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Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd, and Dave Lewis want to run Riley County like they would a business, only they want to run it as their business with no help from the voting public.

Editorial
By Jon A. Brake

Wouldn't it be nice if the Riley County Commissioners could run the County as a business. Stop buying trucks that sleep three, fix the roads each year and only spend what was budgeted? And wouldn't it be nice if they did this and lowered taxes?

Well, Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd, and Dave Lewis tell people that they want to run the County like a business but they only want the part of the business where the Board of Directors make all of the decisions.

Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd, and Dave Lewis want to remove the voters of Riley County from County Business. It is just not good business to take a new Ambulance Building to a vote of the people, a real business would not do that, the Board would make that decision. It is not good business to take the building of a new Riley County Courthouse to a vote of the people, what if they turned it down?

And a good businessman or woman likes to expand, become bigger, more important.

Well, this Commission, Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd, and Dave Lewis want to do all of that. They want to take the people out of County business and run everything by themselves. They want to become the big business in the County and expand to where the City, School District, the University, Colleges and the State of Kansas needs to come to them from money.

We are talking lots of money. The three Commissioners want to appoint themselves as a building Commission so that they have control of all of the large construction projects in Riley County.

We can not stop Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd, and Dave Lewis from forming a Public Building Commission. We can not stop Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd, and Dave Lewis from building a new Courthouse or an Ambulance Building. We can not stop Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd, and Dave Lewis from financing a \$52 million City Parks expansion for wishful thinking.

We can only tell Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd, and Dave Lewis that the Citizens want to control

what is built in Riley County. A Public Building Commission is not needed. The voters have approved everything the City, School District and the County has put before them in the past 20 years. Yes, the voter did turn the County down when they wanted to build the County Jail next to the Health Dept. and the hospital but they passed it at a new location.

And where is the Manhattan Mercury on this? The Commissioner are about to do away with the voting rights of the public and all the Mercury can say is, "we are for it if they have an advisory board." How dumb is that, who appoints the board and the Public Building Commission can over ride any advisory board.

Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd, and Dave Lewis are on the wrong path and they need to be told. We know that a lot of people had told the Commissioners "I Say No!" but they continue because there is someone or some big project that is pushing the Commissioners in the direction of a Public Building Commission and the elimination of the voters.

Lawmakers Could Get Special Treatment

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE, Kan. — Is your state lawmaker doped-up on the job? Even if he fails a drug test, you may never know.

That was the situation described to Kansas legislative leaders Wednesday after discussing provisions in a bill passed earlier this year that permits drug testing of welfare recipients and elected officials in the Kansas House and Senate.

While S.B. 149 (read a summary here) clearly outlines punitive measures for drug users receiving government cash assistance, the same can't be said for their legislative counterparts. The law states that both can be subjected to testing if there is "reasonable suspicion" of drug use, but while welfare recipients can be barred from receiving payments and compelled to undergo substance abuse and job skills programs, there's little direction as to what should happen if a lawmaker tests positive for narcotics.

Jeff Russell, director of Legislative Administrative Services, has been charged with implementing drug testing measures for state officials in the House and Senate. He told Kansas Watchdog that not only does the law not detail any ramifications, but it wouldn't explicitly make such tests public record, either. Russell said, until directed otherwise, he is treating the results as private medical records.

"I'm assuming from the get-go that the results are confidential," he said.

"That may or may not be the case as we proceed down the road," Russell

added. "I'm always going to err on the side of (privacy)."

Moving forward, Russell is looking to the Kansas Department of Administration to help craft policies pertaining to legislative drug testing, but he said the very nature of an elected official could complicate matters.

"Most of this (existing policy) is written to address an employee, and its been established in various times that legislators are not state employees," Russell said. "They have no boss other than their constituents."

But the Internal Revenue Service disagrees. According to the IRS, at least for taxing purposes, "any individual who serves as a public official is an employee of the government for whom he or she serves."

Overland Park Republican Rep. Stephanie Clayton was outraged after hearing that drug-using state lawmakers could receive special treatment.

"Drugs are against the law, and we shouldn't be doing them while we're legislators," Clayton said. "The only reason why I voted in favor of that (bill) was because it would hold me to the same standard (as welfare recipients). I don't want to do to other people what I wouldn't hold to myself."

Clayton argued that similar punitive measures, such as suspending a lawmaker's pay, should have been baked-in from the start.

"The fact that it wasn't put in with us in the first place seems to indicate to me someone wanted to look like we were being equal, but we're not," she added.

