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No charges recommended in Clinton email probe, FBI says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI won't recommend criminal charges against Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email server while secretary of state, agency Director James Comey said Tuesday, lifting a major legal threat to her presidential campaign. But Comey called her actions "extremely careless" and faulted the agency she led for a lackadaisical approach to handling classified material.

Comey's decision almost certainly brings the legal part of the issue to a close and removes the threat of criminal charges. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said last week that she would accept the recommendations of

the FBI director and of career prosecutors.

"No charges are appropriate in this case," Comey said in making his announcement.

But Comey made that statement after he delivered a blistering review of Clinton's actions, saying the FBI found that 110 emails were sent or received on Clinton's server containing classified information. He added it was possible that people hostile to the U.S. had gained access to her personal email account.

"Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified

information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information," he said.

Comey contradicted Clinton's past explanations in the case that she had turned over all of her emails and that she had never sent or received any emails that were classified at the time. The FBI chief said that in the course of the investigation, 110 emails in 52 email chains were determined to contain classified information at the time they were sent or received. He also found that "several thousand work-related emails" were not among the group of 30,000 emails Clinton turned

over in 2014.

Yet after criticizing Clinton, her aides and the department for their actions, he said that after looking at similar circumstances in past inquiries, the FBI believed that "no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case."

Comey made the announcement just three days after the FBI interviewed Clinton in a final step of its yearlong investigation into the possible mishandling of classified information.

He said he shared the FBI's findings with no one else in the government before making his announcement, which came just hours before Clinton was to

travel with President Barack Obama on Air Force One to campaign together for the first time this year.

The declaration from Comey is unlikely to wipe away many voters' concerns about Clinton's trustworthiness, especially since the FBI director so thoroughly criticized her actions before delivering his verdict.

"There is evidence to support a conclusion that any reasonable person in Secretary Clinton's position ... should have known that an unclassified system was no place" for sensitive conversations, Comey said.

Nor will the recommendation stop Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, who

has called for criminal charges, from continuing to make the server a campaign issue or suggesting Clinton was helped by a Democratic administration. After Comey's announcement, Trump tweeted, "The system is rigged ... Very very unfair! As usual, bad judgment."

House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, a Republican, said the decision not to prosecute Clinton defied explanation, adding: "No one should be above the law."

Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon said they were pleased with the decision but reiterated that it was a "mistake" for Clinton to use personal email.

Why Did The County Commission Vote To Raise Their Pay 14.74%

Riley County Salaries of Appointed and Elected Officials

	Year of 2016		Year of 2015		Year of 2014		year of 2013		Year of 2012
County commissioners	\$ 43,403.57	4.20%	\$ 41,641.31	4.40%	\$ 39,870.27	4.64%	\$ 38,099.96	4.38%	\$ 37,536.90
Total for all 3 commissioners	\$ 130,210.71		\$ 124,923.93		\$ 119,610.81		\$ 114,299.88		\$ 112,610.70
ARNP-FP	\$ 79,028.64		\$ 74,925.20		\$ 73,962.47		\$ 71,668.37		
ARNP-PC							\$ 86,622.16		
Budget and Finance Officer	\$ 74,200.64		\$ -						
Human Resouce Mgr, Deputy Co Clerk *	\$ 80,187.54		\$ -						
Museum Curator	\$ 94,055.93		\$ 90,237.10		\$ 86,399.25		\$ 82,592.96		\$ 78,904.66
Community Corrections Director	\$ 90,156.37		\$ 89,263.73		\$ 89,263.73		\$ 85,300.25		\$ 81,520.67
Emergency Mgr Director	\$ 97,737.93		\$ 93,769.60		\$ 89,781.51		\$ 85,795.04		\$ 81,993.53
Noxious Weed Director	\$ 97,737.93		\$ 93,769.60		\$ 89,781.51		\$ 85,795.04		\$ 81,993.53
Register of Deeds	\$ 98,129.42		\$ 94,145.20		\$ 90,141.13		\$ 86,138.70		\$ 82,321.97
Information Technology Director	\$ 97,262.52		\$ 93,313.49		\$ 92,025.14		\$ 87,939.05		\$ 84,042.54
Health Department Adm (vacant)			\$ 99,551.95		\$ 92,451.91		\$ 98,358.17		
County Treasurer	\$ 103,198.02		\$ 96,109.94		\$ 94,782.98		\$ 90,574.77		\$ 86,561.48
Asst County Engineer PE	\$ 109,464.91		\$ 101,961.94		\$ 97,625.30		\$ 93,290.55		\$ 89,156.92
Asst. Public Works and Parks Director									\$ 92,127.93
Deputy County Counselor*	\$ 111,333.21		\$ 106,812.89		\$ 102,270.05		\$ 97,729.07		\$ 97,729.07
County Cleck	\$ 119,845.29		\$ 114,979.36		\$ 110,089.55		\$ 105,201.03		\$ 100,539.66
County Appraiser	\$ 121,556.98		\$ 116,621.56		\$ 111,661.55		\$ 106,703.57		\$ 101,975.62
PLANNING Development Director	\$ 128,304.04		\$ 123,094.67		\$ 117,859.36		\$ 112,626.18		\$ 107,635.81
Public Works Director	\$ 140,297.27		\$ 134,600.96		\$ 128,876.28		\$ 123,153.93		\$ 117,697.08
County Counselor	\$ 141,870.50		\$ 136,110.31		\$ 130,321.44		\$ 124,534.92		\$ 119,016.88
County Attorney	\$ 136,110.31		\$ 136,110.31		\$ 130,321.44		\$ 124,534.92		\$ 119,016.88
Assistant County Attorney -1	\$ 85,696.00		\$ 82,150.22		\$ 78,750.81		\$ 75,257.00		\$ 73,008.00
Assistant County Attorney -2	\$ 91,728.00		\$ 87,212.11		\$ 83,822.76		\$ 80,102.00		\$ 77,709.00
Assistant County Attorney -3	\$ 94,161.60		\$ 90,249.24		\$ 83,822.76		\$ 80,102.00		\$ 77,709.00
Assistant County Attorney -Deputy	\$ 95,846.40		\$ 93,750.38		\$ 91,702.21		\$ 87,628.00		\$ 85,010.00
Assistant County Attorney -4	\$ 113,755.20		\$ 107,122.20		\$ 102,563.72		\$ 98,000.00		\$ 91,000.00
Total for County Officials	\$ 2,531,875.36		\$ 2,380,785.89		\$ 2,287,887.67		\$ 2,283,947.56		\$ 1,847,765.57
Consumer Price index May		-0.80%		1.60%		1.80%		1.50%	
For May 2016 CPI is 0.80%									

The three drunken saylors have been voting more than a 4% increase for themselves over the past 4 years. The Commissioners work a little over a half a day on Monday and less than a half a day on Thursday but they get

paid on a 40-hour week. Even if you counted the days that they attend Church (see the Minutes over the past year) they could not get to a 40-hour work week. \$43,403 isn't bad pay for what they do. But it is costing the tax-

payers a lot more because of what they do, do. We did not count the 2012 pay raise because that was a different Commission that made the approval.

Dick Edwards

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City Memo On Auditorium

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMO June 28,
2016**

**FROM: Jason Hilgers,
Deputy City Manager
MEETING: July 5, 2016
SUBJECT: City Auditorium
(Peace Memorial) Design: Contract
Amendments
PRESENTERS: Jason
Hilgers, Deputy City Man-
ager
Dave Fiser, Friends of
Peace Memorial Auditorium**

BACKGROUND

The City and Bruce McMillan Architects (BMA) entered into a design contract on Octo-

ber 2, 2012, to provide professional architectural services for the City's Park and Recreation Office Expansion and City Auditorium Renovation. The City has also executed four different contract amendments with BMA in 2013 and 2014.

DISCUSSION

City Administration has received two additional contract amendments for professional services. The first is to further the design and bidding of a City Hall and Peace Memorial Auditorium "foyer" improvement (Contract Amendment No. 5). The second is to further the design of the City Hall and Peace

Memorial Auditorium "stage" improvement (Contract Amendment No. 6).

Contract Amendment No. 5 will prepare a final design of lobby improvements to recognize those individuals from Riley County lost in war and those pioneers to this area. This final design includes the bidding process. This amendment totals \$16,900, and will be financed 100% by the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium (FPMA).

Contract Amendment No. 6 will prepare a final design for the stage improvements including electrical upgrades for new stage lighting, control systems,

audio reinforcement systems, stage flooring upgrade, stage drapery, seating, ceiling replacement, and graphic illustrations of the improvements. This final design includes the bidding process. This amendment totals \$74,900, and is proposed to be a 50/50 split with the FPMA (\$37,450) and the City (\$37,450) (see letter attached).

The City will create a project account fund for FPMA to deposit donations and fundraising dollars. The City will wait to receive the appropriate funds from FPMA before authorizing either contract amendment

with BMA.

FINANCING

The City's portion of the proposed design (\$34,750) could be funded from the Special Parks and Recreation Fund. The City will generate a project account fund for the foyer and stage improvements. The City will accept donations made by FPMA and will hold these revenues until project expenses are due. At this point, the City anticipates receiving \$16,900 for the foyer if Contract Amendment No. 5 is approved and potentially \$37,450 for the stage if Contract Amendment No. 6 is approved.

ALTERNATIVES

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

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Contract Amendment No. 5.

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Contract Amendment Nos. 5 and 6.

Do not approve the measure. Modify or develop alternatives if other concerns or factors arise.

Table the request.

RECOMMENDATION

City Administration recommends the City Commission approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Contract Amendment Nos. 5 and 6, and authorize staff to set up a project account for the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium to deposit matching funds.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Contract Amendment Nos. 5 and 6 with Bruce McMillan Architects, of Manhattan, Kansas, in the amounts of \$16,900 and \$74,900, respectively, to generate a final design and bidding documents for the foyer and stage improvements associated with the Peace Memorial Auditorium JH 16069

City Memo On Assessments

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMO June 23,
2016**

**FROM: Courtney
Kramer, Financial Analyst
MEETING: July 5, 2016
SUBJECT: Public
Hearing on Special Assess-
ments and First Reading of
Special Assessments Ordinance
PRESENTER: Bernie
Hayen, Director of Finance**

BACKGROUND

The City needs to begin the process of levying special assessments for seven (7) projects, which will be included in the November 2016 bond issue. The seven (7) completed projects are:

Downtown Entertainment District, Unit Three, Lot 5 - Street (ST1212);

Northlake Addition, Unit 1 - Sanitary Sewer (SS1311), Street (ST1314), and Water (WA1313);

Poyntz Avenue Improvements - Street (ST1203);

The Reserve Addition - Sanitary Sewer (SS1210) and Water (WA1216).

All of the benefit districts were created by petition and by a resolution approved by the City Commission. Construction contracts and temporary notes were approved by the City Commission for all projects.

