000.

Vaughan said the Farmer's Market at the Family and Child Resource Center will be held Thursday at 7:00 p.m. May – October.

Vargo reported the USD 378 Special Election will be held June 11, 2013. Vargo reported the registration books close May 21, 2013, advanced voting by mail begins May 22, 2013, and advanced voting in-person begins June 3, 2013.

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

Administrative Work Session

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Holeman reviewed the KAC legislative update.

10:26 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

10:26 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:55 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:55 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:56 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

10:56 Boyd moved that the Riley 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 11:25 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:25 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:33 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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KSU Rallies Three Times For 13-9 Win

KSU Sports Information

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — On a day when its normally reliable pitching and defense faltered, 15th-ranked Kansas State turned to its offense to save the day as the Wildcats fought from behind three times and used a five-run rally in the ninth to defeat Baylor, 13-9, in the second round of the 2013 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark.

K-State overcame nine walks from five pitchers and three errors — which led to five unearned runs — to earn its 41st victory and move to 2-0 in the championship. The No. 1-seeded Wildcats trailed 5-0, 7-4 and 9-8 heading into the top of the ninth before exploding to produce their fourth win this season in their final at-bat.

“Man, talk about perseverance, resiliency and a desire to win... it was a great job by our guys today,” said head coach Brad Hill. “It wasn’t pretty, and we walked a lot of people. We made mistakes we don’t normally make. But, offensively we really picked it up, had some great at-bats and found a way to come back.”

Kansas State improved to 41-16 on the year and picked up its eighth win in its last nine games, while the Wildcats earned their 12th victory this season when facing a deficit of at least three runs. The Wildcats will face No. 4-seed Oklahoma at 12:30 p.m., Saturday for the right to play in Sunday’s championship game. Baylor fell to 27-27 on the year and will finish its season Saturday morning against



Freshman Lance Miles Slides into home plate for a score in game 2 against Baylor. (Photo by Ben Brake).

Texas Tech.

“These guys will come out (Saturday) as we have come out all year and play hard, compete and do everything you need to do to win,” Hill said. “Winning is winning. You don’t ever play to lose and that’s what we did today. I want these guys to keep feeling that

way.”

After being held hitless for three innings by Baylor starter Max Garner, the Wildcat offense pounded out 12 hits in the final six innings and produced the most runs in its Big 12 Championship history. Eight batters in K-State’s lineup had at least one hit, led by Tanner Witt, Jared King, Jon Davis and

Lance Miles with two apiece. Davis and Miles each collected three RBI on the day, with both producing two-run singles during the ninth-inning comeback.

Miles continued a recent hot streak in which he is hitting 9-for-22 with eight RBI in his last seven games. His three RBI Friday tied his career-high set on May 11 at Kansas.

Gerardo Esquivel (1-2) earned the win by tossing 1.2 scoreless innings, but the right-hander was on the hook for a loss after hitting Cal Towey with a pitch with the bases loaded to give the Bears a 9-8 lead in the bottom of the eighth. But as they did earlier in the game, the Wildcats rallied with one out in the ninth when Davis

singled home two runs after the previous three batters reached base.

With two outs and the bases loaded again, RJ Santigate cued an infield single to plate the third run of the frame before Miles delivered a single up the middle for two more runs to cap the frame.

Wildcats Fall In 11 Innings At Championships

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — A third Kansas State rally of the afternoon ended just short as Kyle Hayes came out of the Oklahoma bullpen to strike out two Wildcats with the bases loaded in the 11th inning, sending the 24th-ranked Sooners to a 7-6 win over No. 15 Kansas State Saturday during the final round of pool play at the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship at Bricktown Ballpark.

The fourth-seeded Sooners improved to 39-19 on the year and will advance to Sunday’s title game against either No. 3-seed West Virginia, sixth-seeded Kansas or No. 7-seed TCU. K-State fell to 41-17 and finished the Big 12 Championship with a 2-1 record.

For a second-consecutive

day, Kansas State scored multiple runs in the ninth inning to erase a deficit. OU built a 5-1 lead as K-State was down to its final three outs, but four of the first five Wildcats reached base, including a RBI single by Tanner Witt and a run-scoring double off the bat of Shane Conlon.

After a strikeout for the second out of the frame, Jon Davis was hit by pitch to load the base and bring up Mitch Meyer. On a full-count pitch, Meyer singled to center field to bring home two runs and tie the game at 5-5.

Oklahoma scored a run in the 10th on a Matt Oberste RBI single, but K-State came back again when Blair DeBord was hit by a pitch and the Wildcats sacrificed pinch-runner

Clayton Dalrymple over to second base. Dalrymple moved to third on a ground out and Ross Kivett fisted a 1-1, two-out single into left field to tie the game yet again.

In the 11th, Taylor Alspaugh looped a one-out double down the left-field line off Jake Matthys (8-1), and he scored when Craig Aiken slapped a two-out single into left field.

However, the never-say-die attitude of K-State came back into play in the bottom half as Witt reached on a leadoff error and Conlon, trying to sacrifice Witt to second base, was safe at first on a bunt single. Following a ground out and an intentional walk, Oklahoma called on Hayes, whose strikeouts sent the Sooners to Sunday’s title game.

“I would have liked to have been a fan watching that game. That would have been a lot of fun,” head coach Brad Hill said. “We were in the game the whole time. I couldn’t be more proud of our guys. You could have written us off for dead for a long time that game, but we just fought and battled with some two-strike hits. The great thing is we didn’t quit. We competed all the way through, which this team has shown time and time again. As a coach, that is all you can ask for.”

The Wildcats were not without their chances early in the contest as they recorded 17 hits, their second most this season and the most by a K-State offense in its Big 12 Championship history.

