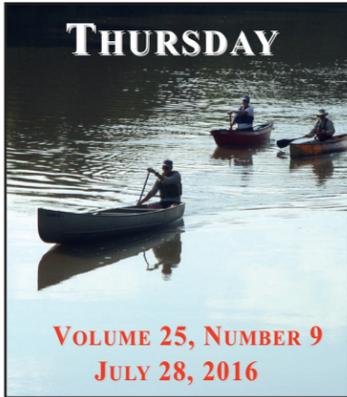


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Commissioners Increase Travel Expenses Up 300%



Pictured: Riley County Clerk Rich Vargo (left) County Commissioners Ron Wells and Robert Boyd.

**Editorial
By Jon A. Brake**

The Riley County Commissioners (they like to be called the Three-CEO's) haven't been setting still for the past three years.

The Yearly Expenses for the Commissioners have gone up from \$4,039.67 in 2010 to \$16,375.66 in 2015. That's more than 300 percent increase.

There is a lot of CEO-en going on there.

From 2013 to 2015 Commissioner Boyd had most of the Expense money, \$28,933.83. In those three years, Mr. Boyd is responsible for 61% of the expenses.

The only figures the Free Press has at this time for 2015 showing that Mr. Boyd spent \$5,059.96 on travel mileage, \$3,742.66 on lodging and \$314.73 on meals.

Each Commissioner also gets a \$65.00 per month for using their own phones. That is a total of \$780.00 for the year.

It might be best if the Three-CEO went back to just being Riley County Commissioners and staying home. It would save the taxpayers a lot of money.

Be sure and vote August 2.

Commissioners Yearly Expenses

2010	\$4,039.67	Total expenses of the commission
Mike Kearns	Karen McCulloh	Alvin Johnson
2011	\$6,476.67	Total expenses of the commission
David Guthals	Karen McCulloh	Alvin Johnson
2012	\$10,684.46	Total expenses of the commission
David Guthals	Karen McCulloh	Alvin Johnson
2013	\$16,701.51	Total expenses of the commission
David Guthals	Ron Wells	Robert Boyd \$ 8,913.22
2014	\$14,075.60	Total expenses of the commission
David Guthals	Ron Wells	Robert Boyd \$ 10,123.26
2015	\$16,375.66	Total expenses of the commission
Ben Wilson	Ron Wells	Robert Boyd \$ 9,897.35

The Riley County Commissioners Yearly Expenses have gone up 300% from 2010 to 2015. In the past three years Commissioner Robert Boyd spent \$28,933.83 in Expense money or 61% of the total for all three Commissioners.

Democratic emails: All about the hack, the leak, the discord

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- First came the hack, then the leak. Now, the Clinton and Trump campaigns are fighting over Russia's role in the release of thousands of internal Democratic National Committee emails.

At least one thing is clear: The email uproar is an unwelcome distraction at the launch of the Democratic National Convention, inflaming the rift between supporters of Hillary Clinton and primary rival Bernie Sanders just when the party was hoping to close it.

As the Philadelphia convention got underway Monday, developments in the email story rolled out in rapid sequence:

Clinton's campaign, citing a cybersecurity firm hired to investigate the leak, blamed Russia for hacking the party's computers and suggested the goal was to benefit Donald Trump's campaign.

Trump dismissed that idea as laughable, tweeting: "The new joke in town is that Russia leaked the disastrous DNC e-mails."

Sanders supporters certainly weren't amused. Irate, in fact, that the emails confirmed their long-held suspicions the party had favored Clinton all along.

The FBI announced Monday it was investigating how the hack occurred, saying "a compromise of this nature is something we take very seriously."

A look at the hack, the leak and the politics of the DNC email fracas:

THE HACK

Democrats have known about the hack since April, when party officials discovered malicious software on their computers.

They called in a cybersecurity firm, CrowdStrike, which found traces of at least two sophisticated hacking groups on the Democrats' network, both with ties to the Russian government.

Those hacks vacuumed up at least a year's worth of chats, emails and research on Trump, according to a person knowledgeable about the breach who wasn't authorized to discuss it publicly.

The party publicly acknowledged the hack in June.

THE LEAK

On Friday, the public got its first look at DNC emails when WikiLeaks posted a cache of 19,000 internal communications, including some that suggested party officials had favored Clinton over rival Sanders during the primaries.

It wasn't immediately clear how WikiLeaks got the emails - and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange proudly told Democracy Now! he'd never tell.

Was it from the Russians?

Clinton's campaign didn't hesitate to make the connection, with campaign manager Robby Mook saying cyber experts believed "Russian state actors were feeding the email to hackers for the purpose of helping Donald Trump."

Trump's team went out of its way to dismiss the alleged Russian connection as outlandish. Trump senior policy adviser Paul Manafort called the Clinton campaign statements "pretty desperate" and "pretty absurd."

THE FALLOUT

Whatever the source, the fallout from the leaked emails was swift and dramatic.

Democratic Party chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz resigned over the weekend after Sanders' campaign pounced on a number of leaked emails that they said showed that party officials had favored Clinton during the primaries.

The disclosure set off devoted Sanders supporters, who were already having a hard time moving past the bitter primary battles to embrace Clinton as the nominee.

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Kansas Profile

Kim Thomas - Stockton

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

October 2016. It is the League of Kansas Municipalities annual conference, and it is time to pass the gavel to a new president. This new president will have several distinctions: She is a woman, she is an African-American, and she comes from rural Kansas. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Kim Thomas is the Mayor of Stockton, Kansas. Her family has deep roots in northwest Kansas, where she is the fifth generation to come from the community of Nicodemus. As we have previously profiled, Nicodemus is a historic African American community which was settled after the Civil War.

"My great-grandfather had the annual Nicodemus community celebration in his grove," Kim said. She grew up in Plainville but spent lots of time with her grandparents in Nicodemus.

While still in high school, she worked for Southwestern Bell as a telephone operator. She went on to Emporia State and then came back to northwest Kansas to work for Southwestern Bell on equipment. She spent 32 years before retiring as a communications technician with the company, located at various towns throughout the region.

In 1992, her job brought her to Stockton. Two male employees had retired in neighboring towns, and Stockton was located between the two commu-

nities so she could serve both. "I told them it took one woman to replace two men," she said with a smile.

"I always tried to get involved in whatever community I was located in," Kim said. Her son was a wrestler, so she coached wrestling and the local softball teams through the years.

Then her co-workers encouraged her to run for the city council in Stockton. "They thought it would stir things up," Kim said. She ran and did not make it the first time, but when she ran again in 1999, she got elected to the city commission. She continued to serve through the years, and in 2002 she became Mayor - a position she has held ever since.

Kim Thomas is the first fe-

male African American mayor in the state of Kansas. "My grandmother was a teacher," Kim said. "We were taught to work hard - that was more important than the color of your skin."

Her hard work has paid off. She has led her community through major improvements in the water plant, sewage treatment facility, water line replacements, housing improvements, new businesses downtown, and enhancements of the city power plant.

"It's a good community," Kim said. "People work together here." She represented her community on many other organizations as well, from the Rooks County Economic Development board to the boards of the Kansas Municipal Utili-

ties, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency, Kansas hospital auxiliary and more.

Kim was appointed to the Board of the League of Kansas Municipalities and has continued to move through the chairs of that organization. As Vice President, she is scheduled to assume the reins as President in October 2016. "It is an honor," Kim said.

"Home rule is very important to us," Kim said. "The state doesn't like it when rules are passed down to them from the feds, and the cities don't like it when it happens to us," she said.

Stockton is unusual among small communities in that the town's leaders make a trip to Topeka each year. "We meet with agency heads and others, but we don't go in asking for things. We ask how we can be of help to them," she said. "I even take cookies every year," Kim said. "I'm kind of known

as the cookie lady."

In 2014, the Kansas Mayors Association named Kim the Mayor of the Year. In September 2016 she will receive the Kansas Community Outreach Award from the Kansas African American Museum, before becoming League President in October. It's a remarkable record for a person from the rural community of Stockton, population 1,535 people. Now, that's rural.

It will soon be time to pass the gavel to a new president of the League of Kansas Municipalities, and this president is a remarkable African American woman from rural Kansas. We salute Kim Thomas of Stockton for making a difference with her groundbreaking service through the years. Her ancestors in Nicodemus would be proud.

For the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development, this is Ron Wilson with Kansas Profile.

Email leak hurts Wasserman Schultz as she seeks re-election

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The furor over leaked emails not only got U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz heckled out of her speaking role Monday at the Democratic National Convention; it's also providing fodder for her congressional primary opponent.

Wasserman Schultz announced her resignation as Democratic National Committee chair for the sake of party unity after the e-mails indicated that under her leadership, the committee sought to undermine Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' campaign before Hillary Clinton became the Democrats' presumptive presidential nominee. Her opponent in Florida's Aug. 30 congressional primary is Tim Canova, a Nova Southeastern University law professor who tweeted Monday that "DWS must be defeated in this election and removed from Congress. It's time to end her political career for good."

Canova calls Wasserman Schultz a politician who bends to the interests of big donors and no longer votes as a progressive. That message — and the endorsement of Sanders — has helped the political upstart raise a surprising \$2.2 million through June 30, mostly through small donations, after refusing to take money from

political action committees. It's clear there is a lot of disdain for Wasserman Schultz, even among her home state's contingent.

"To not be fair during this entire process, it's kind of shameful," delegate Sanjay Patel, a Sanders supporter from Brevard County said before she spoke at Florida delegation breakfast. He said he hoped she would be stripped of her speaking role at the convention.

That wish was granted after she was booed and heckled by her fellow Floridians. Sanders' supporters nearly drowned out her remarks with screams of "Shame!" and "You're ruining our democracy!" Her own supporters yelled back, standing on chairs and waving T-shirts bearing her name.

"We have to make sure that we move together in a unified way. We know that the voices in this room that are standing up and being disruptive, we know that's not the Florida that we know," Wasserman Schultz shouted over the crowd. "The Florida that we know is united."

Then she left the room, refus-

ing to speak to reporters.

But Sanders had his own troubles when he tried to rally his own supporters toward party unity.

He got loud, prolonged applause when he mentioned Wasserman Schultz's resignation as party chair, saying it "opens up the possibility of new leadership at the top of the Democratic Party that will stand with working people and that will open the doors to the party to those people who want real change."

