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Commissioner Bob Boyd

Boyd's Shows Dislike for Meetings

(Editor's Note: One year ago, in the Minutes of the Riley County Commission Meeting for December 15, 2014, Commissioner Bob Boyd read his comments on the Commission passing the Public Building Commission later in the meeting.

It sounds like Mr. Boyd does not have any respect for the voters (or anyone else) of Riley County, who disagrees with him.)

These comments were taken from the minutes of that meeting:

Commissioner Bob Boyd
PBC Process Comments
12.15.2014

1. Congratulations to the Riley County Commission and County Staff for completing this process. This detailed and arduous process began with a request for BOCC priorities in early 2013, advanced to an internal study of facilities needs and costs, then to a County leaders' retreat where top priorities were determined and the need for a PBC to finance these priorities. The BOCC and staff developed a due diligence plan for financing county priorities, researching and educating themselves of all options available. The clear choice to finance the County's priorities was to form a Public Building Commission.

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Riley County Costly Plans For Building Commission

(Editor's Note: Last December the Riley County Commission approved the Riley County Building Commission. Here is a Report that gives some detail about a meeting with County Staff and other Public Officials.

It is the Free Press opinion that this meeting was billed as a "County Strategic Planning Retreat" and not as a County Commission meeting to keep the public out.

The Graphic below was shown at the meeting but does not give all of the cost of the projects discussed in the meeting. The cost on the graphic are anywhere from 6 to 10 years old and can not be correct.)

Here is the Report:

2013 Riley County Strategic Planning Retreat

RETREAT REPORT

DATE: September 6, 2013

PLACE: Holiday Inn at the Campus, Manhattan, KS

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners – Robert Boyd, Dave Guthals, Ron Wells

Department Heads/Staff – Cheryl Collins, Pat Collins, Larry Couchman, Leon Hobson, Clancy Holeman, Eileen King, Greg McHenry, Robert Nall, DaLanna Nichols, Brenda Nickel, Dennis Peterson, Debbie Register, Brad Schoen, Rich Vargo, Monty Wedel, Shelly Williams, Barry Wilkerson, Jennifer Wilson and Judge Meryl Wilson.

Facilitator: Russell Disberger

START AND OPENING COMMENTS: Facilitator Russell Disberger provided the outline for the day and expectations for the meeting.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: All three commissioners provided comments on their appreciation for the retreat opportunity and their expectations for the day.

FACILITY PRIORITIES:

Commissioner Boyd outlined his thoughts on the facilities planning priorities as follows: Must have long-term vision (25-50 years), must be economical in short & long term and economical for operations, must support growth (phases & expandability), must provide safety (natural disasters, security, facilities systems), and must be efficient (user-friendly, systematically compatible, provide support). It was also suggested that joint ventures be considered if they served to maximize tax dollars. Commissioner Boyd also explained the rationale for the EMS facility and the Courts being the priority focus for the day's discussion.



The Riley County Commission is looking at proposals that would condemn the church, and Crum's building and build two new buildings. In another proposal they would turn the Courthouse into a museum with an aquarium. (Minutes of Commission and Staff Meeting)

REVIEW OF BUILDING NEEDS:

Leon Hobson reviewed the maintenance/repair needs for the EMS facility and the four buildings in the courthouse complex (Courthouse Plaza East (CPE), Riley County Office Building (RCOB), Carnegie and Courthouse.

PRESENTATION OF EMS FACILITY NEEDS:

Larry Couchman provided a visual presentation regarding the current deficiencies of the EMS facility and the changing needs of the department.

DISCUSSION OF EMS FACILITY ALTERNATIVES:

Russell Disberger led a brainstorming session regarding potential solutions to the EMS facility situation.

Included was a discussion of the usefulness of a public building commission as a financing tool. After considerable deliberations the general consensus was that a new EMS facility is Riley County's highest facility priority and that a new location for such a facility should be pursued as soon as possible. Larry Couchman will work with Pat Collins and others to find a suitable location and will bring the site to the BOCC for consideration by October 1. In the meantime, the BOCC should pursue formation of a public building commission as soon as possible.

PRESENTATION OF COURT'S NEEDS:

Judge Meryl Wilson provided a visual presentation regarding the current deficiencies of the courthouse and the changing needs of the courts.

DISCUSSION OF COURT'S ALTERNATIVES:

Russell Disberger led a discussion of various options to address the court's needs. To facilitate the discussion, Monty Wedel explained a spreadsheet comparing the long-term costs of four different options which were:

1. Build a new courthouse downtown and continue to use the current facilities for the remaining office needs;
2. Purchase an existing building, such as the Farm Bureau building, and remodel to meet the needs of the courts and the other offices;
3. Purchase land in the area (20 acres) and build new office space there;
4. Build a comprehensive office building for all county offices downtown.

Various offshoot alternatives were also discussed such as building two new buildings instead of just one. After some discussion, the consensus was to focus on construction of new facilities downtown. Russell

Disberger then asked each group to brainstorm and develop three options for building downtown. The results were as follows:

Group 1

Construct a Judicial Center on the municipal parking lot and the remainder of the block between 4th & 5th. The building would consist of 2 floors of offices and courts and 2 floors of parking.

- Use the old courthouse for a museum with an aquarium
- Lease the Carnegie
- Sell the CPE
- Buy the church
- Build administrative offices on current space
- Repurpose the RCOB of Pawnee and sell the Pawnee building to KSU

Group 2

Construct court building @ Colorado Street. Sell CPE or demolish. Construct administrative building on current space.

Construct court building on municipal parking lot and block off street. Build administrative building south of Humboldt.

Acquire houses on Leavenworth and build there.

Get property you need now. Close property very valuable to County.

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20-Year Cost Comparison

ITEM	ALTERNATIVE 1 Continue with Current Facilities/Construct New Courthouse			ALTERNATIVE 2 Purchase Existing Building for Comprehensive County Office Facility			ALTERNATIVE 3 Construct Comprehensive County Office Facility on Raw Land			ALTERNATIVE 4 Construct Comprehensive County Office Facility Downtown		
	SQUARE FEET	COST/SQ FT	TOTAL COST	SQUARE FEET	COST/SQ FT	TOTAL COST	SQUARE FEET	COST/SQ FT	TOTAL COST	SQUARE FEET	COST/SQ FT	TOTAL COST
Construction	95,000	\$ 205	\$ 19,475,000				165,000	\$ 205	\$ 33,825,000	165,000	\$ 205	\$ 33,825,000
Parking (Underground or surface)	36,750	\$ 100	\$ 3,675,000				70,000	\$ 2.91	\$ 203,700	70,000	\$ 100	\$ 7,000,000
Utilities			\$ 5,879,136			\$ 5,643,840			\$ 5,643,840			\$ 5,643,840
Modernization CPE			\$ 3,852,500									
Modernization RCOB			\$ 1,900,000									
Modernization Courthouse			\$ 5,000,000									
Modernization Carnegie			\$ 1,000,000									
Security			\$ 10,500,000			\$ 2,100,000			\$ 2,100,000			\$ 2,100,000
Remodeling						\$ 5,000,000						
Utility Extensions/Site Preparation									\$ 1,000,000			
Demolition												\$ 200,000
Building Acquisition				165,000		\$ 15,000,000						
Land Acquisition							20 Acres		\$ 1,000,000			
Insurance												
Custodial												
IT Operational												
Sale of Existing Buildings						\$ (600,000)			\$ (600,000)			\$ (600,000)
Lease of office space												
Taxes from Sold Buildings						\$ (156,500)			\$ (156,500)			\$ (156,500)
TOTALS			\$ 51,281,636			\$ 26,987,340			\$ 43,016,040			\$ 48,012,340

This is a graphic used by the County Staff in a meeting with the County Commission to help them to make a decision for a Riley County Building Commission. By going this direction the County Commission will appoint themselves as the Building

Commission and then finance building projects without a vote of the public. Many of these cost were put together years ago by Bowman & Bowman Architects. The figures may or may not be valid today.