However, Kansas State left 13 runners on base and tied its season high by grounding into three double plays. In addition, the 11th inning proved to be the third time Saturday that K-State left the bases loaded.

The top three hitters in K-State’s lineup — Kivett, Witt and Conlon — recorded three hits apiece and drove in at least one run, led by Kivett’s two RBI. The 3-for-4 outing by Kivett produced his team-leading 24th multi-hit game of the year, while Witt and Conlon each registered their 23rd this season. Davis, DeBord and RJ Santigate also added two hits apiece.

Matthys suffered his first-career loss by allowing two runs on five hits in four innings of work. The Big 12 Freshman

of the Year, Matthys was one-third of an inning shy of tying his career high. Matt Garza, Jr. (5-1) earned the win for OU after allowing a run on two hits in 1.1 innings, while Hayes collected his first save of the year.

Oklahoma was paced offensively by Max White and Garrett Carey with two hits apiece. Carey hit a bases-clearing double in the fourth inning on a ball that just went over the outstretched glove of Davis in right field. Anthony Hermelyn recorded sacrifice flies in both the second and fifth innings.

K-State scored its first run of the game in the fourth on a Kivett bases-loaded hit-by-pitch. The run snapped a 21.2 scoreless-inning performance by the Sooners to open the Big 12 Championship.

Wildcats To Play Wichita In Regional

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A day after being awarded the first NCAA Regional host site in school history, Kansas State learned Monday that it will be joined at Tointon Family Stadium by No. 2-seed Arkansas, third-seeded Bryant and No. 4-seed Wichita State as the entire 64-team bracket was announced on ESPNU.

The top-seeded Wildcats will play host to the Shockers Friday at 2 p.m., in a game that will be televised nationally on ESPNU. Bryant and Arkansas will play later in the evening at 7 p.m.

Games on both Saturday and Sunday will also be played at both 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. If necessary, a second championship game will be played Monday night at 7 p.m. The entire regional will be televised on the ESPN family of networks, including the WatchESPN app and ESPN3.com.

Wichita State, the Missouri Valley Tournament Champion, enters NCAA Regional play

with a 39-26 overall record and finished in second place in the MVC regular-season standings with a 15-6 mark. Kansas State and Wichita State will be playing for the third time this year when they meet Friday afternoon as the Wildcats won both games during the home-and-home series. On April 9, in Manhattan, K-State plated five eighth-inning runs to tie the game at six apiece and won in the bottom of the ninth on a two-out passed ball. A week later in Wichita, K-State no-hit the Shockers for 5.2 innings and Jared King hit a three-run homer in the first inning as part of a 4-1 victory.

Wichita State holds a 51-33 all-time record against the Wildcats, but K-State holds a 19-18 edge in games played in Manhattan and has won 12 of the last 18 meetings. Friday’s contest will serve as the first matchup between K-State and WSU in the NCAA Tournament.

Arkansas put together a 37-

20 overall record and an 18-11 mark in conference play to finish second in the SEC Western Division. The potential matchup against the Razorbacks would be the 48th in school history but the first since 2003 as U of A holds a 29-18 edge. K-State played in the 2010 NCAA Fayetteville Regional but did not meet Arkansas.

After winning its first-ever Northeast Conference championship, Bryant enters regional play with a 44-16-1 overall record and finished first in the NEC regular-season standings at 27-5. The potential meeting with the Bulldogs would be the first in series history.

K-State enters regional play with a 41-17 overall record after finishing with a 16-8 mark in conference action. Kansas State won the Big 12 regular-season title, capturing the school’s first conference championship since 1933. Predicted to finish seventh in the preseason coaches’ poll, the Wildcats made the biggest jump in the

preseason poll by a conference champion in league history.

Tickets for the NCAA Manhattan Regional are now available online at www.kstatesports.com to current baseball season ticket holders, as they are given first opportunity to purchase seating they held during the regular season. To reserve tickets, which also provides the ability to add extra tickets, season ticket holders should log into their online account and select “season renewals.”

Also, all Ahearn Fund members will receive an exclusive email offer to pre-order tickets through Tuesday as all tickets will be opened to the general public on Wednesday. A promo code will be sent to each Ahearn Fund member’s email account with ordering information.

Baseball season ticket holders and Ahearn Fund members may also order by phone on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. by calling 800-221-CATS.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, with All-Session, reserved and general admission seating packages offered for the first-time event in Wildcat history. Fans may reserve their tickets in person at the K-State Athletics Ticket Office, by phone at 800-221-CATS or online at www.kstatesports.com.

If tickets remain, individual session tickets will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m., Friday and can be purchased online, by phone or in person.

All seating in the grandstand of Tointon Family Stadium will be reserved. General admission will be available only in the bleachers in the patio area along the right-field side and in the new temporary bleachers on the berm down the left-field line.

The tournament is conducted in a double-elimination format. By NCAA policy, each game is considered its own session requiring a separate ticket. The

stadium is required to be cleared between each game (session).

Fans can get all regional information at www.k-statesports.com/manhattanregional.

2013 MANHATTAN REGIONAL GAMES

Game One: Friday (5/31) — No. 1-seed Kansas State vs. No. 4-seed Wichita State, 2 p.m., ESPNU

Game Two: Friday (5/31) — No. 2-seed Arkansas vs. No. 3-seed Bryant, 7 p.m.

Game Three: Saturday (6/1) — Game One loser vs. Game Two loser, 2 p.m.

Game Four: Saturday (6/1) — Game One winner vs. Game Two winner, 7 p.m.

Game Five: Sunday (6/2) — Game Three winner vs. Game Four loser, 2 p.m. Game Six: Sunday (6/2) — Game Four winner vs. Game Five winner, 7 p.m.

Game Seven (if necessary): Monday (6/3) — Game Four winner vs. Game Six winner, 7 p.m.

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