But Sanders also was heckled and booed when he said voting for Clinton is key to defeating Donald Trump.

And while he was speaking, Wasserman Schultz announced she would not gavel in the convention, an embarrassing acknowledgment that her presence onstage would only showcase deep party divisions.

Wasserman Schultz is such a fixture in Florida politics that Canova is the first primary opponent she's faced since being elected to the U.S. House in 2004.

"We know Debbie. No one has been more of a fighter and a champion for our values than Debbie Wasserman Schultz. She has shown time and time again her resilience and she is not scared to stand up to the right and defend our platform and defend our values," said Ana Cruz, a delegate from Tampa.

Still, there's no telling how the email leak will hurt her re-election campaign, said Florida delegate Mitch Ceasar, who has known her for 24 years in Broward County politics.

"We live in odd times and the only thing we can be sure of is that the unpredictable will happen," Ceasar said. "Florida loves to be the center of attention, regardless of the context."

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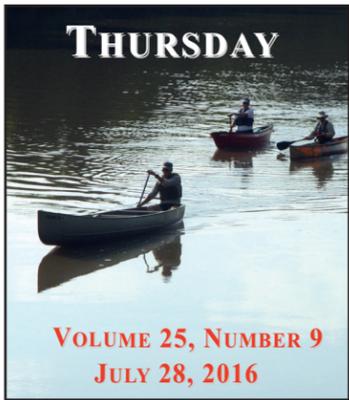


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Rich EB-5 immigrants get free service at taxpayer expense

Watchdog

The Obama administration's fetish for wealthy foreign nationals — expressed through relentless promotion of an immigrant investor program — has spilled over to a little-known bureaucratic backwater: the Ombudsman's Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The office was originally established to help poor, marginally literate migrants navigate

their way into America.

Now it turns out that the richest immigrants, seeking green cards through the scandal-plagued EB-5 visa-investor program, get a disproportionate share of the ombudsman's service at taxpayer expense.

"The folks getting four and a half times the average attention of this office are fully documented millionaires, all with lawyers at their beck and call," said David North, a senior fel-

low at the nonpartisan Center for Immigration Studies.

"They have [usually] made their half-million-dollar investment, and now want their EB-5 visas, and they get the services of the USCIS Office of the Ombudsman to help them make that visa purchase."

The Ombudsman's Office is a small \$6.4 million cog in the multibillion-dollar immigration machine overseen by the Department of Homeland Security.

Its 30 employees handled 9,448 cases during fiscal 2015.

Of the 9,448 cases, 418 — or 4.5 percent — involved affluent foreign investors seeking to buy "family-sized sets of green cards," North noted.

EB-5 visas — capped at 10,000 annually — make up only 1 percent of the 1 million aliens granted permanent resident status each year.

"This obscure [EB-5] form is the third most popular of those

treated by the ombudsman, trailing only applications for work permits and for naturalization," North said.

While the cost of USCIS visa processing is funded primarily through user fees, the Ombudsman's Office runs on tax dollars — making its assistance free to wealthy visa seekers.

"It's another case of 'Them that have, gets,'" North said of the treatment of EB-5 applicants.

Ombudsman Maria Odom said her office recorded a 270 percent increase in requests for assistance in the past four years.

She acknowledged that EB-5 processing times have "degraded" amid "allegations and findings of fraud or noncompliance with other federal laws; the manipulation of Targeted Employment Areas through gerrymandering; and the inconsistent implementation of policy."

Letter to the Editor

I have some concerns regarding a few of the incumbents this upcoming election, and hope to see a great voter turnout on August 2nd.

We need to be engaged voters, and know about the character and integrity of all those we are voting for.

We have all seen advertising that sheds a positive light on the candidates, as well as many that attack their opponents. Our news media does not always tell

the whole story, so it is imperative that we do our own investigating, to see what each candidate has accomplished, either in their terms of office, or, if a new candidate, the history of their values and character. Will they fight for us, or will they be politically correct, and in the office only for themselves??

We are quickly losing our voice, not only locally, but nationally, and it is well past time, for us to hold on strong to what rights we still have.

I feel that Kathy Martin and Marvin Rodriquez, will uphold our rights, and fight to help us keep our voice.

Regarding our Riley County Commissioners.... the previous term of Commissioners, have taken away our right to vote on any major project they deem 'necessary', with the formation of the PBC (Public Building Commission), resulting in the very real possibility that we, the taxpayer, will be left paying the bill, and though there were ef-

forts made to ammend the PBC statute, to give us the right to vote, our own Riley County Commission, along with other county commissioners, lobbied against our actions, leaving me to wonder who they are working for. I'm not against spending money in our county, but when 2 out of 3 people can decide how to spend OUR money, I have a problem with that! We should be allowed a vote on major projects in this county.

The RCC wants to regulate much of what we do, but then

take away our voice on what they can do. This is, in large part, why I am voting for Marvin Rodriquez this election. Marvin has said many times, that he will work to do away with the PBC. I like his values.

On the Federal level, Tim Huelskamp is our best chance to maintain a trusted voice in our United States Congress. He rightly voted against the farm bill. As a farmer, I would not have voted for it either. He

chose not to be an 'insider', but rather, to uphold the values and integrity I have come to know and respect him for. I also feel that the endorsement by KLA, and Farm Bureau, of Roger Marshall, is a negative, rather than a positive for him.

Please get out and vote on Aug. 2nd, and keep your voice in this Republic.

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Riley, Ks

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Parents Beat Back Obama's Transgender Bathroom Mandate in Texas

Heritage Foundation

Administrators of a Texas school district changed guidelines for transgender students to involve parents and work with families on a case-by-case basis, after an uproar among parents.

It's not surprising to see concerned parents in Fort Worth ... standing up to school bureaucrats to ensure the safety and privacy interests of their children." —Roger Severino @Heritage

The Fort Worth Independent School District announced the two new pages of guidelines dated July 19 after parents and others had a chance to speak at school board meetings, six public forums, and five meetings of a safety advisory panel, among others.

"The new guidelines place a heavy emphasis on involving parents and trusts students, teachers, and parents to work together to make the right decisions," Superintendent Kent Scribner said in a prepared statement.

"We are grateful Superintendent Scribner reversed and repealed his illegal transgender directive," a group of students, parents, and taxpayers called Stand for Fort Worth, said of the change.

The school district, comprised of 143 schools and 87,000 students, said it received comment from 235 individuals, including 119 separate emails.

"The new guidelines reflect what we've heard from students and teachers, parents and pastors," Scribner said. "Our focus

from the beginning has been the safety of all children and that, overwhelmingly, was the concern we heard from our parents and others."

The previous eight pages of guidelines, approved by Scribner in April, allowed students to use the male or female restroom of their choice and directed school personnel to address a student by the name or gender pronoun he or she prefers, even without permission from a parent or guardian.

The Board of Education Trustees oversees the management and policymaking of the Fort Worth school district.

Scribner prepared the original guidelines, "completely done in secret," and without "all the board members being aware of it, much less having parents having input on the process," Julia Keyes, a Fort Worth resident and mother of five children, told The Daily Signal.

"It kind of came as a shock," Keyes said.

Keyes, a member of Stand for Fort Worth, said parents and others were "outraged" and sent over 2,000 emails to school board members to hold the superintendent accountable.

"It was really the community that rose up," Keyes said.

In May, the Obama administration issued a transgender student directive to schools around the nation, threatening to withhold federal funding if schools do not open up restrooms and shower facilities based on a student's chosen gender identity.

Roger Severino, director of the DeVos Center for Religion

and Civil Society at The Heritage Foundation, told The Daily Signal:

Texas and 23 other states have already sued the administration over its lawless edict on school showers, bathrooms, and dorms. So it's not surprising to see concerned parents in Fort Worth and around the country standing up to school bureaucrats to ensure the safety and privacy interests of their children.

"We feel good about the guidelines as they stand," Keyes said. "However, trust has been broken with the superintendent."

In an email to The Daily Signal, Matthew Kacsmaryk, deputy general counsel at First Liberty Institute, said Scribner's original guidelines overrode rights guaranteed by the First and 14th Amendments to the Constitution:

Like its federal counterpart,

[Scribner's directive] was replete with speech codes that violated the free speech clause, shower mandates that violated the free exercise clause, and parent blocks that violated the 14th Amendment rights of parents to the care, custody, and management of their children.

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a Republican, called for Scribner's resignation over his unilateral implementation of the original guidelines.

Kacsmaryk said the Fort Worth school district's original directive "expressly discouraged use of binary terms like 'boy' and 'girl'" and made "no reasonable accommodation for dissenting Muslims, Jews, Mormons, Catholics, and Protestants who adhere to the Book of Genesis and continue to believe that God 'created them male and female.'"



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Politics/Commentary

The NATO Alliance Is Terminally Ill

Cato Institute

The attempted military coup in Turkey sent shock waves through NATO. No matter how the coup turned out, it would have bad news for the alliance. If the attempt had succeeded, NATO would have faced the embarrassment of having a member governed by a military dictatorship. Although that type of situation was tolerated during the Cold War (with respect to founding member Portugal, several military regimes in Turkey, and the brutal Greek junta from 1967 to 1974), matters are much different in the current environment. Since NATO portrays itself as an alliance of enlightened democracies, tolerating a dictatorial member now would be so politically toxic as to be nearly impossible.

That is likely a significant reason why the United States and other key NATO powers opposed the coup and quickly expressed support for the President Erdogan's government. But Erdogan's victory over an extraordinarily inept coup plot did not signal a victory for a truly democratic Turkey. Instead, his government has used the incident to purge not only the military, but the judiciary and the educational system of thousands of opponents. The extent and speed of the purge confirms that Erdogan simply used the attempted coup as a pretext for a plan long in place. NATO still confronts the problem of a member state that is now a dictatorship in all but name. That is likely to be unpalatable to several fellow members and cause serious tensions and divisions in the alliance.

But Turkey's descent into authoritarianism is hardly the only sign of illness in the alliance. There are noticeable uncertainties about the most pressing security issue: how to deal with Russia. Most of the East European members embrace a confrontational stance toward Moscow, believing that any sign of weakness will only encourage the Kremlin to become even more abrasive and belligerent. NATO's political and military leadership clearly favors a similar approach. So far, the hawkish strategy has largely prevailed. NATO has conducted air, naval and ground force maneuvers in the Baltic region, the Black Sea, Poland and Ukraine. The decision to deploy three battalions to the Baltic republics (along with one to Poland), ratified at the recent Warsaw summit as a symbol of NATO's determination to defend even those highly vulnerable members, reflects a similar mentality.