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Riley County Commission Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month

Editor's Note: (What the Riley County Clerk and the Riley County Commissioners are doing with the Commission Minutes is Deceiving.)

Looking at the Minutes taken by County Clerk Rich Vargo, the County is paying \$700 per month to produce nothing but filler and last year it did not cost extra to write a complete history of the meeting.)

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
December 07, 2015

Business Meeting Approve 2016 LEPC Membership List

Move to sign the letter addressed to CEPR Local Emergency Planning Committee for updating Riley County LEPC Membership list.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign a letter of support for aTa Bus for a grant application Smith discussed the grant application.

Move to approve a letter of support for a grant for aTa Bus.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Out-of-state travel request for Allen Todd

Move to approve an Out of State Travel Request for Allen Todd to attend the GIS/CAMA conference in Savannah, Georgia, at the cost of \$1,771 to be funded by the Appraiser's Office budget.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Appointment letters for John Osarczuk and Tom Taul to the Riley County Planning Board/Board of Zoning Appeals and Resolution

Move to sign appointment letters for John Osarczuk and Tom Taul to the Riley County Planning Board/Board of Zoning Appeals and "Resolution No. 120715-44, A Resolution appointing representatives to Planning Board/Board of Zoning Appeals."

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Jana Patton, a Dietitian, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective December 9, 2015.

Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a WIC Dietitian, in the Health Department, at a grade O.

Review Minutes

Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Dec 3, 2015 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Tentative Agenda

10. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

11. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

12. Administrative Work Session

Holeman said he has heard from Tom Phillips on the collection of delinquent tax legislation proposed from Riley County. Holeman said County Treasurer Heger will propose the legislation to the Treasurers Association.

Holeman asked if the Board is attending the Eureka Valley Tributary meeting tomorrow.

The Board stated they are attending.

13. Pending County

Projects County Counselor

9:20 AM
Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

14. 2015 Budget Amendment

Shepek presented the 2015 budget amendment. Shepek stated the 2015 Budget Amendment Hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 28, 2015.

Move to publish the 2015 budget amendment.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9:30 AM

Press Conference

15. RCPD update - Luke Breault (3-5 minutes)

Breault stated they have had an influx of vehicle burglaries. Breault said they did not see an increase in accidents during the ice storm.

Breault reported the department is now taking on measures for increased security at large public events.

16. Candy Canes & Airplanes Manhattan Saturday, December 12th - Robert Boyd (3 minutes)

Boyd announced an open house at the Manhattan Regional Airport, "Candy Canes & Airplanes Manhattan" Saturday, December 12th from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

9:50 AM

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

(Editor's Note: Is Robert Boyd the only Commissioner capable to make a Motion? And is Ben Wilson the only Commissioner who can Second the Motion? Look at these Minutes Boyd made every Motion and Wilson make every Second. If you look back at all of their Minutes it is the same every meeting.)

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes December 10, 2015

Public Comments

Shepek reminded Commissioner Wells about the welcome today at 12:00 (noon) to the Flint Hills Regional Leadership meeting at the aTa Bus facility.

Hobson discussed the Eureka Tributary tour with KDOT. Wells questioned if Riley County has to accept the tributary to maintain.

Hobson said a prior County Commission did sign off on accepting the Eureka Tributary.

Boyd said he is concerned about the State maintaining the rip-rap on the south side of K-18, which could cause the tributary to backup.

Commission Comments

Business Meeting

Highway Use Permit, RF Construction

Move to approve the Highway Use Permit to grant permission to RF Construction, Inc. to dig potholes on each side of Valleydale Road before boring the utilities. This is a KSU project.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

CIP Authorization

Form - South Airport Road Storm Sewer Construction Project

Move to approve a CIP Authorization Form for the South Airport Road Storm Sewer Construction Project in the amount of \$181,192.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Discuss Joint City/County Meeting Agenda

Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$427,618.10 and the following warrant vouchers for December 11, 2015:

2015 Budget

County General \$409,882.73

Health Department 6,708.91

Riley Co Juvenile Service 4,380.00

Motor Vehicle Operations 5,308.26

21st Jud Dist Teen Court 730.48

Riley Co Adult Services 5,550.96

Capital Improvements Fund 31,024.44

Solid Waste 5,162.15

County Building 501.25

Road & Bridge Cap Project 181.64

RCPD Levy/Op 958,971.12

Landfill Closure 924.13

Riley Co Fire Dist #1 6,561.19

Fire Dist #1 Tuttle Cove 25,142.72

University Park W&S 5,025.66

Deep Creek Sewer 100.00

Valleywood Operations 97.10

Terra Heights Sewer 362.50

Konza Water Operations 100.43

TOTAL. . . \$1,496,715.67

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Vicky McCallum, for a promotion, as an Administrative Assistant II, in the Public Works Department, at a grade K step 1, at \$17.77 per hour.

Review Minutes

Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Dec 7, 2015 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM

Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director and/or Doug Schmitt, Assistant Fire Chief

Bid Opening for SCBA Breathing Air Compressor

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for a SCBA compressor.

Company Total Bid

Danko Emergency Equipment 200 E. Elm Street, PO Box 284 Hanover, KS 66945

\$34,506.53

Conrad Fire Equipment 887 N. Jan-Mar Court Olathe, KS \$27,215.90

Feld Fire 113 N. Griffith Road Carroll, IA 51401 \$32,529.00

Move to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9:20 AM

Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer

Bid opening for Public Works standby power

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for Public Works standby.

Company Total Bid

Economy Electric, Inc. PO Box 1225 Manhattan, KS 66505-1225 \$59,160.00

Heineken Electric 2151 Fort Riley Blvd. Bldg. E1 Manhattan, KS 66502 \$86,995.00

Electrical Concepts, Inc. PO Box 306 Wamego, KS 66547 \$69,950.32

Engineer's Estimate \$92,000.00

Move to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9:30 AM

Shilo Heger, Treasurer November 2015 Revenue Reporting - Riley County Treasurer Heger presented the Treasurer's Office December 2015 staff report.

Heger requested to close the Treasurer's Office to the public on Thursday, December 31st at 12:00 (noon) for year end balancing.

Move to close the Treasurer's Office to the public on Thursday, December, 31, 2015 at 12:00 (noon) for year end balancing.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9:45 AM

Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

Economic development update

Armbrust discussed the expansion of the Tall Grass Brewery. Armbrust said local businesses have expanded in 2015.

Armbrust said in 2016 we have to work together, because we are working on a global national stage in business. Armbrust said many local businesses are doing business internationally.

Armbrust discussed the need for facilities and infrastructure for businesses needs.

Armbrust stated we have to develop our workforce needs.

Wells discussed the large amount of land Kansas State University has along Marlatt Avenue with current infrastructure.

Armbrust said he believes the Eureka Valley area is ideal for commercial and industrial development.

Armbrust said the KSU campus master plan has identified the KSU land along Marlatt Avenue as critical to KSU's educational needs.

Armbrust reported the Leaders' Retreat will be held January 22nd and 23rd.

10:00 AM

Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director

Move to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

14. Health Department Monthly Budget Review and Report to the Board of Health

Nickel presented the Health Department's monthly report.

Move to approve and sign "A Message from the Board of Health."

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Ross presented an update on the Health Department Strategic Plan

process.

Nickel presented a notebook on the Health Department Director succession planning.

Ross discussed the continuity of operations during the Health Department Director's position transition.

Nickel stated she has met with each of her staff members individually. Nickel said she had highly valued the experiences and mentoring she has had at Riley County.

Nickel spoke of her positive experiences with the Board and many staff members of Riley County.

Move to recess as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:30 AM

Budget and Planning Committee

15. November Monthly Cash Flow Reports

Shepek presented the monthly cash flow reports.

10:50 AM

Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director

Move to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

16. Approval of Riley County

Isolation & Quarantine Orders

Nickel presented the Riley County Isolation & Quarantine Orders. Nickel recommended the Board of Health approve the Isolation and Quarantine Orders as presented.