On June 21, 2016, the City Commission set July 5, 2016, as the date to hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance levying special assessments against the benefiting properties in the seven (7) public improvement districts.

The property owners in the seven (7) districts were notified by letter as to the amount and purpose of their special assessment. Also, on June 24, 2016, a notice was published in The Manhattan Mercury notifying the public a hearing on July 5, 2016.

DISCUSSION

On July 5, 2016, the City Commission should hold a public hearing regarding the levy-

ing of special assessments against the benefiting properties in the seven (7) public improvement districts and consider first reading of the special assessment ordinance. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear questions or objections from property owners concerning how their special assessment was mathematically calculated, and any other technical issues regarding the assessments.

Second reading of the special assessment ordinance will be considered by the City Commission on July 19, 2016. At that time, property owners will receive a second letter notifying them they have an opportunity to pay their special assessment in full by August 19, 2016. If not paid by August 19, 2016, the special assessments will be bonded in November 2016 and amortized over 20 years. The City will certify the special assessments to Riley and Pottawatomie Counties in August 2016. Each year for 20 years, beginning in November 2016, the County will send each property owner a special assessment bill. The interest rate paid by the property owners will be the average interest rate on the general obligation bonds sold by the City in November 2016. Anytime during the 20 years, a property owner may pay off their outstanding special assess-

ment.

If a property owner pays off the special assessment in full, prior to August 19, 2016, then his/her special assessment amount will be reduced by 3.50%, which represents the bond issuance costs and discount fees avoided because project costs were not bonded.

FINANCING

On November 15, 2016, the City will sell bonds to finance the benefit district portion of the seven (7) public improvement districts. The preliminary costs (as amended as set forth above) of the projects, which includes the cost of construction, change orders, engineering fees, short-term financing fees, a City administrative fee, and a 3.50% bond and discount fee, amount to \$4,148,529.93. Of these costs, \$1,060,744.28 is attributable to the benefit districts. Of the total project costs, \$3,087,785.65 is attributable to the City-At-Large. The benefit district portion will be paid from special assessments over 20 years. The City-At-Large portion will be paid as follows:

The City-At-Large portion for Downtown Entertainment District, Lot 5 is \$260,436.20 (\$251,565.30 net of 3.50% bond and discount fee). Land proceeds of \$164,353.52 were generated from the sale of Downtown Entertainment Dis-

trict, Unit Three, Lot 3 to GJL Real Estate LP. The net balance will be paid by the Bond and Interest Fund.

The City-At-Large portion for Poyntz Avenue Improvements (ST1203) is \$2,827,349.46. Two million dollars of Downtown Redevelopment Funds will be used to reduce the amount of the City-At-Large portion.

The remaining balance of \$827,349.46 will be financed by issuing 10-year general obligation bonds. The Bond and Interest Fund will fund the debt service payments.

ALTERNATIVE

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

1. Hold a public hearing and approve first reading of an ordinance levying special assessments against the benefiting property in seven

(7) public improvement districts.

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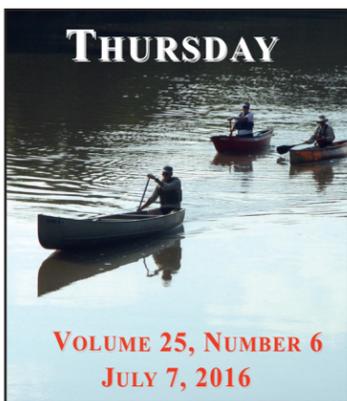
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Riley County Fair Starts July 21

Don't miss your opportunity to cruise into the 2016 Riley County Fair, July 21-25 at CiCo Park in Manhattan. There will be fun activities for each member of the family.

The annual fair parade, which marks the official start to the fair, will be Thursday, July 21 at 6:00 pm. This year's parade will travel down Poyntz Avenue from the Manhattan Towne Center to City Park. Following the parade on Thursday at 7:00 pm, will be the kids pedal tractor pull at

Hurlburt Arena in CiCo Park. This event is open to youth ages 4-12. Both events are free to the public.

The Kaw Valley Rodeo will provide entertainment for rodeo fans with nightly performances on July 21, 22 and 23. Thursday night's Kaw Valley Rodeo performance will honor the military with free and discounted tickets available to active duty military members. Kids also get in free to Thursday's rodeo performance with the donation of canned

goods to the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Friday night will feature the Tough Enough to Wear Pink performance with a portion of the proceeds going to the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University. Saturday's performance will feature the finals of the competition.

The Blue Valley Pork Producers will host their annual pork burger barbeque from 5-7 pm on Friday, July 22 on the Pottorf Hall patio. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased that

evening. Open class arts and photography entries will also be accepted on Friday evening.

Pie lovers won't want to miss the blueberry pie contest on Sunday, July 24 at 1:00 pm in Pottorf Hall. After judging, entries will be cut and slices sold for \$1 a slice.

Be sure to stop by Pottorf Hall and the livestock barns to see the exhibits that 4-H members have been working hard all year to make. Livestock shows will take place each evening, July 22-24. The annual

4-H livestock auction will begin at 7:00 pm on July 25. Champion foods items will be auctioned prior to the livestock sale at 6:45 pm.

Riley County Farm Bureau will once again sponsor the farm animal nursery exhibit where fair goers can learn more about animals and agriculture in the Wreath Barn. Stop by the Schram Chrysler Dodge entertainment tent to experience live local entertainment ranging from belly dancing to Motown sounds to bluegrass on Friday

and Saturday nights. Ottaway Amusements is back with their brand new ride—Freak Out! They will provide carnival entertainment each evening of the fair with wristbands available for \$25 each evening.

There's a lot to see and do at this year's Riley County Fair. For more information or a full listing of scheduled events please access www.rileycountyfair.com or call the Riley County Extension Office at 785-537-6350.

US declassified report listing individuals in 9/11 probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid the clamor a year ago to release 28 still-secret pages of a congressional inquiry into the Sept. 11 attacks, the government quietly declassified a little-known report listing more than three dozen people who piqued the interest of investigators probing possible Saudi connections to the hijackers.

The document, known as "File 17," offers clues to what might be in the missing pages of the bipartisan report about 9/11.

"Much of the information upon which File 17 was written was based on what's in the 28 pages," said former Democratic Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, co-chairman of the congressional inquiry. He believes the hijackers had an extensive Saudi support system while they were in the United States.

"File 17 said, 'Here are some additional unanswered questions and here is how we think the 9/11 Commission, the FBI and the CIA should go about finding the answers,'" Graham said.

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir denies any allegations of Saudi complicity, telling reporters in Washington earlier this month that there is "no there there."

Former President George W. Bush classified the 28-page chapter to protect intelligence sources and methods, although he also probably did not want to upset U.S. relations with Saudi Arabia, a close U.S. ally. Two years ago, under pressure from the families of those killed or injured on Sept. 11, and others, President Barack Obama ordered a declassification review of the 28 pages. It's unclear when all or some may be released.

The report by the two researchers, one of several commission documents the National Archives has reviewed and released, lists possible leads the commission could follow, the

names of people who could be interviewed and documents the commission might want to request in looking deeper into the attacks.

File 17, first disclosed by 28pages.org, an advocacy website, names people the hijackers were in contact with in the United States before the attacks. Some were Saudi diplomats, raising questions about whether Saudi officials knew about the plot.

The 9/11 Commission's final report stated that it found "no evidence that the Saudi government as an institution or senior Saudi officials individually funded" al-Qaida. "This conclusion does not exclude the likelihood that charities with significant Saudi government sponsorship diverted funds to al-Qaida," the report said.

Releasing the 28 pages might answer some questions, but the disclosure also could lead to more speculation about the key Saudi figures investigated by the U.S. after the attacks. A look at some of those named in the declassified report and what the 9/11 Commission concluded:

FAHAD AL-THUMAIRY

An imam at the King Fahad Mosque in Culver City, California, al-Thumairy was suspected of helping two of the hijackers after they arrived in Los Angeles. He was an accredited diplomat at the Saudi Arabian consulate in Los Angeles from 1996 to 2003.

The 9/11 Commission said al-Thumairy reportedly led an extremist faction at the mosque. He has denied promoting jihad and told U.S. investigators that he never helped the hijackers.

The commission said al-Thumairy met at the consulate with Omar al-Bayoumi, a Saudi national, in February 2000 just before al-Bayoumi met the two hijackers at a restaurant. Al-Thumairy denied knowing al-Bayoumi even though the two talked on the phone numerous

times as early as 1998, including more than 11 calls between Dec. 3-20, 2000. Al-Bayoumi told investigators those conversations were about religious matters.

The 9/11 Commission said that despite the circumstantial evidence, "We have not found evidence that al-Thumairy provided assistance to the two operatives."

A CIA document dated March 19, 2004, said Khallad bin Attash, an al-Qaida operative and suspected planner of the USS Cole bombing in Yemen in October 2000, was in Los Angeles for two weeks in June 2000 and was seen in the company of "Los Angeles-based Sunni extremists (redacted section) Fahad al-Thumairy."

On May 6, 2003, al-Thumairy tried to return to the U.S. from Saudi Arabia, but was refused entry on suspicion he might be connected with terrorist activity.

OMAR AL-BAYOUMI

A Saudi national who helped the two hijackers in California. Al-Bayoumi told investigators that he and another man drove to Los Angeles from San Diego so that he could address a visa issue and collect papers at the Saudi consulate. Afterward they went to the restaurant in Culver City where he heard the two hijackers speaking in what he recognized to be Gulf Arabic and struck up a conversation with them.

The hijackers told him they didn't like Los Angeles, and al-Bayoumi invited them to move to San Diego. He helped them find and lease an apartment.

The congressional researchers' report said: "Al-Bayoumi has extensive ties to the Saudi government and many in the local Muslim community in San Diego believed that he was a Saudi intelligence officer."

The 9/11 Commission said al-Bayoumi was officially em-

ployed by Ercan, a subsidiary of a contractor for the Saudi Civil Aviation Administration. The commission also said that a fellow employee described al-Bayoumi as a "ghost employee," noting that he was one of many Saudis on the payroll who was not required to work.

He left the United States in August 2001, weeks before the Sept. 11 attacks.

The 9/11 Commission said it did not "know whether the lunch encounter occurred by chance or by design." The commission said its investigators who spoke with him and studied his background found him to be an "unlikely candidate for clandestine involvement" with Islamic extremists.

OSAMA BASSNAN

A close associate of al-Bayoumi who was in frequent contact with the hijackers and lived in an apartment complex across the street from them in San

Diego. Bassnan vocally supported Osama bin Laden.

The staffers' found that Bassnan, a former employee of the Saudi government's educational mission in Washington, received considerable funding from Princess Haifa al-Faisal, wife of Prince Bandar bin Sultan, former intelligence chief in Saudi Arabia and the kingdom's U.S. ambassador from 1983 to 2005. The money was supposedly for Bassnan's wife's medical treatments, and the 9/11 Commission said there was no evidence the money was redirected toward terrorism.