The hostile stance toward Russia is not without its dissenters, however. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier startled his alliance colleagues with extremely negative comments about NATO's large-scale military exercises in Poland and elsewhere in Eastern Europe. Such measures, Steinmeier stated, were "counterproductive," and he admon-

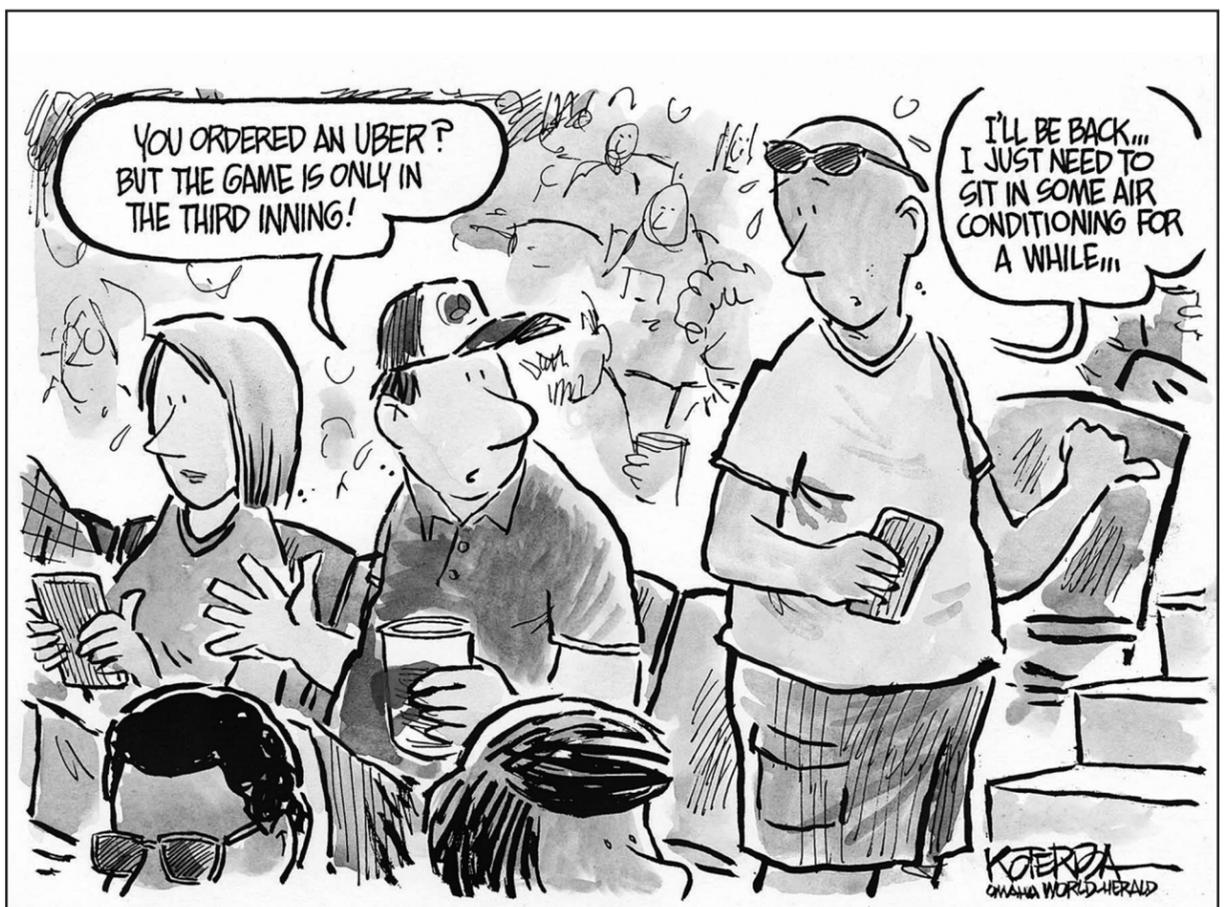
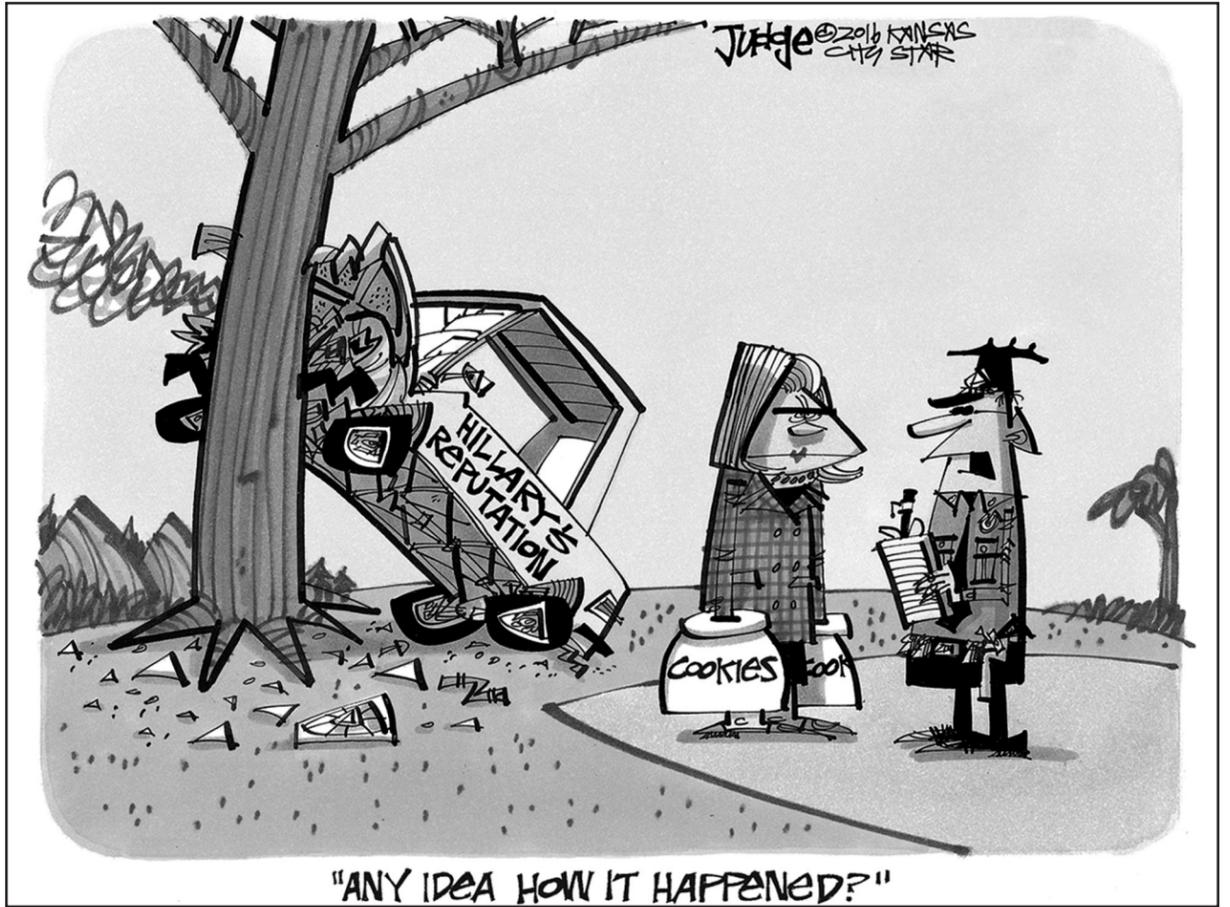
ished NATO leaders to avoid "saber-rattling and warmongering." We are "well advised not to create pretexts to renew an old confrontation."

It is not coincidental that Germany was one of the major NATO countries most adamant about not extending membership invitations to Ukraine and Georgia, despite a vigorous lobbying effort by the United States, Britain, and most East European members. Berlin has also been, at best, a reluctant supporter of the Western economic sanctions imposed on Russia for its annexation of Crimea and its support of secessionists in eastern Ukraine. But Germany is not the only NATO member to exhibit doubts about the increasingly hardline policy toward Russia. Both Hungary and the Czech Republic have shown some reluctance. Turkey's recent, very public, reconciliation with Moscow may lead to a further erosion of any NATO consensus in favor of an aggressive policy.

Potentially the darkest cloud on the horizon for NATO, though, is the U.S. presidential election. Although Hillary Clinton is reliably committed to the status quo regarding NATO (as she is on nearly every other major foreign-policy topic), Donald Trump is not. He has raised the burden-sharing issue in rather blunt and caustic terms. But Trump has sometimes gone beyond that question to express doubts about the wisdom of America's alliance commitments generally, especially NATO. On more than one occasion, he has scorned NATO as "obsolete." He has also expressed admiration for Vladimir Putin and indicated that he wants a far less confrontational policy toward Moscow.

And in his new interview with the New York Times, he casts doubt on his commitment to Article 5, the very heart of the North Atlantic Treaty. Article 5 proclaims that an attack on one member is an attack on all and obligates the United States to assist fellow members that are victims of aggression. However, Trump stated that he would decide to render aid only if the nations in question have "fulfilled their obligations to us." Presumably, that meant keeping their promises about defense expenditures and other alliance pledges. He added ominously, "If we decide we have to defend the United States, we can always deploy" from American soil. "and it will be a lot less expensive."

A Trump presidency might well be the last nail in NATO's coffin. His administration would be almost certain to demand major reforms, and it is not out of the realm of possibility that he would even seek a U.S. withdrawal. It is the most serious potential fissure in the alliance, but it's not the only one. NATO is an alliance showing multiple signs of a terminal condition, however much its partisans may want to deny that reality.



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Hobson asked to change some of the agenda around to move item 17 to 16 and 22 to 17.
Wilson recommended having item 16 at 10:00 and 17 at 10:10. The Board agreed.

Commission Comments
Commission Comments Wilson's Comments:
Thursday afternoon I met with Fire District and City of Ogden staff to discuss the construction of a new fire station in Ogden.

