

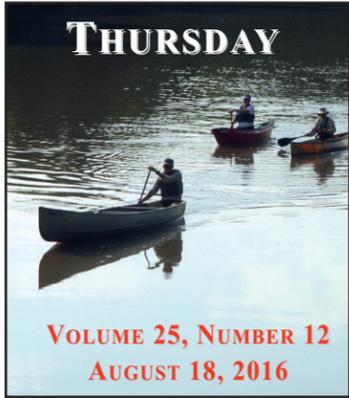
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## City Budget Increase For 2017 Is \$10 Million

**(Editor's Note: Ok, watch my hands, watch closely, because if you can find the pea, your going to win big.**

Well, we are not looking for a pea under a nut shell. We are looking to find what the City of Manhattan is going to raise the City Budget next year.

The City Commission passed the 2017 Budget Tuesday night and we don't have the final figures but the Memo given to the City Commission says the 2017 Budget will be \$147,547,375, last year it was \$138,088,469. Now this it a Budget Authority, meaning they can not spend over that without fixing a new Budget.

Read this memo and see if you can find the \$147 million figure. The City like to talk about the General Fund and they will tell you that the City Manager can not control the other Funds. No, but the City Commissioners can. Take the Riley County Police Department. The City will tell you that they have to fund the police using the Law Board figures. But what they do not tell you is the four of the five Commissioners help make up the Law Board Budget. Some years they have Five on the Board.

Now when the Law Board was set up, the City was to have only one member and the County was to have one member and the others were

The following table summarizes the recent utility rate increase in all three of the City's enterprise funds.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Water Rates</b>						
Minimum Charge	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%
3-20 units	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%
21-400 units	13%	5%	7%	10%	3%	3%
over 400 units	25%	9%	11%	13%	3%	3%
<b>Wastewater Rates</b>						
Minimum Charge	15%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
over 2 units	15%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Stormwater Rates</b>						
Residential	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Commercial						

*(Rates are based on the square footage of the commercial enterprise)*

Water rates have only gone up 6% in the past two years. But, if you are a big user, like a business it's gone up 54% in six years. What the City will do with Water, Wastewater and Stormwater income is send money to the General Fund. They call it Administration Fees, meaning the pay themselves to send out the water bills.

to be make up of Citizens.

But they like it this way. Now if you compare the City and County, the City gives out more information on Sunday morning than the County gives out all month.)

**CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO**  
August 8, 2016

**FROM:** Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance  
**MEETING:** August 16, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing on the 2017 City

**Budget PRESENTERS:**

**Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance**  
**Hillary Badger, Assistant Director of Finance**

**BACKGROUND**

Each year, in accordance with Kansas statutes, the Finance Department presents an overview of the annual budget for the next calendar (fiscal) year at a public budget hearing to adopt the new City budget.

The City Commission has conducted four work sessions on the proposed 2017 City

Budget and 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program including presentations by a number of outside agencies which receive funding from the City and other entities that the City contracts with for annual services.

In accordance with Kansas budgeting laws, a public hearing on the proposed annual City budget must be held no sooner than 10 days after the City budget certificate has been published. Once this publication has occurred, the total published expenditures for each fund can be lowered-but not

raised. The proposed 2017 City Budget was published on August 5, 2016, in The Manhattan Mercury. (Enclosure 1)

**DISCUSSION**

As a result of the budget work session deliberations, the majority of the City Commission expressed agreement to publish a City Budget with no more than a 1.5 mill increase over the 2016 mill levy.

**General Fund Highlights**

The proposed 2017 General Fund budget of \$28,806,004 reflects a three percent decrease over 2016. The majority of this decrease is the result of moving the employer health insurance contributions from the General Fund to the Employee Benefit Fund.

However, the General Fund includes expenditures for the following items:

Salary adjustments for City employees: includes a 2% step adjustment and a 1.5% wage adjustment.

Capital Improvement Program: this includes \$424,467 in equipment purchases and \$362,076 for planned projects.