MOHDHAR ABDULLAH

The staffers' report said Abdullah translated for the two hijackers and helped them open bank accounts and contact flight schools. Interviewed many times by the FBI, Abdullah said he knew of the two hijackers' extremist views but said he did not know what they were planning.

The 9/11 Commission said:

"During a post 9/11 search of his possessions, the FBI found a notebook (belonging to someone else) with references to planes falling from the sky, mass killing and hijacking. Further, when detained as a material witness following the 9/11 attacks, Abdullah expressed hatred for the U.S. government and stated that the U.S. brought 'this' on themselves."

The commission also learned of reports that Abdullah bragged to other inmates at a California prison in the fall of 2003 that he knew the hijackers were planning an attack — reports the commission nor the FBI were not able to verify.

He was deported to Yemen in May 2004 after the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California declined to prosecute him on charges arising out of alleged comments made in prison.



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Confused Who Has the Majority in Congress?

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In 2014, Republicans won a majority in Senate. However, if you've been watching the Senate lately, you'd be forgiven for wondering who is actually in charge.

Democrats demand—and receive—amendment votes, while Republican amendments are stifled. Appropriations bills, ostensibly written by Republicans, come to the floor lacking any GOP priorities, while conservative efforts to amend the bill are set up to fail.

Even more troubling are the

policies coming out of this Republican-led Senate. Appropriations bills are passed, but at higher spending levels than even President Barack Obama requested. Just this week, the Senate voted to bail out the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico—without considering any of the economic reforms supported by conservatives.

Things really took a turn last week, however, when the Senate Appropriations Committee advanced its 2017 foreign aid bill.

In a sign that principles were

about to be shelved, all 16 Republicans and 14 Democrats on the committee unanimously supported an amendment by Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., to provide \$500 million to the U.N. sponsored Green Climate Fund—the principle funding mechanism for Obama's international climate change treaty.

For the record, this is the same treaty that the Obama administration imposed upon taxpayers without the advice and consent of the Senate, and the same funding mechanism that GOP Senators previously swore

up and down that they would fight tooth and nail to oppose.

But the committee action got even worse with the passage of an amendment offered by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., to add \$37.5 million to the United Nations Population Fund, which provides services for “international family planning and reproductive health”—that is, taxpayer funded abortion performed overseas.

In a Republican controlled committee, this amendment supporting abortion passed 17-13, thanks to the votes of Sens.

Susan Collins, R-Maine; Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska; and Mark Kirk, R-Ill.

Most disturbing, however, was that the entire bill—containing language to fund abortion, and to fund the president's climate change treaty—passed the committee 30-0.

Some will argue that this is just a committee process, and that the real consideration of the bill will be on the Senate floor, where all senators will have the opportunity to weigh in. Perhaps—but only if Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell,

R-Ky., allows senators to participate in an open process (which he has lately been loath to do).

If and when this bill hits the floor, we should expect that Republicans will stand up for what they've said they believe in, and vote to strike provisions of this bill that violate their principles.

Republicans may be in charge of the Senate, and Democrats may be in the minority. But it is getting increasingly difficult to tell the difference.

Democrats and Republicans Clash Over Gun Control

Heritage Foundation

House Republican leaders are planning to hold a vote this week on legislation intended to bar some suspected terrorism suspects from buying guns.

The bill, whose language is backed by the National Rifle Association, is part of an “anti-terrorism” legislative package the House is considering in response to the terrorist attack June 12 at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

While Republicans have been reluctant to pursue any legislation that can be construed as gun control, backers of this proposal insist it achieves the delicate balance of preventing

those suspected of having terrorist ties from buying weapons—while preserving their right to due process.

“I have not met a single member of Congress who is in favor of terrorists being able to buy guns or explosives,” said Rep. Lee Zeldin, R-N.Y., one of the sponsors of the gun measure.

“Unfortunately, Democrats have tried to make it out to be an issue where just one political party is in favor of terrorists not being able to purchase guns or explosives, and that's absurd,” Zeldin told The Daily Signal in a phone interview on Friday.

“This isn't a debate over

whether terrorists should be able to purchase guns or explosives,” he added. “This a debate over whether there should be due process for Americans.”

After the Orlando massacre, House Democrats staged a sit-in of more than 24 hours demanding action on gun control.

Still, based on early reaction, it appears Democrats won't support the Republican-backed proposal because of concerns that the “probable cause” standard required by the bill is too difficult to achieve.

Senate Democrats have already blocked the same legisla-

tion. “Republicans are again put-

ting the NRA ahead of their responsibility to keep the American people safe,” House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said of the Republican proposal in a statement.

One gun-rights group, Gun Owners of America, described the GOP's move as a “cave-in.”

The Republican measure, which is based on the language of Zeldin's Protect America Act, would permit the Department of Justice to deny a gun purchase to someone who is being investigated as a known or suspected terrorist, or has been investigated in the last five years.

“I have not met a single member of Congress who is in favor of terrorists being able to buy guns or explosives,” said @RepLeeZeldin.

Law enforcement, however, would have to obtain a court order to prevent a terrorist suspect from buying a gun, and the government would have three business days to prove it has enough evidence of terrorist activity to block the sale.

If the government does successfully prove the suspect “will commit an act of terrorism,” the sale is blocked. If it doesn't, the government has to pay the legal costs of the suspect, and the sale can go

through.

The suspect is also granted an automatic right to a hearing, and to an attorney.

Democrats believe the three-day window is too short to prove probable cause, arguing the legislation will have little functional impact.

Zeldin counters that the government should have to face a high standard of proof considering the government's terrorist watch lists are controversial. Individuals do not have to be charged with a crime to be placed on the lists, and many don't know they are on them.

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Politics/Commentary

Ben Shapiro Fights Back Against College Campus Free Speech

Heritage Foundation

The censorship of free speech on a college campus has caused a legal fight to brew in California

A lawsuit filed Thursday against numerous staff at California State University-Los Angeles claims that the university discriminated against free speech by trying to silence Ben Shapiro, 32, a prominent conservative voice who has spoken on college campuses around the country.

“Free speech on college campuses, particularly publicly-sponsored campuses, it’s not merely a necessity, it’s a right,” Shapiro, editor-in-chief of the Daily Wire, said at a press conference Thursday in Los Angeles. “That right is being quashed all across the country by administrators who are significantly more intent on indoctrinating students and eliminating dissent than giving students the opportunity to hear different ideas and reach their own conclusions about those ideas. It’s time for that to stop.”

Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative, Christian legal organization, filed a lawsuit in a California district court on behalf of Young America’s Foundation (YAF), Shapiro, California State University-Los Angeles Young Americans for Freedom, and Mark Kahanding, a student at the university.

“Public universities today don’t allow the full range of viewpoints to be expressed on campus,” Tyson Langhofer, senior counsel with the Alliance Defending Freedom, told The Daily Signal. “There are dozens and dozens of events and speakers and seminars that are put on on campuses from a liberal viewpoint. When the rare time comes up that students try to bring in a conservative speaker or a different viewpoint, those viewpoints are typically suppressed.”

“Students should be able to participate in the marketplace of ideas on campus without fear

that the administration is going to suppress their ideas simply because they disagree with their viewpoint,” Langhofer told The Daily Signal.

On February 25, Young America’s Foundation hosted an event called “When Diversity Becomes a Problem,” featuring a talk with Shapiro. According to Alliance Defending Freedom, the university wanted to charge YAF over \$600 to provide security due to the “controversial” nature of the topic.

A few days prior to the event, University President William A. Covino emailed Young America’s Foundation members, informing them that the event was canceled, wishing to schedule a “more inclusive event” with Shapiro. When YAF and Shapiro refused to reschedule, Covino changed his mind.

“They don’t put those kind of roadblocks up for liberal viewpoints,” Langhofer said. “What parents need to be concerned about, what students need to be concerned about across this country is the unwillingness of administration to allow opposing viewpoints.”

Demonstrators and protesters tried to block the event at California State University-Los Angeles from happening, even linking arms to block entrances so that students could not get into the presentation and pulling a fire alarm midway through Shapiro’s speech, The Daily Signal previously reported.

“The university police officers did not take any action to stop the [protesters] from blocking access to the Free Speech Event or to otherwise assist interested individuals in gaining access to the event,” the lawsuit says.

Shapiro, who had to be escorted out by police after the event because of safety concerns, told The Daily Signal that he’s “never experienced anything quite like” what happened.

Huelskamp Staff to Host Veterans’ Office Hours in Manhattan

MANHATTAN – Congressman Tim Huelskamp announced that an official representative specializing in Veterans casework will be available in Manhattan on Friday July 15, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Congressman Huelskamp’s Manhattan office. He welcomes Veterans to come by if they are struggling to navigate bureaucratic red tape, to share concerns about the VA, or just to get helpful information about getting the care they have earned. Veterans seeking assistance are encouraged to schedule an appointment by contacting Congressman Huelskamp’s Manhattan office at 785-309-0572

Congressman Huelskamp serves on the House Veterans Affairs Committee and has led reform efforts at the VA. Tim uses these local office hours as a part of his effort to help Vet-