Friday I corresponded with County staff to learn more

about commissioner pay and increases in previous years. I was surprised to find that the approximately 4-4.8% annual increases have applied to the starting salaries for commissioners, while starting salaries for most other county staff positions have only increased by the Cost of Living Adjustment (approximately 1-1.8%) each year. I can understand adjusting commissioner pay by the Cost of Living Adjustment to keep pace with inflation as well as keeping pay equal between commissioners, but I don't think commissioners should have the 3% annual step increases, and even if we do those shouldn't apply to starting salary adjustments.

This weekend I watched some of the KSU Cricket Cup competitions.

Boyd's Comments:

Thursday 07.07.16
-Met with RCPD Director Schoen at the Law Enforcement Center to discuss the agenda for the upcoming Law Enforcement Agency meeting and other RCPD issues.
-Worked on the NACo's drone policies.

Friday 07.08.16
-Addressed correspondence and researched budget documents in the County offices.
-Coordinated drone policy initiative with NACo's transportation committee executive.
-Attended the reception for Mary Jane Oberhelman at the Riley City Hall. Mary Jane Oberhelman has served the citizens of Riley City as the Treasurer for 68 years. In her years of commitment to the city, she has impacted generations of its citizens. The community she has served gathered Friday to celebrate her retirement and to thank her for the leadership and example she has been for all. It was a fine turn out to salute a remarkable achievement by a wonderful lady.

"(This is my) retirement from City Treasurer, which I have been since 1948. It was a long time coming," said Mary Jane.

In her tenure she has witnessed the dawn of the nuclear age, the space age, the computer age and the information age while seeing her young men go off to fight wars in Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. Harry Truman was still in his first term (of all presidents she liked him the best) when she began as the treasurer. History has unfolded before her gaze and she has the stories and insights to share. She has impacted history with her quiet devotion and labors for her community; she is an inspiration to all.

Saturday 07.09.16
-Worked on correspondence and budget preparation.
-Tended to pasture and cattle needs.

Sunday 07.10.16
-After church addressed correspondence and budget preparations.
-Attended the Riley County

Historical Society meeting on the history of Aggieville by Dan Walter.

Wells' Comments:
Wells said on Thursday he met with Ned Seaton about the Mercury needing to be more accurate regarding the editorial on Riley County's economic development.

Wells stated the press needs oversight based on recent weekly and local newspaper articles.

Wells discussed the numerous phone calls he receives after hours to address concern in the County. Wells stated the Board did a good job by not increasing their salaries, but people do not realize the amount of time dedicated to serving in the County Commission positions. Wells said Scenic Drive asphalt resurfacing looks good.

Business Meeting
Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Brent Sigman, for a promotion, as a Clerk Analyst I, in the Treasurer's Office, at a grade I step 5, at \$18.56 per hour.

Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Customer Service Representative I, in the Treasurer's Office, at a grade F.

Shared Leave Donation Form(s)

Move to approve the Shared Leave Donation Forms.
ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Approve warrant voucher
Move to approve the following warrant voucher:
County General\$188,480.69
Total.....188,480.69
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER:Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes
7. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jul 7, 2016 8:30 AM
Move to approve the minutes.
RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

8. Tentative Agenda
Press Conference Topics
Discuss Press Conference
Rich Vargo-Elections
Jennifer Wilson-Riley County Fair
9:00 AM
Rich Vargo, County Clerk
10. Year to date budget and expenditure reports
Vargo presented the year to date budget and expenditure reports.
9:15 AM
Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

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Last charge dropped against anti-abortion duo behind videos

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas judge has dismissed the last remaining charge against two California anti-abortion activists who made undercover videos of themselves trying to buy fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood.

District Judge Brock Thomas dismissed the charge of tampering with government records against 27-year-old David Daleiden and 63-year-old Sandra Merritt upon the request of the Harris County prosecutor's office.

The pair's attorneys had pushed to have the charge dismissed, saying they never should have been indicted. If they had been convicted of the felony charge, each could have been sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

Prosecutors alleged that Daleiden and Merritt used fake driver's licenses to conceal their identities while dealing with Planned Parenthood. The videos accused Planned Parenthood of illegally selling fetal tissue to researchers for profit.

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Closing Guantanamo-Kansas story

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas' attorney general sued the U.S. Department of Defense Friday, accusing the government of failing to produce records related to President Barack Obama's proposal to move detainees from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the Army prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Attorney General Derek Schmidt filed the lawsuit in federal court in Topeka. Schmidt's office said in the lawsuit it has not received any records from a freedom of information request filed in December.

"Our concerns are height-

ened because the administration admits it has the records we requested and initially promised to produce them but now are inexplicably dragging their feet until after the November election," Schmidt, a Republican, said in a statement. "We are seeking some court-ordered sunshine now to discourage mischief later in the final weeks before the president leaves office."

The Defense Department last year surveyed seven potential sites for housing the prisoners, including Fort Leavenworth. But the Democratic president's

campaign promise to close the prison for terror suspects in Cuba has been blocked by strong congressional opposition. In fact, Congress has included prohibitions on moving Guantanamo detainees to the U.S. in annual defense policy bills.

In May, Kansas U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts said a senior Pentagon

official had told him that no detainees would be sent to Fort Leavenworth or other facilities in the United States. But Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work said he made clear to Roberts that the Obama administration has not taken any location off the table for relocating Guantanamo detainees.

Letter To The Editor

I endorse Marvin Rodriguez for Riley County Commissioner. I have known Marvin for several decades and greatly appreciate the contributions he has made to our community and particularly leadership training for young people.

He sets the example as a do as I do leader. We can depend upon Marvin as a Commissioner who will implement a new emphasis on transparency. He will prevent the establishment of an elitist building commission which by passes the requirement of selling any capital improvement project to the taxpayers.

The high taxes in Riley County prevent growth in two of the most desirable demographic groups. Retired citizens who are on a fixed income cannot protect themselves from increasing taxes. Young families who are just getting started cannot afford the high cost of housing which is exacerbated by high real estate taxes.

Marvin Rodriguez relates well to citizens of all economic strata, but has proven to be an advocate for those caught in the

pincers of excessive taxation.

Paul E. Barkey
Manhattan, KS 66502

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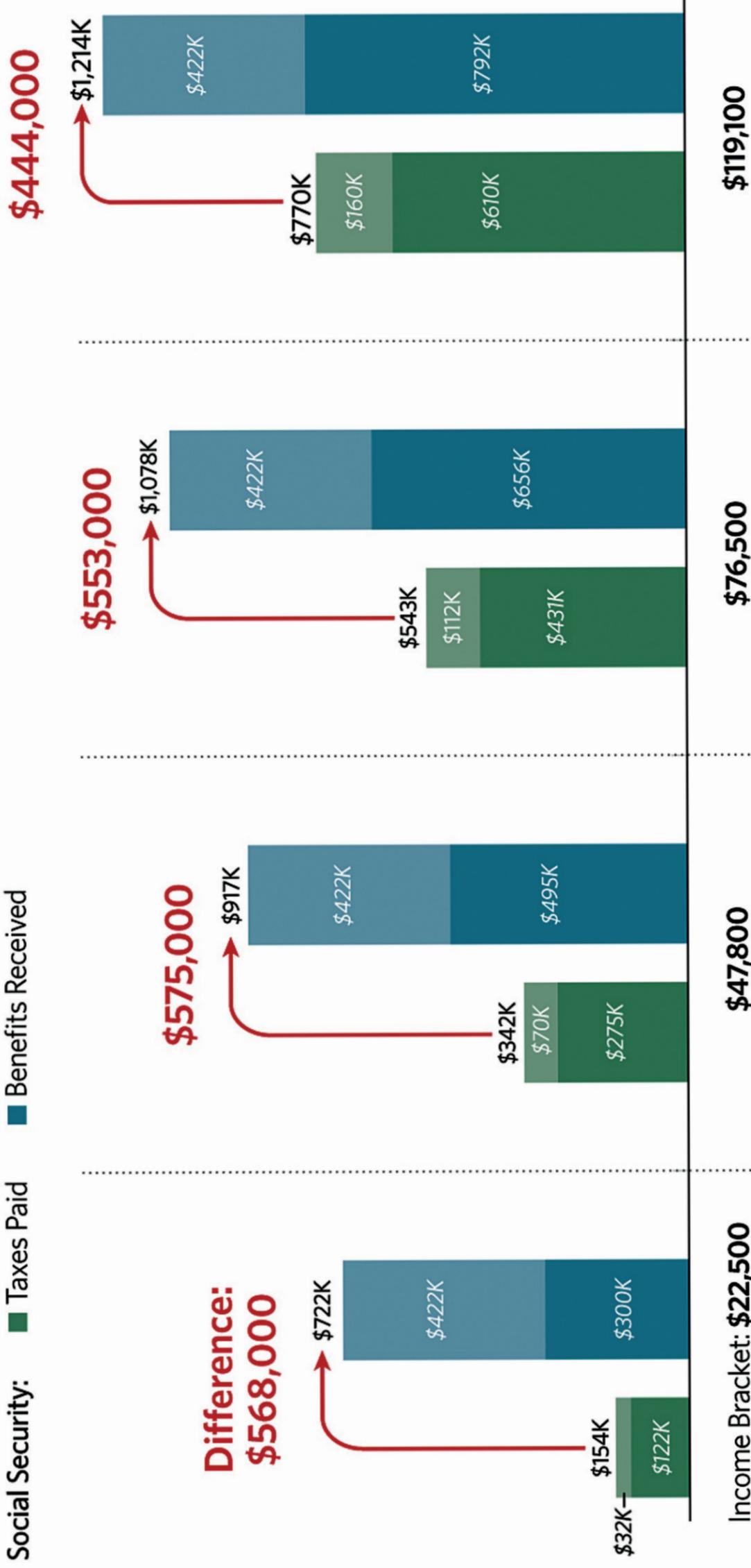
Jim Rose

CHART 1

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FOR MARRIED ONE-EARNER HOUSEHOLDS RETIRING IN 2015

Medicare: ■ Taxes Paid ■ Benefits Received
Social Security: ■ Taxes Paid ■ Benefits Received



Note: Figures are in 2015 dollars, adjusted to present value at age 65 using a 2 percent real interest rate and assuming a worker works every year from age 22 through 65. Figures are adjusted for mortality after age 65 and assume benefits scheduled in law will be paid.