The other increases in the General Fund are related to contractual services and commodities. The contractual services category consists of expenditures such as software maintenance agreements, professional services, and telecommunication costs; and the commodities category consists

of office and computer supplies, fuel, and maintenance supplies.

The General Fund mill levy increase for 2017 is 1.545 mills more than the 2016 mill levy rate, which supports the expenditures listed above.

**Special Revenue Funds**

Special Revenue Funds are those that, by City ordinance or Kansas statutes, must be maintained as separate expenditure funds and are divided into two categories: those which support City services, such as employee benefit funds as well as economic development, and are under the control of City Management; and, those which support other community services not under the direct control of City Management, such as the Riley County Police Department, the Manhattan Public Library, and the Aggieville and Downtown Benefit Improvement Districts.

In 2017, the total of all Special Revenue Funds will increase by \$5,934,863. This increase is due, in large part, to the transfer of \$2.6 million to the Employee Benefit Fund for employer health contributions, and beginning cash balances in the Economic Development Fund and the Special Parks and Recreation Fund.

**Bond and Interest Fund**

For 2017, the Bond and Interest Fund will have a property tax decrease of approximately

See Budget page 11

## Snyder once again could have K-State in Big 12 title race

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Bill Snyder has always valued continuity, whether on the coaching staff or in the huddle.

It's why four of his assistants, including co-offensive coordinators Dana Dimel and Del Miller, have spent at least 18 years at Kansas State. And why relative youngsters on the staff, such as Andre Coleman and Blake Seiler, played for the Wildcats before joining the profession.

"It's always significant," Snyder said, "to have that kind of continuity where you don't have to go through the re-teaching or changing of things you firmly believe in, not that we're not open to change. We certainly are. I love to entertain new thoughts, new ideas. ... But you hear some players get up

and say, 'Well, I've gone through four coordinators in four years,' and that's kind of tumultuous.

"We have been fortunate not to have to go through that over the last quarter of a decade."

In truth, things have been fairly consistent at Kansas State for much longer, and Snyder is the reason for much of it. Sure, there was his brief retirement about a decade ago, but when he returned to the corner office in the Vanier Football Complex, it was as if nothing had changed.

It took two years to get back to a bowl game. Now, the Wildcats have been to six straight.

But as the 76-year-old Snyder enters his 26th season, there are growing rumblings that it may be his last. He needs seven

wins to reach 200 for his career, a significant milestone, and the talent returning from an injury-plagued 2015 season means Kansas State could compete for another Big 12 title.

Perhaps such success would make it the right time.

"The good thing about Coach Snyder is he's real consistent. There's not a lot of surprises," said quarterback Jesse Ertz. "It's the same thing, the same motto, the same work habits. Everything is, 'Work hard and get better each day.' I think it's proven with how our teams usually do."

As the Wildcats start another season with Snyder on the sideline, here are story lines to watch:

**SEASON OPENER:** Lam-

basted for years for scheduling soft in the non-conference, the Wildcats will visit Stanford on Sept. 2 in one of the marquee games of college football's first week.

"They take pride in being a tough and physical football team," said safety Dante Barnett, who missed much of last season with an injury. "We can be a tough football team, too, so I can't wait."

**QUARTERBACK RACE:**

Ertz had a season-ending knee injury on the first series in the first game last season, and backup Alex Delton went down the following week. That left former walk-on Joe Hubener, and he struggled so often that wide receiver Kody Cook was pressed under center.

All three quarterbacks are competing for the starting job, but it was Ertz who was chosen to help represent that team at the Big 12 media gathering in Dallas — a sign of leadership, if nothing else.

**SPEAKING OF BIG D:** The Wildcats figure to rely heavily on defense, which kept them in most games a year ago. Elijah Lee and Mike Moore are solid linebackers, Jordan Willis and Will Geary may be the best defensive tackle tandem in the Big 12 and Barnett is back to anchor a hard-hitting secondary.