Boyd asked for a presentation on how they will be implemented next month.

Adams said the implementation process could be presented next month. Boyd said evaluation and treatment seem to be very broad.

Holeman stated these are only to cover communicable diseases and not mental illness.

Move to approve the seven Isolation and Quarantine Orders as presented.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

17. The Riley County Health Department HIPAA Handbook and Policy Manual

Mott presented the HIPAA Handbook and Policy Manual.

Boyd said he would like more time to review the document. Boyd asked if it could be brought back to the Board the first of next month.

Mott said it can be brought back to the Board next month.

Move to recess as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

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Kansas governor wants no tax debate, expects no budget

By JOHN HANNA
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Republican Gov. Sam Brownback says Kansas legislators shouldn't tinker further with tax laws next year and argues that the state budget is in "good shape" despite a projected shortfall because his economic policies are working.

The term-limited governor spent part of a recent Associated Press interview throwing out statistics aimed at bolstering his argument that the deep cuts in personal income taxes that he championed in past years are boosting the economy as he had predicted. The state has struggled to balance its \$15 billion budget since those reductions; Kansas hiked sales and cigarette taxes earlier this year and still

faces a projected deficit of about \$160 million for the fiscal year that begins in July.

Brownback declined to discuss details of how he'll close the projected gap, and he brushed aside suggestions that painful budget cuts will be necessary.

"I think we're going to be in good shape," the governor said. "I think we're going to be able to work our way on through, provided we don't have just a real big global economic set of problems."

Brownback won a second four-year term last year, even though exit polling showed a majority of voters didn't think the state benefited from the income tax cuts he persuaded GOP lawmakers to pass as an economic stimulus.

Democrats and other Brownback critics contend that the state's ongoing budget problems prove that his economic policies have failed. State Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat, scoffed at what he said was Brownback's insistence that, "the sun is shining in Kansas."

"It's a political spin that, right now, isn't being bought by the people," Hensley said.

Brownback noted that the state's unemployment rate in October, 4.1 percent, was the lowest it has been in more than 14 years. The state Department of Labor reported that the average hourly wage in Kansas has increased by 7 percent since 2011.

The governor said positive

economic signs are coming, even though three major sectors for the state — aviation, agriculture and oil and gas production — have slumped.

"There hasn't been the coverage of, well, is the tax plan working or not to create jobs?" Brownback said. "I would think that the public would be interested in that."

He expressed frustration that that critics continually insist that cutting income taxes "hasn't worked."

"And it has worked," he said.

Hensley contends that Kansas is seeing the benefits of a stronger national economy.

"I think the president deserves some credit in all of this," he said.

Brownback's backward

glance has implications for the annual legislative session that opens in January.

Facing a previous budget shortfall earlier this year, even some of his fellow Republicans wanted to backtrack on a 2012 policy that exempted more than 330,000 farmers and business owners from income taxes. The governor managed to preserve most of the tax break — along with other income tax cuts he had pushed.

"I don't think we ought to be messing with taxes," he said.

He added: "The moral argument is that we give big business a huge tax break, and why do we do it? To get their jobs. What we're doing here is — it's the same moral argument — we're giving small business a tax break and why are you

doing it? To get jobs."

As for the budget, Hensley predicted Brownback would again seek to divert highway funds to general government programs. Governors of both parties have relied on such shuffling to plug budget gaps and Brownback's administration already plans to divert \$50 million in the current budget to allow the state to continue paying its bills on time.

Brownback wouldn't say whether he'll hit transportation funds again, but he said new federal highway legislation should bring additional dollars to Kansas and added that low petroleum prices will make projects the state has planned less expensive. Those comments suggested another diversion is at least under consideration.

Commissioner Boyds Comments..... from page one

2. To my fellow Commissioners, I apologize for the tumult which we encountered at the public meetings. It was I who advocated strenuously for public input and rationale which compelled us to conduct various public input sessions and two public meetings. We received input from a very small segment of our community and **very little rationale** at the two public meetings. My only defense for advocating such a process is that it was the correct course of action; public comment, no matter how **irrational**, no matter how **small a cross-section of the population**, is the right process to follow for public officials. We government leaders will never achieve the greater public participation in local government we desire, unless we adhere to a course of continual public discussion on various subjects. We did receive several suggestions at various public sessions. We debated all and some we incorporated into the draft bylaws. Thank you to Joe Knopp and others who followed the process and made sensible, pragmatic

suggestions.

3. The Public Building Commission decision was a conventional executive decision, typical of decisions made by elected bodies throughout our nation. The Riley County staff comprehended the reality of the situation the County faced long before the current Commission was seated; great needs which had been deferred for years and the limited ability of Riley County to finance such projects. Their tasking, as assigned by the BOCC, was to educate us, to research data and procedures, to seek out experts to address us and to do so in a balanced manner depicting the advantages and disadvantages. This they did most professionally. Commissioner Wells and I had many of the same initial hesitations citizens voiced in our Public sessions. Commissioner Lewis had encountered these concerns in prior years and was more advanced in his due diligence than we were. All of our concerns were addressed and given

lengthy and deliberate considerations. Upon completion of our due diligence the course forward was evident; a public building commission was required. We debated the course forward and elected to proceed with public input sessions and public meetings. We also further researched the effectiveness of existing building commissions in Kansas, which confirmed the advantages of a building commission. We have concluded this process today and will move forward addressing Riley County priorities.

4. Thank you to Commissioner Dave Lewis and to Commissioner Ron Wells for seeing this process through at this time. To those who choose to criticize the timing of this decision, I say your criticism is disingenuous and trifling. Commissioner Lewis was elected to office after an arduous primary and general election. He swore an oath to serve all the citizens of Riley County, not just the majority of 17% of Republican primary voters of the most recent election. Elections do have consequences

as do terms of office.

5. For the second time in my life I have endured an irrational, fervent abhorrence of me and my associates. The first occasion of such abhorrence we veterans experienced upon our return from Vietnam. Then it was mostly younger ultra liberals who opposed the government's actions in Southeast Asia, but were ignorant of how the government functioned and how to affect change in society. Today such abhorrence is displayed in older, ultra conservatives who oppose local government actions, but are unaware of how government actually functions and how to affect change in society. Some who oppose government actions do so with a perception of government which deviates from reality; rather they view government operating as they want it to be rather than how it actually functions. We see the same perception/reality errors when citizens encounter our judicial system, thus the need for lawyers to guide citizens through the system for equitable outcomes. In the Vietnam era, protesters wanted "...all to get along, live and let live." Today's harsh critics want a smaller, cheaper government of yesteryear with the services of tomorrow. The Vietnam era protest movement withered and died in the succeeding years mostly because the participants matured; they had families, mortgages, and jobs then became successful members of society. It also died from a lack of vision for America, at least one shared by more than a very small segment of society, and a plan to obtain that vision and deal with America's paramount issues. In short it died of lack of leadership. As America has evolved since Vietnam, we recognized the abhorrence displayed towards those who risked their lives in service to the nation was greatly misplaced and a regrettable portion of our history. Today's harsh critics will only grow older and require more government services and interaction with the institution they loathe, thus time will not necessarily blunt their objections to government. What will cause their criticisms to wither is their lack of vision for America which appeals to most Americans. Most Americans recognize that the world and the United States are moving away from their vision of groups of isolated societies, self sustaining in all manner. How history will evaluate the abhorrence of today I can not estimate. For me and my

house, we will not let it diminish our love for this country and respect for our fellow man nor impede our service in its advancement.