Source: C. Eugene Steuerle and Caleb Quakenbush, "Social Security and Medicare Lifetime Benefits and Taxes," Urban Institute, September 2015, http://www.urban.org/research/publication/social-security-and-medicare-lifetime-benefits-and-taxes/view/full_report (accessed October 16, 2015).

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11. Bid opening for 911 radio system

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for a 911 radio system:

COMPANY
8 SITES 12 SITES
Harris

221 Jefferson Ridge Parkway
Lynchburg, VA 24501
\$9,849,343

Motorola Sol. - Jon Martin
3331 SE Meadow View Drive
Topeka, KS 66605 \$7,603,301
\$10,409,639

Move to refer bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

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

9:30 AM

Press Conference

12. Peace Memorial Auditorium Program "65 Years Since the 1951 Flood: What Have We Learned?" on July 13 - Cheryl Collins (2 minutes)

C. Collins said on Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m. the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium will present the program "65 Years Since the 1951 Flood: What Have We Learned" at Peace Memorial Auditorium, 1101 Poyntz Avenue.

13. Riley County Fair - Jennifer Wilson (5-7 minutes)

Wilson discussed the events associated with the Riley County Fair July 21-25th.

Wilson encouraged the public to submit projects in the open class of the exhibits.

14. Randolph PRIDE - Janie Dunstan (5-10 minutes)

Innes and Dunstan discussed the Randolph 4th of July Celebration and events.

Innes stated the Randolph City PRIDE is going to plan on family movie nights in the future.

Dunstan said new play equipment will be placed in the park.

15. Public Notice - Leon Hobson (2 minutes)

Hobson said the structure replacement project on North Otter Branch Road is scheduled to begin Monday, July 11, 2016. The project is located approximately 1/4 mile north of Winkler Mills Road. North Otter Branch Road will be closed to through traffic during construction.

Hobson said traffic control will be installed at the intersections of Hilltop Road, Prairie Rock Road and Winkler Mills

Road to direct traffic.

Hobson said the project has been allotted five working days, and is expected to be completed by July 15, 2016 weather permitting.

Vargo announced the voter registration deadline for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election is Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Vargo stated advance voting begins tomorrow.

10:00 AM

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

16. Project update
Hobson presented an update on Public Works projects.

10:25 AM

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer
17. University Park Sewer Renovation Project Update

Johnson presented an update on the University Park Sewer Project.

Move to approve Change Order No. 1 with Utility Solutions for University Park.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

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

(Editor's Note: What Company? and how much was the Change Order for? These are things the State requires to be put in the Minutes but Riley County will not put these items in. They must not want the Citizens to know what they are spending.)

10:40 AM

Craig Cox, Deputy County Counselor
18. Work Session: City - County Animal Shelter Agreement

Cox reviewed the proposed Animal Shelter Agreement with the City of Manhattan.

(Editor's Note: Got any information on what the Agreement said? How much will it cost the County?)

11:00 AM

Cheryl Collins, Museum Director

19. Riley County Historical Museum Staff Report

Parker discussed the AHA! Manhattan Organization in supporting the arts, humanities and natural history from the greater Manhattan area.

C. Collins reported the Riley County Historical Museum will celebrate its 100th anniversary beginning October of 2016.

C. Collins stated the Riley County Historical Society funded the purchase of a chest freezer for the Museum.

C. Collins stated on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Peace Memorial Auditorium they will

have a presentation on the "65 years Since the 1951 Flood: What Have We Learned?"

11:45 AM

Lunch

1:15 PM

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

20. Erosion issues along Wieters Road

Hobson discussed the erosion issues along Wieters Road. Hobson stated the Conservation District has recommended bent weirs be put in place to divert water from eroding the roadway and bridge.

Larson said the township could put the road back, but don't have the equipment to pull the guardrail.

Hobson said the landowner was willing to pay half the cost of the \$72,000 to place the bent weirs.

Boyd suggested the County staff meet with the township, landowner, and Conservation District.

Boyd stated the County Commission is supportive of correcting the problem.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed.

Hobson said he will meet with the landowner and NCRS to develop a solution to the erosion.

Hobson said he will contact the Corps of Engineers.

McDowell Creek Road Pavement Evaluation Report

Hobson presented the McDowell Creek Road Pavement evaluation report.

Hobson said based on this information, staff would recommend a chip seal be applied in 2016 to seal all of the cracks to prevent moisture from penetrating the roadway. Then, when McDowell Creek Road is scheduled to have an overlay, perform a cold in place recycling with mill and overlay.

Hobson said the chip seal in 2016 would be funded from the Public Works budget.

Move to approve the Public Works Department chip seal McDowell Creek Road in 2016 by increasing the quantities in their 2016 bid award for chips and seal oil in an amount of approximately \$175,000.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
Boyd, Wells, Wilson

New Solid Waste Software
Hobson discussed the recommendation to purchase new solid waste software.

Howser stated currently we have a T1 circuit to the Solid Waste Facility and stated he is working with AT&T to upgrade the T1 circuit due to problems

with the current circuit.

Move to approve the Public Works Department purchase the Solid Waste software from Paradigm of Cockeysville, Maryland for \$11,700.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

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

2:15 PM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

23. Administrative Work Session

Holeman stated on Thursday he plans to bring the latest copy of the Notice of the Intent to Sell the Courthouse Plaza East Facility.

24. Pending County Projects
County Counselor

2:35 PM

Tami Robison, Budget and Finance Officer

25. 2017 Budget Work Session

Clark discussed the Flint Hill Regional Transit's request to increase their original appropriation request of \$6,228 to \$9,540 due to a few of the participating counties deciding not to participate in the program.

Smith said Clark should not provide transportation services to communities that do not contribute funding for the program.

Stith stated the request is the maximum amount they would ask the County to contribute. Stith stated they will be asking other organizations for contributions, which may reduce Riley County's portion.

Boyd stated he supports the Regional Transit's request. Wilson agreed.

The Board agreed by consensus to increase the Flint Hills Regional Transit's request for \$9,540.

Volanti presented information to the Board on COLA and step increases for employees.

Boyd said in the future there will be a concerted effort between the City, RCPD, and the County to have a more consistent process for COLA and annual step increases.

The Board agreed by consensus to not approve any cost of living adjustment for employees in 2017.

The Board agreed by consensus to approve the annual step increase to employees salaries upon the completion of a "satisfactory" or above evaluation.

Robison presented the budget request of the indigent attorney

salaries and budget.

The Board agreed by consensus to budget \$340,000 for the Indigent Attorney Salaries for 2017 and ask the panel to agree to the salary amount for a three year term.

3:48 PM

Adjournment Move to adjourn.

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2016

115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502
8:30 AM Call to Order

Public Comments
Commission Comments

Commission Comments
Wilson's Comments:

Monday I walked around and through the Courthouse to observe the near-finished construction, and thought it looked pretty good.

Tuesday morning I was on the In Focus radio show along with County

Budget and Finance Officer Tami Robison, and we primarily spent the time discussing various aspects of the county budget.

Wednesday I worked on county-related correspondence.

Boyd's Comments:
Monday 07.11.16

-Attended the Manhattan Regional Airport Advisory Board meeting at the Manhattan City Chamber. The board received updates from the airport Director, Jesse Romo, regarding the construction projects on the airport. The FBO is complete and awaiting final detailing prior to occupation. The airport road project has completed the drainage work and is awaiting road surfacing. The terminal

phase II is progressing albeit the pace leaves much to be desired.

-Chaired the meeting of the Flint Hills Regional Council Executive Board. The Board discussed the agenda for the regular meeting on 15 July and the retreat in August.

-Met with constituents to discuss local issues and politics.

Tuesday 07.12.16

-Met with Manhattan Area Chamber Chairman Kristin Brighton at her New Boston offices. We discussed the Chamber and County relationship for economic development of our community and region. Collaboration across organizational boundaries is key to effective, efficient and economical economic development efforts. I was most encouraged with the Chamber's commitment to developing a vision statement for the organization. Riley County, Manhattan, KSU, Wamego all have vision statements, what the Chambers efforts can do is unify all into a regional vision for our future. They are committing substantial funds for a professional consultant to develop the statement which could be the basis for all regional efforts. I support and encourage their efforts, it has been a long time in coming and offers a promising future.

-Work on budget and correspondence in the county offices as well as NACo drone policy efforts.

-Attended the Riley City Council meeting in the Riley City offices. I gave a brief update on the County efforts across the spectrum. As the Council's discussions progressed to budgets, I asked to be excused having enough numbers in my head and thanked them for their efforts in this

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The Riley County Commissioners are paying \$700.00 per month for a program to produce minutes that are not complete. They vote on items but the minutes do not tell the public what the item is or the amount. These minutes are not according to State Law.

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Wednesday 07.13.16

-Met with Chamber president Lyle Butler at his office. Lyle had just returned to Manhattan from a trip to the Pacific Northwest; having grown up there it was interesting to hear his observations and insights of the region for he brings a unique expertise in economic and community development to the discussion. His comments mirrored my own experiences of the region and while there are facets to be copied to be sure it should be a cautionary approach for the region has significant problems of their own creation. We followed up on my discussion with President Brighton and I offered my support to the vision efforts.

-Attended the Chamber's business showcase at the Sheridan 4 Points. The event was well attended by business and community members.

-Attended the Randolph City Council meeting. The Council is concerned about the cost of their water service as supplied by Rural Water #1 and asked I attend the Rural Water meeting on July 19 to discuss the issue.

-Worked on budget data as well as NACo drone policy efforts in preparation for a presentation at the NACo conference later this month.

Wells' Comments:

Wells said he visited with a constituent on east Marlatt Avenue.

Wells stated a constituent contacted him about concerns on a driveway near Keats.

Business Meeting

Approve Purchase Authorization for LEC Jail Intercom System

Move to approve the Purchase Authorization to purchase the LEC Jail Intercom System to be funded by CIP.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

(Editor's Note: What Company? and how much was the Intercom System? These are things the State requires to be put in the Minutes but Riley County will not put these items in. They must not want the Citizens to know what they are spending.)

Sign Online Access Agreement for Complete Title Services and Piquant Properties, LLC

Move to approve Online Access Agreements with Complete Title Services and Piquant Properties, LLC for the Register of Deeds' Office.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

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

following:

Daniel Perez, a new hire, as a Family Connections Supervisor, in the Health Department, at a grade V step 1, at \$30.70 per hour.