"With all the experience that we had last year and all the players that had to play and step up for our team, we have all those players coming back. The sky's the limit," Barnett said. "When September rolls around

we can go out there and show what we can really do."

**KEY GAMES:** It doesn't get much bigger than Stanford in Week 1, especially with Florida Atlantic and Missouri State rounding out the non-conference. The Big 12 slate begins with West Virginia and Texas Tech, giving the Wildcats a chance to get off to a good start before the grind begins.

**PREDICTION:** If the Wildcats can beat Stanford, they realistically could be 5-0 by the time they visit Oklahoma on Oct. 15. And while competing for a Big 12 title would take everything breaking right, it's hard to imagine the Wildcats missing out on a bowl game for the first time since 2009.

## Kansas Profile

# Dr. Jerry Blackstone - Grammy Winner

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

It's time for the GRAMMY Awards in Los Angeles. And the winner is... Jerry Blackstone, a renowned musician and choir director who comes from rural Kansas. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Jerry Blackstone is a two-time GRAMMY award winner and internationally known conductor. His roots are found in rural Kansas.

Jerry grew up on the family farm in the northern part of Jewell County. His family consisted of farmers, not musicians, although his grandfather played the harmonica and his dad would sing for fun while riding the tractor. Jerry's mother

liked to play piano and sing also. His parents always encouraged and supported his interests.

Jerry grew up going to a one-room country school. His first teacher was a young woman named Miss Lippe. After he completed first grade, Miss Lippe told his parents, "He is a bright little boy and I'm afraid he's going to get bored. Why don't you get him piano lessons?" They did so and Jerry loved it. He grew up playing and singing in church.

Jerry's sisters enjoyed music as well. Sister Marilyn now lives in Iowa and sister Ruth lives at Manhattan.

After four years in the one-room school, Jerry went to the school in town, but it was still quite rural in nature. The town was the nearby rural commu-

nity of Burr Oak, population 249 people. Now, that's rural.

By the time Jerry was a sophomore in high school, he knew he wanted to pursue music as a career. He took music lessons at K-State while still a high school student. "Those teachers broadened my perspective and encouraged me, 'You can do this,'" Jerry said.

After high school graduation, Jerry went to Wheaton College in Illinois to begin a long and distinguished academic career in music. At Wheaton, he studied piano performance and met his wife. He went on to get a master's in choral performance at Indiana University. "I had some wonderful music teachers through the years," Jerry said.

Jerry's first teaching position was at what is now Huntington University in Indiana. The head

of the education department there was named Emmet Lippe. One day Jerry said, "My first teacher was named Miss Lippe." When he explained, Emmet replied, "That was my sister." What a remarkable connection through the years.

Jerry went on to get a doctorate in choral conducting at the University of Southern California. He worked at Westmont College in California and Phillips University in Oklahoma.

In 1988, he joined the music faculty at the University of Michigan. He has risen through the ranks to become the university's Director of Choral Activities and Professor and Chair of Conducting. He is responsible for 11 choirs at the university and still con-

ducts the Chamber Choir. He was a long-time conductor of the men's glee club as well as the 180-member university-community choir named Choral Union.

Jerry Blackstone has served as chorusmaster on several internationally-acclaimed music projects. One of those, a recording of William Bolcom's Songs of Innocence and of Experience, earned him two GRAMMYS for Best Choral Performance and Best

Classical Album in 2006. Another project earned him a nomination for Best Opera Recording in 2015.

Dr. Jerry Blackstone is a highly sought-after guest conductor and workshop leader. He has fulfilled that role in thirty states plus New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, and

Shanghai. He has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. Through the years, he has touched the lives of thousands of musicians and their audiences.

"It's a privilege to work with people to create a community and make music come alive," Jerry said. "These choirs become more than people on stage, they become a family," he said.

What is his advice to aspiring musicians? "Play your best, sing your best," Jerry said. "If you love it, go out and play and sing at church and school. Put yourself in positions to be challenged."