K-State, KU Bemoan Bioscience Funding Loss

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — University leaders in Kansas say cuts to the Kansas Bioscience Authority's budget could have a negative impact on the state.

The KBA, which was established in 2004 to invest tax dollars in and nurture new companies in the biosciences and life sciences fields, had been operating on a budget of more than \$35 million per year in some years. State funding support, however, has fallen to about \$4 million this year.

Kansas University Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little said the KBA helped the KU Cancer Center attain the National Cancer Institute designation. She said the KBA's current funding is not even close that of previous years, and the drop will hurt the university's effort to achieve comprehensive cancer center designation to expand the center's focus. The Lawrence Journal-World reported (<http://bit.ly/1fMf2kj>).

"That is a huge loss," Gray-Little said.

In 2011 and 2012, the KBA came under scrutiny from Gov. Sam Brownback and other conservative Republicans over management and investments under former CEO Tom Thornton, who resigned in 2011 for a job in Ohio. A \$1 million audit of the KBA found that the KBA board had handled investments in an acceptable manner, but alleged some questionable spending by Thornton.

Kansas State University President Kirk Schulz also said the lack of KBA funding will hurt efforts to recruit top-ranked professors. The KBA helped the state land the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, which is proposed to be built in Manhattan.

"I don't think that's positive for the state of higher education in Kansas," Schulz said. "I'm hopeful to see funding turn around."

Gray-Little and Schulz made their comments this past week after a KBA report to the Kansas Board of Regents.

Wyco Moves Step Closer To Ballpark Purchase

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Wyandotte County officials have moved a step closer to buying the privately held ballpark where its minor league baseball team plays.

The board of commissioners of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan., on Thursday approved a measure that provides notice of a change to the development plan in the Village West area where the Kansas City T-Bones play. The Kansas City Star (<http://bit.ly/1Pj6W8>) reported. Without the change, the county's sale talks with T-Bones owner, Ehlert Development Corp., would not have moved ahead.

The T-Bones attracted fans over the past decade, but the team and

Wyandotte County officials say private ownership of the stadium was not sustainable.

"The risk we're now facing is that we may lose the T-Bones," said Deputy County Administrator Doug Bach. Losing the team would cost the community \$5 million a year in lost economic benefits, he said.

If a deal is reached, the Unified Government will pay \$5.5 million to acquire the ballpark from Ehlert Development Corp. and set aside \$2.5 million for future repairs and upgrades. Under the proposed deal, sales taxes collected by the 111 businesses in the Village West area would go to pay off the bonds to finance the deal by the end of 2017.

In exchange, among other things, the T-Bones would have to stay for 20

years, although the government would have the right to terminate the lease after the 2015 season. The team would also be responsible for operating costs and would have to keep paying the government 50 cents per ticket, which would go into a fund for parks and recreation improvements.

The Unified Government also proposes the team share a quarter of all net profits from non-baseball activities at the stadium and allow each high school in the county the opportunity to rent the stadium one day a year for \$250, plus \$50 an hour for lights.

"The development agreement has to be right," Mayor Mark Holland said. "It has to protect the interest of the taxpayers."

Analysis: Kan. Insurance Chief Isolated Within GOP

By JOHN HANNA
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Sandy Praeger is approaching her final year as Kansas insurance commissioner with a national reputation for expertise on health care issues and a lengthy, unbroken string of election victories as a Republican in a GOP-leaning state.

But after winning three primaries and three general elections for the commissioner's job by comfortable margins, Praeger acknowledges that she'd have trouble emerging from next year's GOP primary. She wondered during an interview whether her endorsement would be toxic for any Republican seeking to replace her.

The reason is the unusual niche she's carved for herself within the GOP on health care issues. She argues that the federal health care overhaul championed by President Barack Obama and his fellow Democrats was a positive step that could help millions of uninsured Americans and that, even with the problems with its administration, it's an improvement.

Asked during a recent Associated Press interview about being among only a handful of prominent Republicans taking such a stance publicly, Praeger laughed and suggested there may be no others.

"I would be curious as to who they are, because I don't know them," she

joked. Later, growing serious, she said, "It's just the reality of the situation. I have been probably the most vocal Republican that has said this is better than what we had and we should try to make this work."

Praeger is not seeking re-election next year and will have to step down in January 2015, after 12 years as the state's insurance regulator. She'll turn 70 next year, and her husband, Mark, a Lawrence physician, is retiring at the beginning of January. Praeger said both were key to her decision against running, but she acknowledged that she doesn't have as much "fire" as she'd need to endure a tough statewide campaign.

