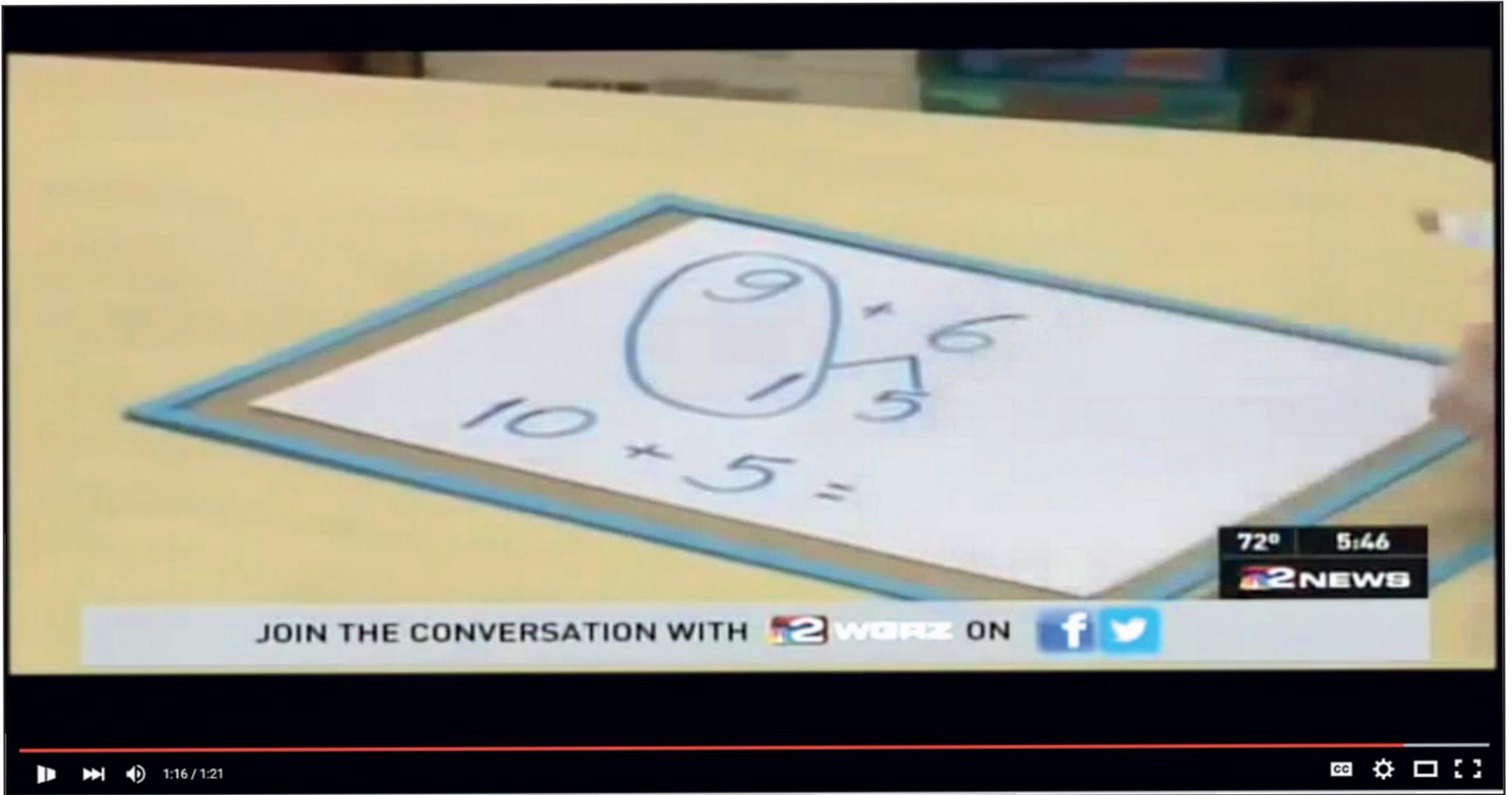


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## Teaching Common Core Math To Young Students



A TV news show had a segment where a teacher shows the public how Common Core helps students with the math problem  $9 + 6$ . On the blank paper she writes  $9 + 6$ . And then says, "Our young learners may not be completely comfortable thinking about what  $9 + 6$  is, they are quite comfortable thinking about their friend 10." And she writes a 10 at the bottom of the page. (see both in the photo above.)

The teacher then says: "Ten in emphasized in the young grades as we are working in the base 10 system. So if we ten partner 9 to a number that adds to 10 we can help our students see what  $9 + 6$  is."

And then she draws an upside down V under the six. (see above) And then goes on, "So we are going to decompose our 6, and we know that 6 is made up of parts, one of those parts is a one, and the other part is a five." Now she writes a 1 under one leg of the upside down V and a 5 under the other leg.

She goes on, "We are now going to anchor our 9 to the 1. Allowing our students to anchor to that 10. (And she draws a circle around the 9 and the one on the page)

"Now our students are seeing that we have  $10 + 5$ . Now having a more comforting  $10 + 5 = 15$ . That is much more comfortable than looking at  $9 + 6$  as an isolated math fact."

(Editor's Note: So if one student is not completely comfortable with a problem, we must make the other 25 in the class use a problem solving system that does not work. Please take the time to watch this two-minute video. You can see why students can not give the correct change at the ball game or at the store.)

You can watch this two minute video by going to <http://thefederalist.com/2014/09/24/top-ten-things-parents-hate-about-common-core/>

## Kansas lawmakers reject efforts to repeal Common Core

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas House members rejected a proposal that would have repealed Common Core standards for math and reading education.

They voted 44-78 against the measure Tuesday, following a debate of more than three hours. Under the proposal, school districts would have been forbidden to use any national curriculum in tests, programs and materials. Supporters of the bill said Common Core strips local districts of control, while opponents argued Common Core encourages rigorous standards.

The action occurred even

though members rejected efforts to return the bill to the House Education Committee or to strip it of committee amendments.

Common Core is optional for states, and the Kansas State Board of Education adopted it in 2010. The standards call for a classroom focus on analytical skills instead of rote memorization.

The measure also would require the state to create new education standards by July 2017, which Brad Neuenswander, one of the state's deputy education commissioner, said would have been too soon. The state's education department anticipated it

wouldn't have a new set of standards completed until December 2017 because it customarily takes over a year to develop a new curriculum.

The proposal was debated several months after the passage of a federal law that prohibits the U.S. government from pushing any national standards such as Common Core on states or local school districts.

The new education law replaces No Child Left Behind, an initiative from President George W. Bush's administration that focused on boosting the school performance of at-risk poor and minority children. Schools risked losing Title 1 funding,

the largest source of federal money for schools, if they didn't meet the federal requirements.

Although Kansas doesn't receive any federal money for Common Core, Neuenswander said it was unclear whether or not repealing the rigorous standards would have jeopardized federal funding under the new law.

He added he was most concerned that the bill would have allowed the Legislature to review the state's curriculum ahead of its implementation.

"That's the state board's responsibility under the constitution," Neuenswander said.

Democratic Rep. Ed Trimmer of Winfield also voiced his concern during the debate Monday that the measure would require lawmakers to sign off on education standards.

"Let the department of education and the school board that was elected to do this do their job," Trimmer said.

Others contended that repealing Common Core would serve as an impediment for children in military families that frequently move.

"If we have at least some semblance of uniformity between our school systems, that's good for those kids," Republican Rep. Don Schroeder, of

Hesston, said about the benefit of the current standards to military families.

But lawmakers who supported the measure argued that Kansas was capable of creating its own set of standards that don't mirror national curriculum.

"Common Core is tainted because it's tied to the federal government with a lot of political ribbons tied to it," Republican Rep. Dick Jones, of Topeka, said.

Despite the blockage of the bill, the state's education department is still set to review its standards by 2017, as it is required to do every seven years by state law.

Dick Edwards

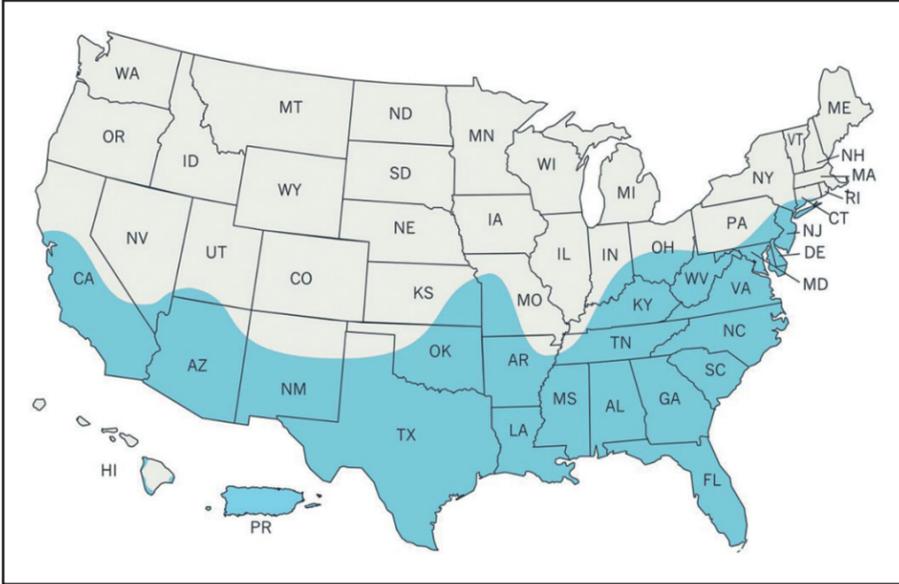
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## Health officials urged to get ready now for Zika in US

ATLANTA (AP) — The government urged health officials around the country Friday to get ready now in case there are outbreaks of the mosquito-borne Zika virus in the U.S. this summer.

A Zika epidemic has been sweeping through Latin America and the Caribbean, and officials think it's likely some small clusters of Zika will occur in the U.S. when mosquito numbers boom.

At a "Zika Summit" on Friday, experts prodded some 300 state and local officials gathered at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention headquarters to make Zika response plans now.



When West Nile virus — transmitted by a different mosquito — moved through the U.S. about 15 years ago, health officials were caught flat-footed, noted Dr. Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association.

"This is an opportunity to get ahead of the curve," he told the summit's attendees.

The Zika virus causes only a mild and brief illness, at worst, in most people. But in the last year, infections in pregnant women have been strongly linked to fetal deaths and to potentially devastating birth defects, mostly in Brazil.

The virus is spread mainly by Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, which also live in parts of the U.S. It was thought to be mainly in the South but the CDC revised its map this week, showing the mosquito has been found in parts of the Midwest and Northeast.

Officials don't expect Zika to be a big problem, though, in the U.S. for a number of reasons, including the widespread use of air conditioning and screens. The Zika mosquito likes to bite indoors. They think the clusters may be small and surface only in a few states — most likely Florida and Texas. But they don't know for sure.

So far, there have been no Zika infections in the U.S. caught from mosquitoes. More than 300 illnesses have been reported, all linked to travel to

Zika outbreak regions.

About 350 additional cases have been reported in U.S. territories, most of them in Puerto Rico, where mosquitoes are already spreading the virus. Together, dozens or even hundreds of births in the 50 states and territories could be affected in devastating ways by Zika, said Dr. Edward McCabe of the March of Dimes, who spoke at the summit.

"We have a few short weeks to stop the Zika virus from gaining a foothold," McCabe said.

During the summit, state and local officials were encouraged to map where the Zika mosquito lives and breeds in the state and which insecticides would work best in their area.

The Zika response will likely



Old tires can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

mean workers will go door to door, sometimes asking to go on properties and even spray. That's different from the truck-and-aerial-spraying seen in conventional mosquito eradication efforts.

It will be a kind of campaign not seen in this country since efforts to wipe out yellow fever in the 1950s and 1960s, and it will take different kinds of equipment, approaches and more staff, CDC officials said.

Local health officials at the summit said the work ahead is daunting, especially since it's not clear where they're going to get the money. And health departments are already struggling financially, said Dr. Jeff Duchin, a Seattle-based county public health official who was at the meeting representing the

Infectious Diseases Society of America.