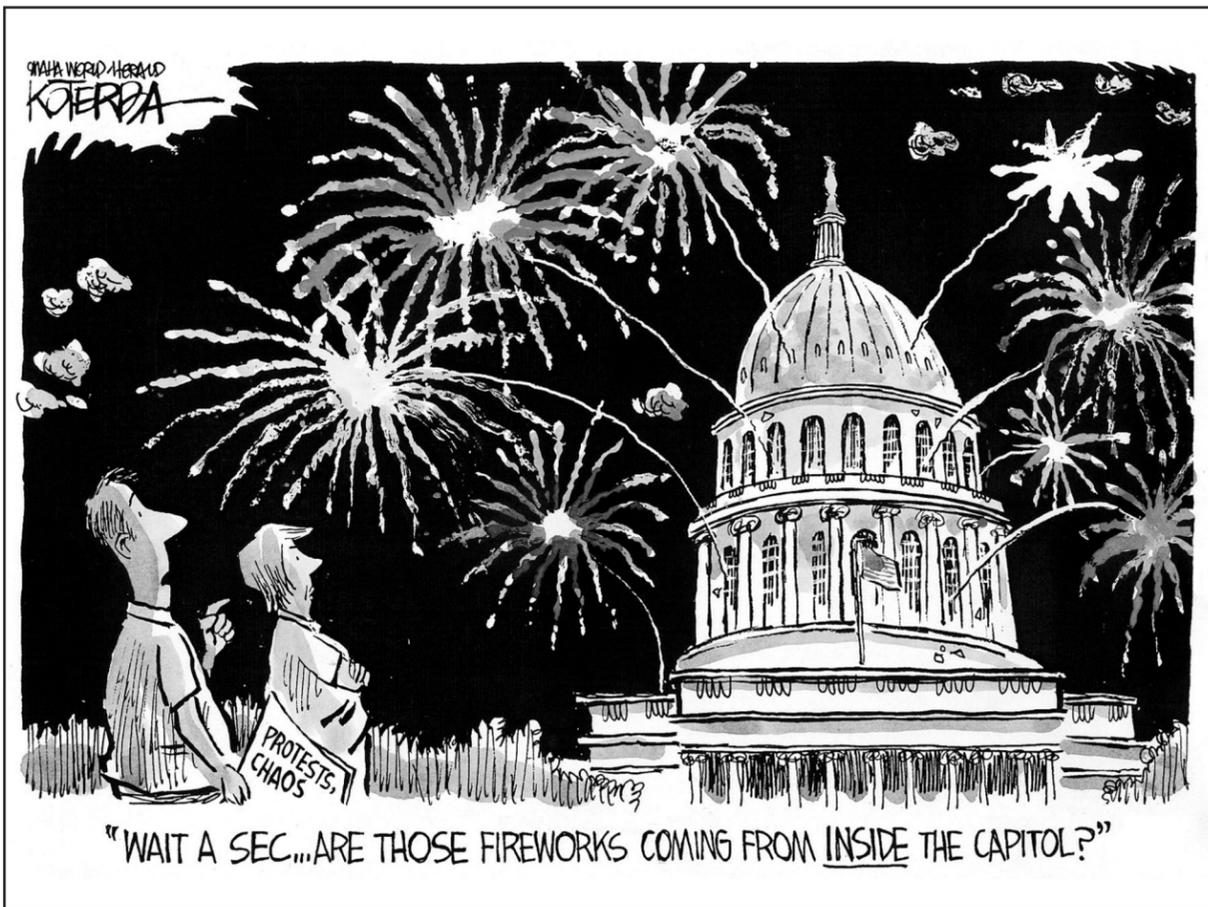
erans – and his office has assisted more than 1,000 Veterans get the care and benefits they deserve.

Congressman Huelskamp said of the office hours:

“The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is one of our nation’s biggest, most bureaucratic agency. While I look forward to the day when the VA does their job, my staff is eager to help navigate the VA and their red tape. Veterans should be our first priority.”

Alan Younger of Salina sent the following feedback:

“Just came from a meeting in Salina with Allison Reed about Veterans information, very, very, helpful; good to know our congressman has employees like Allison. She was great and she was also going to help me on problems I’ve been having with elder care.”



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County Minutes Are Light On Detail



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.

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting
Minutes
June 27, 2016
115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502

8:30 AM Call to Order

Public Comments
Volanti presented a shared leave donation form to add to the business meeting.

Commission Comments

Commission Comments

Wilson's Comments:
Friday I met with a local contractor regarding the new Tuttle Creek Fire Station.

Saturday I met with a few local residents to discuss county political issues. Later that day I spent some time studying and reviewing the proposed county budget.

Boyd's Comments:

Thursday 06.23.16

-Attended the Rotary Club meeting at the Holiday Inn Campus, where the topic was wind energy industry; the careers available, the future and the limitations.

-Worked on NACO Transportation Subcommittee on airports position paper on drones in local airspace.

Friday 06.24.16

-Coordinated efforts with other NACO leaders on the position paper regarding drones in local airspace.

-Worked on correspondence.

Saturday 06.25.16

-Worked on NACO position paper.

Sunday 06.26.16

-Worked on correspondence and preparations after church.

Met with local rancher and AG businessman; discussed the beef market and Kansas economy.

Wells' Comments:

Wells said he looked at the retaining wall at the Tuttle Creek Fire Station.

Wells stated he toured the Wildcat Creek Road for dust and the dust did not seem bad.

Business Meeting

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

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

Linda King, for a promotion (satisfied 6-months in promoted position, eligible for new placement), as a Tax Supervisor, in the County Treasurer-Motor Vehicle Department, at a grade S step 2, at \$27.44 per hour.

Kenneth Boula, an as needed Engineering Tech, in the Public Works Department, for Separation from County Service, effective January 1, 2016.

Jennifer Jackson, an Administrative Analyst-Tax, in the County Treasurer-Motor Vehicle Department, for Separation from County Service, effective August 12, 2016.

2016 EMPG Application
Move to approve participation in 2016 EMPG program by signing the application form.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

(Editor's Note: What is the EMPG program? The Minutes should tell what the Commissioner are voting on.)

Grant of Permanent Utility Easement for Hunter's Island Water District

Move to approve the Grant of Permanent Utility Easement with Maxine Thowe, Trustee of the Arthur P. and Maxine Thowe Trust.

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC (215-16-0-10-02-001.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,147.34.

ADOPTED[UNANIMOUS]
Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC (215-16-0-10-02-003.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,147.34.

ADOPTED[UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

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Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC (215-16-0-10-02-002.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,147.34.

ADOPTED[UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC (215-15-0-00-00-008.07-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,202.48.

ADOPTED[UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC (215-15-0-00-00-008.06-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,202.62.

ADOPTED[UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Highland Ridge Partners II, LLC (215-16-0-10-02-004.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,147.34.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Move to approve the Shared Leave Donation Form.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes

Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jun 23, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the min-

utes.

ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Tentative Agenda

9:00 AM

Jennifer Wilson, Extension Director

15. Extension Staff Report
Wilson presented the Extension staff report and Making a Difference Report.

Wilson discussed the Riley County Fair Activities July 21-25th at CiCo Park.

9:15 AM

Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director 16.
Ogden and Fire Station Design and Management

P. Collins discussed the Ogden and Leonardville design and management. P. Collins said an evaluation form has been developed to assess qualified, responsible bidders.

P. Collins said he recommends the Fire District Board accept the BG Consultants proposal for the Ogden and Leonardville fire stations design and project management not to exceed \$69,995 and assign counsel to proceed with contractual negotiations.

Hibbs stated the intent is to use the scope of work used for the Tuttle Cove Fire Station. Hibbs said they have added components into the process to include USDA earlier during project development.

Wells asked, so does it still require us to take to lowest bid or the lowest responsible bid?

Boyd asked what will be different next time for the Board to see on the next projects.

Hibbs stated there will be a rating factor for all bidders including new bidders where references will be used.

Boyd asked how local contractors with which we have experience with will be evaluated.

Hibbs said the methods for the evaluation are being developed.

Boyd asked Clint if he feels BG Consultants is adequately staffed to handle this process and project.

Hibbs stated he does.

Move to have Clancy Holeman, County Counselor, proceed with contract negotiations with the BG Consultants contract for the Ogden and Leonardville fire station design and USDA Project management.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Move to direct the Fire Chief to go through a new RFP process to identify a firm to design and manage the Ogden and Leonardville fire station project using the USDA model used on the Tuttle Creek fire station.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9:30 AM

Press Conference

17. Country Stampede -

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Hometown Cafe

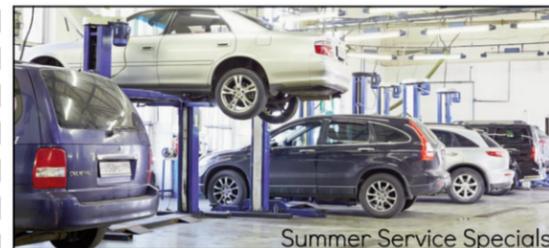
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Commissioner Usha Reddi Takes Over As Mayor Of Manhattan

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION
MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was held at in the City Commission Room. Mayor Karen McCulloh and Commissioners Usha Reddi, Linda Morse, Michael L. Dodson, and Wynn Butler were present. Also present were the City Manager Ron R. Fehr, Deputy City Manager Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager Kiel Mangus, Legal Counsel Bill Frost, City Clerk Gary S. Fees, 9 staff, and approximately 75 interested citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McCulloh led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Morse informed the community that she attended a reception at Leadership Studies on the campus at Kansas State University and helped welcome 40 students from Africa that would be here for the next six weeks.

Mayor McCulloh stated that she and her grandson enjoyed their time together at the Flint Hills Discovery Center (FHDC). She encouraged everyone to attend the Amazing Dinosaurs exhibit at the FHDC.

MINUTES

Commissioner Morse moved to approve the minutes of the City Commission Meeting held on June 7, 2016. Commissioner Reddi seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

RE-ORGANIZATION

Mayor Karen McCulloh provided highlights and significant accomplishments during her term as Mayor. She thanked City staff for their work and commended the City Commission on how well they work together. She expressed concerns with the continued cuts to programs, services and budgets by the state legislature and the impacts to this community. She

stated that she was delighted to turn the position of Mayor over to Commissioner Reddi and said that she will do a super job.

City Clerk Gary S. Fees called for nomination of a new Mayor. Commissioner Morse moved that Commissioner Reddi be appointed to serve as Mayor until September 5, 2017. Commissioner Dodson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

Newly elected Mayor Reddi called for nomination of the new Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Dodson moved that Commissioner Morse be appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tem until September 5, 2017. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

Newly elected Mayor Reddi and City Manager Ron R. Fehr recognized outgoing Mayor McCulloh for her public service with a framed photo collage commemorating her term as Mayor of the City of Manhattan.

Mayor Reddi thanked everyone for coming and introduced her family in attendance, especially, her spouse Brian Niehoff, for his support on the evening of their first wedding anniversary. She highlighted the history of Manhattan and reflected on the growth and diversity of the community, but said there is room for improvement. She encouraged the new generation of leaders to recognize the amount of work necessary, but more importantly, the amount of money involved in making a functional, healthy and beautiful city. She highlighted plans to engage the community and initiate a breakfast with the mayor program for students from elementary to college and to expand on the international town/gown relationship. She discussed the funding needs and considerations for parks, recreation, roads, and mental health services. She stated that outgoing Mayor McCulloh has been a great mentor to her and it was a privilege working with her the past three years on the Commission. Finally, she stated that she considers Manhattan as her family and home, and everybody is a part of helping it

grow. She received a standing ovation from her fellow commissioners and those in attendance.

At 7:20 p.m., the Commission took a ten minute recess.

CONSENT AGENDA
(* denotes those items discussed)

CLAIMS REGISTER NO. 2824

The Commission approved Claims Register No. 2824 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from May 22, 2016, to June 4, 2016, in the amount of 4,012,285.45.

LICENSES

The Commission approved a Fireworks Display License for July 3, 2016, for the Manhattan Country Club, 1531 N 10th Street; a Tree Maintenance License for calendar year 2016 for Sheffield Tree and Landscape, 917 Connecticut Avenue; and a Merchant Guard Agency License for calendar year 2016 for Prudential Security, Inc., 20600 Eureka Road, Suite 900, of Taylor, Michigan.