6. I believe most citizens of Riley County, of Kansas and of the United States desire their governments to function responsibly in an effective, efficient, economical manner cooperating and coordinating with other governments and enterprises for the betterment and protection of their citizens. Our citizens expect their elected leaders to be **executives** of their government not caretakers of that government. We must insist our elected leaders be **executives**, analyze competing data and make wise choices for our future. They must have a vision for that future and articulate it to the citizens, then develop strategies to achieve that vision. It requires **executive skills** to navigate the realm of issues before us; from bud-

et to elections to cash flow to mental health to road maintenance back to community health on to emergency preparedness to IT systems to community corrections to tax appraisal to GIS to registering deeds, to museums on to waste transfer and noxious weeds. Life today is complex, family life is very complex and many of our citizens struggle to manage day to day, while some fail. Our government as an institution cannot solve these issues; however community leaders, including government leaders, can address these issues. Leaders all over America are working together to address a whole range of our issues making a difference from coast to coast.

The citizens of today are tested in their daily management of life, they depend more heavily on their elected officials to be their executives; can we provide anything less?

County Meeting..... from page one

Group 3
Buy church and demolish. Build court/administrative space in phases like Bowman suggested. Sell CPE.
Use municipal parking lot for building if possible.
Look at Leavenworth space for building.
No definite plan for existing courthouse.

Group 4
Condemn church/Crum's and build 2 different buildings (Court/ Administrative) or one building for both. Sell CPE.
Continue using CPE land

and demolish building. Acquire Wareham lot and build using existing space.
Sell CPE. Buy city lot. Build courts on city lot and administrative building on current land. Connect with walkway. Parking garages underneath.
Let city use current courthouse for municipal court (for all options). Convert Carnegie to a museum.

NEXT STEPS:
Russell Disberger led a discussion regarding how to keep moving the process forward.

Consensus was to explore the possibility of acquiring the city parking lot and then pursue other properties in that block. Explore purchasing the church as a follow-up option. The matter was referred to an ad hoc task force, consisting of the Budget & Planning Committee and Commissioner Boyd, to continue these efforts.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURN:
The Board of County Commissioners provided closing comments and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00.

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"If you want to know about timers," Beemer said. "We

Book On Kansas Bank Heists

SALINA, Kan. (AP) — Soon after robbing the Chautauqua State Bank in 1911, outlaw Elmer McCurdy was killed by lawmen in a gun battle.

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his exit from the Earth.

"They put concrete on top of him so no one could move him again," said Rod Beemer, author of the new book "Notorious Kansas Bank Heists: Gunslingers to Gangsters."

the Salina Central Mall. Books will be available for purchase at the store.

A former Bennington resident who now lives in Minneapolis, Beemer has published numerous historical articles and 12 nonfiction works, including his 2006 book on the history of weather disasters on the Great Plains, "The Deadliest Woman in the West: Mother Nature on the Prairies and Plains 1800-1900."

The idea of writing about Kansas bank heists was formed after Beemer talked to an elderly man in Marshall County in northeast Kansas about a 19th century bank robbery in that area.

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It seems that when McCurdy was embalmed, the undertaker added arsenic to the embalming fluids, which perfectly preserved the ex-outlaw for decades to come.

McCurdy's afterlife journey fascinated Beemer, who spent more than a year researching tales such as McCurdy's and that of other Kansas bank robbers and the colorful outlaws who committed them.

The book was published in early December by The History Press and retails for \$21.99.

Beemer will sign copies of his book at Books-A-Million in

Classifieds...

As the years passed, McCurdy moved on to become an attraction at a traveling carnival show, a macabre place called the Museum of Crime, at the famed Hollywood Wax Museum and in a fun house in Long Beach, Calif.

When the fun house closed and was leased to Universal Television Studios, McCurdy made his TV debut in an episode of the popular 1970s show "The Six Million Dollar Man."

The Salina Journal (http://bit.ly/1P2ugF2) reports that finally, someone discovered that McCurdy was not a wax dummy after all, but a perfectly pickled corpse. Still, no one came forward to claim the body. Finally, a group of western historians from Oklahoma paid for McCurdy's burial, 66 years after

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The 75th Terrorist Plot on the United States

**By Riley Walters
Heritage Foundation**
On the morning of December 2, gunfire was reported at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California. The events of the following five hours resulted in 16 deaths, including the two suspected shooters, and 21 wounded, including two police officers. The FBI has confirmed it will be investigating the events in San Bernardino as an act of terrorism, making this the 75th Islamist-inspired terrorist attack or plot in the U.S. since 9/11.

While a motive has not been confirmed amidst the ongoing investigation, there are reports connecting the suspected shooters with confirmed terrorists in the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). This will be the 12th domestic terror attack or plot in 2015—adding to the greatest number of attacks or plots in a single year over the past 14 years.

Timeline of Events

After leaving a morning holiday party at his place of employment, Syed Rizwan Farook, with his wife Tashfeen Malik, returned between 10 to 30 minutes later. After shooting up to 75 rounds at Farook's co-workers, the suspects fled the scene of the attack. Police, unable to immediately identify the attackers, began looking for three suspected shooters reported to have escaped in a black SUV. Hours after the incident began, police located the black SUV and then engaged in a roadside shootout with the suspects that ended with the deaths of Farook and Malik.

Information released in later reports reveals that police found in possession of the couple the following items: tactical gear, .233-caliber rifles, handguns, and 1,600 rounds of ammunition at their time of capture; as well as an additional 3,000 rounds of ammo and 12 pipe bombs at their place of residence.

Self-radicalization or Outside Influence?

The first suspect, 28-year-old Syed Rizwan Farook, was a U.S. citizen. He married Tashfeen Malik, 27, after meeting on an online dating site and during a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia in 2013. Malik had reportedly been living there after moving from Pakistan in the late 2000s.

According to family and personal witnesses, Farook was a "normal guy"—"living the American Dream." According to the FBI, however, the shooters did make contact with known suspected terrorists, and Malik may have also pledged

allegiance to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Malik may also be a leading source for radicalizing Farook—as it is reported she began posting radicalized statements online as early as 2007.

Conclusion

Prior to the events in San Bernardino, there have been 74 Islamist-inspired terror attacks and plots in the U.S. since 9/11. This is the 64th terrorist attack or plot that has been perpetrated by self-radicalized U.S. citizens.

President Barack Obama and Attorney General Loretta Lynch, in separate speeches over the past week, have reminded citizens that assaults like these are carried out by radicalized terrorists and not reflective of the teachings and beliefs of most Muslims.

In his address from the Oval Office the Sunday following the San Bernadino attack, President Obama noted that "it is clear that the two of them had gone down the dark path of radicalization, embracing a perverted interpretation of Islam that calls for war against America and the West."

The attack comes at a difficult time, as countries across the globe question their ability to accept mostly Muslim refugees displaced by ongoing conflict in Syria, the regime of President Bashar al-Assad, and the terror of ISIS.

Congress should:

- Develop a comprehensive counterterrorism strategy. Since the inspirational source of domestic radicalization and terrorism often lies overseas, battling violent Islamist extremism abroad should be addressed in concert with the challenges presented by the terrorism at home. Congress should ensure that the Administration has a comprehensive strategy for addressing violent Islamist extremism both at home and abroad.

- Emphasize community outreach. Federal grant funds should be used to create robust community outreach capabilities directed towards higher-



risk areas. Such capabilities are key to building trust in local communities. If the United States is to be successful in thwarting lone-wolf terrorist attacks, it should seriously consider community outreach operations.

- Maintain comprehensive information sharing. The Visa Waiver Program has been

under attack following the recent terrorist attacks in the Western world. The program is essential for sharing information between 38 countries and the U.S. on potential terrorists, and stopping those who seek to travel to the U.S. with the intent of causing mayhem or radicalizing young Americans. Congress should avoid legisla-

tion that may suspend or negatively affect the program. Congress should also work with all nations in collaborating other counterterrorism efforts.

The U.S. needs to simultaneously continue its battle against terrorist organizations abroad, while at the same time keeping those are who are easily

impressionable within the U.S. from becoming radicalized. The two issues cannot be addressed separately. The Western world will remain strong in the face of these radical terrorists, but it should also have leadership that will show resolve in fighting any future threats to our national security.