"If I was 10 years younger, maybe," Praeger said. "You know there's a part of me that still has that little fight that I think, 'Yeah, I should do it.' But I just can't."

Praeger is a past president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and chairwoman of its committee on health insurance and managed care. But her stance on the 2010 federal health care law has kept officials in her home state's Republican-dominated state government at a distance.

In 2011, GOP Gov. Sam Brownback's administration returned a \$31.5 million federal grant for setting up the computer infrastructure within

Kansas for the state's online insurance marketplace, a move pushed by conservative GOP legislators. In 2012, Brownback decided against having the state partner with the federal government on the health insurance marketplace in Kansas, going against Praeger's advice.

State Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Chairwoman Mary Pilcher-Cook, a conservative Shawnee Republican, said Praeger's stance on the health overhaul has complicated work on issues surrounding it.

"It's very difficult to get information that you feel you can trust," Pilcher-Cook said.

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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 December 16, 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; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Amy Manges, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy Register of Deeds; Eileen King, Treasurer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Boyd moved to approve CIP Project Funding Form for Riley County Health Department Public Health Clinic Offices and furniture in the amount of \$16,852.30. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to appoint Pam Nelsens to the Fair Board, term expiration December 31, 2017. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

King asked for permission to close the Riley County Treasurer's Office to the public at 12:00 (noon) on December 31, 2013 for year-end processing.

The Board agreed by consensus to the closure of the Riley County Treasurer's Office to the public at 12:00 (noon) on December 31, 2013 for year-end processing.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2013 as approved. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/ County Engineer

Bid opening for tractor, loader, and backhoe

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; and John Allard, Riley County Council on Aging Chair, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for tractor/loader/backhoe.

Company	New 5-year lease	7-year lease	Used
KanEquip, Inc.			
18035 East Hwy. 24			
Wamego, KS 66547			
No bid	No bid	No bid	

The Victor L. Phillips Company			
1305 SW 42nd Street			
Topeka, KS 66609			
\$ 86,462.00	No bid		
No bid			

Foley Equipment			
5104 Skyway Drive			
Manhattan, KS 66503			
\$108,000.00	\$14,402.86		
lease/year			
\$50,000.00 buy back			
No bid			

G.W. Van Keppel			
3501 SE 21st Street			
Topeka, KS 66607			
\$110,272.00			
\$105,667.00 new lease			
\$ 15,902.41 lease/year			
\$ 35,000.00 buy back			
\$110,667.00 new lease			
\$ 14,223.88 lease/year			
\$ 25,000.00 buy back			

KanEquip, Inc.			
408 Lincoln Avenue			
Wamego, KS 66547			
\$ 82,250.00			
No bid	No bid	\$80,875.00	

Boyd moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:13 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; and John Allard, Riley County Council on Aging Chair, attended.

Shepek reported the Budget and Planning Committee agreed by consensus to not

include the Motor Vehicle Operation Fund 2013 budget amendment. Shepek stated the Budget and Planning Committee will review the Riley County Financial Policies and presented a recommendation to the Board in the future.

Shepek presented the 2013 budget amendment.

Notice of Hearing on Amending the 2013 Budget

The governing body of Riley County will meet on the day of December 26, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. at the Riley County Commission Chambers, 115 N. 4th St. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at and will be available at this hearing.

Summary of Amendments 2013 Proposed

2013 Adopted Budget Amendment

Actual Amount of Tax Fund	Levied	Expenditures
County Auction Fund	0.000 0	47,130
255,985		
Capital Improvements Fund	0.000 0	1,500,000
3,867,823		
RCPD Fund	6.819	
3,592,649	3,898,121	
4,086,255		
Resourceful Kansas Fund	0.000 0	500,000
512,062		
Bond & Interest Fund	0.167 87,936	883,394
2,061,695		
Road & Bridge Capital Project Fund	0.000 0	
1,106,058	3,825,445	
Register of Deed Tech Fund	0.000 0	130,100
149,897		
County Building Fund	0.568 299,300	383,000
625,766		
Economic Development Fund	0.000 0	
340,000	1,007,811	
Riley County Rural Fire District #1	4.903	
487,693	563,918	590,293

Boyd moved to approve the "Notice of Hearing on Amending the 2013 Budget." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:30 Press Conference

Eileen King, Treasurer; Brent Sigman, REACH Committee Chair; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Angel Dillon, REACH Committee Member; Lori Muir, REACH Committee Member; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; and John Allard, Riley County Council on Aging Chair, attended.

King reported the 1st half taxes are due December 20, 2013 and 2nd half taxes are due May 10, 2014.