FINAL PLAT – LEDGESTONE RIDGE, UNIT TWO

The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of the Ledgestone Ridge, Unit Two, generally located 550 feet east of the intersection Scenic Drive and the future expansion of Miller Parkway, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

ORDINANCE NO. 7219 – REZONE – INTERLACHEN VILLAS (R-3 TO PUD)

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7219 rezoning the Interlachen Villas PUD, generally located on the west side of Vanesta Drive, along both sides of Colbert Hills Drive from R-3, Multiple-Family Residential District, to PUD, Residential Planned Unit Development, based on the findings in the Staff Report (See Attachment No. 1) with the seven (7) conditions of approval recommended by the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board.

ORDINANCE NO. 7220 – VACATE PORTION OF UTILITY EASEMENT – LOT ONE, FLINT HILLS JOB CORPS CENTER

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7220 vacating a portion of a utility easement on Lot One (1) of Flint Hills Job Corps Center, an Addition to the city of Manhattan.

*** ORDINANCE NO. 7221 – REZONE – NO STONE UNTURNED PUD**

Item regarding rezoning the No Stone Unturned PUD will be on a future agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 7222 – ADOPT – 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7222 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Building Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7223 – ADOPT – 2015 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7223 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Existing Building Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7224 – ADOPT – 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7224 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7225 – ADOPT – 2015 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7225 adopting the 2015 edition of the Interna-

tional Fuel Gas Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7226 – ADOPT – 2015 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7226 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Mechanical Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7227 – ADOPT – 2015 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7227 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Plumbing Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7228 – ADOPT – 2015 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7228 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7229 – ADOPT – 2015 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7229 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Residential Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7230 – ADOPT – 2015 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7230 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7231 – ADOPT – 2014 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7231 adopting the 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code and amending sections of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manhattan, Kansas, relating to Buildings, Building Regulations and Fire Prevention.

ORDINANCE NO. 7232 – AMEND – CONTRACTORS LICENSING

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7232 amending Section 8-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manhattan, Kansas, pertaining to the licensing of contractors.

RESOLUTION NO. 062116-A – DISPOSAL OF CITY SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Commission approved Resolution No. 062116-A authorizing the disposal of City surplus property.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE – LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (GOB 2016-B)

The Commission set July 5, 2016, as the date to hold the public hearing levying special assessments (GOB 2016-B) against the benefiting properties in the following seven (7) projects, which have been completed:

Downtown Entertainment District, Unit Three, Lot 5 – Street (ST1212); Northlake Addition, Unit 1 – Sanitary Sewer (SS1311), Street (ST1314), and Water (WA1313); Poyntz Avenue Improvements – Street (ST1203); and The Reserve Addition – Sanitary Sewer (SS1210) and Water (WA1216).

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Westar Energy Inc. asks Kansas agency to approve \$12.2B sale

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP Great Plains Energy Inc., Kansas City Power and Light and Westar Energy Inc. filed a joint application this week with the Kansas Corporation Commission asking for the regulatory agency to approve the \$12.2 billion sale of Westar to Great Plains.

Great Plains is the parent company of KCP&L.

In a 175-page plus filing, parts of which were redacted because of confidentiality, the companies reported potential savings from the transactions, the company's organizational structure after the sale and sale details.

In its Tuesday filing, the companies told KCC that pre-tax savings and efficiencies for GPE and Westar are estimated to be about \$65 million in the first year after the transaction closes. Those savings "are expected to increase to nearly \$200 million annually in the third full year after closing and thereafter, with a reasonable opportunity to achieve even greater savings," the filing said.

Savings are expected to be in four major categories: generation, transmission & distribution/customer service, corporate and shared services and supply chain.

The sale also is expected to generate \$60 million in transaction costs through 2020, a category which includes paying for third-party help with the transition, position costs to retain key employees through the transition and potential severance costs should positions be eliminated.

The filing reiterated what Great Plains CEO Terry Bassham told The Capital-Journal last week that every attempt will be made to handle any job eliminations through attrition

and other mechanisms so as few layoffs as possible will occur. The filing also confirmed that Great Plains is committed to keeping its Kansas headquarters in downtown Topeka.

The transaction "will have no negative effect on Kansas or its local economies or communities," the filing said. That includes no material effect on property tax revenues in any community where Westar currently has property and no adverse environmental effects on Kansas resources.

In addition, the filing said the transaction "will create a significant state income tax benefit as the estimated 10.5 million Westar shares held by Kansans are exchanged for the taxable merger consideration."

In the merger, shareholders are expected to receive \$51 in cash and \$9 in stock.

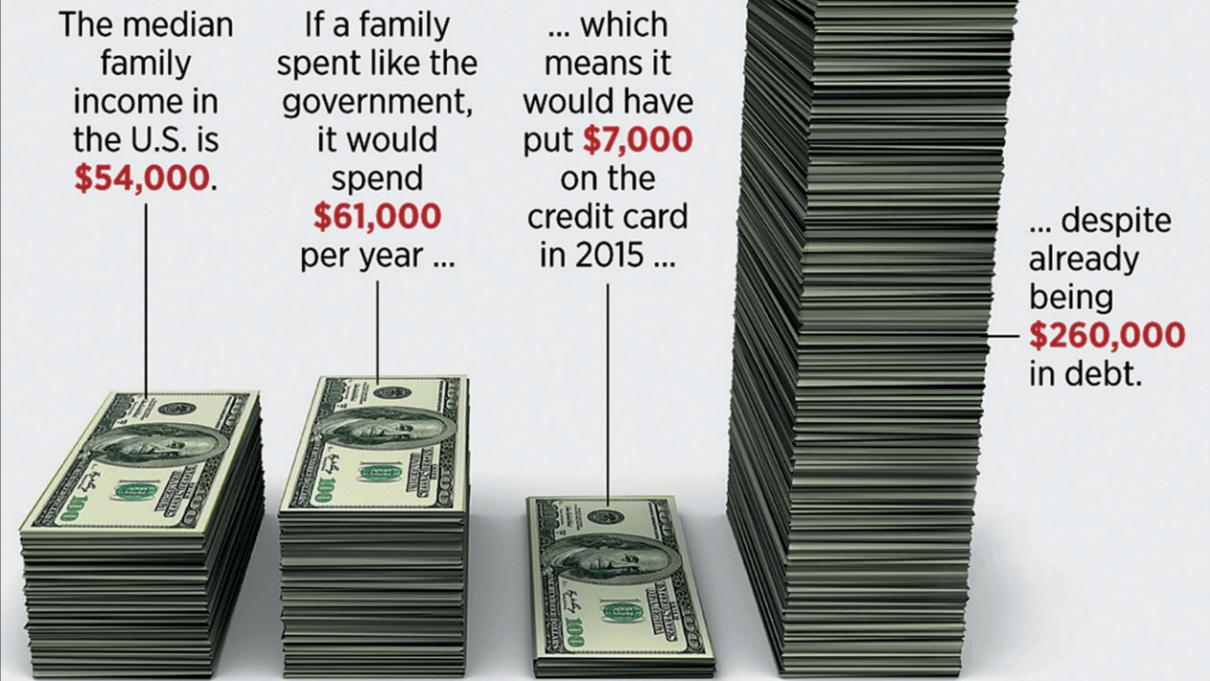
Subject to numerous regulatory agency approvals, including those from KCC and the Federal Energy Regulatory Agency, the companies said the goal is to close the sale in spring 2017. The Missouri Public Service Commission, that state's utility regulatory agency, is still evaluating whether it should have jurisdiction in the sale.

The KCC has 60 days to set a procedural schedule, a news release said. The Tuesday filing also set off another time clock. KCC has 300 days from when the companies first initiate a sales docket to when the commission orders a decision, said Samir Arif, KCC spokesman. In an interview soon after the two companies announced their intent to merge their operations under the Great Plains umbrella, Arif laid out a general overview of what occurs in such cases.

What If a Typical Family Spent and Borrowed Like the Federal Government?

If a median-income American family spent money like the U.S. government, it would have spent all of its earnings, and then put \$7,000 on the credit card in 2015 even though it was already \$260,000 in debt.

FIGURES BASED ON THE 2015 BUDGET



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Judge OKs voter registration rules in 3 states for now

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Residents of Kansas, Georgia and Alabama will have to prove they are U.S. citizens when registering to vote for federal elections using a national form, a judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Richard Leon sided against a coalition of voting rights groups that sued a U.S. elections official who changed the proof-of-citizenship requirements on the federal registration form at the request of the three states and without public notice. Residents of other states only need to swear that they are citizens, not show proof.

Leon refused to issue a temporary injunction sought by voting rights advocates to overturn the move by Brian Newby, the executive director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, until the case can be decided on its merits at trial. No trial date has been set.

Chris Carson, president of the League of Women Voters of the United States, said the group plans to appeal Leon's decision "to protect the critical rights of voters in these three states, especially during this election year."

Newby took the top job in November at a government agency entrusted with making voting more accessible, then months later used the federal position to implement the obstacle to voter registration in three states.

Less than 1 percent of voters in Kansas use the federal form

to register. Alabama and Georgia are not currently enforcing their proof-of-citizenship laws.

The judge called the breadth of the preliminary injunction that was sought "truly astonishing," saying the groups are asking the court to void Newby's actions, order the EAC to reverse the changes he made to the federal form and withdraw Newby's letters granting the states' requests.

"These demands are dramatized all the more by the fact the United States Department of Justice has somehow decided to consent to such remarkable relief!" Leon wrote. He also called it "a thinly veiled request" for what's normally accorded in a final judgment.

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, who intervened in the lawsuit on Newby's behalf, called Leon's decision "exactly correct."

"Kansas's proof of citizenship requirement does not harm on the plaintiffs. It is a necessary requirement to ensure that only US citizens vote in Kansas," Kobach said in an email.

The U.S. Supreme Court has said that states must accept and use the federal voter registration form, and an appeals court ruled in 2014 in a lawsuit filed by Kobach that states could not force the commission to require residents to provide proof-of-citizenship documents on the national form.

"Despite this setback, we are confident in the strength of our

case," said Wendy Weiser, director of the Brennan Center's Democracy Program.

The government has already conceded in an earlier court filing that Newby and his agency likely cannot win the lawsuit because Newby never determined, as required by the National Voter Registration Act, that the documents were "necessary" to determine the eligibility of voters. The government noted that Congress considered and specifically rejected requiring proof-of-citizenship documents when registering to vote.

Leon said that "what lies at the heart of this case are the scope of the authority and the legality of the actions of an independent federal agency that is represented here by Executive Branch counsel who, for the most part, decline to defend it."