Beth Kellstrom, for a status change, transfer, as a Social Worker, in the Health Department, at a grade S step 6, at \$28.22 per hour.

Leslie Campbell, a new hire, as a Nursing Supervisor - Clinic, in the Health Department, at a grade V step 5, at \$35.00 per hour.

Patricia Waddick, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Kenneth Waddick, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Elke Weese, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Michael Kearns, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Sandra Kearns, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Charles Tannehill, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

George Lookhart, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Sally Ammetter, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Myron Ammetter, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Nancy Parker, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Marilyn Bashford, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Marvin Bashford, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Connie Noble, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Arlen Locker, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Elva Hynek, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

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David Ekart, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Jane Palenske, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Sharon Purvis, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Karla Fisher, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Steve Fisher, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Michael Fincham, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.82 per hour.

Vicky McCallum, a step change (satisfied 6 months in position to be eligible for step), as an Administrative Assistant II, in the Public Works Department, at a grade K step 2, at \$18.57 per hour.

Exhibit C - Certificate of Acceptance for ambulances

Move to approve Exhibit C - Certificate of Acceptance for delivery of ambulances with KS StateBank.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

(Editor's Note: What? What is this. What is it that County Commissions do not want us to know?)

Review Minutes

Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jul 11, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

Discuss Press Conference

Rich Vargo-Elections
Greg McClure-Crop update
Jennifer Wilson-Riley County Fair Update
9:00 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

10. Administrative Work Session

11. Review Draft Notice of Intent to Sell Real Property-Work Session Holeman presented the draft Notice of Intent to Sell Real Property.

Wells expressed concern with proceeding without knowing where we are going to go if the bidding sells.

Boyd stated we do not have to accept any of the bids if we are not comfortable with our options.

The Board agreed by consensus with the draft of the Notice of Intent to Sell Real Property.

(Editor's Note: No, no, we are not going to use the Riley County Building Commission to build a big Courthouse.)

9:30 AM

Shilo Heger, Treasurer

12. June 2016 Revenue Reporting - Riley County Treasurer Heger presented the Treasurer's report.

9:45 AM

Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

13. Economic Development Update

Butler presented and economic development update. Butler stated they continue to work with many prospective businesses.

Butler discussed the budgetary pressures on the local city and county budgets.

Butler discussed the economic development partnerships with the City of Manhattan and Riley County with the Chamber of Commerce.

Butler emphasized the importance of the partnership in fostering economic development in our community. Butler said he needs the leadership from the County to help him in the Chamber to provide economic development. Butler stated he needs input from all three commissioners on what they would like to see in economic development from the Chamber of Commerce.

Butler stated the Chamber has an Economic Development Committee, which meets six times a year and the County does not have a representative on the Committee. Butler said the Chamber would like for the Commission to appoint a member to the Economic Development Committee.

Butler stated the Chamber needs to have a vision on what the community wants in economic development in the future. Butler said the Chamber will be hiring a consultant to lead the Chamber in developing a vision for our community.

Butler said about six weeks ago the chamber staff met with county staff to discuss the small communities in Riley County.

Wells stated he appreciates what Butler does for our community. Wells stated the County did appropriate \$40,000 to the Chamber for 2017 and has budgeted \$93,234 for economic development in Riley County.

Boyd stated he believes the Riley County Commission needs to have a stake in the development in the vision of the Chamber.

Boyd said the Board will make a commitment to appoint a member to the Economic Development Committee. Boyd stated the Chamber has the commitment and trust of the Riley County Commission.

10:00 AM
Jessica Fiscus, Health Edu-

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

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

14. Board of Health Signature: FY2017 Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Aid to Local Grant - Jessica Fiscus (5 Minutes)

Fiscus presented the grant award for the aid to local grants to receive the funding from KDHE.

Move to approve the County Clerk sign as the Interim Director to continue to receive funding from the Aid to Local grant from the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment and authorize the signing of the grants by the Board of Health.

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

15. June 2016 Budget Review & Monthly Report to Board of Health - Jessica Fiscus (25 Minutes)

Fiscus presented the monthly report.

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

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

10:30 AM
Brad Waller, PE, Vice President, Alfred Benesch & Company

16. Marlatt/ Denison Reconstruction Project Update

Waller presented a review of the Marlatt/Denison reconstruction project.

Boyd expressed concern with trying to avoid right of way (ROW) impacts due to the scope of the project and the reconstruction being a long time solution.

Hobson stated he does not feel it is unrealistic to stay within the ROW. Hobson stated if necessary they will go outside of the ROW.

Boyd asked for information on the origin destination of the east/west traffic.

Boyd suggested more discussion with the partners on the design for the Denison/Marlatt Avenue intersection.

11:00 AM
Budget and Planning Committee - Tami Robison, Budget and Finance Officer

17. July Monthly Cash Flow Reports

Robison presented the July monthly cash flow reports.

11:20 AM
Eddie Eastes, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation

18. Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study

Eastes presented information of the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study. Eastes reviewed potential projects and impacts to CiCo Park.

Wilson asked if the City would be asking the County to fund the parking lot improvements or would the City fund the improvements?

Hilgers stated at this point the City does not intend to ask the County for funding the project.

Boyd stated we are not committed to anything until we have a vision on how the Park will develop in the future.

11:35 AM
Lunch
1:30 PM

Tami Robison, Budget and Finance Officer

19. 2017 Budget Work Session

Volanti reported today she received an e-mail from BC/BS of Kansas stating the health insurance rate for 2017 will be a 9% increase to the employee rates. Volanti stated the plans impacted will be mostly to the employee/spouse and employee/family plans. Volanti stated the out of pocket cost to employees will be increased also within the health insurance plans.

Robison reviewed the proposed changes to the 2017 Riley County budget agreed to at the last work session.

The Board agreed to decrease the Riley County General Economic Development line item in the Economic Development fund by \$3,312.

Wilson thanked the department heads for their work on the budgets and the County Commissioners for their work on the budget.

Heger expressed concern with the cost of the insurance increase and the impact of not receiving a COLA.

Boyd asked for any other suggestions or discussion? There was know response.

Move to approve the 2017 Riley County budget at \$36,281,193, which is 39.034 mils.

ADOPTED [2 TO 1]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells
NAYS: Wilson

(Editor's Note: The County can't even get the figures for the 2017 Budget right. Above they say the 2017 Riley County budget is \$36,281,193, which is a Lie, Distortion, and False.

The 2017 Budget is \$49,953,817. The \$36,281,193 is the amount received from the Tax Levy only.)

2:08 PM
Adjournment Move to adjourn after the City/County Meeting at 4:00 p.m. at City Offices.

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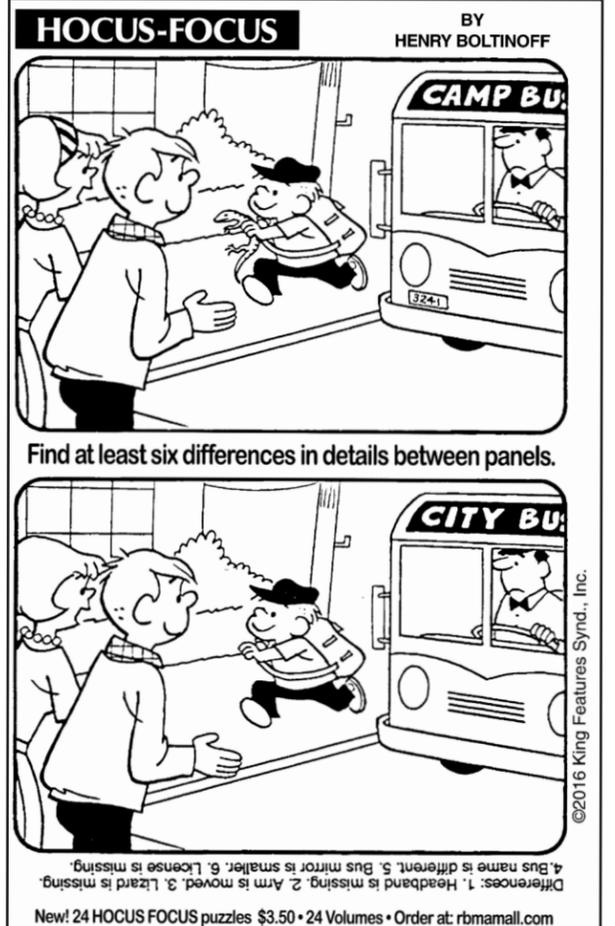
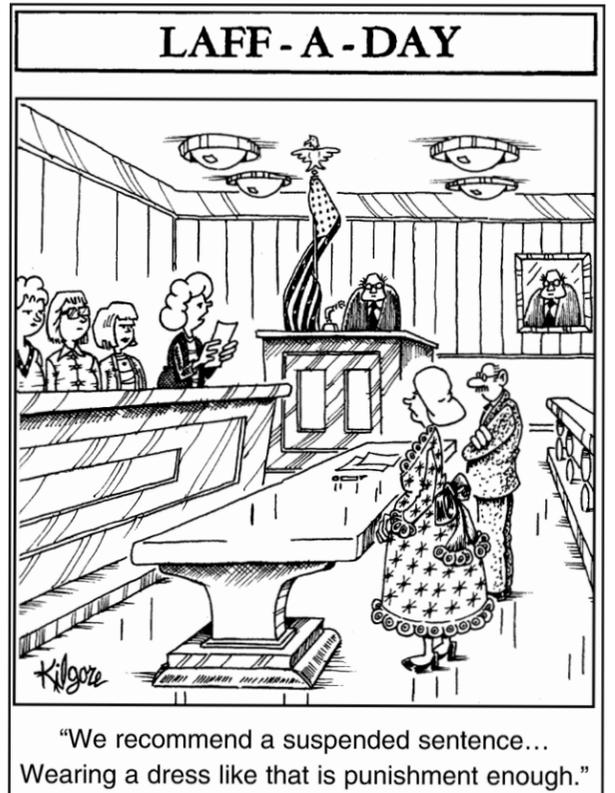
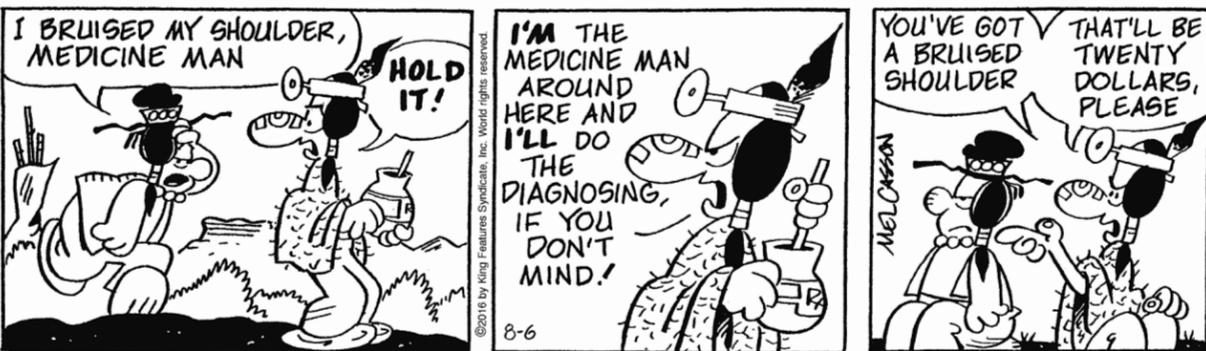
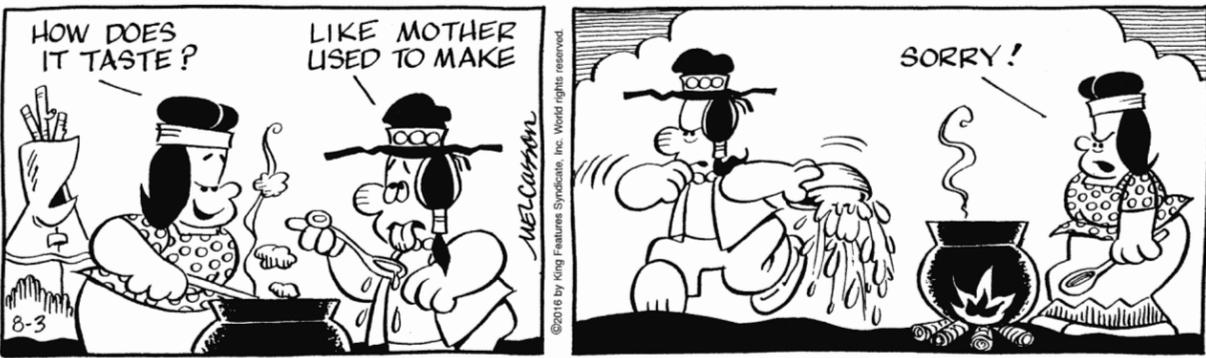
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Judge to monitor Kansas' actions on gay marriage for 3 years