# Jenkins, Pompeo warn of 'attack' on fossil fuel industry

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas oil and gas producers listened to dire warnings Monday about their industry's future from two House members during their convention in Wichita.

U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins told the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association that there is still an assault on the industry

by President Barack Obama's administration ranging from a regulatory environment to tax proposals. She claims the administration wants to put them out of business.

U.S. Rep. Mike Pompeo recounted the coal industry's problems, and told oil and gas producers they should know they are next. He called it a

"full-scale assault" by the environmental left on the fossil fuel industry.

The Kansas delegation has been a staple fixture at the industry's annual meeting, but only Pompeo and Jenkins participated in the legislative panel this year. All four Kansas House seats are up for election, along with the seat held by U.S. Sen.

Jerry Moran.

Jenkins echoed assessments that the polls show it "dicey" for the GOP keeping the majority in the Senate in this election, but said Republicans believe that can hang on to the House. The Kansas Republican acknowledged people have a "tough choice" at the ballot box with GOP presidential

nominee Donald Trump, but she urged them to remember the next president is going to determine the direction of the U.S. Supreme Court.

But at his turn, Pompeo said he did not think it was a tough choice at all.

"I don't begrudge Mr. Trump's victory. He won fair and square, and he addressed

some concerns that are very, very real," Pompeo said. "And so if we are looking for solutions, and we think maybe Mr. Trump's solutions aren't perfect, we should not denigrate the concerns that have been raised by the people who were with him from the very beginning."

He cited public concerns such as wage stagnation and protection of America's border.

# Board Looking For More Control

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — The Kansas Board of Regents may consider changing some of its policies to give the board more oversight and control over new building projects on university campuses, specifically the type that landed the University of Kansas in hot water with the Kansas Legislature earlier this year.

At issue are projects called "public-private partnerships," sometimes referred to as P3 financing, in which a private, outside entity puts up the money to erect a building, and then leases the building back to the university until it's paid off.

That's what KU used to finance the \$350 million Central District project now under construction on the Lawrence campus. Wichita State University also used a similar mechanism to develop its new Innovation Campus.

Despite the controversy, however, KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little and WSU President John Bardo are both urging the Regents not to go too far in regulating P3 arrangements.

"Most states seem to be moving heaven and earth to make P3's easier. We seem to be moving in the other direction," Bardo told the Regents on Wednesday.

Most of the controversy at the Legislature this spring focused on KU, which formed its own private, nonprofit entity, the KU Campus Development

Corporation, which then issued \$320 million in bonds through a Wisconsin public financing agency rather than through the state of Kansas.

Several lawmakers were upset at that deal, accusing KU of using that process to bypass the Legislature, which would have had to approve the project first if KU had used the state's own bonding agency.

KU said it plans to use student fees and other revenues to make the lease payments, but lawmakers said that if anything goes wrong with the project, Kansas taxpayers will ultimately be on the hook for the project because the buildings sit on state property.

At Wichita State, the process was substantially different.

There, existing for-profit businesses were allowed to put up buildings on the WSU campus, which the university then leases back. But the corporations themselves also use the buildings, and students earn credit while working on real-world projects for those businesses.

In KU's case, however, the Legislature retaliated by attaching a proviso to KU's budget for 2016, limiting how much money the university can spend out of previously unrestricted fee funds.

Even some Board of Regents members said Wednesday that they sympathized with the Legislature's point of view.

"The Legislature's concern was that ultimately the univer-

sity is on the hook if the deal goes bad," Regent Shane Bangerter of Dodge City said.

During the retreat, Gregory Hoffman, director of facilities for the Board of Regents, outlined three possible ways the board could change its policies to exert more control over P3 development projects.