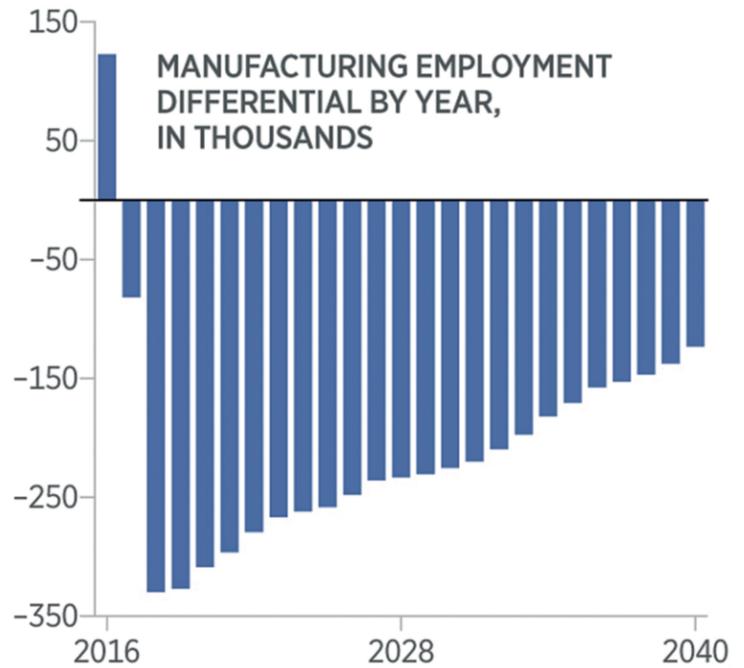
Newby contends he had the administrative authority to grant the request from the three states to add the documentary proof of citizenship requirements on the federal registration form used for their residents.

But voting rights advocates were stunned by Newby's February action, saying it flies in the face of the commission's mission to provide a simple, easy form to encourage voter registration. The groups argue the proof-of-citizenship requirements hurt their ability to conduct voter registration drives and deprive eligible voters of the right to vote in federal elections.

CHART 1

How the Paris Agreement Would Affect U.S. Jobs

If the U.S. abided by the provisions of the Paris Agreement, there would be 206,104 fewer manufacturing jobs between 2016 and 2040.



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Larry Couchman (5-10 minutes)

Couchman provided an EMS medical report on the 2016 Country Stampede. Couchman thanked Riley County EMS staff, Pottawatomie County EMS, and Blue Township Fire and Rescue.

18. Public Notices - Leon Hobson (3 minutes)

Hobson said beginning Wednesday, June 29th, Shilling Construction Company will be milling and laying asphalt on Scenic Drive from the concrete pavement approximately 1/2 mile north of the roundabout at Skyway Drive, north to the Manhattan City limit.

Hobson said traffic will be reduced to one lane during construction. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes.

Hobson said he advised fresh asphalt oil will be applied - take alternate routes when possible. The project is anticipated to be completed in 5 days. This schedule may change due to weather delays.

19. Fireworks Safety- Pat

Collins (3 Minutes)

P. Collins presented information on Fireworks Safety Tips and cautions for grass fires.

10:00 AM

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer 20. Placement of Political Signs on County Right-of-Way

Hobson discussed the placement of political signs on county right-of-ways.

Hobson said from his professional opinion he recommends there is nothing in the roadway intersection sight triangle.

The Board discussed the placement of political signs in county right-of-way.

Hobson stated he is concerned with placing obstructions in the road right-of-way.

The Board agreed by consensus to prohibit the placement of any political sign(s) in the "Safety Zone". The Safety Zone is better described as follows: the entire width of the right-of-way extending 300 feet in each direction at an intersection and an area extending 10 feet from the edge of the road for all other locations for both

County and Township roads.

10:10 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

21. Administrative Work Session

Holeman said that during this fall's annual countywide Employee Training Day, the keynote speaker will be the Johnson County's Manager, Hannes Zacharias. Johnson County management is considering hosting a training day much like ours. Holeman said he believes it says something positive about the quality of Riley County's past training days, spear headed by Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager, that a County of Johnson County's size is considering beginning a similar annual program.

22. Pending County Projects County Counselor

10:37 AM

Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding pending litigation issues.

Move that the County Commission, including Chairman Wilson, Commissioner Boyd, and Commissioner Wells, recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor, attorney for the Commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:45 a.m.

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

10:45 AM

Move to go out of executive session.

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

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:30 AM

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

23. New Public Works Software

Hobson discussed purchasing new public works software.

Hobson recommends the Riley County Commission authorize the Public Works Department to purchase the PubWorks software package, data conversion and training as presented for a price of \$35,925.

Boyd asked if the IT Department has been involved. Hobson said yes.

Move to approve the Public Works Department to purchase the asset management software and associated modules, data conversion and training from PubWorks of Snowmass Village, Colorado for \$35,925.

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

Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:45 AM

Tami Robison, Budget and Finance Officer

24. 2017 Budget Work Session

Robison presented the 2017 budget development worksheet. The Board discussed the 2017 budget.

The Board said they would like to discuss the appropriations portion of the budget, Economic Development budget, General Fund cash available, CIP ending balance and cost of living projections on Thursday.

2:56 PM

Adjournment Move to adjourn after the Intergovernmental Luncheon.

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

12:00 PM

Intergovernmental Luncheon 25. Intergovernmental Luncheon Agenda

5 Myths About FDA's Regulation of Vapor Products

On May 5, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration finalized a rule known as the Deeming Regulation, extending its authority under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, or Tobacco Act, to all tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), also known as vapor products.

Some scientific journals refer to these products as electronic nicotine delivery systems.

A June 16 consumer update states that the FDA's goal is to protect Americans from tobacco-related disease and death. Some of the steps being taken include restricting sales to minors, requiring health warnings, and making manufacturers show that the products "meet the applicable public health standard set by the law."

It sounds good, but when all the facts are known, some enduring myths about the new regulations emerge from the mist. Do the new regulations actually accomplish the following?

Help Consumers Better Understand the Risks of Using These Products

The United Kingdom's

Royal College of Physicians has said that e-cigarettes can prevent almost all the harm from smoking. Its report states, "The available data suggest that they are unlikely to exceed 5 percent of those associated with smoked tobacco products, and may well be substantially lower than this figure."

The Deeming Regulation definitely will not help consumers understand this, because the Tobacco Act prohibits companies from making "false and misleading product claims." The law categorically assumes all claims about safety are false, no matter how true they might be.

Likewise, even though millions of former smokers have reported that vapor products made it possible for them to switch away from smoking to the practice of vaping, vendors must not make "smoking cessation" claims.

Vapor products will be required to display the following statement on labels: "WARNING: This product contains nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive chemical."

There is some controversy in scientific circles regarding whether nicotine per se is ad-

dictive. The Royal College of Physicians' 2000 report on nicotine addiction states that "it is reasonable to conclude that nicotine delivered through tobacco smoke should be regarded as an addictive drug," but it may be that additional chemicals found in smoke work to create the attraction.

Products that deliver only nicotine such as the nicotine patch or gum have not proven to be addictive when given to nonsmokers.

If the manufacturer submits a self-certification statement to FDA that the newly regulated product does not contain nicotine (and that the manufacturer has data to support this assertion), then an alternate statement must be used on product packages and advertisements: "This product is made from tobacco."

Vapor products contain no tobacco. Some liquids contain a pharmaceutical grade chemical (nicotine), which has been extracted from tobacco, but doesn't make them "made from tobacco" any more than an aspirin tablet is made from willow bark.

But more to the point, this is the label prescribed for prod-

ucts that do not contain nicotine. Therefore, the product would contain nothing whatsoever that could possibly be mistaken for being "made from tobacco." The government is requiring companies to display false statements about their products.

2. Protect Young People From the Risk of Addiction

By the time the rule went into effect, 48 of the 50 states already restricted sales of vapor products to persons under age 18, and in two cases to persons under age 21. Thus, in terms of protecting youth from possible exposure to vapor products, the new federal rule is a bit superfluous. But more importantly, if a person doesn't use a substance, it is impossible to become addicted to it.

The Monitoring the Future survey found that the majority of nonsmoking youth who experiment with e-cigarettes opt for flavored liquids that contain no nicotine. Regular use of e-cigarettes among youth, as in adults, is almost entirely concentrated in those who already smoke, and most are using the products with a goal of quitting smoking.

But even if nonsmoking youth use vapor products that do contain nicotine, what is the risk of becoming addicted? In "Nicotine Without Smoke," the Royal College of Physicians stated that "there is no evidence thus far that e-cigarette use has resulted, to any appreciable extent, in the initiation of smoking in either adults or children," and that "even if such gateway progression does occur, it is likely to be inconsequential in population terms."

Lynn T. Kozlowski is a professor of health behavior at the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York. He has pointed out, "The focus on minor gateway effects for youth should not distract from the need to explore policy and clinical questions about harm and disease risk from adult use of legal tobacco products."

3. Make Products Meet 'Relevant Public Health Standard'

The usual framework for regulation of any product involves specifying requirements for the product to meet and banning products that fail to meet the standards. The Tobacco Act took a different approach. In-

stead, products that had been commercially marketed in the United States as of Feb. 15, 2007 (referred to as the "predicate date" or "grandfather date"), were permitted to remain on the market. For tobacco companies, that covered a lot of ground since there were thousands of conventional cigarettes on the market before the predicate date.

As of Feb. 15, 2007, there were no vapor products—no electronic cigarettes or electronic nicotine delivery systems—that had been commercially marketed in the United States. Therefore, all vapor products will be required to undergo an extensive and expensive pre-market approval process. (See "Pre-market Tobacco Product Applications for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Guidance for Industry.")

In addition to extensive toxicology testing of both liquids and vapor, companies must conduct full investigations of health risks and describe how their product compares to other products "legally on the market (i.e., either grandfathered or

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POSALS – REMOVAL OF CITY-OWNED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE AND 4426 WILDCAT CREEK ROAD

The Commission authorized City Administration to solicit proposals for the removal of the City-owned residential structure located at 4426 Wildcat Creek Road, outbuildings, and associated utilities and include 5166 Wildcat Creek Road as an alternate.

AGREEMENT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – POLISKA LANE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS (SM1606)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a professional services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$39,945.00, with Olsson Associates, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas, for the Poliska Lane Stormwater Improvements project (SM1606).

AGREEMENT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – GRAND MERE PARKWAY WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS (WA1610, CIP #WA150P); SUNSET LANE WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS (WA1611, CIP #WA123P); AND WATER TREATMENT PLANT BULK FILLING STATION (WA1616, CIP #WA134P)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a professional services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$35,716.00, with Schwab-Eaton, P.A., of Manhattan, Kansas, for the Grand Mere Parkway Waterline Improvements (WA1610, CIP #2A150P), Sunset Lane Waterline Improvements (WA1611, CIP #WA123P), and the Water Treatment Plant Bulk Filling Station (WA1616, CIP #WA134P) projects.