"Our priority is to make sure we have enough resources to meet the threat," Duchin said.

Paul Ettestad, New Mexico's public health veterinarian, said some of the state's counties only have a handful of people doing mosquito control work — the same people who also handle snow removal in the winter.

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"They don't have much," Ettestad said

The Obama administration in February requested nearly \$2 billion in emergency funding for Zika response work. Congressional leaders have not formally voted on the request.

One of the things money is needed for, officials said, is better and faster blood tests for Zika. Now, it takes between a

few days to a week to get results.

If Zika starts spreading in the U.S., women of childbearing age are going to be "intensely concerned," predicted Dr. Bill Foege, a former CDC director and expert on global health. "They're going to want to know if they are infected and they're not going to want to wait a week."

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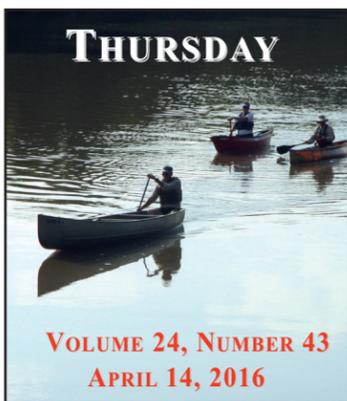
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## Old Bell Telephone Building

# For Sale

**(Editor's Note: The Free Press has been telling its readers that the Riley County Commission has been making offers to purchase the First Christian Church. All three Commissioners have been saying that it is not true.**

**This Memo was given to the Commission on Monday April 11th. It is a "Draft Public Offer of Sale for Courthouse Plaza - East (See Photo).**

**The Agenda for April 14th has this:**

**11:00 AM Richard Gallagher, First Christian Church.**

Here is the Memo:

### COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

**FROM: Jill Conard, Office Manager MEETING: April 11, 2016**

**SUBJECT: Review of Draft Public Offer of Sale Documents for Courthouse Plaza East—Work Session**

**PRESENTER: Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor**

### BACKGROUND

Boards have in the past publicly discussed a possible sale of "Courthouse Plaza East," as part of the long-term plans of

this organization. In order to aid such planning, attached for your review are various draft documents for your review.

### DISCUSSION

The most recent comparable sale of a Riley County building was of the "old" shop site on Anderson Avenue. I prepared the documents for that transaction, and the attached drafts are based upon that sale.

K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 19-211(a) sets out the basic statutory requirements for any sale of county-owned real property. But to obtain greater flexibility in sale procedures and encourage receipt of the best possible price for any sale of the CPE, I recommend the BOCC act under K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 19-211(b)(1). That involves passage of a resolution with sale procedures which foster "public participation" in the sale. That worked well in sale of the "old" shop site. So I believe a similar process here is a good idea. In my opinion, the attached drafts provide that opportunity for "public participation":

**Exhibit "A," "A Resolution Adopting an Alternate Methodology for Disposal of the Courthouse Plaza East."** is the draft resolution authorizing your use of the sale procedures described in all attachments. Once the



**The Riley County Office Building on 4th Street (the old Bell Telephone office) may be up for sale according to a Memo given to the Riley County Commission.**

draft resolution is in a final form acceptable to the BOCC, then passed, it would be published once in the newspaper.

### Action Item (ID # 4262) Meeting of April 11, 2016

**Exhibit "1"** is the draft "Notice of Intent to Sell Real Property by the Board County Commissioners of Riley County, Kansas." I have left the

dates blank in paragraphs 1 & 2, for your decision. If this draft makes it to a final form acceptable to the BOCC, it would be published in the newspaper once a week for three consecutive weeks. Consistent with what we did regarding the sale of the "old" shop site, I recommend that final form of this notice also be placed on the Riley County

website.

**Exhibit "2"** is the draft "Official Bid Form for the Sale of Real Property Located at: 115 North Fourth Street" (Courthouse Plaza East) and an attached draft "Real Estate Purchase Contract." When in a final form acceptable to the BOCC, these two documents would be provided to anyone

interested in bidding on the CPE.

**Exhibit "3"** is the draft "Compiled List of Contacts for Courthouse Plaza East Sale Bid." There are approximately 96 contacts listed for illustrative purposes only. These 96 were the individuals and entities to whom we mailed letters inviting a bid for the "old" shop site sale. Obviously, the BOCC may want to add or delete names from this list. It is presented only to demonstrate the type of document that I recommend should be developed as a part of any offer of sale of the CPE.

### FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

Please advise of any changes or additions you would like to see in these sale documents.

I recommend that the Board direct the Budget and Planning Committee, along with Greg McHenry, Riley County Appraiser, meet to review the draft documents and offer the BOCC at a subsequent public meeting any proposed changes. The BOCC used that staff resource successfully during the sale of the "old" shop site.

### POSSIBLE MOTION(S)

N/A—Work Session Only

## After hours of debate, Senate approves property tax lid acceleration

### Legislation moves up enactment of lid on cities, counties

TOPEKA — (AP) - Senators sought Tuesday to accelerate a clampdown on city and county property tax increases, passing a bill after hours of debate.

House Bill 2088 moves up the implementation of the property tax lid from 2018 to 2017. The lid, placed into law last year, requires voters to approve property tax increases above the rate of inflation.

The Senate approved the bill on a 24-16 vote after a debate that stretched for more than four hours. Senators slogged through a number of amendments seeking exemptions to

**An amendment brought by Sen. Tom Hawk, D-Manhattan, that would exempt the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility from Manhattan and Riley County's property tax lid was withdrawn by Hawk.**

the bill's requirements.

The legislation already provided some exemptions. Construction of new buildings, increases in personal property valuation and property that has changed use wouldn't trigger the cap. Court judgments, federal mandates and bond and interest payments also wouldn't trigger the lid.

Senators sparred over an amendment brought by Sen. Tom Hawk, D-Manhattan, that would exempt the National Bio

and Agro-Defense Facility from Manhattan and Riley County's property tax lid. Hawk pointed to the facility's importance to the state and the additional business it is expected to attract to the area.

"We want to be very careful about what could happen with this particular tax lid relative to this jewel of investment in our state," Hawk said.

Senate Majority Leader Terry Bruce, R-Nickerson, warned the bill would specifically ex-

empt Riley County, making the bill nonuniform among counties and allowing individual counties to opt out of the bill's requirements.

Sen. Jeff Melcher, R-Leawood, spoke against the amendment. He said lawmakers are potentially afraid of taxpayers and don't trust their decisions.

"We're really good at putting together legislation and then carving out an exemption for a little bit here, a little bit there," Melcher said.

Ultimately, Hawk withdrew his amendment. He introduced a similar amendment later in the debate designed to address objections about uniformity. It failed in an 11-24 vote.

Sen. Carolyn McGinn, R-Sedgwick, put forward an amendment to exempt emergency services spending from the lid. She argued local governments should retain control over spending. Senators adopted the amendment, 22-17.

"I think voters are smart enough to know who they vote for back home," McGinn said.

The Senate briefly debated amendment to cap increases in state spending at inflation. Sen. Michael O'Donnell, R-Wichita, who offered the amendment, said the Legislature should hold themselves to the same standards they expect from cities and counties.

"I believe what's good for the goose is good for the gander," O'Donnell said.

Sen. Les Donovan, R-Wichita, expressed skepticism. He wondered about the state's ability to comply with rulings from the Kansas Supreme Court on school finance. A future ruling could force lawmakers to spend hundreds of millions of dollars more in school funding.

"I just wonder why we came forward with this when we're dealing with cities and counties and all of a sudden it's the state," Donovan said.

The amendment was challenged and found to be out of order. O'Donnell challenged the ruling, but withdrew the challenge after Senate President Susan Wagle, R-Wichita, spoke to him as he stood at his desk.

## The Left's Climate Inquisition's New Target

**Heritage Foundation  
Hans von Spakovsky**

In a truly outrageous abuse of his authority and a misuse of the law, the attorney general of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Claude E. Walker, has served a subpoena on the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) demanding documents related to CEI's research on global "climate change." Walker is part of a network of state "AGs United for Clean Power" who have formed a grand inquisition to go after those they claim have lied about climate change—which is a contentious and unproven scientific theory.

The Competitive Enterprise Institute is a non-profit public policy institute (like the Heritage Foundation) that researches and publishes studies and reports on issues it believes are "essential for entrepreneurship, innovation, and prosperity to flourish." It is dedicated to the principles of "limited government, free enterprise, and individual liberty." CEI is well-known for its high-quality, objective research on energy and climate issues, which clearly has made it a target of Inquisitor Walker.

Although Walker's jurisdiction does not extend outside the Virgin Islands (a U.S. territory), he had a subpoena issued through the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, where CEI is located.

The voluminous, harassing 14-page subpoena says Inquisitor Walker is investigating ExxonMobil for "misrepresenting its knowledge of the likeli-

hood that its products and activities have contributed to and are continuing to contribute to climate change in order to defraud the Government ... and consumers." This supposedly violates the Criminally Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, which is the Virgin Islands' version of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, or RICO.

The subpoena demands that CEI turn over all documents, communications, statements, emails, op-eds, speeches, advertisements, letters to the editor, research, reports, studies, and memoranda of any kind—including drafts—that refer to climate change, greenhouse gases, carbon tax, climate science, and the like, in any way related to ExxonMobil or the "products sold by or activities carried out by ExxonMobil [that] directly or indirectly impact climate change." It covers the period between January 1, 1997, and January 1, 2007. And Walker wants donor information, too.

There are so many things wrong with this that it is hard to know where to start. First of all, the basis for the investigation is absurd. Walker is using a criminal statute designed to go after major drug dealers and mob organizations to go after a company that produces the gasoline and diesel fuel that Americans (and the rest of the world) use in their cars, trucks, boats, lawnmowers, and other equipment of every kind. And ExxonMobil and CEI are being targeted for having taken what these legal barons consider the

wrong side of a scientific theory that is being actively debated and questioned.

The fact that ExxonMobil produces a relatively cheap, reliable energy source that helps power our world but is disfavored by Progressives and their political representatives like Walker seems to be what the company is really guilty of.

The root of what is going on here appears to be an effort to intimidate, harass, frighten, and possibly imprison or fine any-

one who Walker and his fellow warders think is saying the wrong thing and who is standing in the way when it comes to forcing the rest of us to switch to politically correct and unreliable energy sources like wind and solar.

This investigation is intended to silence and chill any opposition. It is disgraceful and contemptible behavior by public officials.