Allard presented an update on the Riley County Council on Aging.

Sigman discussed the following REACH programs:

Adopted three families for Christmas, Coat, hat, and mitten tree donations,

Monday, December 23, 2013 Riley County Employee Christmas Cheer potluck.

Hobson said the bridge replacement project on West 40th Avenue is scheduled to begin on Monday, December 16, 2013. The project is located approximately 1/4 mile north of McDowell Creek Road. West 40th Avenue will be closed to through traffic from McDowell Creek Road north one mile to South 33rd Street. Traffic will need to use alternate routes throughout the duration of this project.

Hobson said the project has been allotted 105 working days and is expected to be completed in June 2014.

Lewis announced Riley County Offices will be closed at 12:00 (noon) Tuesday, December 24, 2013; Wednesday, December 25, 2013; and January 1, 2014. Lewis said the Treasurer's Office will close to the public at 12:00 (noon) Tuesday, December 31, 2013 for year-end processing.

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

Administrative Work Session

10:10 Boyd 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 10:30 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:30 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:30 Greg Lund, Parks Manager

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor, attended.

Lund presented a review of the CiCo Park Master Plan.

10:45 Gary Stith, Flint Hills Regional Council and Bill Clark, Executive Director Flint Hills Regional Council

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Rod Harms; and Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, attended.

Clark presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Flint Hills Frontiers project.

Stith presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Flint Hills Region.

11:30 Rich Vargo, County Clerk

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Vargo presented the Clerk's Office 2013 Accomplishments and 2014 Goals.

12:00 Law Enforcement Agency Meeting

1:30 Executive Sessions to discuss department head evaluations

1:30 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Robert Nall) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 1:40 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

1:45 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

1:45 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Robert Nall) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:05 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:05 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:05 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Robert Nall) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:15 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:15 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:15 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Shelly Williams) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:25 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:25 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:25 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Shelly Williams) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:45 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:45 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:45 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Shelly Williams) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:50 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:50 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:50 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Shelly Williams) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:55 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:55 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

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2:50 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:00 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Leon Hobson) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:10 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:11 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Leon Hobson) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:34 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

3:34 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:34 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Leon Hobson) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:44 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

3:44 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:45 Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Dawn Shoffner, Assistant IT Director; Cindy Kabriel, Administrative Assistant II; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Nall discussed implementing a paperless agenda/minutes solution.

Boyd moved to approve the Contractual Provisions Attachment with IQM2, Inc. and to allow IT/GIS Department to proceed. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

4:15 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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The Next Riley County General Election Will Be November 4, 2014

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785-313-0781

Riley County Commissioner
Bob Boyd
785-537-6357

Riley County Commissioner
Ron Wells
785-565-6213

Readers...

The Riley County Commissioners are marching to takeover the financing of all major projects in Manhattan and Riley County. The City of Manhattan is \$278 million in Debt. The State of Kansas has a law that limits the amount of Debt a City or County can have. Manhattan is within \$50 million of reaching the limit. \$50 million sounds like a lot of money but the City and the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce have been working for the past year with a "Private" Group to takeover the City Parks and spend \$52 million. In doing so they would destroy about everything build in the last 20 years. That one project would put Manhattan above the State Debt Limit so they need help.

Any project financed by the Public Building Commission would not count against the Total City Debt. It gives them a way to go around the State Law. There will be no stopping the Cities ability to take City Debt to new heights.

There is an old joke.. "How can you tell if a politician is lying? Their lips are moving." Well the Riley County Commission's lips have been moving but we do not want to call them liars, they have just been telling Citizens one thing and doing another.

For months the Free Press has been asking Citizens to call the Commissioners about the Public Building Commission but the Commissioner have been responding by saying that any Public Building Commission will only be used for Riley County Projects. But look at the December 19th issue of the Manhattan Free Press at manhattanfreepress.com.

We print the new Bylaws and look at what the Commission is going to pass: "ARTICLE VII Projects Excluded - The PBC shall not have authority to approve financing for any public building project of a unified school district, university or college."

They are not "Excluding" the City of Manhattan or the State of Kansas.

Jon A. Brake
Publisher Manhattan Free Press and the Blue Rapids Free Press

Top 10 Broken Obamacare Promises

By Alyene Senger
Heritage Foundation

Since the passage of Obamacare in 2010, many of the President's famous promises have been routinely broken. As he so ironically threatened in 2009, "If you misrepresent what's in this plan, we will call you out." [1] To that end, here are 10 promises of Obamacare that have already proved to be broken.