AWARD CONTRACT – WATER TREATMENT PLANT LIME PIT SLUDGE REMOVAL (WA1605)

The Commission awarded a contract in the amount of \$204,175.00 to Midwest Concrete Materials, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas, and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract for the Water Treatment Plant Lime Pit Sludge Removal project (WA1605), to be paid from the Water Fund.

* HISTORIC NOMINATION – FLORAL HALL

Commissioner Dodson voiced support for the item, but stated we need to be mindful of the requirements associated with maintaining the building and the potential expenses.

The Commission authorized the Mayor to sign documents necessary for the nomination of Floral Hall (the Roundhouse in City Park) to the Register of Historic Kansas Places and National Register of Historic Places.

AGREEMENT – MICROSOFT VOLUME LICENSING AND SOFTWARE ASSURANCE SERVICES

The Commission authorized the City of Manhattan to renew an agreement for a term of July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$48,209.00 with Software House International, of Austin, Texas, for Microsoft Volume Licensing and Software Assurance services.

PURCHASE – UNIT #166 – STREET DIVISION – RUBBER TIRE LOADER (CIP #ST040E)

The Commission authorized the purchase of a rubber tire front end loader (Unit #166, CIP #ST040E) for the Street Division from Seller Tractor Company, of Topeka, Kansas, in the amount of \$92,118.00 (base bid amount of \$148,418.00 less trade-in amount of \$56,300.00), to be paid from the General Fund and the disposal of the excess property upon delivery of the equipment.

AGREEMENT – LEASE PURCHASE - UNIT #166 – STREET DIVISION – RUBBER TIRE LOADER (CIP #ST040E)

The Commission authorized execution of the lease purchase agreement by the Mayor and/or City Clerk of a rubber tire front end loader (Unit #166, CIP #ST040E) for the Street Division.

After discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner Dodson moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner McCulloh seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

GENERAL AGENDA

AWARD CONTRACT /CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 3 - CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES/RESOLUTION NO. 062116-B - FINANCING AUTHORITY - WEST ANDERSON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (ST0810, ST1601, ST1605, SM1604, WA1618, SS1620)

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, presented an overview of the item. He highlighted the previous discussions, direction received from the Commission, and items that were completed for the West Anderson Avenue Improvements Project.

Matthew Kohls, BG Consultants, presented additional information and map for the West Anderson Avenue improvements, bid detail results and bid alternates. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the proposed underground electric, street lights and provided additional information on the bid alternates.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the project schedule, coordination of utilities with Westar Energy, and clarification on the location of the trail. He provided additional information on the easements that were negotiated with property owners along Anderson Avenue and coordination of information that will be needed with the neighborhoods and public during the project construction.

Matthew Kohls, BG Consultants, responded to questions from the Commission regarding access for the residents throughout the construction period.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the width of West Anderson Avenue.

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, provided additional information on the project. He responded to questions from the Commission regarding the long-range view for additional lanes of traffic for Scenic Drive and Kimball Avenue. He stated that additional lanes would depend on the growth and future needs of the community.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, responded to questions from the Commission. He provided additional information on the bid alternates and the specifications required for the construction of the streets.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Neil Horton, representing Scenic Crossing, informed the Commission that he was in full support to move forward with this project. He provided a copy of Exhibit C to the Transportation Development District (TDD) Petition (See Attachment No. 3) to the Commission and highlighted the TDD provision to fund a concrete sidewalk within Anderson Avenue right-of-way that gives direct connection to the Scenic Crossing Development. He encouraged the Commission to include the sidewalk in the project now as opposed to building the sidewalk in the future.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, provided additional information on the request and location of the proposed sidewalk. He stated that Mr. Horton is asking to put the sidewalk into the project at this time.

Neil Horton, representing Scenic Crossing, stated that the TDD Petition includes a provision to fund the improvements for building a sidewalk. He stated that there is no better time than now to build the sidewalk.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, informed the Commission that a change order could be considered and would need to ensure the contractor would honor the unit prices in the bid.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, responded to questions from the Commission and stated the proposed sidewalk would be five feet in width.

Neil Horton, representing Scenic Crossing, provided additional information on the item and stated the TDD Petition has specific language regarding the sidewalk.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After additional comments from the Commission regarding the request to include the sidewalk in the project, Ron Fehr, City Manager, and Brian Johnson, City Engineer, provided additional information and stated they would approach the contractor about adding the quantity and then come back to the Commission with a change order for their consideration with additional information.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission. He stated that his

recommendation would be to award the contract and then City staff would bring back a change order to the Commission for the sidewalk.

After discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner Dodson moved to accept the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost in the amount of \$6,606,114.00 for the base construction (\$74,800.00 for Alternate No. 2 and \$223,009.00 for Alternate No. 3); award and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$6,150,038.00 plus Alternatives No. 1 and No. 2 for a total contract amount of \$6,420,919.00 to Pavers, Inc.,

of Salina Kansas; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Contract Amendment No. 3 in an amount not to exceed \$21,920.00 with BG Consultants, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas; and approve Resolution No. 062116-B, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation bonds to finance the costs of the West Anderson Avenue Improvements project (ST0810, ST1601, ST1605, SM1604, WA1618, SS1620). Commissioner Morse seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., the Commission meeting adjourned.

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Kansas agency, university center sever ties

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas state agency and a KU center for mental health research severed a 30-year relationship this week after a contract dispute, leaving more than 20 people without jobs as of Friday.

The Center for Mental Health Research and Innovation at the University of Kansas declined to accept a last-minute contract offer Thursday from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services that would have slashed its budget by 50 percent and given KDADS greater control over how staff performed their jobs.

The agency said the center rejected three offers to extend the contract, including an offer that would have kept its current contract totaling more than \$1 million in place through June 2017. The contract includes providing support to community mental health centers statewide to implement evidence-based practices and training CMHC staff.

Rick Goscha, the center's director, said in an email Friday to a Kansas official with the National Alliance on Mental Health that less than four hours before the center was about to be forced to lay off staff,

KDADS secretary Tim Keck offered a contract that would have reduced the center's budget by 50 percent and moved the contract to an hourly rate in August.

The hourly change, according to Goscha, would have allowed KDADS to pick what tasks they wanted performed by the center at what rates. He argued this would leave remaining staff in limbo until the agency decided whether their expertise was wanted.

"It is clear to us that KDADS has no vision for mental health and they clearly do not want to

be accountable for their decisions. This is bad business," Goscha wrote in the email, which was forwarded to media. "Even worse, it sends a message that this administration is not only willing to continue making devastating cuts into mental health, but now they have abdicated their responsibility to ensure that the dollars they do invest in community mental health are going to services and practices that make a difference.

"It also sends a message that they do not value continuous improvement efforts to build on

the success we have had over the years."

Angela de Rocha, a KDADS spokeswoman, said the agency wasn't ending its funding of evidence-based practices. She called the funding "an essential part of our continued commitment to excellence."

KDADS will be evaluating ways to continue to deliver tasks related to evidence-based practices, she said.

"We regret that our former contractor decided to no longer participate in this project. The stumbling block appears to have been the state's decision to

go to hourly-rate billing for these administrative tasks in order to ensure the utmost accountability for the expenditures of state and federal tax dollars," de Rocha said. "All of our other university partners have expressed willingness to adjust their programs to the new billing requirements."

Funding hasn't been cut to mental health or mental health services, de Rocha said. She also said funding hasn't been cut to CMHCs, and CMHC staff will continue to have access to mandated training.

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"Gems of the Muchnic"

July 27, 2016 - September 18, 2016

Every Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday

Venue: Muchnic Art Gallery
Address: 704 N 4th St, Atchison, KS 66002

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Type: Events
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Exhibition of the "Gems of the Muchnic" collection at the Muchnic Art Gallery.

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Studies must also be conducted to show that the new product will be appropriate for the protection of public health both of users and non-users, considering both the risks of the product and the likelihood of changes in initiation or cessation rates. To date, there are no vapor products that meet the FDA's description of “legally on the market” and a crystal ball will be required to guesstimate an individual product's effects on initiation or cessation rates.

Each variation of a product, such as nicotine strength or flavors, requires a separate application, which the FDA refers to as a “PMTA.” So, for example, a company that sells only one

model of e-cigarette with a choice of four nicotine strengths and six flavors would need to submit 24 PMTAs. The FDA has estimated the cost of preparing the applications at \$330,000 each, although this estimate is considered extremely conservative by some stakeholders. It should be noted that regardless of how much time or money a company has spent preparing and submitting applications for its products, the FDA may, at its discretion, decide to disallow the marketing of those products.

4. Protect Consumers From Tobacco-Related Disease and Death

Left unregulated, vapor products were doing a wonderful job of protecting consumers. After remaining fairly level for a

number of years, smoking rates began to drop when e-cigarettes came onto the market. By 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced, nearly one in four (22 percent) recent former cigarette smokers (quit within the past year) were using e-cigarettes. The CDC also mentioned that current cigarette smokers who had tried to quit in the past year were more likely to use e-cigarettes than those who had not tried to quit.

The deeming regulation of vapor products will have a chilling effect on this trend. The expense of submitting pre-marketing applications for every variation of a product will drive most, if not all, small companies out of business. Small companies cannot afford to risk millions of dollars to find out whether the FDA will approve their existing products for sale. Consequently, the number and variety of products available to be used as a substitute for smoking will shrink dramatically. Increased federal, state, and local requirements will undoubtedly increase the price of smoking substitutes, thus it is very likely fewer smokers will switch. Some smokers that had switched to electronic cigarettes may switch back to smoking conventional cigarettes, because the FDA will have made it cheaper to smoke than to vape.

5. Comprehensively Regulate Products That Contain Nicotine, Based on the “Continuum of Risk”

In 2013, Mitch Zeller, director of the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products, wrote: “There is a spectrum or continuum of tobacco and medicinal products that aim to do the same thing—deliver nicotine to the user. But the toxicity associated with those products varies dramatically. At one end of the spectrum is the conventional cigarette...”

Smoking causes numerous diseases—including heart attacks, strokes, lung diseases, and several forms of cancer. These diseases are not caused by the nicotine itself, but by other elements in smoke—including tar, carbon monoxide, and toxic chemicals. Since smoke creates the risk of disease, any product that can deliver nicotine without smoke

may lower the risk of disease and death. These products may include smokeless tobacco, vapor products, and “nicotine replacement” products such as the patch, gum, lozenges, and inhalers.

Zeller also wrote, “Anyone who would ponder the endgame must acknowledge that the continuum of risk exists and pursue strategies that are designed to drive consumers from the most deadly and dangerous to the least harmful forms of nicotine delivery.”

The Tobacco Act that went into effect in 2009 regulates the most hazardous source of nicotine—conventional cigarette products—with a very light touch. Any new conventional cigarette must undergo the pre-market approval process, but the thousands of products that were already on the market by the predicate date may remain on the market with no pre-approval requirements. No toxicology testing of tobacco or smoke, no clinical trials, no comparison to other products.