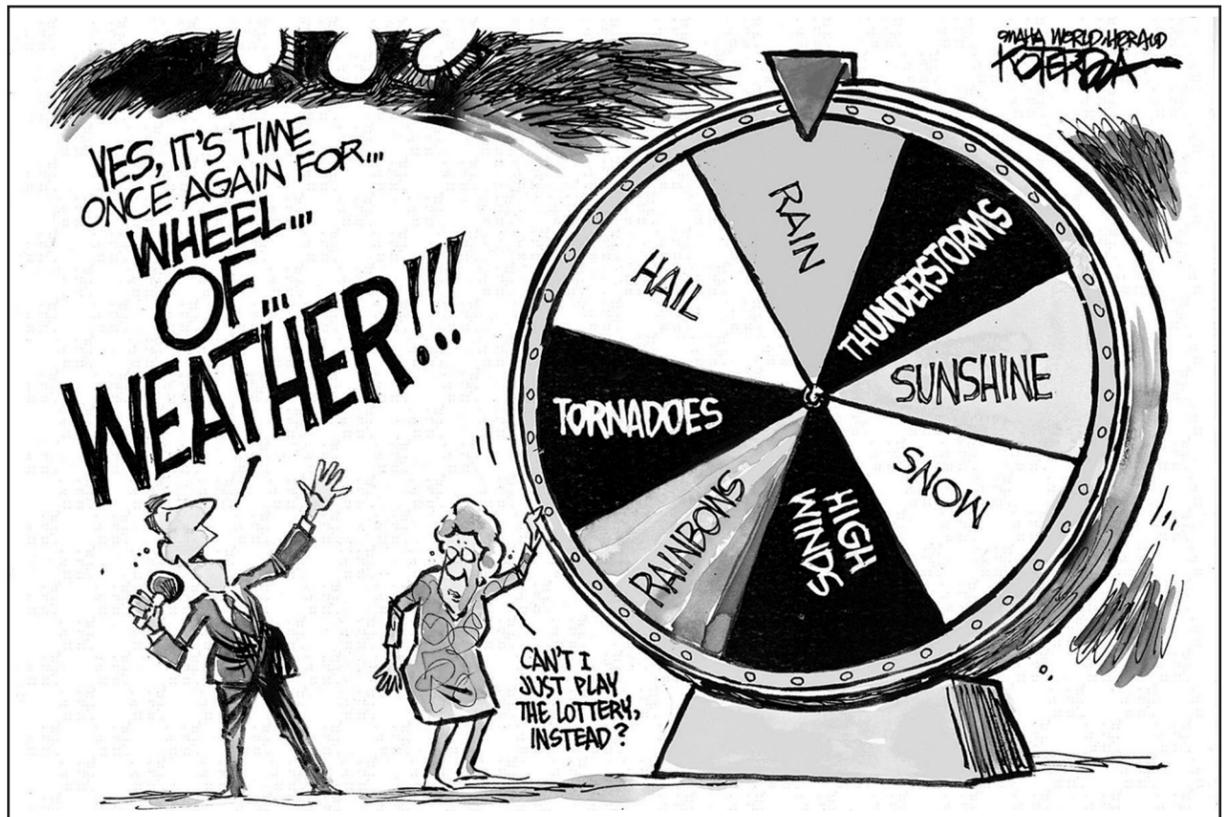
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opposition. It is disgraceful and contemptible behavior by public officials who are willing to exploit their power to achieve ideological ends. As CEI General Counsel Sam Kazman says, "it is an affront to our First Amendment rights of free speech and association."

Given the coalition that has been formed by state attorneys general to conduct a grand inquisition against climate change deniers, this subpoena from the Virgin Islands attorney general

is probably just the first assault in their quasi-religious war against unbelievers. Researchers, scientists, think tanks, universities, and anyone else who works or speaks in this area should be aware that they may soon become a target of these malicious investigations.

Fortunately, CEI has already announced that it intends to resist and "will vigorously fight to quash this subpoena."



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### Why More States Are Requiring Work Requirements for Food Stamps

By Elisabeth Zenger  
Heritage Foundation  
Newspaper headlines have been bemoaning that more states will now have to require adults on food stamps—who are able-bodied and without dependents—to work.

Since 2009, nearly all states have been able to waive the modest food stamp work requirement. But these waivers have gradually been expiring, and as of April 1, more states are once again required to enforce the modest food stamp work requirement.

The food stamps program is one of the largest government means-tested welfare programs. Participation grew rapidly, increasing from 28.2 million in the 2008 fiscal year to 45.8 million in the 2015 fiscal year (participation peaked in 2013 with 47.6 million participants). The most rapid growth was among able-bodied adults without dependents, which jumped from just under 2 million in 2008 to 4.7 million in 2014.

Part of the reason for the increase was that Obama's stimulus package waived food stamps' work requirement. This required those who are adults and able to work and who don't have children to work part-time (or do some type of work activity) in order to get food stamps. If not, their benefits would be limited to three months.

After 2009, most states continued to receive waivers until this year. Even now, however, the majority of states still receive a partial waiver, meaning that parts of states are exempt from the work requirement.

Some states decided to end their waivers early, and evidence shows that the work requirement in these states has been beneficial.

After Kansas ended its work requirement waiver in 2013, it saw a 75-percent decline in its caseload of able-bodied adults with dependents. For those who left the program, average income increased within a year, from \$2,453 annually to \$5,562 annually: an amount greater than their previous income and

food stamp benefits combined. For those still on food stamps, the work requirement led to more employment and higher incomes.

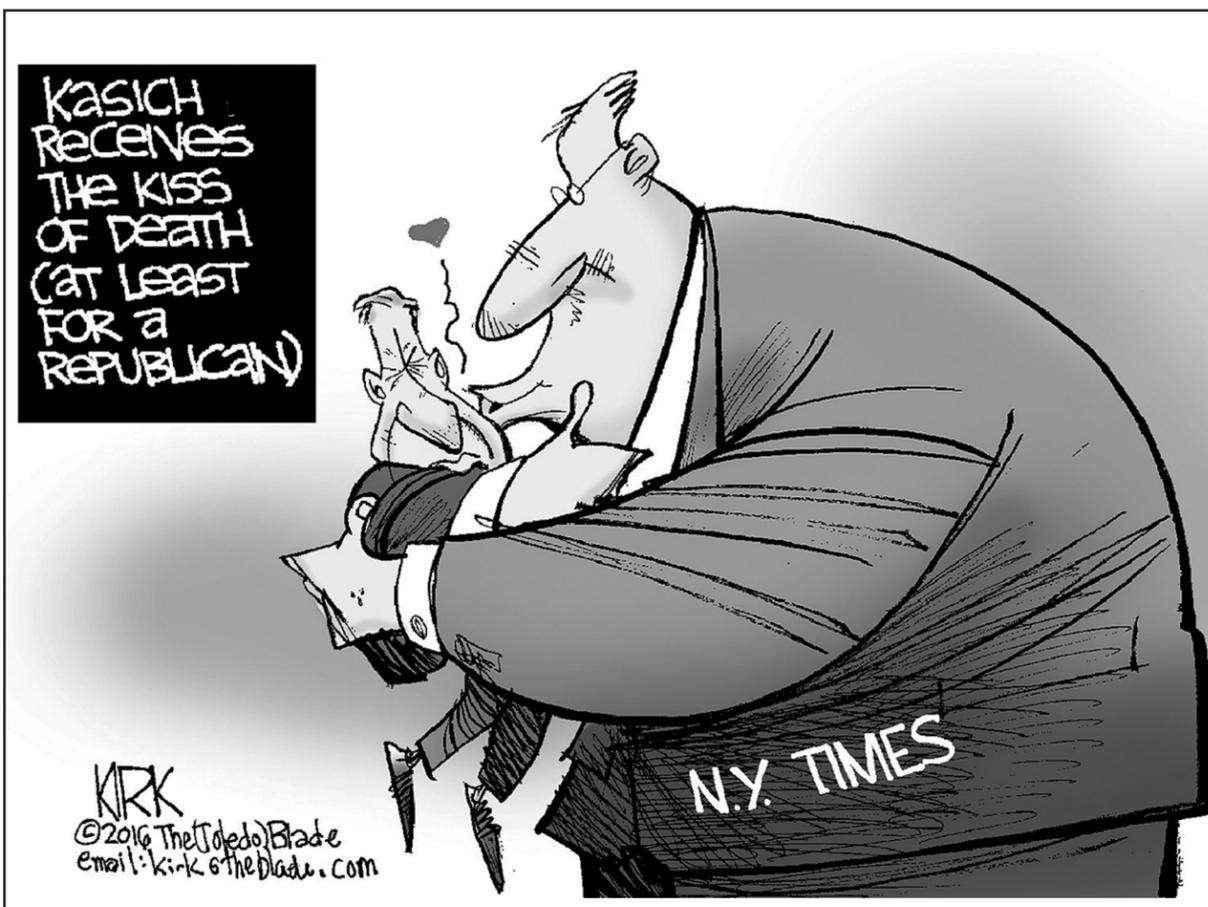
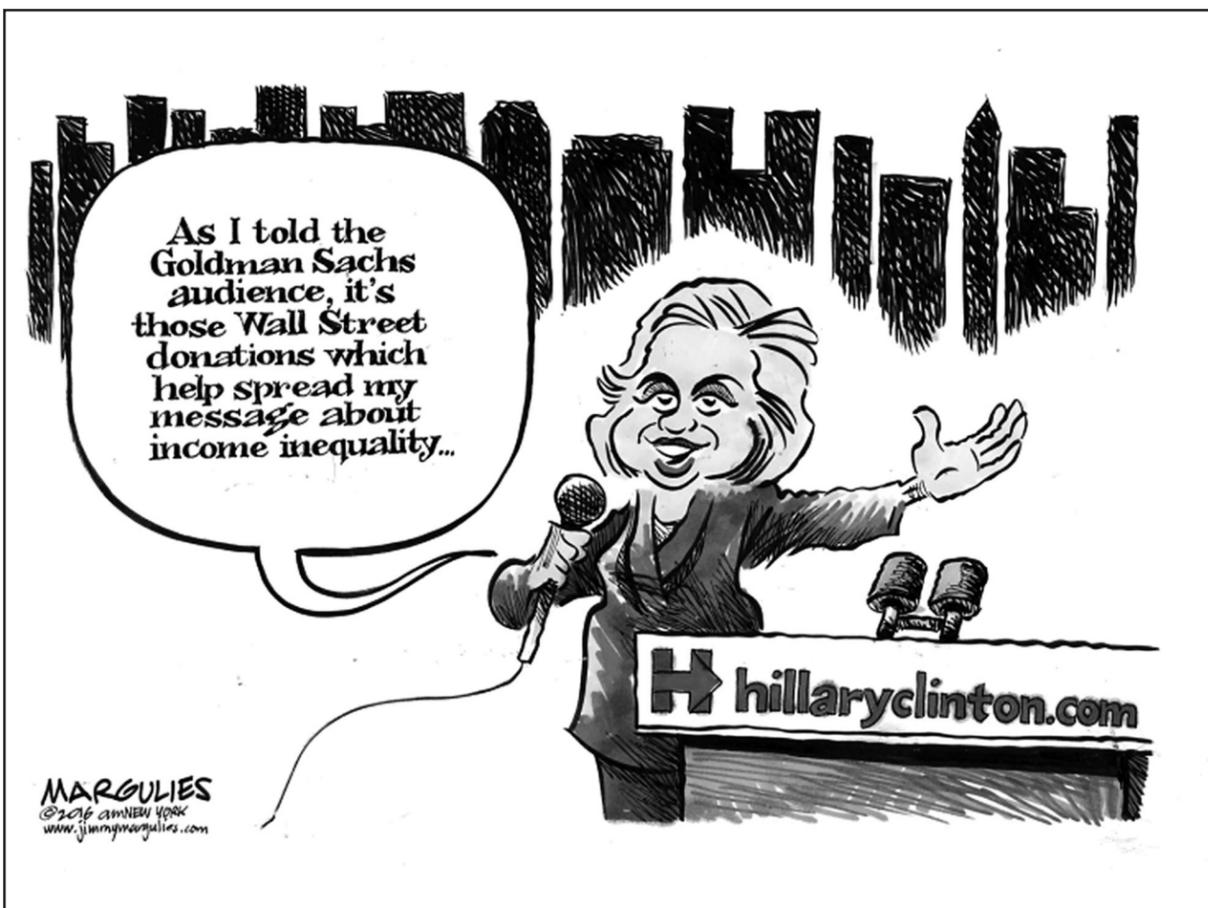
Maine is another example. The state reinstated work requirements in December 2014, and within three months, its caseload of adults without dependents dropped by 80 percent, from 13,332 to 2,678. Nine months later, it had dropped to 1,886. Most chose to forgo benefits rather than meet the work requirements.

A common concern is that those people choosing not to fulfill the work requirement lack adequate assistance to meet the requirements, but the numerous options for work, training, and community service provided by the state of Maine were met with very little response.

As reported in a previous Heritage Foundation article, "when the Maine Department of Health and Human Services conducted outreach to about 700 able-bodied adults without dependents in Portland to inform them about a volunteer program that could fulfill the community service work requirement, only about 15 of the 700 contacted responded."

Welfare assistance should be available to those in need, but policy should encourage self-sufficiency for able-bodied adults rather than simply provide a one-way government handout. The examples of Kansas and Maine show that work requirements accomplished what they are intended to do: Encourage self-sufficiency. Work requirements promote greater self-reliance and establish reciprocal obligation between the beneficiary and the taxpayers who provide the benefits.