Promise #1: "If you like your health care plan, you'll be able to keep your health care plan, period."

Reality: Millions of Americans have lost and will lose their coverage due to Obamacare.

Obamacare has significantly disrupted the market for those who buy coverage on their own by imposing new coverage and benefit mandates, causing a reported 4.7 million health insurance cancellations of an existing policy in 32 states.

For those with employer-sponsored insurance in the group market, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects that 7 million fewer people will have employment-based insurance by 2018.

Moreover, the Administration itself has admitted that employers would not keep their existing health plans. Federal regulations written in 2010 estimated that 51 percent of small and large employers would lose their "grandfathered status" by 2013—meaning a majority of employers would not keep their

existing health plans.

Promise #2: "[T]hat means that no matter how we reform health care, we will keep this promise to the American people: If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor, period."

Reality: Many Americans might not be able to keep their current doctor without paying extra.

Many plans offered on Obamacare's exchanges have very limited provider networks, decreasing the chances consumers will be able to keep their current doctor without paying more money. Furthermore, many Americans who purchase coverage on their own have had their existing health plans changed or canceled due to Obamacare, resulting in some people being unable to keep their current doctors without paying additional money to do so.

Due to the significant payment reductions included in Obamacare, seniors with Medicare Advantage plans may be forced to find new doctors. The largest provider of these plans, UnitedHealth, has recently reduced its provider networks in several states.

Promise #3: "In an Obama administration, we'll lower premiums by up to \$2,500 for a typical family per year."

Reality: Premiums for people purchasing coverage in the individual market have significantly increased in a majority of states.

A Heritage analysis shows

that, on average, consumers in 42 states will see their premiums in the exchanges increase, many by over 100 percent.

For people with employer-sponsored coverage, costs also continue to increase. For families, premiums from 2009 to 2013 have increased by an average of \$2,976.

Promise #4: "[F]or the 85 and 90 percent of Americans who already have health insurance, this thing's already happened. And their only impact is that their insurance is stronger, better and more secure than it was before. Full stop. That's it. They don't have to worry about anything else."

Reality: Obamacare imposes certain new benefit mandates on those with employer-sponsored coverage—a majority of Americans.

These mandates increase the cost of coverage. In fact, federal regulations written in 2010 assumed "that the increases in insurance benefits will be directly passed on to the consumer in the form of higher premiums. These assumptions bias the estimates of premium changes upward."

But higher premiums not only cost people more money; they have other impacts on coverage as well. For instance, as a response to the direct cost increases associated with Obamacare, UPS dropped coverage for spouses of employees if they are offered coverage through their own employers.

Promise #5: "Under my plan, no family making less

than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase."

Reality: Obamacare contains 18 separate tax hikes, fees, and penalties, many of which heavily impact the middle class.

Altogether, Obamacare's taxes and penalties will accumulate over \$770 billion in new revenue over a 10-year period. Among the taxes that will hit the middle class are the individual mandate tax, the medical device tax, and new penalties and limits on health savings accounts and flexible spending accounts.

Promise #6: "I will not sign a plan that adds one dime to our deficits—either now or in the future."

Reality: Obamacare's new spending is unsustainable.

Obamacare was passed into law relying on a wide variety of unrealistic budget projections. A more realistic assessment reveals that it will be a multi-trillion-dollar budget buster. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) estimated the cost of Obamacare over the long term if certain cost-containment measures were overridden. Under that alternative scenario, which assumes that "historical trends and policy preferences continue," the GAO found that Obamacare would increase the primary deficit by 0.7 percent of gross domestic product (GDP).

Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) and the Senate Budget Committee staff, who commissioned the GAO report, trans-

lated the 75-year percentage estimate into today's dollar amount, which would be \$6.2 trillion over the next 75 years.

Promise #7: "[W]hatever ideas exist in terms of bending the cost curve and starting to reduce costs for families, businesses, and government, those elements are in this bill."

Reality: Health spending is still rising and is projected to grow at an average rate of 5.8 percent from 2012 to 2022.

While growth in health spending has been slower recently compared to the past, that is largely due to the sluggish economic recovery. Indeed, Obamacare's new entitlements will help drive greater health spending in 2014 and beyond.

Promise #8: "I will protect Medicare."

Reality: Obamacare cuts Medicare spending.

Obamacare makes unprecedented and unrealistic payment reductions to Medicare providers and Medicare Advantage plans in order to finance the new spending in the law. The cuts amount to over \$700 billion from 2013 to 2022. If Congress allows these draconian reductions to take place, it will significantly impact seniors' ability to access care.