**King Crossword**  
Answers  
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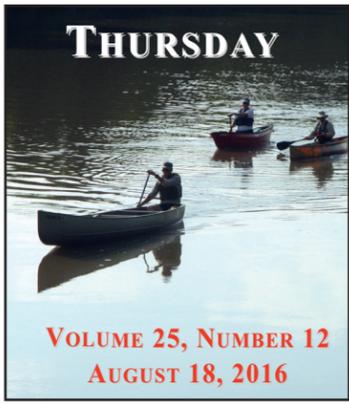


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## KPERS Pension "Millionaires"

Each line below is one retired person getting a KPERS check. 'Millionaires' are KPERS retirees who will collect at least \$1,000,000 over their first 20 years of retirement, calculated using the sum of monthly payments received in 2015 plus lump sum

payments since 2011. Lump sum payments made prior to 2011 cannot be matched with current monthly payments, so there could be more KPERS 'Millionaires' than listed here. State law prohibits the release of retiree and beneficiary names, so each recipient is

identified as a Member or Beneficiary of a Member. The agency listed is the one that last employed the individual. Data obtained in Open Records requests. This is only part of the list.

USD 233 Olathe	KPERS	\$3,411,019
USD 512 Shawnee Mission	KPERS	\$2,870,914
USD 230 Spring Hill	KPERS	\$2,782,246
USD 231 Gardner	KPERS	\$2,778,931
City of Shawnee	KP&F	\$2,712,566
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$2,663,263
Johnson County Community College	KPERS	\$2,617,706
Cowley County Community College	KPERS	\$2,551,985
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$2,529,634
City of Shawnee	KPERS	\$2,475,226
Kansas Turnpike Authority	KPERS	\$2,414,119
Hutchinson Community College	KPERS	\$2,354,002
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$2,349,722
USD 512 Shawnee Mission	KPERS	\$2,262,235
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KPERS	\$2,148,158
City of Shawnee	KP&F	\$2,125,870
Kansas Turnpike Authority	KPERS	\$2,115,617
USD 500 Kansas City	KPERS	\$2,100,391
City of Overland Park	KPERS	\$2,078,160
City of Shawnee	KP&F	\$2,062,625
USD 512 Shawnee Mission	KPERS	\$2,045,424
City of Topeka	KP&F	\$2,034,540
City of Lenexa	KP&F	\$2,034,048
City of Shawnee	KP&F	\$2,030,753
Johnson County Community College	KPERS	\$2,024,429
Kansas City Kansas Community College	KPERS	\$2,010,195
City of Shawnee	KP&F	\$1,997,090
City of Leawood	KP&F	\$1,995,890
USD 501 Topeka Public Schools	KPERS	\$1,992,430
Johnson County	KPERS	\$1,979,570
City of Leawood	KP&F	\$1,969,627
USD 501 Topeka Public Schools	KPERS	\$1,959,144
Kansas Highway Patrol	KP&F	\$1,957,090
City of Salina	KP&F	\$1,956,425
Johnson County Community College	KPERS	\$1,948,181
City of Merriam	KP&F	\$1,940,174
City of Overland Park	KPERS	\$1,938,907
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,928,974
City of Topeka	KP&F	\$1,926,761
USD 265 Goddard	KPERS	\$1,924,392
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,913,683
Norton County Hospital	KPERS	\$1,911,190
USD 233 Olathe	KPERS	\$1,881,818
USD 229 Blue Valley	KPERS	\$1,870,591
City of Merriam	KP&F	\$1,864,442
City of Lawrence	KP&F	\$1,858,205
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,847,729
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,847,347
City of Merriam	KP&F	\$1,847,066
Kansas Turnpike Authority	KPERS	\$1,846,778
Staff Benefits University of Kansas	KPERS	\$1,845,749
Johnson Co Consolidated Fire Dist No 2	KP&F	\$1,833,720
City of Lawrence	KP&F	\$1,829,002
Johnson County	KP&F	\$1,826,198
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,823,834
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,823,810
Kansas Highway Patrol	KP&F	\$1,822,349
Johnson Co Consolidated Fire Dist No 2	KP&F	\$1,822,018
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,819,450
City of Kansas City	KPERS	\$1,807,610