However, the vast majority of the federal government's 80 means-tested welfare programs do not include a work requirement. Good welfare policy should promote productive participation in society through work to improve the well-being of recipients.



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## Manhattan City Commission Updates Goals

### City Commission Goals and Priorities for 2016

The City Commission goals and top priorities for 2016 were discussed and developed during the annual City Commission Retreat and Goal Setting Session on January 15, 2016. Note: This is an updated version incorporating prior changes with additions underlined from Commissioner Dodson.

(Editor's Note: the goal is printed first and the Dates and the Departments involved are in the parenthesis)

#### COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

Increase coordination/partnerships with Riley County and other Intergovernmental Partners

- KSU lease agreement on HQ fire station approval (March-April. Fire Department, Legal and City Manager's Office)

- City/County agreement on payment/funding (March-April. Fire Department, Legal and City Manager's Office)

- Selection of general and construction of Riley County EMS addition (May-May 2017. Fire Department and City Manager's Office)
- NBAF Emergency Services Working Group quarterly/semi annual meetings (Ongoing. Fire Department)

- Community Development Planning staff participates in monthly meetings with Riley County planning staff and bi-monthly meetings with planners from Fort Riley and communities in the region (Ongoing. Community Development)

- Public Works has started a schedule of monthly meetings with Riley County Public Works Department. These additional meetings are intended to address the various projects between the two entities. (Ongoing. Public Works)

- Work with Riley County to find areas where the sharing of facilities and services can benefit both partners

Provide for more interaction with Riley County Police Department and the Law Board

- Invite Riley County Police Department (RCPD) Director to provide quarterly updates to the City Commission at Work Sessions (Quarterly updates to begin March 8. City Manager's Office)

#### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Coordinate with Kansas State University and Riley County

- Develop priorities for execution

- Emphasize the following plan segments:

- High Density Housing. Continue to work with Kansas State University planning staff and officials to address and plan for the growing demands of student housing near the campus.
- Rezoning (up and down).



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Prioritize areas for rezoning over the next 3 years.

- Manhattan Corridor enhancement study in coordination with Riley County on how to make the approaches to Manhattan more attractive.

- Develop plans for future City expansion. Identify areas in proximity to Manhattan that could be developed over the next 50 years.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Continue cooperation on North Corridor/NBAF initiatives

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has indicated that they will start a monthly utility coordination meeting and the City water and wastewater personnel will attend those monthly meetings. (Ongoing. Public Works)

- Public Works will continue to work towards 30% civil engineer plans for Kimball Avenue and North Manhattan Avenue. (Ongoing. Public Works)

- Pursue 30% design plans with Riley County for Denison/Marlatt Avenue Improvements and develop an Economic Development Grant application to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the improvements. (Ongoing. Public Works and City Manager's Office)

- Kansas State University and the City have entered into a design contract with Confluence, BG and Schwab Eaton to study and provide 30% plans for Kimball Avenue, Denison Avenue, North Manhattan Avenue and College Avenue. A presentation from President Schulz and an update on the corridor improvements is anticipated in the summer of 2016. (Ongoing. City Manager's Office)

- National Bio and Agro Defense Facility (NBAF). Determine the likely requirements to support the growth coming from NBAF from 2016 to 2025.

- Support KSU and Chamber of Commerce efforts to attract NBAF related companies to Manhattan.

- Develop requirements for KSU/Manhattan North Corridor for 2016 to 2020.

- Workforce Development. Support the efforts of local businesses, Chamber of Commerce, MATC, and USD383 to build and sustain a local work-

force with appropriate skills needed for growth of existing businesses and attraction of new business

- Track Economic Development Fund commitments and balances

- Share monthly reports highlighting any expenditures as well as credits and provide quarterly forecast information. (Ongoing and quarterly. Finance and City Manager's Office)

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

Develop a plan for increased funding for street maintenance

- Steering committee has been formed and is working towards a recommendation to the city commission the goal is to work towards ballot question for the public, anticipate coming back to the City Commission for consideration. (Work Session held March 29 to provide Commission with Steering Committee recommendations and Commission meeting planned April 19 to further develop and adopt resolution for ballot question. Ongoing. Public Works and City Manager's Office)

- Evaluate/monitor parking availability downtown and in the Aggieville areas (Ongoing. Public Works and City Manager's Office)

- Continue to develop floodplain management priorities and plan for levee improvements

- Participation in Community Rating System (CRS) and development of floodplain management plans for Wildcat Creek and Blue River have established priorities and are reviewed annually (Ongoing. Community Development)

- Public Works is working with USACE on scheduling a City Commission action item for the design agreement between the City and USACE for the start of the design for the raise of the levee. (Design could start as early as this year. Public Works)

- Support the growth and improvements for the Manhattan Regional Airport

- Complete Phase II of the MHK Terminal project

- Complete parking expansion improvements

- Improve Airport Road in conjunction with relocating General Aviation Services

- Continue development of airport service related businesses west of the Airport Ter-

minal and along Skyway Drive

- Complete access road to military ramp

#### MANAGEMENT

- Increase efficiencies and incorporate Baldrige and Lean Program principles

- Community Survey evaluation and results (First Quarter 2016. City Manager's Office)

- Move forward with implementing consolidation of property maintenance/zoning code inspector duties and increased education efforts (First half 2006. City Manager's Office, Community Development, and Fire Department Code Services)

- Review and establish levels of services and funding subsidies during the Budget process, e.g., amount of subsidy for pools, Flint Hills Discovery Center, and Social Services (Finance and Parks & Recreation)

- Continue to seek efficiencies by incorporating the Baldrige principles for organizational improvement. Select areas for competition and establish process. Begin citizen survey process to better understand needs expectations of customers, citizens, and stakeholders. Establish a 6 Sigma (light) program.

- Economic Efficiency. Develop programs for the more efficient purpose of equipment, such as fleet leasing.

- Legislative Priorities. Develop and execute a plan to enhance Manhattan's ability to advance its legislative priorities with the State of Kansas.

- Develop a network that will enable leaders of appropriate municipalities to be informed of pending legislative hearings and votes in order to express opinions to Kansas legislators.

- Develop a process that captures the voting record of Kansas legislators and makes that record available across the municipalities.

**(Editor's Note: Why does the City of Manhattan need to spend Taxpayers money to advance its legislative priorities or keep records on the voting Kansas legislators? Do they want to influence the legislators to vote the way the City wants?)**

**Let the City do their work and let the legislators do theirs.)**

#### MENTAL HEALTH

- Continue to explore solutions to improve mental health services, challenges and facilities in our community and region (Ongoing item. Commission and City Manager's Office)

#### PARKS AND RECREATION / QUALITY OF LIFE

- Complete the Feasibility Study regarding priority improvements and develop a plan to put before the voters

- Seeking Commission approval of scope and contract

(Ongoing. Parks & Recreation)

- Develop more partnerships/cooperation between Parks and Recreation, USD 383 and local schools, Kansas State University, Fort Riley, private sector providers, and nearby communities of Wamego and Junction City for shared use facilities

- Will be explored within the Parks & Recreation Facility Feasibility Study (Ongoing. Parks & Recreation)

- Monitor progress and cooperate to finish Peace Memorial Auditorium foyer and stage

- Coordinate meetings with Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium fundraising efforts and planning potential CIP project to complete aspects of the overall project. (Ongoing. Parks & Recreation)

- Continue exploring renovation/repurposing of the historic Community House

- Survey of potential users of Community House completed, investigating the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for targeted improvements (Ongoing. Community Development and Parks & Recreation)

- Implement more environmentally sustainable improvements in Parks

- Currently master planning City Park and the new Lee Mill Heights Park (Ongoing. Parks & Recreation)

- Finalize Master Plan for City Park

- Present an update to the Commission and seek direction and finalize. (April Work Session. Parks & Recreation)

- Keep City Park Pool open through Labor Day Planning and staffing plans. (Ongoing. Recreation Division)

#### REGULATORY

- Develop a workable solution to ensure safe rental housing

- Work session with Commission (February. Fire, Code, Legal, City Manager's Office)

- Internal meetings based on feedback from Commission (March-April. Fire, Code, Legal, City Manager's Office)

- Schedule a second Work Session or Legislative meeting with direction from Commission (May-June. Fire, Code, Legal, City Manager's Office)

- Ordinance review. Review

City ordinances to include organization of City Staff, organization of the ordinances themselves, modification of existing ordinances (to include elimination or addition of ordinances), and the application of punitive remedies.

- Easement Maintenance. Develop and execute a plan for the care of easements adjacent to road/street curbs, with priorities to major roadways inside Manhattan. Seek participation with Riley County and the State of Kansas.

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Continue to assess and make security improvements at primary City facilities to protect employees and the public

- Install and Implement current approved security measures (Complete by April. Fire and City Manager's Office)

- Train city staff on new security features (April-June. Fire and City Manager's Office)

- Exercise security features (July-September. Fire)

- Identify areas for improvement (October-December. Fire and City Manager's Office)

- Make recommendations and implement improvements (Ongoing. Fire and City Manager's Office)

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

Continue to support social services

- Community Development Block Grant funds are used on a limited basis to support social service agencies (Ongoing. Community Development)

- Plan for physical consolidation and shared common administration. Find a suitable facility and develop a floor plan to accommodate as many social service agencies as possible and appropriate. Work with all social services and donor agencies.

- Plan for reconciliation of funding. Assess funding streams going to all social service agencies and recommend best allocation among them. For City funds simply direct funding in best way for all.

- Develop a plan for local and regional Mental Health support. Plan to include facility, staffing, and resourcing. Work with Riley County and regional health care providers.

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# Board To Be Judge And Jury In Discrimination Cases

(Editor's Note: With this "Anti-Discrimination Ordinance", the City of Manhattan is setting up a new Court System. They are very careful not to call it a court but for those that are called before this Tribunal it will be a Court. And one that is above the law.

If you think that the Free Press is over stating the facts, read the Ordinance not just the Memo that follows but the complete Ordinance. It is overreaching, and just plan wrong.

In more than 40-years in Newspapers this publisher has never see or read anything like this "Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

It will be used (like all City Services) as a weapon. And don't say it has nothing to do with me, it does, and you will not know it until you must prove that you have done nothing wrong. And proving will be impossible. Jon A. Brake

## CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO March 24, 2016

**FROM:** Katharine Jackson, City Attorney

**MEETING:** April 5, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Discussion Item: Anti-Discrimination Ordinance PRESENTERS: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager  
Katharine Jackson, City Attorney

### BACKGROUND

Chapter 10 of the City Code is titled "Civil Rights." The overall purpose of Chapter 10 is to establish a policy and process to prevent discrimination and assure equal opportunities in housing, public accommodations and employment on the bases of "race, sex, familial status, military status, disability, religion, age, color, national origin or ancestry."

The City's ordinances include the same protected classes as the corresponding Kansas laws, except the City's protection is broader than state law. The City's ordinances protect against discrimination against the protected classes in all contexts (housing, public accommodations, and employment), whereas the state laws protect against discrimination in all contexts, except that age discrimination is only prohibited in employment and familial status discrimination is only prohibited in housing. The state enforces its discrimination laws through the Kansas Human Rights Commission ("KHRC"), located in Topeka, and also refers complaints to the applicable federal agencies. The only exception is that the state's law against discrimination based upon military status is enforced in civil court through private civil action between the two parties.

Section 10-6 creates the City's Human Rights and Serv-

**(Let it be known to all, that the City of Manhattan has all of the rights and businesses owners have none - Jon A. Brake, Publisher.)**

### Here are the Unlawful Practices:

- Sec. 10-16. Unlawful employment practices.
- Sec. 10-17. Unlawful Public Accommodation Practices.
- Sec. 10-18. Unlawful Housing/Real Property Practices.

### Questions...

If a business interviews four people and hires one, can one of the other three file a discrimination suit before the "City Board".

Yes, and that business must prove they did not discriminate.

### Question...

Hotel, motel, restraunt, any business.. Same thing.