TOPEKA, Kan. — (AP) - A federal judge told Kansas on Friday that for three more years he will monitor its compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court's historic decision legalizing gay marriage across the nation.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Crabtree issued a permanent barring the state from treating same-sex couples differently than opposite-sex couples in allowing them to marry or extending "other rights, protections, obligations or benefits of marriage" to them.

"It's a shame that the court had to spell this out," said Joshua Block, a senior attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, a lawyer involved in the lawsuit that led to the order.

Spokeswoman Jennifer Rapp said Attorney General Derek Schmidt advises agencies to fully comply with the U.S. Supreme Court decision and would do so without Crabtree's order.

"It is disappointing the federal court thinks Kansas judicial and executive branch personnel require ongoing federal supervision," she said in an email.

Crabtree ruled in a lawsuit filed in 2014 by five gay and lesbian couples against officials in the state's health and revenue departments, as well as two local court clerks. The health department maintains marriage and birth records, while the Department of Revenue handles

tax filings and issues driver's licenses.

Kansas law already barred gay marriage when the state's voters in 2005 approved an amendment to the state constitution to reinforce the ban. The amendment declared that only heterosexual couples were entitled to "the rights or incidents of marriage."

The U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision on gay marriage last year, and two months later Crabtree declared the state's ban unconstitutional. But he held off on issuing a permanent

order to see how fully the state complied.

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback and many members of the GOP-dominated Legislature strongly supported the ban and have been vocal critics of the Supreme Court's order. The Kansas Republican Party's platform declares that "traditional marriage is the foundation of society."

Crabtree wrote in his 33-page order that while the state took steps to follow the Supreme Court ruling, it did not comply

fully and its conduct "raises doubts about the reliability" of its efforts. His decision to continue monitoring Kansas' actions means aggrieved couples will not have to file new lawsuits — resolving their complaints far more quickly.

The judge specifically cited the state's handling of birth certificates for children conceived through artificial insemination for same-sex couples. Crabtree said one couple initially faced additional steps not required of opposite-sex couples to get both names listed as parents and that

later officials gave conflicting information about a change in the department's practices.

Block said similar issues have arisen in Florida, Indiana, Nebraska and Utah. But he and Mark Johnson, a Kansas City, Kansas, attorney also representing the couples, said Crabtree's injunction covers all of state government and is clear in declaring that same-sex couples have to be treated the same as opposite-sex couples.

"The judge left no wiggle room," Johnson said.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



King Crossword

ACROSS

1	Let the cat out of the bag	38	Scout	10	One
5	Culture medium	39	Alger's "before"	11	Advantage
9	Seek damages	42	Twitch	20	Sideshow performer's cot?
12	Frost	44	Lends a hand	22	Cape
13	Contemptible	48	Coloration	24	Glitch
14	Moreover	49	Pruritus	25	White lie
15	Saharan	50	Thought	26	Khan title
16	Sculpted head	51	Freddy's street	27	Not up to par
17	18-wheeler	52	-- gin fizz	29	Blunder
18	Pedestal part	53	Lounge about	30	Greek vowel
19	"The Greatest"	54	Billboards	31	Rotation duration
20	Fisherman's hope	55	Repair	35	Stamina
21	TV watchdog org.	56	Narrow opening	36	Like some eyebrows
23	Away from NNW	DOWN		39	Comical Caroline
25	In a just manner	1	Actor Pitt	40	"-- Lang Syne"
28	Certainly	2	Old Italian money	41	Pirate treasure, in part
32	Nome dome home	3	In the thick of	43	Pedestal occupant
33	Heart line?	4	State of great comfort	45	"American --"
34	Aromatic resin	5	Monastery office	46	Sandwich shop
36	Brawl	6	France, once	47	Sodium chloride
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Venue: Finney County Historical Museum
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Time: From: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Type: Events
Phone: 620-272-3664
There will be free guided tours of the Historic William Fulton House, dating to 1884 and built by one of Garden City's four founders.

"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
Time: From: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Type: Events
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100th Annual Crawford County Fair August 3 - 6, 2016

Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Venue: Crawford County Fairgrounds
Address: 249 E. 47 Hwy, Girard, KS 66743
Time: All day activities
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Recurring monthly on the last Sunday
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12th Annual Heartland

Art Guild International Miniature Paintings & Sculptures Art Show June 27, 2016 - July 28, 2016

Recurring every 31 days
Venue: Miami County Historical Museum - Swan River Museum
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Type: Events
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12th Annual Heartland Art Guild International Miniature Paintings & Sculptures Art Show will be open June 27-July 29, 2016 in Paola, Ka...More

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Time: All day
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Held annually the second full weekend of August, the Arma V-J Homecoming is the most continuously celebrated V-J parade and celebration in ..

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Type: Events
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August Art Walk August 26, 2016

Recurring daily
Venue: Downtown Pittsburg
Address: 401 N. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762
Time: From: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Type: Events
Phone: 620-231-1212
The Pittsburg Art Walk is an event that takes place every other month in Downtown, Pittsburg from April through October. The next Art Walk

Back to School Bash August 6, 2016

Venue: Rolling Hills Zoo
Address: 625 N Hedville Rd, Salina, KS 67401
Time: From: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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Bring the whole family for a fun day at the zoo before the kids head back to school. Half-price admission and \$2.00 burgers at the Overlook

Bill Gray Memorial Stock Car Races August 20, 2016

Venue: Sherman County

Speedway
Address: 417 N Main St, Goodland, KS 67735
Time: Starting: 6:30 PM
Type: Events
Phone: 785-399-8041
IMCA Hobby Stocks, IMCA Stock Cars, IMCA Modifieds and IMCA Northern Sport Mods will race

Blacksmith and Pioneer Days August 20, 2016

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AMA Dismisses Evidence Babies Feel Pain in Abortions After 20 Weeks

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The American Medical Association is sticking by its influential report asserting that unborn babies cannot feel pain at 20 weeks, despite subsequent studies finding otherwise. Three of the report's five authors had or later would have ties to the abortion industry.

The Journal of the American Medical Association defended the report and declined a pro-life research group's request for a retraction. However, the AMA publication's top editor recently said the study wasn't presented as the definitive, final word on the issue of fetal pain.

But despite its being 11 years old, mainstream media outlets such as the New York Times and Los Angeles Times cited the study as authoritative in the recent debate over banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists also has cited the study during the debate over banning late-term abortions.

"The paper's central argument is demonstrably false," said James Agresti, president of Just Facts, a fact-checking think tank that focuses on researching and publishing verifiable information about public policy issues.

The authors of the American Medical Association's 2005 analysis argued that a developing human cannot feel pain until the cerebral cortex is fully formed. The cerebral cortex is the brain's outermost layer, which produces the ability to think and reason. The AMA report says:

Pain perception requires conscious recognition or awareness of a noxious stimulus. Neither withdrawal reflexes nor hormonal stress responses to invasive procedures prove the existence of fetal pain, because they can be elicited by non-painful stimuli and occur without conscious cortical processing. ... Evidence regarding the capacity for fetal pain is limited but indicates that fetal perception of pain is unlikely before the third trimester.

At least two other studies, one in 2006 by the journal *Pain: Clinical Updates*, and one in 2012 by researchers at the de-

partment of anesthesiology at the University Hospitals Gasthuisberg in Belgium, concluded the opposite, determining the development of a cortex is not necessary for an unborn baby to feel pain.

Nevertheless, in a June 14 letter, Howard Bauchner, editor in chief of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, told Agresti that after a review the publication's editors decided not to retract the 2005 article on the study.

The authors, Bauchner argued, "have included modifiers that reflect their review of the evidence available at the time, including uncertainty." He added: "Although subsequently published reports may add to existing evidence on a topic, or propose alternative theories, that new information does not require retraction of previous review articles."