Promise #9: "I will sign a universal health care bill into law by the end of my first term

as president that will cover every American." [27]

Reality: Millions of Americans will remain uninsured.

Despite spending nearly \$1.8 trillion in new spending from 2014 to 2023, the law falls far short of universal coverage. Indeed, Obamacare is projected by the CBO to leave 31 million uninsured after a decade of full implementation.

Promise #10: "So this law means more choice, more competition, lower costs for millions of Americans."

Reality: Obamacare has not increased insurer competition or consumer choice.

In the vast majority of states, the number of insurers competing in the state's exchange is actually less than the number of carriers that previously sold individual market policies in the state. [30] And at the local level, for 35 percent of the nation's counties, exchange enrollees will have a choice of plans from only two insurers—a duopoly. In 17 percent of counties, consumers will have no choice—a monopoly—as only one carrier is offering coverage in the exchange.

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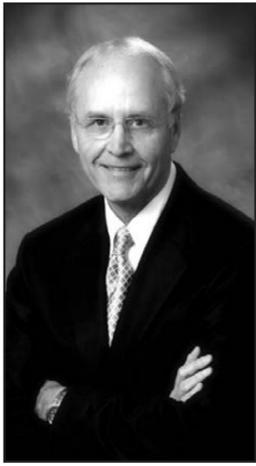
Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

The bonded debt limit for cities across Kansas is 30% of their assessed valuation. You know where we're headed here already, don't you. Manhattan's current valuation, the value of all the "taxable" properties in town including vehicles, is a tad over \$500 million. So, the city's debt limit is 30% of that or about \$150 million.

Now, we often hear Manhattan's debt is around \$275 million and wonder how it can be twice the state's statutory limit? Well, it's because there are all sorts of exemptions including much of the debt incurred as part of the north and south redevelopment areas. Those were largely financed with bonds secured mostly by sales taxes, through what you'll remember as tax increment financing (TIF) and STAR bonds. The latter were secured by the state's 6.15% share of the 8.9% sales tax collected within the two districts. The state rebates their sales tax share to the city for those bonds. Thus, a lot of the redevelopment debt is exempt from the city's limit.

We're told that exceptions also include bonds issued for storm sewers, municipal utilities, and improvements to intersections of streets and alleys that are immediately in front of city or school district property. We're not sure why that part is exempt, but hey, it's the gov-



Bob Strawn

ernment, folks. And to complicate the matter even further, there are about 70 other statutes that contain specific exemptions.

And not surprisingly, some cities have higher limits than the statute allows. Junction City, for example, has a 37% limit because, presumably like Detroit recently, they would have had to declare bankruptcy if held to 30%. Junction's relatively massive debt came when city central planners approved too much land development in preparation for the Big Red One's return from Germany. And then their developer friends reneged on paying the city's special taxes that financed their city streets and sewers. Thankfully, we've had little of that horseplay here.

So, Manhattan actually has about \$100 million in general obligation debt that applies to its \$150 million statutory limit. The debt is made up of temporary notes, general obligation bonds and special assessment bonds. Specials finance streets and sewers like those in Junction, which are intended to be paid by the associated land owners as part of their property taxes.

Temporary notes, on the other hand, provide short term cash to finance these and other city projects. The notes are

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later converted to long term bonds. But for the past several years, temp notes have carried lower interest rates than bonds. So, the city has used them to their fullest.

Obviously, we were more than a little fortunate that TIF and STAR bonds were available for downtown redevelopment financing. And in the case of STAR's, the city was

able to justify - with the Flint Hills Discovery Center - the state contributing \$50 million to the overall cost. However, the statutory limit remains with projects looming like the \$54

million Fieldhouse Project, which we have addressed before and will again.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

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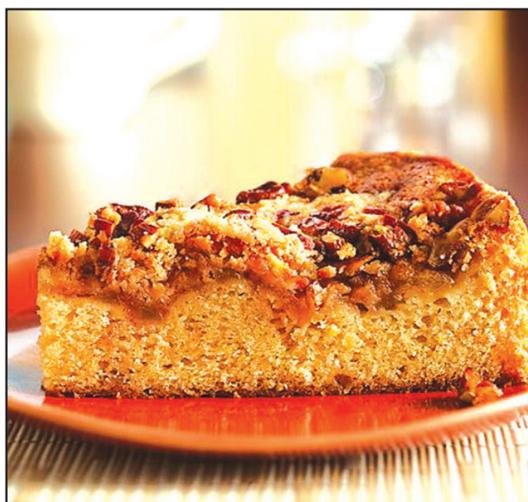
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CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