### Quesiton...

Rental propert? Same thing.

ices Board ("HRSB") that serves in an advisory role to the City Commission. If the City receives a discrimination complaint, a City staff member and a designated HRSB member notify the alleged offender and investigate the complaint. If there is probable cause to believe discrimination occurred, the City tries to conciliate the issue with the complainant and the offender. If there is no probable cause, then the City ends its process.

The City's existing process is voluntary. If the City cannot resolve the complaint, or a party will not participate, the City refers the complaint to the "appropriate state or federal agency." The existing ordinance does not create an appeal or claim to any court. KHRC and federal agencies have broad enforcement powers that exceed the City's authority. The City has to ensure that its process does not prevent a party from filing a complaint with the appropriate state or federal enforcement agency by their deadlines.

In 2011, the City Commission amended Chapter 10 to prohibit discrimination in hous-

ing, public accommodations and employment on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. In order for the City to have enforcement ability equivalent to the KHRC, the ordinance created a local human rights commission to receive, investigate, and enforce complaints, and to allow for an appeal to civil court. A City staff member would receive and investigate complaints and make a determination of whether discrimination occurred. If the staff member could not resolve the matter with the parties, then the complaint could be appealed for a hearing before a panel of three members of the local human rights commission. The panel's decision could be appealed to district court. The 2011 ordinance did not include any hearing before the full human rights commission or the City Commission. The 2011 amendments were repealed before they were implemented.

Historically, the City received two to three discrimination complaints a year. For the past three to five years, the City has not received any discrimination complaints.

In early 2016, a majority of

the City Commission asked City Administration to explore whether and how to address discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. The City Commission asked the HRSB to provide input. At its March 10, 2016, Board meeting, HRSB voted 5-1 in support of an ordinance that would amend the existing version of Chapter 10 to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protected classes. This input included a recommendation that the ordinance create a local human rights commission (or similar mechanism) to enforce complaints of discrimination on any basis in the city of Manhattan.

### DISCUSSION

If the City Commission desires to pursue action to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity, the action could include one of the following approaches:

1. Adopt a separate ordinance or resolution with a policy statement against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity but that does not include enforcement/penalties if it is not followed.

2. Amend Chapter 10 to add sexual orientation and/or gender identity to the list of protected classes in the existing ordinance. As with other discrimination complaints, if the complaint based upon sexual orientation and/or gender identity cannot be voluntarily resolved, the City cannot enforce the complaint.

3. Amend Chapter 10 to add sexual orientation and/or gender identity to the list of protected classes in the existing

ordinance, but also create a local human rights commission (or similar mechanism) to receive, investigate, and enforce only discrimination complaints filed upon the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. If a complaint based upon sexual orientation and/or gender identity is not resolved, this approach creates enforcement authority with eventual appeal to civil court. If a complaint for another protected class is not resolved, those complaints must still be referred to the appropriate federal or state agency.

4. Amend Chapter 10 to add sexual orientation and/or gender identity to the list of protected classes and create a local human rights commission (or similar mechanism) to receive, investigate and enforce all discrimination complaints. This would be a reinstatement of the 2011 ordinance (which may need some updating due to changes in the law).

The foregoing are possible frameworks for future action, but there are many decision points with any framework. These include the following:

a. Will the ordinance address sexual orientation and/or gender identity? How will the protected class(es) be defined?

b. Will discrimination be prohibited in each of the contexts: employment, housing and/or

public accommodations?

c. What constitutes discriminatory behavior?

d. Who must comply with the law? Will there be exemptions from compliance based upon type of entity (ex. religious); size of entity (ex. less than 4 employees) or some other basis?

e. What are an entity's obligations under the law?

f. What are the consequences/penalties of discriminatory behavior?

g. How will the City administratively implement and enforce an ordinance? What are the personnel and budgetary impacts?

At this time, City Administration seeks City Commission input on whether and how to proceed with addressing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

### FINANCING

As this is a discussion item, there are currently no financing impacts.

### ALTERNATIVES

As this is a discussion item, City Administration is seeking guidance from the City Commission on its desired approach.

**The City Ordinance is too long to print in 16-pages.**

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## Grim Budget Projections Highlight Serious Need for Conservative Budget

By Justin Bogie  
Heritage Foundation

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) recently released its updated budget estimates for 2016 to 2026. As expected, the report reiterates the grim projections reported by Congressional Budget Office in January.

The message is clear: Spending, deficits, and debt are rising at an unsustainable rate that is leading the nation down a path to fiscal disaster.

**It is time for Congress to pass a conservative budget.**

The House Budget Committee's 2017 fiscal year budget resolution would reduce federal spending by \$6.5 trillion over the next decade to balance the budget by 2026. But first, the House budget adopts the 2017 discretionary spending levels adopted by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015.

This increases discretionary spending by \$30 billion, from the Budget Control Act level of \$1.04 trillion to \$1.07 trillion.

Despite adhering to the discretionary spending level requested by President Barack Obama for the 2017 fiscal year, the proposal otherwise stands in stark contrast to the president's budget proposal. Even so, it falls short in a number of areas from a conservative perspective, and is devoid of key details.

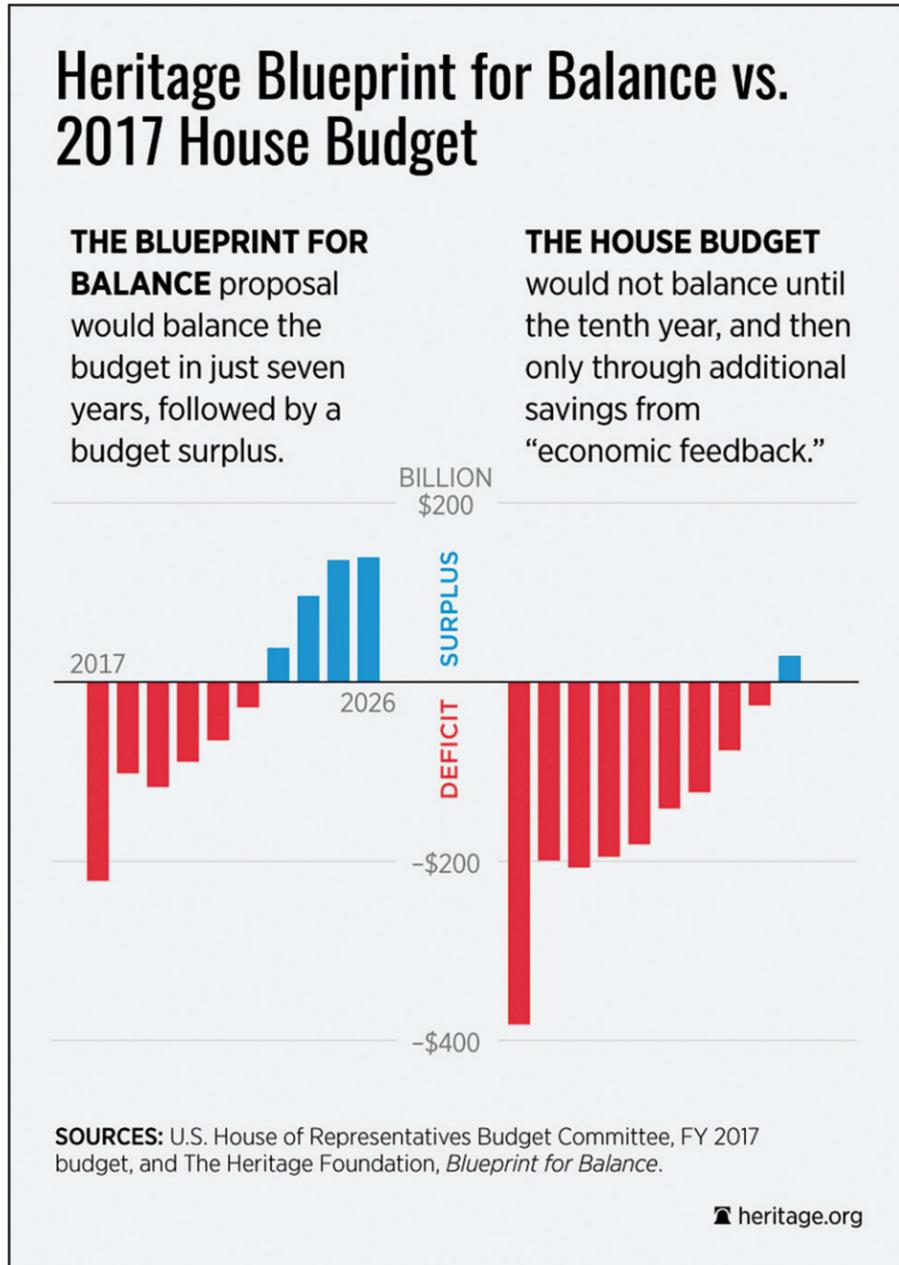
Here are eight differences between the House's budget and The Heritage Foundation's "Blueprint for Balance." Compared to the "Blueprint for Balance," the House budget:

**Adopts Higher Discretionary Spending Level.**

The 2017 House budget funds base discretionary spending at the \$1.07 trillion level provided by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015—legislation that depended on widespread democratic support to pass.

This is \$30 billion higher than the Budget Control Act cap level of \$1.04 trillion and \$80 billion higher than the "Blueprint for Balance" recommends. Spending levels in the Bipartisan Budget Act and Budget Control Act represent ceilings, not floors.

The House budget could have used this year's budget as an opportunity to cut wasteful and inappropriate federal



spending but instead chose to proceed with the policy of higher spending and circumventing the Budget Control Act caps that marked the Obama-Boehner years.

In contrast, The Heritage proposal provides almost \$100 billion in non-defense discretionary cuts in 2017 alone, and cuts several programs to ensure opportunity for all and favoritism for none.

**Falls Short on National Defense.**

The 2017 House budget provides \$551 billion in base funding for national defense, \$49 billion less than the "Blueprint for Balance" recommends.

Over ten years, the House budget provides almost half a trillion dollars less in base defense spending than the Heritage proposal.

The House budget should go farther in cutting non-defense discretionary programs and reprioritize those savings so that national defense can be funded robustly. The "Blueprint for Balance" ensures that our military is equipped to face mounting challenges across the globe.

**Spends Too Much.**

Over the next decade, the House budget would spend over \$44.1 trillion, \$3.2 trillion more than the "Blueprint for Balance."

lion in macroeconomic feedback effects for deficit reduction that year to get there.

Though the budget repeals Obamacare, it replaces the tax revenues associated with the law with other taxes. Furthermore, it includes an additional \$225 billion in revenues from macroeconomic feedback associated with repealing Obamacare. Without these crutches, this budget would not balance by the end of the decade.

**Increases Federal Revenues.**

Compared to the CBO's January baseline, the House budget includes \$375 billion in higher revenues over the next decade. This is \$1.7 trillion higher than the revenue baseline in the "Blueprint for Balance." The Heritage plan cuts revenues by \$1.3 trillion, compared with the CBO January baseline, a real tax cut for the American people and America's job creators.

**Repeals Obamacare but Keeps the Revenues.**

The 2017 House budget claims to fully repeal Obamacare; however, it keeps the additional tax revenues associated with the disastrous law. The budget assumes that the decreased revenue from repealing Obamacare will be made up through "deficit-neutral" tax reform.

Without these revenues the House budget would not balance within 10 years. The "Blueprint for Balance" repeals Obamacare in its entirety, providing a tax cut and still balancing the budget in seven years.

**Doesn't Go Far Enough on Health Care Reform.**

While the budget includes support for critical initial reforms to Medicare, Medicaid, the repeal of Obamacare, and a commitment for patient-centered health care reform, it should go farther.

The timeline for converting to Medicare premium-support should be moved up, and there should be an explicit option for Medicaid enrollees to use their Medicaid dollars to purchase private coverage of their choice. The "Blueprint for Balance" would transition Medicare to premium support over a five-year period starting in 2017. For the future of the program and its beneficiaries,

Congress can't afford to delay reforms any longer.

**Doesn't Provide Specifics on Social Security Reform.**

On Social Security, the budget once again falls short, by taking no position on reforms to improve the solvency and affordability of the old age and survivors insurance program, and by supporting only a very minor change to the disability program, by eliminating double-dipping from unemployment and disability benefits.