Johnson County	KPERS	\$1,806,617
USD 428 Great Bend	KPERS	\$1,803,540
City of Lawrence	KP&F	\$1,803,206
Sedgwick County	KP&F	\$1,803,178
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,796,237
Judicial Branch	KPERS	\$1,795,793
Johnson Co Consolidated Fire Dist No 2	KP&F	\$1,789,399
Johnson County Community College	KPERS	\$1,771,430
City of Salina	KP&F	\$1,768,416
City of Olathe	KP&F	\$1,764,643
USD 229 Blue Valley	KPERS	\$1,762,375
Johnson County Community College	KPERS	\$1,761,166
Riley County Law Enforcement Agency	KP&F	\$1,760,683
USD 229 Blue Valley	KPERS	\$1,759,406
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,754,702
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,749,792
City of Topeka	KP&F	\$1,748,633
Johnson County	KP&F	\$1,744,298
Johnson County	KP&F	\$1,742,762
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,742,568
City of Lawrence	KP&F	\$1,739,561
USD 512 Shawnee Mission	KPERS	\$1,736,729
City of Overland Park	KPERS	\$1,733,004
Butler County Community College	KPERS	\$1,731,101
Kansas Highway Patrol	KP&F	\$1,729,577
Sedgwick County	KP&F	\$1,727,868
City of Shawnee	KP&F	\$1,727,285
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,723,397
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,718,402
Kansas Highway Patrol	KP&F	\$1,715,374
City of Topeka	KP&F	\$1,714,097
USD 207 Fort Leavenworth	KPERS	\$1,713,566
Johnson Co Park & Recreation Dist	KPERS	\$1,713,494
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,709,513
USD 416 Louisburg	KPERS	\$1,709,242
Revisor of Statutes	KPERS	\$1,706,794
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,698,265
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,694,719
City of Lawrence	KPERS	\$1,694,302
City of Olathe	KPERS	\$1,693,315
Johnson Co Consolidated Fire Dist No 2	KP&F	\$1,601,693
Johnson County	KP&F	\$1,599,631
City of Lawrence	KP&F	\$1,598,350
William Newton Memorial Hospital	KPERS	\$1,596,632
USD 233 Olathe	KPERS	\$1,596,545
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KPERS	\$1,591,742
Judicial Branch	Judge	\$1,591,466
City of Manhattan	KP&F	\$1,590,058
USD 512 Shawnee Mission	KPERS	\$1,586,800
Riley County Law Enforcement Agency	KP&F	\$1,586,570
City of Olathe	KP&F	\$1,585,814
USD 500 Kansas City	KPERS	\$1,584,684
Johnson County	KP&F	\$1,584,151
City of Topeka	KP&F	\$1,583,563
Legislative Research Dept	KPERS	\$1,583,316
Judicial Branch	Judge	\$1,579,030
Unified Government of Wyandotte County	KP&F	\$1,577,364
Judicial Branch	Judge	\$1,575,814
Dept of Corrections	KPERS	\$1,574,326
USD 266 Maize	KPERS	\$1,573,061

## 51 Illinois Families Ask Court to Suspend School's Bathroom Policy

Heritage Foundation  
Adding to the handful of lawsuits involving transgender students across the country, lawyers representing a group of 51 families in a Chicago suburb asked a federal judge to temporarily suspend a school policy that grants a transgender student access to the girls' restrooms and locker rooms.

"Every parent sends their kids to school expecting that the school is going to protect them at the most basic level—their safety, their privacy, their dignity," Jeremy Tedesco, a lawyer representing the plaintiffs in the case, said after the hearing wrapped on Monday afternoon. "What we're asking for is a temporary injunction that will allow the girls to continue to have single-sex facilities to themselves, free from the presence of the male students while the case is pending."

Tedesco is a lawyer at the conservative nonprofit Alliance Defending Freedom, which, along with the Thomas More Society, filed a lawsuit on behalf of dozens of families from Township High School District 211 to stop the school from opening its showers and locker rooms to students of the opposite biological sex.