At least three of the five authors were involved or continue to be involved in the abortion industry:

Before the study, Susan J. Lee was a lawyer for the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, now called NARAL Pro-Choice America, as *USA Today* and other media outlets reported. Lee left law to enter medical school at the University of California, San Francisco, and was a student there at the time of the study. She currently is a member of the university's faculty.

Dr. Eleanor Drey is the medical director of the Women's Options Center of San Francisco General Hospital, which performs abortions, according to the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Mark Rosen, a professor of clinical anesthesia and obstetrics at University of California, San Francisco, was a consultant for the Center for Reproductive Rights, the National Abortion Federation, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America, according to his resume.

The *Daily Signal* emailed the three authors, but did not receive responses. The report's two other authors, Dr. Henry J. Peter Ralston and Dr. John Colin Partridge, do not appear to have direct ties to the abortion industry.

In regard to bias, Bauchner wrote to Agresti, "the informa-

tion we have indicated that authors complied with the [*Journal of the American Medical Association's*] conflict of interest requirements in 2005."

Jim Michalski, a spokesman for the publication, told *The Daily Signal* that editors would have no additional comment beyond the letter.

Agresti said Bauchner did not address some of his main arguments in favor of the retraction.

"Based on his last email to me, they consider the matter closed," Agresti said. "I don't think we will see more action until we can bring enough attention to this."

David Prentice, vice president and research director for the Charlotte Lozier Institute, a pro-life scientific research organization, also advocated a retraction. He said he doesn't necessarily believe the American Medical Association is biased.

"For the editors, they may not see the bias among the authors as serious enough," Prentice said. "Eleven years have passed. The interpretation of the science is old. They may feel the paper is passé and has been supplanted by modern science."

The 2012 Belgium study said:

Whether a fetus is capable of experiencing pain as a conscious and emotional feeling remains unclear and is subject to great debate, but we cannot deny that the fetal nervous system mounts protective responses to tissue injury. A

physiological fetal reaction to painful stimuli occurs from between 16 and 24 weeks' gestation on. ... Evidence is increasing that from the second trimester onwards, the fetus reacts to painful stimuli and that these painful interventions may cause long-term effects.

The 2006 article in *Pain* asserted:

Multiple lines of evidence thus corroborate that the key mechanisms of consciousness or conscious sensory perception are not dependent on cortical activity. Consistent with this evidence, the responses to noxious stimulation of children with hydranencephaly are purposeful, coordinated, and similar to those of intact children. Further, preterm neonates or adolescents with cortical parenchymal injury mount bio-behavioral responses to pain that are indistinguishable from those of normal controls. Whether consciousness is required for sensory perception has also been questioned by recent studies of adult patients in a persistent vegetative state.

Prentice said he believes the real reason for a retraction by the *Journal of the American Medical Association* is the conflict of interest, but also sees the interpretation of the science as severely flawed.

"Some people are born without a cortex, but they are able to feel pain and are aware of what is around them," Prentice said. "Other creatures, birds and some mammals, don't have a cortex. Would we say they can't feel pain? Of course not. It's a scientifically untenable argument."

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K-State Attends Big 12 Media Day

KSU Sports Information

THE MODERATOR: Joining us on the dais is Kansas State Coach, Bill Snyder. Welcome, and your thoughts about the upcoming season?

BILL SNYDER: Thank you very much, and I will be very brief and open it up to questions. Nothing about the upcoming season, but certainly I think and perhaps all coaches have shared that.

Two thoughts: One is, you know, the feelings from our program, our state and our university for some of the tragic events that have taken place here in Dallas and our prayers and heartfelt feelings towards the families that have suffered dramatically through the past several days. Also a note, the last time I was here a year ago I think I spoke to a Big 12 staple, Donnie Duncan, who is just, he stands for Big 12 and Big 12 football Donnie passed here not too long ago. So my heartfelt prayers to his family and certainly to the Big 12 Conference because they suffered through the loss as well.

Q. What has Jerry Kill brought to the program so far as the new Associate Athletic Director?

BILL SNYDER: Jerry is a good fellow. I really like Jerry and enjoy Jerry and he was coaching in the state of Kansas when I was at Kansas State University. He would come to Manhattan and we would talk and there were things he wanted to find out we may have been doing. But he's a football guy. But he's a football guy and I appreciate that. He's extremely helpful and he's there to be there any way he can. He understands what we are about.

I just visited with him yesterday. It was his first day on the job, so to speak. He had just gotten into Manhattan, first day on the job, and they're kind of getting settled in right now. But he will be fun to talk with.

Q. Coach, seems every year there is a couple of schools that have stadium renovations, facilities upgrades, you all did that a few years ago. In your mind, what's the importance of those sorts of things? Is it about the fans, about recruiting? What do you put the emphasis on with those sorts of things?

BILL SNYDER: Probably the fan experience, I think, is really significant. I just have a different approach as it relates to facilities.

We've been doing some type of remodeling or addition from the time we arrived in '89. I think we started in 1990 and a little something virtually every year. My approach has always been I would like to have our



Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder

coaches, our staff and our players in a comfortable environment, an efficient environment and that's what's most significant to me. I'm not caught up in the glitz and the glitter, you know, that goes along with it, and I honestly believe, a lot of people say, don't say that, but I honestly believe that we send a bad message with some of it, when we're trying to outdo the Joneses. For young people that you're trying to impart a value system that is not one of instant self-gratification, that makes it a little harder to do.

As I have said so many times I would like young people to come to our program because of a lot of things other than facilities, and certainly they would have to be as I said, comfortable and efficient. But you would like to have them come because of a value system that we have, the education that can be provided at our university, the kind of people that we have at our university and in our community of Manhattan. Those are the things that are more significant to me.

Q. Coach, four All-Big 12 players on defense entering the season. I was wondering if you could talk to me about Dante Barnett, Jordan Willis, Will Geary and Elijah Lee. What strides have you seen from them and in their development that maybe landed them at this spot?

BILL SNYDER: I'm pleased for all four of them. They're all good, young guys. The first two that you mentioned, Scott, are here with us, serving as captains in our program. I like the fact that they're good, young people. I like the fact that they are valued young people in terms of having an intrinsic value system that allows them to be productive leaders, and obviously leadership is important in our program as it is any other program.

You know, I think all of them

are committed to trying to provide the quality leadership and not only to provide the leadership but to be able to walk the walk, so to speak or walk the talk, so to speak and demonstrate their adherence to a value system, adherence to a set of standards and try to promote that throughout the program. Obviously good players, but also very good young men as well.

Q. There's been some talk that college football in a few years might choose to eliminate kickoffs and go in another way. That's a play that you put a lot of emphasis on. I was just curious on your thoughts of that possibility?

BILL SNYDER: We had that discussion a few minutes ago. Somebody asked me and in all reality I thought I was up to date, but I wasn't aware of that discussion. It makes sense. We at one time moved the yard marker back 5 yards to open up the opportunities for kickoff returns, so my son who is the Special Teams Coordinator went to work on that and we've been pretty productive in that category.

If it were just strictly football, I would say I would hate to see that happen. But it's not strictly about football. It's about the security and the safety of young people that play the game, and if that's part of it, there's statistics out there. On a percentage basis, it might be conceivable that more of those types of injuries take place on kickoff, kickoff returns and the normal happenstance during the course of a ball game. I'd have to look at those.

But I'm like any other coach. I don't think I'm any different than any other coach. We need to do anything and everything that keeps the game as safe as it possibly can be. So just from a technical standpoint you would like to have the opportunity to

return them but not at the risk of creating those kinds of injuries.

Q. With Dalton Risner being the only returning guy in your offensive line this season, what steps has he taken this season to really progress as a leader, and how has he helped develop the new faces coming in this season?

BILL SNYDER: Dalton is still a young pup in his own right as well, having the opportunity to become a starter at such a young age is such an intricate position as offensive center. And Dalton is here, so you will have an opportunity to visit with him as well, excellent young man, valued person, good young man. He's been, during the course of the summer he was elected captain at the end of our practice, in the spring. This summer he has done an excellent job of trying to assist all the younger guys we have in our program and all positions but specifically offen-

sive line.

We've got some newcomers that have come in and they're trying to learn our way. He's been a great teacher in that respect and with teaching your peers comes the leadership role and the significance of it and he's been very, very good at it. I think young people, young offensive linemen in our program really have profited from his help during the course of the summer.

Q. I've really admired your career over the years, and you've done a great job in Manhattan, obviously. But one of the things you've been able to do I think that's impressive is coaching continuity. You've got Coach Hayes on your staff, a lot of tenure, Coach Miller, Coach Dimel, what has been like with that coaching continuity and how has it helped continue the success of your program?

BILL SNYDER: I think it goes without saying, as long as the greater continuity with great people is significant, and that's where I've been fortunate and my entire career there or my entire career anywhere I've been blessed to be around really wonderful people. People that are genuine. People that care. People that as it relates to football are knowledgeable about what they do. Some of them are here today that have been through our program, and I have a great appreciation for them. Sacrifices that are made, you know, the people in our program truly do make some very genuine sacrifices in regards to time, effort and all that goes along with it.

A brief answer to the question is it's very significant to have that kind of continuity

where you don't have to go through the reteaching or changing of things that you firmly believe in, not that we're not open to change, we certainly are. I love to entertain new thoughts, new ideas, et cetera.

But all these guys have been very productive in our program, and there is a continuity with the players as well. You hear some players get up and talk and say, well, I've gone through four coordinators in four years and that's kind of tumultuous, or it can be. We have been fortunate not to have to go through that over the past quarter of a decade.

Q. You've been a proponent of the Big 12 championship game in the past. Are you glad it's coming back? What would be your preference in determining the two teams? Divisions? No divisions?

BILL SNYDER: Well, I am a product of the initial, I was in the Big Eight Conference. We were at Kansas State, and when we initiated the Big 12 Conference. We've been a part of it, and I've said this so many times, and I firmly believe in it, not my decision to make by any stretch of the imagination. But I'm a firm believer that the way we hit it was right. We had two divisions, six teams each, championship game, and I've been a proponent of that ever since.

It was beneficial for our program. We lost the opportunity in a championship game to play for a National Championship, but even at that I have a strong belief that it was in the very best interest of at least our program.



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