The Heritage plan offers specifics, including increasing the eligibility age for the Social Security program, and then indexing it for longevity; transitioning the payment to a flat, anti-poverty benefit focused on individuals who need it most; and replacing the current cost-of-living adjustment with the more accurate chained consumer price index.

On the Disability Insurance side, the blueprint would provide an optional private D.I. component; improve work incentives; adopt a needs-based period of disability; eliminate the non-medical vocational grids that allow individuals to receive benefits based on their age, education, or skill; and instruct the Social Security Administration to improve the program's efficiency and integrity. Implementing these commonsense reforms would save at least \$500 billion over the coming decade.

**America Needs a Conservative Budget**

Heritage's "Blueprint for Balance" presents a truly conservative budget to put America back on the right fiscal path. It balances the budget sooner while cutting taxes and funding defense priorities at a more adequate level to meet operational needs across the globe.

While the House Budget Committee should be commended for putting forth a budget proposal, unlike its Senate counterpart, it is yet another missed opportunity by Congress to change the nation's fiscal course. Any congressional budget should adhere to the Budget Control Act spending levels (at most) and offer concrete entitlement reform proposals. Unfortunately, the House budget fails to do so.

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# Veterans Talk To Flint Hills Christian School



Manhattan area Veterans talked to the Flint Hills Christian School about their experiences during World War 2. Veterans speaking were (L to R) Forrest Adams, Jim Sharp, Margaret Lansdowne, Julianb Siebert, and Bill Parshall (a child during WWII).



Forrest Adams describes to students the use for a "View Finder" from a German "Anti-aircraft" gun.



Julie Kohner signing books written by her parents about their experience.

On March 31 & April 1, Flint Hills Christian Secondary School had it's annual "Cross-Curricular Day" and studied the time period surrounding WWII. On Thursday the 30th they welcomed guest speaker, Julie Kohner the founder of Voices of the Generations that strives to continue to bear witness to the atrocities of the Holocaust. Julie is the child of a survivor of three different German concentration camps.

On Friday, the students spent the day learning about what it was like to live in that time period by experiencing the music, the politics, the social climate and even the foods with many of the teachers dressed in period outfits like "Rosie the Riveter" and the typical American Army officer. One of the highlights of the day were the first and accounts given by area residents who lived during that time.

Margaret Lansdowne recalled what it was like to work in an aircraft factory and to be a war-bride who was expecting at the time she found out her husband was captured by the Germans and imprisoned in a POW camp.

Jim Sharp talked about the Battle of the Bulge and Forrest Adams talked about being a medic who landed at Normandy on D-Day

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## Minutes Are Light On Detail

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 04, 2016  
115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502

8:30 AM Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

### Public Comments

Volanti asked if the Board is willing to pay for travel accommodations for out of state Health Department Director applicants.

The Board agreed by consensus to pay for travel expenses for out of state Health Department Director applicants.

Volanti reported Riley County is holding a supervisory training session in the Public Works training room tomorrow from 8:30-noon.

Shepek discussed the water damage event in the Courthouse basement.

Hobson asked for the Commissioners to give a plug to the Public Works Expo at the next KMAN press conferences.

### Commission Comments

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**Wilson's Comments:**  
Monday I attended the Intergovernmental Luncheon. It was interesting to hear more about the K-State Foundation's Real Estate developments and the City of Manhattan's Parks and Recreation Feasibility Study.

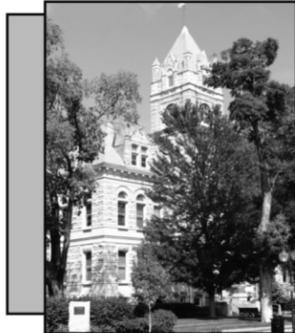
Thursday I attended the Northeast Kansas County Highway Officials Meeting in Atchison. Norm Bowers with the KAC addressed turnover and training in public works departments, overseeing grader operators, and premature sign fading. Then Ron Seitz and Michael Stringer from KDOT discussed right of way acquisition training, potentially moving low risk bridges to a 4 year rotation for inspections (instead of the current 2 year rotation), removal of truss bridges, and info about various federal and state transportation programs. They also reported that KDOT has seen a lot of turnover in recent years and that they may possibly advance some projects from next year to this year depending on the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group's state revenue estimates announced in April. Thursday I also looked over Summary of County Engineers' Annual Reports.

Friday night I attended a friend's wedding rehearsal and Saturday I played music in the wedding.

This week I also spent some time working on taxes.

### Boyd's Comments: Monday 03.28.2016

Attended the Intergovernmental Luncheon hosted by KSU at the Holiday Inn Campus. Greg Lohrentz of the Kansas State University Foundation address the assemblage



## Riley County Commission Minutes

### Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month:

The minutes for years did not cost the county extra. They were produced using Word. A new program now costs \$700 per month.

on the building plans for the area in and around KSU by the Foundation.

Met with Flint Hills Regional Council principals to interview prospective candidates for a community planner position within the organization. We interviewed three individuals and will extend an offer of employment to one.

Attended the Greater Manhattan Foundation awards banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn. The terrific folks of our community came together to celebrate those who give to others and create the community we all enjoy and love. Jim and Debra Gordon were chosen volunteers of the year for all their efforts for our community.

Tuesday 03.29.16  
Met with Lyle Butler of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Met with Steve Crusinberry of the Fort Riley Garrison Command to discuss coordination of range support for RCPD. The great team at Fort Riley is very supportive of assisting local police agencies with unemployed or underemployed facilities, which we in local government appreciate greatly.

Met with RCPD Director Schoen to discuss upcoming Riley County Law Enforcement Agency meeting agendas and range coordination.

Met with the Flint Hills Regional Council Executive Board to discuss policy and procedure protocols.

Met with citizens from USD 378 to discuss the upcoming bond issue and the election on May 3rd.

Wednesday 03.30.16

Attended the Riley County Public Health Advisory Council meeting at the Riley County Health Department. Of concern to the members was the hiring of a new Health Department Director; I briefed them on the search which to this point has not yielded a selection and we are expanding our search. A follow-up issue regarding Fake Patty's Day was advanced and I will provide the Council Captain Kyle's after action report on the event and schedule a presentation if requested.

Saturday 04.02.16  
Attended a farm implement

auction in Leonardville, inaugurating a new business to our community in Gene Francis Auctions and Lori Rogge. It was well attended for its first event and the bidders got some very fine deals. Vista supported the event with a food truck and their fine fare, we are very appreciative of their support for community events for they enhance all they attend.

Sunday 04.03.16  
After Church, viewed the Lascita Road and Sherman Road intersection for drainage damage. A constituent informed me at the auction of his concerns of the nature of the runoff damage to the property and the bridge structure on Sherman Road. The erosion damage is not readily visible from the roadway, however the extensive washout, the multiple culverts and the bridge condition are readily evident upon closer inspection on foot. Thank you to citizens who inform us of such conditions for we cannot readily perceive such in our travels around the county, thus we do not always get the opportunity to address the adverse situation without their assistance.

Attended a USD 378 citizens meeting to discuss the May 3rd school bond election.

**Wells' Comments:**  
Wells stated he attended the Intergovernmental Luncheon. Wells said he talked with several people about the conditions of roads.

### Business Meeting

Travel request for IAAO Conference  
Move to approve an Out of State Travel Request for Allen Todd to attend the 2016 International Association of Assessing Officers Conference and Workshop in Tampa, Florida the total cost is \$1,803.00 to be paid from the Appraiser's Office budget.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd,  
SECONDER: Ronald Wells  
AYES: County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign On Line Access Agreements for: Heartland Title Services, Inc., Bill Von Elling and Blanton Realty  
Move to sign Online Access

Agreements for Heartland Title Services, Inc., Bill Von Elling, and Blanton Realty for the Register of Deeds' Office.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd,  
SECONDER: Ronald Wells,  
AYES: County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for the KSU Real Estate Fund, LLC and the Irvine Family Real Estate Partnership

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for the KSU Real Estate Fund, LLC and the Irvine Family Real Estate Partnership (203-08-1- 00-00-001.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$92.98.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd,  
SECONDER: Ronald Wells,  
AYES: County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Nadine Gail Chalman, a Nursing Supervisor-Clinic, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Serv-

ice, effective June 3, 2016.

Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s)

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

a Systems Analyst/Administrator, in the Information Technology Department, at a grade R.

a Nursing Supervisor, in the Health Department, at a grade V.

### University Park Sewer Project Resolution

Move to approve "Resolution 040416-15, A Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Temporary Notes of Riley County, Kansas, in the total principal amount of \$2,357,000 to provide funds for the temporary financing of the costs of certain projects as authorized by the county; and setting forth terms, details, form and conditions of the General Obligation Temporary Notes" and related documents.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd,  
SECONDER: Ronald Wells,  
AYES: County Commis-

See County minutes page 11

## The Next Riley County General Election Will Be November 8, 2016



Riley County Commissioner Ron Wells (left) and Riley County Commissioner Bob Boyd will be up for re-election on November 8, 2016. Both voted to take the vote away from the citizens of Riley County when they passed a Riley County Building Commission.

By appointing themselves as the Building Commission they could approve a \$50 million 9th Grade re-construction for the School District without a vote of the people or they could help the City of Manhattan add \$50 million in debt for a Sports Complex without a vote. Before you talk to a Commissioner go to manhattanfreepress.com August 1, 2013 issue and read where Cities and Counties can use "Home Rule" to get around a vote of the people.

(This is not a paid political advertisement. It is part of an Editorial written by Jon A. Brake, Publisher, Manhattan Free Press.)

# Riley County Commission Minutes from page 10

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## Review Minutes

Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Mar 28, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

## 10. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics Discuss Press Conference

Leon Hobson-Public Works Expo

Pat Collins-Agricultural Burning Update

9:00 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

12. Administrative Work Session

13. Pending County Projects

County Counselor

9:11 AM

## 14. Executive session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property

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SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9:20 AM

Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:20 AM

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Break

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Press Conference

RCPD update - Captain Josh Kyle (3-5 minutes)

Kyle reported on March overall crime numbers. Kyle discussed last year's increased vehicle burglaries.

Downtown Manhattan - Gina Scroggs (3 minutes)

Scroggs discussed Downtown Manhattan's activity.

Acknowledgement of the 2016 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps

- Jessica Fiscus (5 minutes)

Fiscus announced the Health Ranking and Roadmaps report in which Riley County ranked number 14 in health outcomes and 18th in health factors.

National Public Health Week at the Riley County Health Department - Jessica Fiscus (5 minutes)

Fiscus reported National Public Health Week is April 4th - April 10th. Fiscus stated the goal is to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues.

Public Notices - Leon Hobson (3-5 minutes)

Hobson said the box bridge replacement project on N. 60th Street is scheduled to begin Monday, April 4, 2016. The project is located approximately 150' west of W. 104th Avenue N. 60th Street will be closed to through traffic during construction. Traffic Control will be installed at the intersection of Madison and Walnut Creek Road and the intersection of W. 104th Avenue

to direct traffic. The project has been allotted 5 working days, and is expected to be completed by April 8, 2016 weather permitting.

Hobson said a culvert replacement project is scheduled to begin on the Green-Randolph Road, Monday, April 11, 2016. The project is located approximately 1/2 mile west of the Crooked Creek Road. Traffic will be diverted to the shoo-fly detour beginning Thursday, April 7, 2016. The project has been allotted 60 working days, and is expected to be completed by June 30, 2016. Adverse weather conditions may cause unexpected delays.

VITA program - Jennifer Wilson (3 minutes)

Wilson reported the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program has 5 working days left to provide free income tax assistance. Wilson encouraged residents to make an appointment to have their tax returns completed.

22. USD 378 Special Election - Rich Vargo (2 minutes)

Vargo announced the USD 378 Special Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd. Vargo stated advance voting will begin on April 13th and close on Monday, May 2nd at noon.