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1 teaspoon grated orange peel
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup cold butter or margarine
1/3 cup sour cream
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Directions

- Heat oven to 350°F. Grease 9-inch round or 8-inch square pan with shortening or cooking spray.
- In small bowl, mix all filling ingredients; set aside. In medium bowl, mix 1 1/3 cups flour, the sugar, orange peel, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter, using pastry blender (or pulling 2 table knives through ingredients in opposite directions), until small crumbs form. Reserve 1 cup of the crumb mixture for topping. To remaining crumb mixture in bowl, add sour cream, eggs and vanilla; beat with electric mixer on medium speed about 1 minute or until blended.
- Spread batter in pan. Spoon filling over batter and spread evenly. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture and the pecans; pat gently.
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8	Over-confident	50	Money of China	23	Excited
12	Do as you're told	51	1972 Bill Withers hit	25	Vacationing
13	Man-mouse link	54	Ms. Brockovich	26	Tierra — Fuego
14	Lima's land	55	Prepare to fight	27	TV Superman portrayer
15	Tofu	56	Computer brand	29	Hang around
17	Falls behind	57	Finished	31	Miler Sebastian
18	Divest	58	Energy	32	A billion years
19	Compact piano	59	Sunrise	34	Wan
21	Money			38	Secondary route
24	Mel of baseball lore	DOWN		40	A million grams
25	Probability	1	Unruly groups	42	Possess
28	Iodine source	2	Encourage	43	Changed color
30	"Rocks"	3	Caboose's position	44	Continental coin
33	Finder's charge	4	Skeptical folks	45	Sharp rebuke
34	Cars	5	"Skip to My —"	47	Erstwhile Peruvian
35	Cattle call	6	Timetable abbr.	48	Merganser duck
36	Peninsula st.	7	Cushions	49	Fork-tailed flier
37	Author Bellow	8	Bowler's problem	52	Before
38	"Where've you —?"	9	Interim	53	Pump up the volume
39	To the — degree	10	Incite		
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		16	Bookkeeper (Abbr.)		

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57. Finished
58. Energy
59. Sunrise

DOWN

1. Unruly groups
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Kansas State Beats No. 21 Gonzaga 72-62

By JEFFREY PARSON
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — At the media timeout with 7:51 remaining and his team leading No. 21 Gonzaga by two, Kansas State coach Bruce Weber challenged his players.

Weber told them the Bulldogs had put up nearly 30 points in the second half.

"They had been scoring a little too easy," Weber said. "I told our guys we needed to get stops right then. They were at 52. And they stayed at 52 for a long time."

Indeed, Gonzaga scored only two points in the next seven minutes after that timeout, keying Kansas State's 72-62 upset victory.

Thomas Gipson scored eight of his 14 points for K-State (8-3) during that seven-minute stretch. Marcus Foster also finished with 14 while Wesley Iwundu had 13 and Shane Southwell added 11.

Kevin Pangos led Gonzaga (10-2) with 14 points while reserve Drew Barham had 13 points. David Stockton and Przemek Karnowski each scored 10.

The Bulldogs entered the game averaging 87.5 points and had not scored fewer than 68 this season.

"We just missed a lot of wide open shots," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "That and not getting to the free throw line were huge for us."

Kansas State was 19 of 25 from the foul line while the Bulldogs were 7 of 15.

Gonzaga played the second half without second-leading scorer Sam Dower, who took a hard fall late in the first half and did not return.

"He was in a lot of pain in

his lower back," Few said. "(The doctors) were so concerned, they took him for an X-ray."

Southwell kept his team's momentum going right after halftime, scoring five straight to give the Wildcats a 33-24 lead with 18:46 to play.

Then Foster, a freshman among the top 10 scorers in the Big 12, had his stretch, going on a personal 7-3 run with a 3-pointer, a layup and monster slam over Stockton.

The Wildcats led 40-32 and the crowd was buzzing.

"Marcus is so athletic," said Southwell, who made the pass to Foster on the play for one of his six assists. "As soon as he got it and could get up, I knew it was over for Stockton."

But the Bulldogs answered as Gary Bell's 3-pointer capped a 7-0 run that pulled the Bulldogs within 40-39 with 14:48 to play.

After that, the teams exchanged the lead eight times in six minutes.

"The tempo had been at their tempo, but we were able to finally get it up and down a little and get back in the game," Few said. "We were in position. But then they made all the plays from that moment forward."