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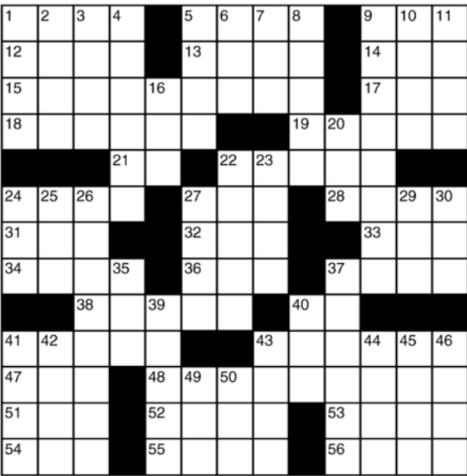
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 - 5 Genie's home
 - 9 Commer-cials
 - 12 "Once — a time ..."
 - 13 Sheltered
 - 14 Once around the track
 - 15 Helen Reddy hit
 - 17 Sch. org.
 - 18 Charlie Brown's dog
 - 19 Fire residue
 - 21 Yours truly
 - 22 Accordion rendition, often
 - 24 Amorphous mass
 - 27 Lingerie item
 - 28 Concept
 - 31 Edge
 - 32 Decay
 - 33 Have
 - 34 Newspaper pg.
 - 36 Fool
 - 37 On in years
 - 38 Euphoric
- DOWN**
- 1 Clothing
 - 2 Admitting clients
 - 3 Horse-play?
 - 4 Bury
 - 5 "My Fair —"
 - 6 Carte lead-in
 - 7 Kitten's comment
 - 8 Punishment-related
 - 9 Pack leader, maybe
 - 10 Appointment
 - 11 Resorts
 - 16 Gorilla
 - 20 Take to the slopes
 - 22 Common-place
 - 23 Feedbag fill
 - 24 Bud
 - 25 Back talk
 - 26 1971 Heston film, with "The"
 - 27 Actor Pitt
 - 29 Ram's mate
 - 30 In addition
 - 35 Poorly lit
 - 37 Goat hair made into wool
 - 39 Twelve
 - 40 British rule in India
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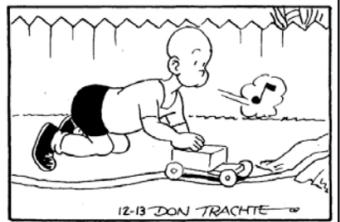
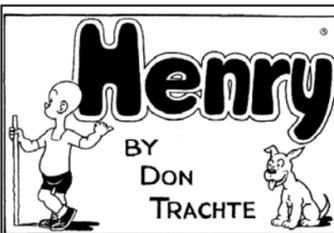


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City - Chamber Works On 2016 Chamber Contract

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO
December 8, 2015

FROM: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager
MEETING: December 15, 2015

SUBJECT: 2015 Chamber of Commerce Year-End Reports and 2016 Contracts

PRESENTERS: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager

Lyle Butler, President, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

Karen Hibbard, Convention and Visitor's Bureau

BACKGROUND

In 2015, the City has active services contracts with the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce for the following programs: Economic Development, Tourism and Convention, and Fort Riley Promotion/Military Relations. The contracts require the

Chamber to present monthly and year-end reports on the budgets and accomplishments for these programs, along with quarterly updates to the City Commission by the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). The monthly reports are included as part of the City Manager's monthly report on City departments and activities. The year-end report must be presented at a formal meeting of the City Commission.

DISCUSSION

In addition to the year-end report, the various Chamber contracts are being presented for re-authorization for 2016. The following contracts are scheduled for the Commission's consideration on December 15, 2015:

Economic Development Contract: For 2016, the Chamber proposed a contract for services and the City budgeted \$143,080 from the Economic Development Fund

to be paid to the Chamber for economic development recruitment and retention services. The Economic Development contract calls for the City to pay the Chamber \$133,080 in 2016 for economic development services and \$10,000 for the Chamber to market the Manhattan Business Park. The Chamber supplements this contract with significant additional funding from the Advantage Manhattan campaign.

Fort Riley Promotion Contract: For 2016, the Chamber identified and the City budgeted \$40,000 from the Economic Development Fund to be paid to the Chamber for promotion of Fort Riley and management of issues relating to its impact on the City of Manhattan. These funds help supplement the salary and work of the Military Relations Manager. These services will be rendered as outlined in the scope of services, which is

attached to the proposed contract. The Chamber provides dollar-for-dollar matching funds for this contract.

Tourism and Convention Contract: The Tourism and Convention contract and the 2016 Budget calls for the City to provide the Chamber up to \$1,040,661 received from the 6% transient guest tax, provided sufficient revenue is collected by the state and remitted to the City. In return, the Chamber will provide tourism and convention services for the City.

A copy of the Tourism and Convention budget page is attached. Total revenue budgeted for 2016 is \$1,550,000. Per the agreement to allow two hotels within the South Redevelopment District, \$90,000 will be transferred to the STAR bond trustee. For FHDC operations, \$258,333 will be transferred to the General Fund.

Karen Hibbard, CVB Director, has submitted the fourth quarterly report (attached) for 2015 and will be present along with the Committee chair to make a presentation and answer questions.

FINANCING

Adequate funds are included in the 2016 budget for each of these contracts as described in the Discussion section.

ALTERNATIVES

It appears the Commission has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Commission may:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Economic Development, Fort Riley Promotion, and Tourism and Convention contracts for 2016 with the Chamber of Commerce.
2. Deny the contracts.
3. Direct City Administration to renegotiate the proposed

2016 contracts to meet the needs of the City Commission.

4. Table the request.
RECOMMENDATION
City Administration recommends approval of and authorization to execute the proposed Economic Development, Fort Riley Promotion, and Tourism and Convention contracts for 2016. The Chamber has been successful in providing these services in the past and has used the funds to leverage outside investments for the programs. The City contributions mentioned in the contracts and Chamber budgets are in accordance with the City's 2016 budget.

POSSIBLE MOTION
Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Economic Development, Fort Riley Promotion, and Tourism and Convention contracts for 2016 with the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce.

City Approves Cash For Agencies And Social Services

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO
December 7, 2015

FROM: Hillary Badger, Assistant Director of Finance
MEETING: December 15, 2015

SUBJECT: 2016 Contracts for Various Agencies and Social Services

PRESENTER: Hillary Badger, Assistant Director of Finance

BACKGROUND

In August 2015, the City Commission approved the 2016 City Budget, which included a number of cultural, social, and public-private agreements with various local agencies. Traditionally, City Administration has brought these contracts before the City Commission for approval after the adoption of the budget and prior to the start of the funding year. City Administration has streamlined the process by combining all of the contracts into one memorandum for City Commission approval.

DISCUSSION

In the published 2016 City Budget, the following cultural, social, and public-private agreements appear with the respective amount allocated from City funding. All of these agencies require separate contracts with the City of Manhattan. Many of these agencies have oversight provided by separate, appointed boards as noted in the list below. Those agencies that are not under separate board oversight are administered by City Administration throughout the year.

Economic Development Fund
Aggieville Business District \$45,000

General Fund - Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB)

Big Brothers/Big Sisters \$37,000
Boys & Girls Club \$30,605
Crisis Center \$48,800
Homecare & Hospice

\$50,000
Kansas Legal Services \$35,000
KSU Child Development Center 40,800
Manhattan Emergency Shelter \$66,768
Shepherd's Crossing \$44,000
Sunflower CASA Project, Inc. \$27,000
Morning Star Inc., CRO \$4,992
Flint Hills Area Transportation \$54,882

Special Alcohol Fund
Special Alcohol Programs Big Brothers/Big Sisters \$19,000

Boys and Girls Club \$29,011
Friends of Recovery 20,000
KSU - Alcohol & Drug Education Services 40,321
Manhattan Area Risk Prevention Coalition 15,720
Manhattan Emergency Shelter 22,194
Pawnee Mental Health 76,785
Restoration Center 60,000

Riley County Comm. Corrections - Adult 10,000
Riley County Comm. Corrections - Juvenile 4,000
Riley County Youth Court 4,000
Sunflower CASA 45,690
UFM Learning Center 20,000
Unified School District #383 184,223
Tourism & Convention Promotion
Downtown Manhattan Inc., (DMI) \$60,000
Manhattan Arts Center 43,700
Wolf House Museum \$5,000

The contracts for Flint Hills Area Transportation, Aggieville Business District, Downtown Manhattan Inc., Manhattan Arts Center, and the Wolf House Museum are attached to this memo for the Commission to review. Additionally, sample copies of the SSAB and Special Alcohol Programs contract are also attached.