23. April 9 Farmers' Market programs - Robert Boyd (2-3 minutes)

Boyd announced Free Gardening Seminars will be held Saturday, April 9th at Pottorf Hall from 9:00 a.m. - noon.

10:00 AM

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

24. Project update

Hobson presented an update on Public Works projects.

10:15 AM

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

25. 2017 Budget Baseline

Shepek presented information for the Board to discuss establishing the 2017 Riley County Budget Baseline.

Boyd stated he is comfortable with establishing the 2017 baseline consistent with last year.

Wilson stated he agrees.

Move to approve the 2017 budget requests reflect statutory requirements and 2017 business needs as well as the costs to implement each department's five-year strategic plan.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:40 AM

Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

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11:00 AM

Andrew Adams, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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11:05 AM

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educate the community on the Zika Virus.

The Board agreed an educational list on the Zika Virus should be developed to educate the community.

28. Wildcat Region Public Health Preparedness Discussion

Adams invited the Board to attend a Wildcat Region Public Health Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from 10:00-12:00 at the Blue Earth Room at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

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

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## Spring Fling

**Sunflower Mercantile & Rustic Garden**  
Downtown Barnes, Kansas  
Saturday, April 23 – 8 am – 5 pm  
Outdoor Furnishing & Indoor Decorations  
Yard Art, Rusty Stuff, Tables, Planters,  
Bedding Plants and More!  
All downtown shops & eateries will be open!

## Doilies and Dolls--

**Mini Quilt Auction and Luncheon**  
Utopia Room--St. Thomas More Church  
2900 Kimball Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502  
April 30, 2016  
Viewing at 10:30 a.m.  
Luncheon at 11:00 a.m., Auction following  
Tickets for the luncheon are \$15  
Konza Prairie Quilters' Guild will be having an  
auction of small quilted wall hangings, table runners and other small items.

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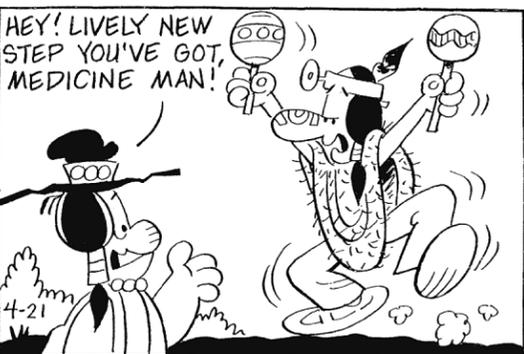
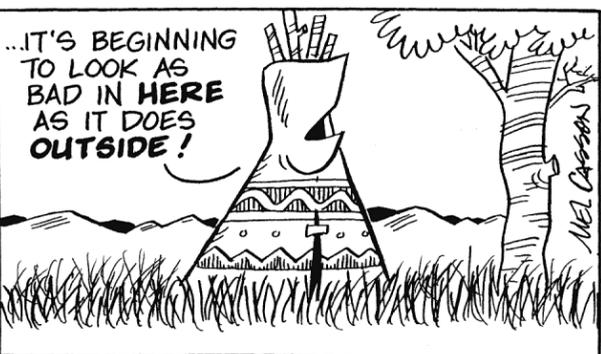
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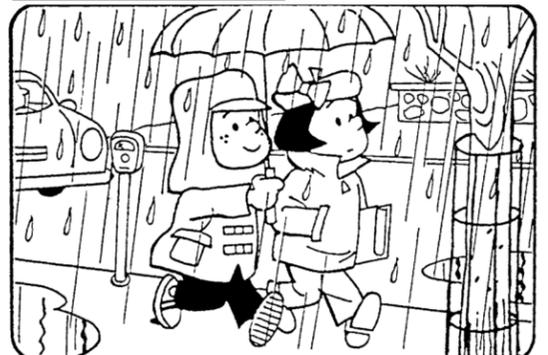
## GRIN & BEAR IT



"Have you noticed that Mickey has only three fingers on each hand?"

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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# Charter schools turn away thousands in Texas

By Kenric Ward  
Watchdog

Business is booming at Texas charter schools. The independently operated public campuses continue to grow — and so do the waiting lists to get in.

IDEA charters — with 44 schools in San Antonio, Austin and the Rio Grande Valley — conducted their annual admission lottery on Saturday. More than 26,000 children applied; 7,000 were accepted.

Overall, 129,589 children are on charter waiting lists in Texas, more than double the 56,000 reported in 2011. Total charter enrollment in the state hit 227,827

last year.

“It’s clear that parents want more options,” says Randan Steinhauer, director of the Texas School Choice Coalition. “We need to strengthen and replicate our high-performing charters.”

Charter proponents say leveling the financial playing field would open more doors.

For years, the Texas Charter Schools Association has lobbied to close the state funding gap between their campuses and traditional school districts. The Texas Supreme Court is currently reviewing the state’s education financing system.

Traditional public schools receive \$5.5 billion in capital construction money annually from the state; charters get none. For operations, charters receive an average of \$1,000 less per student statewide than their counterparts.

Charter operators, who are licensed to provide “free” public education, say they do more with less through flexible staffing schedules and other economies.

In the Rio Grande Valley, competition from high-performing IDEA schools has prodded their public counterparts to tighten programs and improve performance.

Charters have demonstrated a knack for niche marketing. In Houston, a new Arabic dual-language charter quickly attracted three times more applicants than it could accommodate. Spanish immersion charters are drawing increasing interest in San Antonio’s suburbs.

Lengthening wait lists show that demand is outstripping charters’ ability to expand and build out.

In San Antonio, 4,901 children were on waiting lists for KIPP, Harmony and Great Hearts charter schools this year. In Houston, the queue grew to 32,793 for Harmony, KIPP and

YES Prep charters.

Those figures do not include backlogs at IDEA or any of the scores of smaller, community-based charters.

Matt Prewett, president of Texas Parents Union, said the state’s per-pupil allocation for charters doesn’t cover the expense of educating special-needs students, including those with severe disabilities, or transportation.

“The solution is to push the Texas Legislature to provide adequate funding,” Prewett said.

Colleen Dippel, who taught at a KIPP charter school in Houston, launched the non-

profit Families Empowered to advise parents with children on waiting lists.

Dippel’s group surveyed 2,500 wait-list families and found that 60 percent were seeking charter enrollment for a better academic environment than could be found at their assigned neighborhood school.

“We believe that every child should have access to an excellent education, regardless of income,” she says.

Pointing to the charter wait lists and long-odds lotteries, Dippel and Steinhauer are trying out a new slogan: “Luck shouldn’t determine my future.”

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Medicos
- 5 Performance
- 8 “Oh, woe!”
- 12 Acknowledge
- 13 Greek consonant
- 14 Domestic
- 15 Nonsense
- 17 Pack away
- 18 Gray, in a way
- 19 Motes
- 21 Aid
- 24 “Go, team!”
- 25 Rickey flavor
- 28 “The Music Man” locale
- 30 See 9-Down
- 33 Emulate Lindsey Vonn
- 34 With 23-Down, what “it’s all about”?
- 35 Historic time
- 36 Lair
- 37 Humdinger
- 38 Blue hue
- 39 Have bills
- 41 Holler
- 43 Capacitance

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- 46 — Ste. Marie
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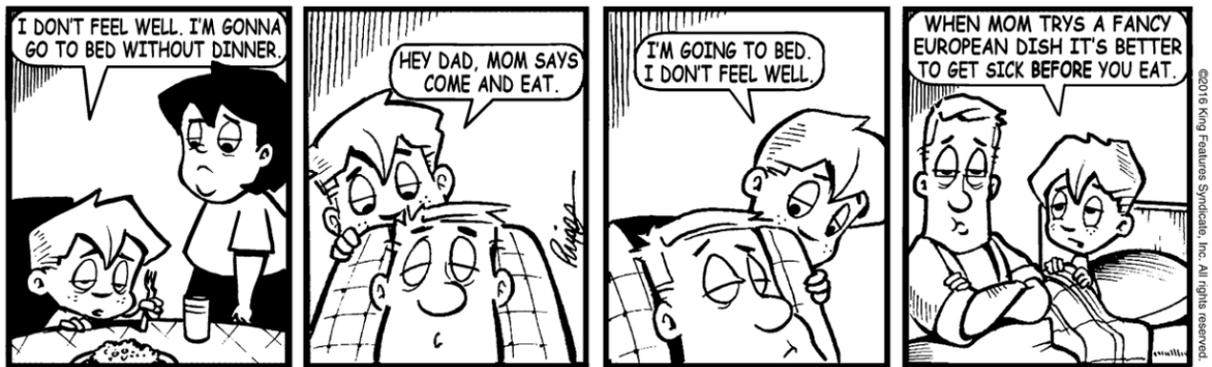
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- 7 Santa’s sackful
- 8 Bewildered
- 9 With 30-Across, one with two working parents, maybe
- 10 Out of control
- 11 Stitches
- 16 Catcher’s place
- 20 Beseech
- 22 Oz character
- 23 See 34-Across
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# Travel in Kansas

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## Travel Kansas Events

### Brain: The Inside Story March 5, 2016 - August 28, 2016

Recurring daily  
Venue: Museum at Prairiefire  
Address: 5801 W. 135th, Overland Park, KS 66223  
Time: From: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Type: Events  
Phone: 913-333-3500

Learn how the fascinating human brain works - from senses and emotions to aging and effects of technology - as you explore this special exhibition.

### Exhibition opening: How People Make Things January 30, 2016 - May 1, 2016

Recurring daily  
Venue: Flint Hills Discovery Center  
Address: 315 S 3rd, Manhattan, KS 66502  
Time: From: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Type: Events  
Phone: 785-587-2726

How People Make Things tells the story of how everyday items are manufactured and brings to life the people, ideas and technology.

### 2016 Garmin Marathon April 16, 2016

Venue: Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Olathe  
Address: 10401 S. Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 66061  
Time: Starting: 6:45 AM  
Type: Events  
Phone: 913-764-1050  
Join us for a full marathon, half marathon, 10k or kids run through the beautiful streets and trails of Olathe.

### 2016 Garnett Farmers Market May 5, 2016 - October 6, 2016

Every Thursday  
Venue: Prairie Spirit Trail  
Address: 418 S. Main Street, Garnett, KS 66032  
Time: 4:30-7:00 PM  
Type: Events  
Phone: 785-448-6767  
The Garnett Farmer's Market is an weekly event that allows visitors to capture what is unique about Garnett.

### 2016 Historic William Fulton House Tours May 21, 2016 - August 28, 2016

Every Sunday, Saturday  
Venue: Finney County His-



**15th Annual Wine Tasting Event; April 29, 2016; Venue: Great Bend Convention Center; Address: 3111 10th St., Great Bend, KS 67530; Time: From: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM; Admission: 50.00; Contact: Rebecca Ford, Email: rford@catholiccharitiesswks.org Phone: 620-792-1393**

torical Museum  
Address: 403 S 4th, Garden City, KS 67846  
Time: From: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Type: Events  
Phone: 620-272-3664

There will be free guided tours of the Historic William Fulton House, dating to 1884 and built by one of Garden City's four founders.

### 2016 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) Men's Golf Championships April 17 - 19, 2016

Recurring daily  
Venue: Buffalo Dunes Golf Course  
Address: 5685 S. US Highway 83, Garden City, KS 67846  
Time: All Day  
Type: Events  
Phone: 316-337-5999  
The Men's KCAC Golf Championship Tournament will be held over a three day period at Buffalo Dunes Golf Course.

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### 2016 NCBA Division II World Series May 19 - 25, 2016

Recurring daily  
Venue: Jaycee Ballpark  
Address: 12th and Highway 69, Pittsburg, KS 66762  
Time: TBA  
Type: Events  
Phone: 620-231-1212  
2016 NCBA Division II World Series May 19th - May 25th Jaycee Ballpark Pittsburg, Kansas.

### 29th Annual Tulip Festival April 16, 2016

Venue: Wamego Dutch Mill and Prairie Village  
Address: E 4th St, Wamego, KS 66547  
Time: From: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Type: Events  
Phone: 785-456-7849  
Each spring, the City of Wamego comes alive with thousands of visitors, vibrant colors of tulips and over 150 craft vendors.