Gipson was the key. Twice then 6-foot-7 Gipson posted up the tiring Karnowski, a 7-footer forced into extended minutes by Dower's injury, for baskets.

The second one gave Kansas State a 60-54 lead with 3:39 remaining. Karnowski entered the game averaging 23 minutes but played 30 Saturday, 17 of them in the second half.

"He was definitely tired," Few said.

Gipson's putback with 1:59



K-State's Thomas Gipson (left) scored 8 of his 14 points in the final 7 minutes. (File Photo by Ben Brake)

to play pushed the lead to eight, and the Wildcats could milk out a victory from there.

"I just wanted to be active — ball screen, roll and get posted up down low," Gipson said. "I knew I could get offensive

rebounds or easy hook shots." Gonzaga, among the top 20 nationally in scoring, had real difficulties finding its offense in the first half.

The Bulldogs had just 19 points in the game's first 17

minutes and trailed by five.

But Kyle Dranginis followed a driving layup with a 3-pointer, making the score 24-24 with 1:49 remaining in the half.

Kansas State scored the half's final five points on a 3 by

Nigel Johnson and a layup by Nino Williams for a 29-24 lead. Gonzaga had not scored fewer than 31 points in a first half this season.



K-State's Freshman Guard Marcus Foster (2) takes the ball under the basket for two points. (File Photo by Ben Brake)

Kansas State Gives AD Currie New Contract

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas State rewarded athletic director John Currie with a raise and a one-year contract extension on Friday after one of the most successful stretches in school history.

Not only did the Kansas State capture Big 12 championships in football, men's basketball and baseball within the same year in 2012-13, the school also has embarked on \$125 million in facility improvements spearheaded by Currie that have revitalized the athletic department.

"I think we're still focused on the same vision we've had," Currie told The Associated Press in a phone interview Friday. "We've got great momentum and I'm just extremely excited."

The contract extension would keep Currie at Kansas State through June 30, 2019. His annual salary will increase by \$100,000 to \$575,000 for the remainder of the 2013-14 fiscal year through the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons, and then increase by \$25,000 each remaining year.

Currie is also in line for var-

ious retention incentives.

"Our athletics department has achieved unprecedented success the past four years under John's tremendous leadership," Kansas State President Kirk Schulz said in a statement. "John's vision and partnership have been critically important to the entire university family."

Currie, who arrived in May 2009, inherited an athletic department that had fallen into debt and was racked by scandal. But he's not only helped to lift the program into the black, he's also helped Kansas State embark on an ambitious series of construction projects.

The most recent was a \$90 million renovation to Bill Snyder Family Stadium that was unveiled this past season.

It included the demolition of the old press box and a new facility stretching from end zone to end zone that includes enhanced club seating and other amenities.

Last year, the school unveiled a new basketball training facility adjacent to Bramlage Coliseum. It also opened a new rowing facility and renovated tennis facilities.

Away from the playing field, Currie helped to guide Kansas

State through a tense series of conference realignments. He was also played a major part in launching K-StateHD.TV, a premium digital network that airs programming that ranges from football games to Olympic sports.

The football program, which won the Big 12 title last season, went 7-5 and is headed to the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl this season. The men's basketball team led by coach Bruce Weber — perhaps Currie's most significant hiring — also won the Big 12 title last season, and is 7-3 and has won five straight games this season. The baseball team is also coming off a Big 12 championship.

No doubt one of the biggest decisions that will face Currie in the near future is finding a replacement for Snyder, who turned 74 in October. When Snyder stepped away for a brief retirement, Ron Prince — who was hired by Currie's predecessors — was unable to replicate the success of Snyder, who is so revered in the Flint Hills that the highway leading to town is named for him.

"My focus is on continuing to support his efforts in leading our program," Currie told the

AP. "I'm focused on his continued building. It's an ongoing process, but I think the things we're doing to build facilities and expand our attendance and brand will bode well."

Kansas State has received 13 private gifts in excess of \$1 million since Currie's arrival, while participation in the Ahearn Fund has eclipsed 9,300 members for the first time.

Currie, who serves on the Division I Administrative Cabinet, was one of two athletic directors named to SportsBusiness Journal's Forty Under 40 list of national sports leaders. He was the 2012 Under Armour AD of the Year and the 2013 Bobby Dodd AD of the Year.

"He brings such passion and energy to our athletic program," said Mike Goss, whose name adorns the new tennis stadium. "When you add his contributions to the great work being done by President Schulz and the rest of the K-State team, I have no doubt that K-State's best days are still ahead."

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