FINANCING

The total amount funded from the General Fund for the SSAB agencies amounts to \$384,965.

The Flint Hills Area Transportation contract is also funded from the 2016 General Fund budget in the amount of \$54,882. The total amount to be funded from the Economic Development Fund for the Aggieville Business District is \$45,000. The total amount funded from the Special Alcohol Programs Fund is \$550,944. In 2016, Downtown Manhattan Inc., Manhattan Arts Center, and the Wolf House Museum will be funded from the Tourism and Convention Promotion fund. All of these amounts are included as part of the adopted 2016 City Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

The Commission has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Commission may:

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute various

outside agency contracts as budgeted in the 2016 City Budget.

Modify the various contracts as budgeted in the 2016 City Budget to meet the needs of the City Commission.

Table the request.

RECOMMENDATION
City Administration recommends approval of the proposed outside agency contracts as budgeted in the 2016 City Budget.

POSSIBLE MOTION
Approve contracts as budgeted in the 2016 City Budget and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said contracts with the following agencies: Manhattan Center for the Arts, Wolf House Museum, Downtown Manhattan, Inc., Aggieville Business District, Flint Hills Area Transportation, Social Services Advisory Board agencies, and Special Alcohol Fund agencies.

City Need Committee For Street Maintenance And Sales Tax Expansion

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO
December 7, 2015

FROM: Robert K. Ott, P.E., Director of Public Works
MEETING: December 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Appointment of the Street Maintenance Steering Committee

PRESENTER: Robert K. Ott, P.E., Director of Public Works

BACKGROUND

The City Commission provided direction to Public Works after the April 28, 2015, City Commission Work Session, and then again made similar comments during the final reading and hearing for the 2016 Budget for Public Works to go ahead and prepare the groundwork and a possible ballot question to put in front of the voters regarding a sales tax increase for funding additional pavement management and maintenance.

City Administration recommended that a steering committee be assembled that could help formulate the final wording of the question and the overall purposes (uses), the timing of

the question to be considered, the amount of funding to be requested, and the duration of the program. It was recommended that the steering committee would provide their recommendations to the City Commission no later than March 2016 in order to make a feasible timeline for a possible ballot question.

It was recommended that the Mayor and Commissioners establish a process where interested citizens could express an interest in serving on the committee, representing a variety of groups with expertise in street design, construction, and maintenance as well as individuals with general interest in street maintenance multimodal transportation and other users. Staff from Public Works and the City Manager's office would serve as ex-officio and facilitators and the Commission may want a representative(s) as well.

DISCUSSION

City Administration recommends that the following factors be the given "charge" to the steering committee to consider. They are:
The rate of the sales tax amount.

The scope of how the funds are to be used in the community.

Maintenance projects only?
Transportation enhancement projects that improve safety and capacity?
When the tax takes effect.
When the tax will sunset.
When the question should be asked.
How the question should be asked.
Regular election, special election or mail-in ballot are some of the options available.

Below is a possible timeline for a question to be put forward for the November 2016 General election.

Possible Timeline For November 2016 Election

October 2015 ~ City Commission provided direction to develop a steering committee.

December 2015 ~ Members for the steering committee are finalized and appointed on December 15 by the City Commission.

December 2015 - February 2015 ~ Committee works to develop recommendations.

March 2016 ~ Work Session to report recommendations from the steering committee.

April 2016 ~ City Commission considers a resolution authorizing the specific language of the question to be proposed to the public for general election on November 8, 2016, or some other timeline/format.

May 2016 ~ City publishes a resolution in The Manhattan Mercury.

May 2016 - September 2016 ~ Teams developed to provide education components via multiple sources of media to the public and other civic engagement.

September 1, 2016 ~ Deadline for special question to be delivered to Riley County Clerk for November general election.

October 18, 2016 ~ Last day to register.

October 19, 2016 ~ Advance voting by mail and in-person begins.

November 7, 2016 ~ Advance voting in person closes at 12:00 noon.

November 8, 2016 ~ Election Day and Original Canvass.

RECOMMENDATION

City Administration recommends that City Commission provide names from the following groups to form an odd number member committee:

Geographical Representations

A citizen representative which are from a particular geographic area (See enclosed map)

Stakeholder
A representative from the stakeholder group that could provide expertise on this topic and might also represent a geographic area with either their business or resident address.

City Commissioner Representative
From November 4 through November 20, 2015, the City solicited interest from citizens and stakeholders. A total of 16 individuals (9 citizens and 7 stakeholders) submitted City-provided forms expressing their interest.

FINANCING

Steering Committee members are being asked to volunteer for this short-term task and will not be compensated. The cost to the City for the regular election on November 8, 2016, will be approximately \$1,750. This can be paid from the Public Works General Fund Street Division's operating budget.

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K-State Women Sinks Florida Atlantic, 102-53

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State's offense stepped on the accelerator early in the game against Florida Atlantic on Sunday at Bramlage Coliseum and didn't let off until the final buzzer, defeating the Owls 102-53.

The Basics

- Score: Kansas State 102, Florida Atlantic 53
- Quick Hitter: K-State surpassed the 100-point mark for the first time since Nov. 26, 2005 at Santa Clara (100-71) and scored over 100 points for the first time in Bramlage Coliseum since Jan. 5, 2003 against Iowa (103-60).
- Leaders: The Wildcats had all 14 players score at least one point for the first time this season, with four player reaching double figures. Junior guard Kindred Wesemann tallied 19 points which included a 5-of-6 effort from beyond the arc. Junior center Breanna Lewis tallied 14 points on 7-of-9 shooting and seven rebounds. Senior guard Antoinette Taylor came off the bench to score a career-high 14 points and senior guard Megan Deines finished with 11 points.

First Half

- K-State dashed out to a 13-6 lead with 4:49 remaining in the first quarter. During the opening five minutes, the Wildcats shot 67 percent from the field as Wesemann and Lewis paced K-State with five and four points, respectively.
- Taylor came off the bench to score four straight points and increased K-State's lead to 19-9 with 2:57 remaining.
- The Wildcats would end the opening frame with a 28-11 lead. Kansas State shot 67 percent (12-of-18) in the first quarter. Lewis finished the quarter with 10 points, including the final six points of the quarter.
- K-State used an 11-3 run in the second quarter to increase its lead to 39-17 with 4:58 remaining.
- A 14-0 Wildcat run late in the first half pushed the K-State lead to 53-21, with 1:20 to play. Kansas State held a 54-25 at halftime.
- The 54 points in the opening half were the most in a first half since at least the 2007-08 season.

Second Half

- Wesemann drained a pair of 3-pointers and Kaylee Page added her first of the day as K-State increased its lead to 67-35 with 4:53 to play in the third quarter.
- The third quarter was the closest of the afternoon, as the Wildcats outscored the Owls, 22-18, in the stanza to hold a 76-43 lead.
- K-State's bench took over in the fourth quarter and continued to pour in baskets. Kelly Thomson, Erica Young, Taylor and Bri Craig all scored multi baskets in the final quarter.
- Thomson pushed the Wildcats over the century mark with a 3-pointer late in the game, resulting in a loud cheer from the 3,905 K-State faithful in attendance.