In contrast, vapor products that have been on the market for up to eight years must stop being sold within the next two to three years if they have not received FDA pre-market approval.

Even if the predicate date were moved forward to remove the ex post facto effect on currently available products, current products will not be able to be improved without significant investment in attempting to prove scientifically that the change will not harm public health. If a component becomes unavailable, making a substitution would require an entire PMTA. Furthermore, FDA researchers at Georgia State University's Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science have found, “ENDS [electronic nicotine delivery systems] need to improve as a satisfying alternative or the attractiveness and appeal of the regular cigarette must be degraded to increase the potential of ENDS replacing regular cigarettes.”

The bottom line? When it comes to reducing disease and death by regulating based on the continuum of risk, the federal government has it exactly backwards.

Wildfire in Kansas, Oklahoma called 'ecological

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The wildfire that scorched nearly 600 square miles of land in Oklahoma and Kansas in March cleared out more eastern red cedars in a week than local efforts to eradicate the invasive species could have accomplished in decades, conservation experts say.

“This was an ecological cleansing for the environment,” said Ken Brunson, wildlife diversity coordinator with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. “That's mixed-grass prairie down there. Prairie survives with fire.”

Dubbed the Anderson Creek fire, the blaze began near the Kansas-Oklahoma state line on March 22 and consumed 367,620 acres, or 574 square miles. It was nearly a week before the wildfire was contained in Barber County, Kansas, which saw the most acres burned, 273,000. An Easter snow provided a big boost for firefighting efforts by suppressing hot spots ignited by flaming embers floating from the burning cedars.

There was a quick regrowth

of prairie grass thanks to spring and summer rains, so the challenge now, Brunson said, is to take advantage of the opportunity landowners have been given to keep their land cedar-free.

“Yes, we killed the trees with the wildfire, but we didn't remove the problem,” said Aron Flanders, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. “The trees still standing will act as a shelter for the next generation of trees.”

Red cedars, also known as junipers, are fast-growing, drought-resistant trees that are useful for erosion control along canyon edges in the region's Red Hills. But they're a nuisance on prairie land because they crowd out native grasses, suck up moisture from the soil and reduce the amount of forage area for wildlife and livestock.

The number of red cedars in southern Kansas increased from an estimated 55 million in 2005 to 85 million in 2015, according to the Kansas Forest Service's most recent survey.



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Thirteen Wildcats Earn Preseason Recognition

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Led by seven players on the defensive side of the ball, 13 Kansas State football players received national recognition from the four major college football preseason publications – Athlon, Lindy's, Phil Steele and Sporting News – throughout the month of June.

In addition to the individual player accolades, Phil Steele ranked K-State special teams units – directed by 2015 National Special Teams Coordinator of the Year Sean Snyder – as the best in the country entering the 2016 season.

Senior defensive end Jordan Willis, junior linebacker Elijah Lee and junior defensive tackle Will Geary each earned Preseason All-Big 12 honors from all four publications. Lee and Geary picked up first-team honors from Athlon, Phil Steele and Sporting News in addition to second-team honors from Lindy's. Lee, who paced the squad in tackles last year, leads a linebacker unit that was ranked as the second-best in the

K-State's 2016 Preseason Honors

Dante Barnett – First Team All-Big 12 (Athlon, Phil Steele), All-Big 12 (Sporting News)

Will Geary – First Team All-Big 12 (Athlon, Phil Steele), Second Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's), All-Big 12 (Sporting News)

Dominique Heath – Fourth Team All-Big 12 [pr] (Phil Steele)

Terrale Johnson – Second Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

Elijah Lee – First Team All-Big 12 (Athlon, Phil

Steele), Second Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's), All-Big 12 (Sporting News)

Matthew McCrane – First Team All-Big 12 (Athlon), Second Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

Charmeachealle Moore – Third Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

Byron Pringle – Third Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

Dalton Risner – Second Team All-Big 12 (Athlon), Third Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

Duke Shelley – Third Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)

Reggie Walker – Third Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

Nick Walsh – Fourth Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)

Jordan Willis – First Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's), Second Team All-Big 12 (Athlon, Phil Steele), 12th-best defensive end in the nation (Lindy's), Best Pass Rusher in the Big 12 (Lindy's)

Matthew McCrane was a first-team honoree by Athlon and a second-team selection by Phil Steele.

Two other specialists, junior punter Nick Walsh and sophomore punt returner Dominique Heath, also earned All-Big 12 honors from Phil Steele.

Other defensive players to garner preseason recognition include: senior linebacker Charmeachealle Moore (Third Team All-Big 12, Phil Steele), sophomore defensive back Duke Shelley (Third Team All-Big 12, Athlon) and redshirt freshman defensive end Reggie Walker (Third Team All-Big 12, Phil Steele).

On offense, sophomore center Dalton Risner was a Second Team All-Big 12 pick by Athlon and a third-team selection by Phil Steele. Steele also named senior offensive lineman Terrale Johnson a Second Team All-Big 12 performer, while sophomore wide receiver Byron Pringle, a community-college transfer, was a third-team pick.

Kansas State will hold its annual Fan Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 13, at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Details for the event will be announced at a later date. The Wildcats will also participate in Big 12 Media Day on Tuesday, July 19.

The excitement is building for the 2016 season – Snyder's 25th at the helm of the Wildcats – as a limited number of single-game tickets remain available for K-State's six home games. Available tickets for the homecoming game against Texas on Saturday, October 22, are expected to be down to scattered singles in the next few days, and the other five home games are also selling quickly as Kansas State looks to extend its sellout streak to 33-straight games.

To order tickets, fans can contact the K-State Athletics Ticket office online at www.kstatesports.com/tickets, by phone at 1-800-221-CATS or at the main ticket office inside Bramlage Coliseum.

Big 12 by Athlon.

Willis was a first-team honoree from Lindy's, which also selected the Kansas City, Missouri, product as the 12th-best defensive end in the nation and

best pass rusher in the Big 12. He also earned Second Team All-Big 12 accolades from Athlon and Phil Steele.

Senior safety Dante Barnett,

who is coming off a season-ending injury in the first game of 2015, picked up First Team All-Big 12 honors from Athlon, Phil Steele and Sporting News, while junior place kicker

Wichita State releases study on feasibility of adding football

Wichita State dropped football in 1986. Starting in 1987, it studied reviving the program eight times, most recently in 2007, and all came to largely the same conclusion — football costs a lot of money.

On Tuesday, Wichita State released its latest look at the football issue, a 69-page "Football Benchmarking Analysis" prepared by College Sports Solutions at a cost of around \$60,000. Interim athletic director Darron Boatright will discuss the report Tuesday.

Football remains expensive and the report details start-up facility costs of more than \$40 million and football budgets that start around \$6 million annually.

As Boatright said recently, the release of the report is not considered a "confetti cannons" moment. The purpose of the report is not to make recommendations. It provides Wichita State with information regarding the steps necessary to start a football program, both at the lower-level Championship Subdivision and highest-level Bowl Subdivision, including cost, manpower, facilities and gender-equity compliance.

WSU views the report as a marker in the longer process of evaluating the athletic department. In December, president John Bardo said the evaluation of the athletic department could last a year. Although College Sports Solutions also gathered information on options should WSU want to leave the Missouri Valley Conference, that issue was largely ignored by the report released Monday, likely due to the confidential and sensitive nature of discussions with people in other conferences.

"This is just going to be information and it's the type of information people on a college campus generally get excited about because there's research that's been done and there's up-to-date information," Boatright said earlier this month.

Student Government Association president Joseph Shepard hadn't read the report as of late Monday afternoon. He is well-aware of the discussion on campus, which alternates between excitement about the possibilities of fun on fall afternoons and nervousness regarding paying for salaries, scholarships, facilities, travel, equipment and all the other expenses which

make the sport such a handful to consider.

He said the SGA took an informal online survey recently and the majority of those who chose to respond favor Shocker football. A majority, he said, also don't want to see tuition or fees raised.

"A football team contributes so much to student life," Shepard said. "Every student is concerned when we hear that tuition or student fees might increase. A football program isn't necessarily enhancing the quality of education."

The "Football Benchmarking Analysis" is full of the type of information that can shape decisions on the sports. It summarizes the steps necessary to revive the sport and gain NCAA compliance.

One of the report's few recommendations is that WSU must join a conference if it wants to play football. Pursuing FBS membership as an independent results in "operational difficulties, particularly with scheduling, present additional issues that can become problematic both as to management and resources." The report is written with the presumption

WSU operates in a conference, although no recommendations are made for a home should FBS football exist.

For FCS (formerly Division I-AA) football, the study estimates first-year expenses of \$238,500 for coaches salaries and recruiting. After a year of preparation and one of practice, expenses rise to \$5.8 million for the first season of play and \$6.5 million for the second season.

Coaches salaries, for example, account for \$1 million of that \$6.5 million total.

By the fifth year, the report projects revenue of \$1.2 million.

WSU could play at the FCS level immediately. A two-year reclassification period is required to join FBS, a level that also requires conference membership.

For FBS football, the costs increase from \$585,451 after the sport is announced to \$10.5 million five years later.

In that scenario, salary for coaches account for \$2.5 million of the fifth-year budget. By the fifth year, the report projects revenue of \$2.5 million.

The report said WSU would likely need to add one or

more women's sports and lists soccer, swimming and diving, rowing and bowling (both currently non-NCAA sports at WSU) as examples. The women's additions would be to satisfy Title IX, the 1972 law enacted to ensure gender equity at publicly-funded schools.

"The addition of from 100 to 120 male student-athletes will of course change considerably the female to male ratios of the current student-athlete population," the report states. "The addition of that number of males will likely necessitate the addition of one or more additional women's intercollegiate sports in the future. This will require further study and a definitive strategic plan."

WSU's institutional and financial profile is closer in some cases to FCS schools than it is to FBS schools.

Its undergraduate enrollment of 8,690 (Fall 2014) ranks below the 25th percentile for FBS schools in conferences such as the American, Mountain West, Sun Belt, Mid-American and Conference USA. WSU's institutional expenditures of \$292 million (2015) are more comparable to FCS

schools and again ranks in the bottom 25 percent of FBS schools from those conferences.

WSU's athletic budget of \$25 million ranks in the 75th percentile of FCS schools and in the 25th percentile of similar FBS schools. Football, of course, accounts for much of that disparity.

WSU athletics relies significantly less on institutional support, student fees and government support than similar FCS and FBS schools. Its allocated revenue of \$7.4 million below the 25th percentile for all FCS and FBS schools in those five conferences.

Through fund-raising, ticket sales, broadcast rights, advertising and other sources, WSU athletics generated \$19 million in 2015. That ranks above the 75th percentile for FCS schools and FBS schools in those five conferences. With that revenue, WSU compares favorably to schools in the American and Mountain West conferences, whose members bring in between \$14 and \$29 million in revenue.

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