Township High School District 211, located in Palatine, Illinois, adopted the policy earlier this year after the Education Department, along with the Justice Department, threatened to take away the district's federal funding.

In response, a group of students and parents in the district filed a lawsuit against the Department of Education, the De-

partment of Justice, and Township High School District 211.

During the hearing, lawyers representing the the Education and Justice departments argued the concerns of these parents and students are being exaggerated.

"They've not come up with one example of concrete harm, let alone as to why they need relief now," said Sheila Lieber, according to the Chicago Tribune. "The Department of Education is not required to adhere to plaintiffs' one-dimensional definition of sex."

Monday's hearing came on the heels of a similar hearing involving North Carolina's House Bill 2 law, which requires people in the state to use bathrooms and locker rooms in schools, public universities, and other government buildings based on the gender listed on their birth certificates. The hearing also trailed a decision by the Supreme Court earlier this month that allowed a Virginia school system to temporarily keep its bathrooms segregated by biological sex.

Tedesco said both the Virginia and North Carolina cases came up during the hearing, and that they "absolutely have implications for the [District 211] case."

"The exact same factors that a court looks at for whether it will grant a preliminary injunction are the same factors the Supreme Court looks at to decide whether to issue a stay and recall the mandate," he said.

The dispute began in December 2013, when a transgender student—known as "Student A" filed a complaint with the Edu-

cation Department against Township High School District 211. Student A was born male but identifies as a female.

The complaint alleged that District 211 had discriminated against the transgender student on the basis of sex, in violation of Title IX of U.S. law, which bans discrimination on the basis of sex.

After completing an extensive investigation, the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights said on Dec. 2 that

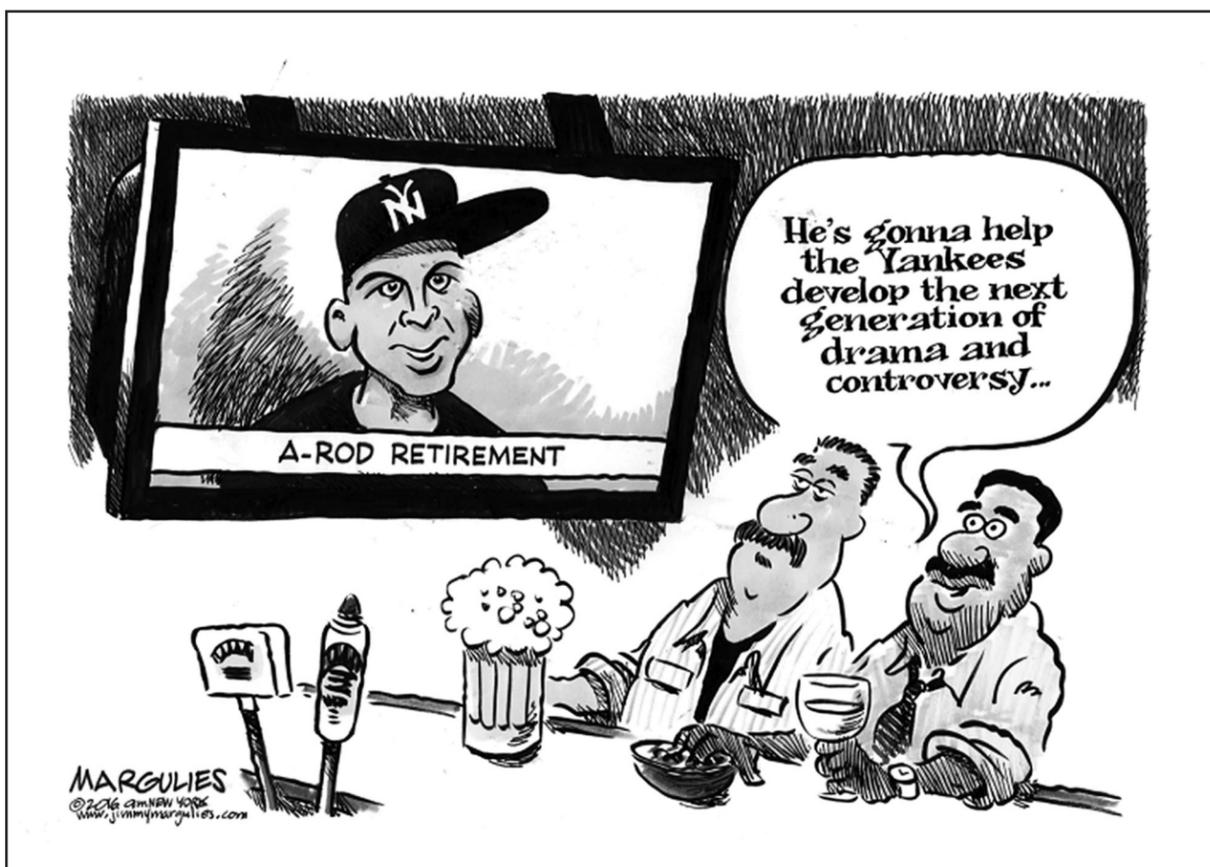
Township High School District 211 was in violation of federal law for refusing to grant Student A full access to the girls' locker room.