Game Totals

- The Wildcats shot a season-high 54.9 percent (39-of-71) from the field. Florida Atlantic turned in a 20-of-66 (30.3%) performance.
- K-State outrebounded its fifth straight opponent with a 48-30 advantage on the glass.
- K-State dished out a season-high 24 assists. In the last 11 seasons, K-State is 44-0

when dishing out 20 or more assists.

- K-State knocked down a season-high 14 three-pointers, shooting 58.3 percent from beyond the arc. This marked the most 3-pointers made since making 15 at Baylor on March 4, 2013.

Noteworthy

- K-State leads the series, 1-0. K-State is 21-16 all-time against teams from Conference USA.
- The Wildcats have an all-time record of 209-86 (.708) in the month of December. Head coach Jeff Mittie is 10-1 (.909) in the month of December with K-State, including a current eight-game winning streak.
- K-State's starting lineup of guards - Kindred Wesemann and Megan Deines; forwards - Shaelyn Martin and Kaylee Page; center - Breanna Lewis. This is the eighth time this lineup has started together this season (7-1). Eighth career K-State start for Deines. Ninth career K-State start for Page. Martin has started all 42 games in her career. Wesemann has played in 71 career games and started 50. Lewis has played in

71 career games and started 66.

- K-State has made a three-point field goal in 283 straight games. The streak dates back to Feb. 7, 2007.
- Since 2001-02, K-State is 244-34 (.878) when leading at the half. Sunday was the fifth time this season K-State led at the half (5-0).
- K-State is 6-1 this season when three or more players score in double figures.
- Wesemann tallied her 23rd career game and her fifth straight with 10 or more points. She has led K-State in scoring five times this season and 11 times in her career. She tallied her 31st career game with two or more connections from beyond the arc. This was her ninth career game with four or more made 3-pointers.
- Lewis posted her 32nd career game with 10 or more points, including eight games this season. Lewis tallied her 42nd career game with five or more rebounds and her eighth this season.
- Taylor reached double figures for the first time in her career. This was her sixth career game with two or more steals. Taylor set a new career-

high with two connections from beyond the arc, which surpassed her career total entering the game (1).

- Deines recorded her sixth game with 10 or more points.
- Martin dished a career-high tying seven assists, her 10th career game with five or more.
- Young blocked a career-high five shots. She has five career games with two or more blocks. Young pulled in six rebounds, a new season-high and the seventh time she has snagged five or more in a game.

Coming up Next

- K-State continues its five-game home stand on Saturday, Dec. 19, against Sam Houston State. Game time is 7 p.m.
- Fans can purchase a general admission bench ticket for just \$3 with the donation of a new toy at entrances to Bramlage Coliseum for Operation Santa benefiting families at Fort Riley. For tickets, contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at (800) 221-CATS, visit the ticket office in Bramlage Coliseum or purchase them online at www.kstatesports.com/tickets.

Dramatic Wins Send Kansas & Texas to NCAA National Semifinals

Big 12 Sports Information

For just the second time in Big 12 history, the league will send two teams to the NCAA Volleyball Championship national semifinals as Kansas and Texas picked up dramatic five-set regional finals wins Saturday night.

Texas (29-2) advanced to its fourth consecutive Final Four as the Longhorns outlasted 16th-ranked Florida, 3-2 (22-25, 25-22, 25-19, 20-25, 17-15) in Austin.

In San Diego, No. 9 national seed Kansas (30-2) rattled off six-straight points in the fifth set to continue its incredible season with a 3-2 (25-18, 25-21, 22-25, 19-25, 15-13) victory over the No. 1 national seed USC (33-3).

The two teams are on separate sides of the Final Four bracket with Texas squaring off against second-seeded Minnesota (30-4) on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. CT, while Kansas takes on fourth-seeded Nebraska (30-4) at

8:30 p.m. CT. The pair of matches will be held at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Nebraska, and air on ESPN2/ESPN3. The national championship match will be played at 6:30 p.m. CT on Saturday, Dec. 19.

The Big 12 has advanced 14 teams to the national semifinals with 2008 the only other occasion with multiple members (Nebraska, Texas). The league is 5-8 in semifinal contests with three national championships (Texas, 2012; Nebraska, 2006, 2000). With the four victories over the weekend, the Conference improves to 9-3 in this year's postseason.

The Texas senior class of Kat Brooks, Molly McCage and Amy Neal becomes the first in program history to play in four NCAA semifinals. It is the seventh NCAA semifinal appearance in the last eight years for the Longhorns. KU entered the 2015 postseason with 11 NCAA matches in program history and had not advanced beyond the regional semifinals.

The Longhorns had four players record double-figure kills, led by junior outside hitter Paulina Prieto Cerame's team-high 18. Junior middle blocker Chiaka Ogbogu recorded 15 kills on .462 hitting, while Molly McCage and Amy Neal each added 13 kills. McCage also had a team-high seven blocks, while hitting at a .591 efficiency. Texas out-blocked Florida 13-10 in the match. The Longhorns hit .279 for the night, while the Gators hit at a .230 clip.

The Jayhawks took a 2-0 lead over USC before the top-seeded team in the tournament stormed back to take sets three and four. Kansas kept fighting, however, coming back from down 3-12 in set No. 3 with an 11-3 run to pull within 14-15. That resiliency would emerge again in the fifth set, which USC led 5-1 and then 13-9, before the Jayhawks tallied six consecutive points for a 15-13 set victory. Kelsie Payne recorded 18 kills in the match to pace KU yet again, while Janae Hall,

Madison Rigdon and Tayler Soucie each had 10 apiece.

NATIONAL SEMIFINALS

Thursday, December 17
CENTURYLINK CENTER, OMAHA, NEB.

No. 3 Texas vs. No. 2 Minnesota (ESPN2), 6:00 p.m. CT
No. 9 Kansas vs. No. 4 Nebraska (ESPN2), 8:30 p.m. CT

REGIONAL FINALS

Saturday, December 12
AUSTIN REGIONAL
No. 3 Texas 3, No. 11 Florida 2
SAN DIEGO REGIONAL
No. 9 Kansas 3, No. 1 USC 2

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Friday, December 11
AUSTIN REGIONAL
No. 3 Texas 3, No. 14 UCLA 1
SAN DIEGO REGIONAL
No. 9 Kansas 3, Loyola Marymount 1

SECOND ROUND

Friday, December 4
No. 3 Texas 3, Purdue 1
No. 9 Kansas 3, Missouri 0
No. 6 Wisconsin 3, Iowa State 0

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Friday, Dec. 4
LINCOLN, NEB. - LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Wichita State 3, Kansas State 1
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS - DES MOINES REGIONAL
Hawaii 3, TCU 2

Thursday, Dec. 3

MADISON, WIS. - AUSTIN REGIONAL
Iowa State 3, Miami (FL) 0
LAWRENCE, KAN. - SAN DIEGO REGIONAL
No. 9 Kansas 3, Furman 0
AUSTIN, TEXAS - AUSTIN REGIONAL
No. 3 Texas 3, Fairfield 0

Coaches Bill Snyder And Jim Tressel Inter College Hall Of Fame

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Coaches Jim Tressel, who led Ohio State to a national championship in 2002, and 76-year-old Bill Snyder, who has won 193 games in 24 seasons with Kansas State were inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame last Tuesday night.

"It's strange coming to me under any circumstances," Snyder said of the honor while still active. The NFF allows coaches who are 75 and older to be inducted while they are still coaching. In 2006, the late Joe Paterno was inducted while at Penn State and Bobby Bowden went in while coaching at Florida State.

Kansas State won its last three games to become bowl eligible this season at 6-6 and will play Arkansas in the Liberty Bowl on Jan. 2.

"If they had to re-vote today, they probably wouldn't vote that way con-

sidering the past season," Snyder said. "Obviously, it's special, and I've tried to put it all off, just because of being in the season and not get wrapped up in it at all. I'm honored."

Snyder took over at Kansas State in 1989 when it was maybe the worst program in major college football. He built it into a Big Eight and Big 12 power, a transformation dubbed the Miracle in Manhattan.