### 44th Annual Square Fair (Crafts Festival) May 7, 2016

Venue: Anderson County Courthouse  
Address: 100 E 4th Ave, Garnett, KS 66032

Time: From: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Phone: 785-448-6767

Held annually the Saturday before Mother's Day, Square Fair is a great place to shop for mom...or for yourself!

### 50th Annual Antique & Barbed Wire Festival May 5 - 7, 2016

Recurring daily  
Venue: Kansas Barbed Wire Museum  
Address: 417 Main Street, La Crosse, KS 67548  
Time: all day  
Phone: 785-222-9900  
A festival for the entire family. Displays feature barbed wire and fencing related tools along with other antiques and collectibles.

### Air Fair May 7, 2016

Venue: Garnett Industrial Airport  
Address: 1202 E. 4th Avenue, Garnett, KS 66032  
Time: From: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Phone: 785-448-6931  
Air Fair includes open cockpit airplane rides, vintage and specialty aircraft displays, WWII jeep rides, a special appearance by the KC Bet.

### "Brighton Beach Memorials" May 13 - 22, 2016

Every Sunday, Friday, Saturday  
Venue: Theatre Atchison  
Address: 401 Santa Fe, Atchison, KS 66002  
Time: Fri. & Sat. 8:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m.  
Phone: 913-367-7469  
Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene Jerome must cope with the mundane existence of his family life in Brooklyn:

### "Float Your Boat" Contest June 19, 2016

Venue: Lovewell Reservoir, State Park, and Wildlife Area  
Address: 2446 250 Rd, Weber, KS 66970  
Time: From: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Phone: 785-753-4971  
Participants must design and build a cardboard boat (specifications will be available in early July), and bring it to the Southwinds Beach

### 17th Annual "Run for the Soul" Benefit Fundraiser June 25, 2016

Venue: City of Ellsworth  
Address: 220 S Douglas Ave, Ellsworth, KS 67439  
Time: From: 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM  
Phone: 785-472-6212  
Come enjoy the Kansas countryside on your motorcycle and help a very important organization raise funds to expand their programs. The ride

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## Gov. Brownback has signed a bill overhauling the Kansas juvenile justice system

OLATHE, Kansas — As Gov. Sam Brownback signed a bill Monday overhauling the Kansas juvenile justice system, a Johnson County program the changes are partly based on is serving as a model for efforts to divert low-risk offenders from detention.

The new system will keep more juvenile offenders in their homes while they participate in community-based programs that focus on anger management and other behavioral changes. A system overhaul will divert money from the construction and maintenance of jails to detention alternatives. The measure is in part a reaction to 2013 U.S. Department of Justice data showing

that Kansas had the sixth-highest incarceration rate for young offenders in the nation.

"Our current juvenile justice system ... was shortchanging not only our youth who get involved in the juvenile justice system by not giving them the best chance for rehabilitation," said Shawnee Republican Rep. John Rubin, "but actually was not the best system for protecting public safety because of the increased rate of recidivism."

Brownback, lawmakers, Department of Corrections officials and representatives of national advocacy groups that pushed for the changes were at the Johnson County Courthouse in Olathe for the bill

signing.

Juvenile arrests in Kansas declined by more than 50 percent from 2004 to 2013, although out-of-home placements in juvenile detention centers or group homes were only reduced by half that amount, according to findings by a bipartisan group that created the framework for the bill. Keeping children in those facilities can cost as much as \$89,000 a year for each youth, which is more than two-thirds of the Department of Corrections' juvenile services budget.

Among the programs Kansas is looking to as a guide is the Evening Reporting Center in Olathe, an after-school program for youth offenders who violate probation. The Evening Reporting Center is part of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, a nationwide project initiated by the private Annie E. Casey Foundation. In 2011, Johnson and four other counties adopted the project aimed at reducing youth incarceration.

Juveniles in the program are picked up after school, receive dinner, complete cognitive behavioral therapy workbooks and are offered services including yoga and robotics classes. Parents are invited to programs on Thursdays to work on communication and resolving conflicts.

Vanessa Rios, 14, was sent to the Olathe program for four weeks after the last time she violated her probation. Rios had been tangled in a cycle of house arrests over the past year after getting into a fight with another student, smoking marijuana and running away from home.

"When I first started I wasn't so excited about it and I didn't think it would change my point of view," said Rios, of Shawnee.

But after attending group counseling sessions and hearing speakers talk about overcoming similar experiences, she said she's ready to stop the behavior that got her into trouble. Rios said she met people like her who wanted to change their lives for the better. She said that she's quit smoking marijuana, is performing better in school and has fewer confrontations with her family and classmates.

"It helped me see that even though you did something wrong, there's still many opportunities in the world for you to do what you want to do," Rios said.

Betsy Gillespie, the county's corrections director, said community-based programs and house arrest for probation violations have helped drastically reduce the youth incarceration rate. In 2007 the average daily population in the juvenile detention center was 69, although it sometimes spiked as high as 85. In late March of this year, the detention population reached an all-time low of six, Gillespie said.

The system in Johnson County has been successful because of the breadth of community resources, which aren't as readily available elsewhere, said Rubin, who was part of the bipartisan group.

"We would like to emulate the programs and the options in Johnson County throughout the rest of the state ... but it takes money to do that," said Rubin, adding that the overhaul would help disadvantaged communities offer more rehabilitation services.

Rubin said the savings from phasing out group homes would be reinvested into community-based programs like the one in Olathe. Lawmakers estimate that the bill will help the state save over \$70 million over five years.

## Kansas: Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Eat

WICHITA, Kansas — Sedgwick County commissioners are being warned not to ask participants in a federal nutrition program about their citizenship status or risk losing its ability to administer the program.

In a letter commissioners and the county counselor received last week, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment said asking about the status of participants in the Women, Infants and Children program before a change in state eligibility requirements could result in termination of the county's contract to operate WIC.

"The current state and local operating procedures do not limit participation in the WIC program," the KDHE letter said. "Before participation is limited, the KDHE must amend the procedures for participation and provide USDA with the amended procedures."

The letter does not address whether the state would seek such a change in the program, which provides checks to low-income families for nutritional foods, The Wichita Eagle (<http://bit.ly/1SD6X2j>) reported.

Sedgwick County Commissioner Richard Ranzau suggested last fall that the county health department start using a questionnaire that would ask about the immigration status of all who use health department services, including WIC recipi-

ents. Some commissioners said the intent was to gather useful data on who the department serves.

E-mails obtained by The Eagle showed that U.S. Department of Agriculture authorities told state officials that asking for WIC clients' immigration status would be out of compliance and endanger federal grant dollars.

If Sedgwick County lost its contract to administer the WIC program, someone else would take up operations and participants in the program would continue receiving assistance.

Public health and immigrant advocacy groups have blasted Ranzau's proposal, saying it would have a chilling effect on people seeking services and put community health at risk.

The commissioner also proposed last fall that the state redefine its eligibility requirements to block illegal immigrants from participating in WIC. Ranzau was chairman last fall when the commission formally asked the state to review those policies in an October letter.

Commissioner Karl Peterjohn said he wasn't comfortable with "welfare ... provided to folks who have broken our laws."

Blocking people from WIC was not a good use of the commission's time, Commissioner Dave Unruh said later.

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## Kansas courts have failed to comply with a new state law

LAWRENCE, Kansas — Some Kansas courts have failed to comply with a new state law on public requests for probable cause statements, according to the Kansas lawmaker who introduced the legislation.

Under the measure signed into law in 2014, Kansas courts have 10 business days to either release the probable cause statement sought, or inform whoever asked for it that the request is denied. The courts can also redact information in the probable cause statement, which ex-

plains the legal justification generally required before law enforcement can arrest someone or conduct searches.

Republican Rep. John Rubin of Shawnee said when he introduced the bill, Kansas was the only state that sealed all probable cause affidavits supporting arrests and warrants. He said the legislation allows authorities to keep records confidential for a few reasons, including if there's an ongoing criminal investigation or if prosecutors need to be able to protect that

information until they make all arrests in the case.

Rubin said some Kansas districts are either delaying beyond the allowed 10-day period or are requiring each individual to file a separate request, even if that request is for an affidavit that's already been released to a different person who requested it.

"That was never the intent of the law," Rubin said. "And we have a bill pending this year that I wrote to clear up that discrepancy, to make it clear that

once an affidavit is released it's part of the public record and it's available to everybody. Press, public, whoever."

Since December, the Lawrence Journal-World (<http://j.mp/1RUgvs4>) has filed at least 30 requests for probable cause affidavits. Of those 30 requests, eight were released beyond the 10-day waiting period. One document was not released until nearly a month-and-a-half after the request was submitted.

Douglas County District Court Chief Judge Robert Fairchild said the district is not

intentionally missing request deadlines. Requests must go before both prosecuting and defense attorneys, court administrators and respective district judges before they can be released, Fairchild said. And within that process, those involved may forget about the request or it may be a lower priority than other items.

If the requests take longer than 10 days, Fairchild said it isn't because he takes issue with the legislation.

"It's the law," he said. "If that's what they think is appro-

priate, we're happy to do it."

Max Kautsch, a Lawrence attorney who focuses on First Amendment rights and open government and has represented the Journal-World in legal matters, said courts taking longer than 10 days to release probable cause affidavits are in violation of the law.

He also said some courts, like Sedgwick County District Court, which includes Wichita, are "doing a really good job" despite receiving what is likely a much higher volume of requests than smaller districts.

## Kansas small town water samples exceeding federal limits

WICHITA, Kansas — About 18 private and government water systems in mostly small towns or rural areas in Kansas have had reported lead levels in their water samples exceeding federal limits, according to Environmental Protection Agency records examined by The Associated Press.

Those agencies are among the nearly 1,400 water systems serving 3.7 million Americans that have violated the federal lead standard at least once between Jan. 1, 2013 and Sept. 30, 2015, and are listed on the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Information System.

In Valley Center, a community of 5,654 people just north of Wichita, water testing in August showed three samples with

lead exceeding the 15 parts per billion federal threshold, triggering notifications to customers. The samples ranged from a low of 19 parts per billion to 43 parts per billion, said Brent Holper, the city's public works director.

"We are trying to identify our problem areas," Holper said, adding the city is doing additional testing in conjunction with state regulators to find out if there is a deeper problem. The city still has some lead "goosenecks," the apparatus that connects the main lines to service lines, but also quite a few older homes, he said. Some of the high lead levels were found in homes that were not connected to those lead goosenecks, he said.

Several water system operators in Kansas contacted by AP say the contamination showing up in their test samples is coming from lead pipes or other lead sources in older homes, not from their own distribution systems which use plastic pipes.

"It's a bit of a sore subject with me," said Frank Parker, manager of the Sedgwick County Rural Water System No. 3 near Mulvane, which serves a rural population of about 5,290 people.

On Feb. 26, the system sent out a letter to customers informing them that of the 20 samples collected for testing last summer, three exceeded the acceptable level for lead of 15 parts per billion. A few days after that letter was mailed, the results

from another round of testing showed no violations of lead levels, Parker said.

But due to state and federal regulations, he will now have to take 80 samples this year alone to monitor the situation, he said.

"It is really not the water providers," Parker said. "It's what happens when it gets inside the home."

Jim Lloyd, who owns a small water system serving 176 people in Great Bend, blamed a lead-tainted sample taken a few months ago from a water hydrant outside a home that he speculates may have had a lead washer in it. When he resampled it inside the home, the result came back at a low 1.1 parts per billion, he said.

Other systems' officials were baffled as to why they showed up on the EPA list.

In South Hutchinson, City Administrator Matt Stiles said that they have not had any high lead samples, notwithstanding the fact the city showed up on

the EPA's list when one sample tested of 20.7 parts per billion. Wheatland High School in the northwest Kansas town of Grainfield also disputed EPA listing, blaming its high sample on a miscalculation by state regulators.

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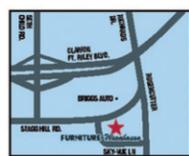
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