As for coming back for a 25th season, Snyder said: "As of right now, I have no reason not to, but I take some time after each season and process that and go from there."

The Boz was never getting into the College Football Hall of Fame.

"My name was on the ballot, but I wasn't accepted," Brian Bosworth said Tuesday.

Bosworth was an All-America linebacker and two-time Butkus Award winner at Oklahoma from 1984-86.

He helped the Sooners win a national title in '85. He should have been a Hall of Famer a long time ago, but the obnoxious persona he created, the brash-talking Boz, was not so well-received.

He failed a drug test that got him suspended from a bowl game. He taunted the NCAA. After he left Norman, Oklahoma, for an NFL career that flamed out quickly, he was not welcomed back.

The Boz is gone now, replaced by a 50-year-old man who has reconnected with his school, developed spirituality and found humility. That's the guy who is going into the Hall of Fame, part of a class of 15 former players and two coaches who were set to be inducted Tuesday night by the National Football Foundation at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Manhattan.

"I've lived my life so impatiently, and I fought to hurry things up and not allow God to let things happen in

God's time. And I wanted it to happen more in Brian's time," Bosworth said. "As long as I continued to try to fight that battle, I knew my life was always going to be in a sense of frustration and high anxiety."

The players heading into the hall with Bosworth were Trev Alberts from Nebraska, Bob Breunig from Arizona State, Sean Brewer from Millsaps College, Ruben Brown from Pittsburgh, Wes Chandler from Florida, Thom Gatewood from Notre Dame, Dick Jauron from Yale, Clinton Jones from Michigan State, Lincoln Kennedy from Washington, Michael Payton from Marshall, Art Still from Kentucky, Zach Thomas from Texas Tech, Heisman Trophy winner Rick Williams from Texas and the late Rob Lytle from Michigan.

Thomas, a three-year starter at linebacker for the Red Raiders, said Bosworth was one of the players he

tried to emulate when he was playing high school ball in Texas.

"He was the prototypical linebacker," said Thomas, who was Southwest Conference defensive player of the year in 1994 and '95.

Bosworth played for another Hall of Fame coach during his time at Oklahoma. Barry Switzer won three national titles with the Sooners. He was in New York on Tuesday to attend the induction ceremony, and nothing meant more to Bosworth than sharing the moment with his old coach.

"That's why it was so emotional," Bosworth said. "Because it's really all about him. Without him believing in me as a high school kid, giving me that chance, reaching down and telling me you're good enough and I'm proud of you and I love you; those are things I didn't get when I was growing up with my father. Being able to share that with him and really express how much I loved our football team."

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Texas A&M beats Kansas State 78-68

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M senior guard Jalen Jones overcame strep throat this week just in time to turn in his best game of the season.

"I got some rest, and I was able to chill in bed a little bit more," a smiling Jones said following the Aggies' 78-68 victory over Kansas State on Saturday.

Jones scored 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds, both game highs. After being bedridden most of the week, he returned to practice on Friday.

The Aggies (8-2) led 43-42 with 13:47 remaining before outscoring the Wildcats (7-2) 23-6 over the next eight minutes. In that span, Jones scored 10 points, including a long 3-pointer above the key to lift A&M to a 64-45 lead with 6:02 remaining.

"We didn't have any answers for him," KSU coach Bruce Weber said.

Wesley Iwundu led the Wildcats with 23 points, while D.J. Johnson followed with 14.

Alex Caruso added 13 points for the Aggies. Caruso owns 224 career steals, after snagging six on Saturday, and is five shy of breaking the school record of 228 set by guard David Edwards from 1991-94.

KSU climbed back into the game late, primarily thanks to Iwundu coming alive with 18 second-half points, and trailed 71-66 with a little more than a minute remaining. But Caruso spun in the lane and knocked down a short jumper, and on

the ensuing inbound stuck his hand out while running up court and deflected the ball for a steal.

"Caruso makes such a difference for them," Weber said. "He does all of the little things."

A&M, in displaying the depth fifth-year coach Billy Kennedy has championed this season, outscored KSU 39-20 off the bench. Jones didn't start the game because of his sickness, but still played 30 minutes off the bench.

The Aggies rebounded from a 67-54 loss at Arizona State on Dec. 5, while snapping a three-game winning streak for KSU in the battle of former Big 12 foes.

"Kansas State never gave up, and we could never really put them away," Kennedy said. "Alex Caruso and Jalen Jones really stepped up for us. It was good to see a couple of seniors step up when a couple of other seniors were struggling. That's the mark of a good team."

Senior All-American candidate Danuel House finished 2 of 11 from the field, including missing all three of his 3-point attempts.

The Aggies exited the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference in the summer of 2012, and the teams have played twice since then, including a 71-64 Wildcats victory in Kansas City on Dec. 20 of last year.

"We'll bounce back, and take care of business next game," Iwundu said.



Kansas States' D.J. Johnson (4) blocks a shot by a Coppin State player.

(Photos by Ben Brake)



Remember when you were told to "Keep your eyes on the bouncing ball." Well, that was for singing in a group, Here Barry Brown does it to make sure he gets the ball.



Kansas State's Austin Budke (34) get a rebound in the Coppin State game. Budke is a Junior from Beloit, Ks.

K-State downs Coppin State 83-58 with strong 2nd half

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Sandwiched between two road games against Power Five teams, Kansas State players recognized there was potential for a letdown against Coppin State.

The Wildcats ran away with the game in convincing fashion, as they continue to make a statement early in the 2015-16 season.

Justin Edwards and Wesley Iwundu scored 14 points each, and Kansas State cruised past Coppin State 83-58 on Wednesday night.

"You have to be mature and prepare for it the same as you do any other game," Iwundu said. "We did a good job of that today. We got off to a great start, but we slowed down. But you just have to be consistent with it."

Dean Wade and Stephen Hurt scored 12 points apiece and Austin Budke added 11 to round out a balanced effort for the Wildcats (7-1), who are off to their best start since the 2012-13 season.

"Our older guys have been very, very consistent," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "The young guys have kind of tagged along with them and done their thing."

Kansas State never trailed, building a 13-point halftime lead that grew to 66-44 on an emphatic, one-handed dunk by Iwundu in transition with 8:01 left in the game.

Terry Harris Jr. scored nine of his 14 points in the first half to lead Coppin State (2-7). James Sylvester added 12 points and grabbed seven

rebounds, and Christian Kessee had 11 points.

Coppin State was 8 of 34 from the field in the second half and shot 29 percent overall, including 2 of 21 from 3-point range.

"For us to go into a ballgame and shoot less than 30 percent and less than 10 percent from 3, we are not going to win a lot of ballgames that way," Eagles coach Michael Grant said.

Kansas State rattled off eight straight points to take a 29-17 lead early in the game. Edwards nailed back-to-back 3-pointers during the run and later assisted on an alley-oop to Iwundu.

The Eagles kept it close and pulled within single digits twice in the first

half but hit just one field goal in the final 3:37. Kansas State went on a 9-2 run during that span to take a 42-29 lead into the locker room.

Coppin State started the second half by making just four of its first 23 shots as Kansas State broke it open. Kansas State went to its bench to finish off the final five minutes of the game, closing the game with 22 assists on 28-made field goals.

"We've been a team," Weber said. "We had five guys in double figures. That's been our strength, and if we're going to continue to make progress that's got to continue to be the thing that carries us."

AMONG THE BEST

Edwards is one of only nine players

nationally to lead his team in points, rebounds, assists, steals and minutes played this season. Through eight games, Edwards is averaging 14.8 points, 6.1 rebounds in 31.1 minutes per game.

TIP-INS

Kansas State: The Wildcats have won their last seven meetings against Coppin State by an average of 20 points. Wade was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Week on Monday after scoring 17 points, including the game-winning jumper, in a road win against Georgia.

Coppin State: The Eagles feature nine newcomers after finishing 8-23 last season. Including Wednesday, the Eagles will play six of their next seven games on the road.

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