If the school did not amend its policies to grant Student A access to the girls' locker rooms and restrooms, the school "could potentially lose up to \$6 million in federal funding," Thomas Petersen, director of community relations at Township High School District 211, said.

The school had granted Student A some accommodations, including changing the student's name on official records, allowing the student on the girls' sports teams, and granting the student access to the girls' bathrooms. But District 211 drew the line at providing Student A unrestrained access to the girls' locker rooms because of the privacy concerns of other girls using them. Instead, the school offered Student A access to a private facility.

Tedesco said this case is particularly important among the lawsuits involving the fight between transgender and privacy rights because it's "the only case that has parents and students as plaintiffs resisting what the federal government has done."

"It's the difference between arguing in a factual vacuum and arguing with real facts, real clients, and real people who are hurt by government policies," he added.



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# There Is No War on Cops

By Tim Lynch  
CATO Institute

"We have entered an era of intense antipolice activism, led by the federal government in conjunction with agitators like Al Sharpton," Heather Mac Donald claims in her book *The War on Cops*. Just how many times have we entered this era? Twelve years before Black Lives Matter came on the scene, Mac Donald delivered a lecture at the American Enterprise Institute titled "The War on Police." Her 2003 book *Are Cops Racist?* was subtitled *How the War Against the Police Harms Black Americans*. Here we go again.

Mac Donald, who is based at the Manhattan Institute, is one of the right's most prominent voices on crime and policing, writing often for the *Wall Street Journal* opinion page and testifying frequently on crime and homeland security. Though many on the right—George Will, Ross Douthat, even Newt Gingrich—are coming around to the idea that criminal justice reform is necessary, Mac Donald is resolutely not among them. "America does not have an incarceration problem; it has a crime problem," she writes.

While some pundits use the phrase "war on cops" almost literally, with false claims that violence against cops has been surging, Mac Donald mostly leaves this idea alone, aside from one assertion that anti-cop rhetoric has "spawned riots, 'die-ins,' and the assassination of police officers." Instead she aims to push back against the critics of the criminal justice system, defending intrusive policing practices such as stop-and-frisk and calling it a "dangerous lie" that the system treats whites and blacks differently. She says we need more proactive policing and stricter incarceration practices to protect our cities from "mass destruction." For the most part, she doesn't make a very convincing case.

Let's start with stop-and-frisk. In 1968, the Supreme Court ruled that it is permissible for the police to briefly detain a pedestrian for questioning if there is "reasonable suspicion" that he might be engaged in criminal activity. To proceed from a stop to a frisk of the person's coat or pants, the police must reasonably suspect that the person is armed and dangerous.

In New York City, the number of stops climbed steadily after Rudy Giuliani was first elected mayor in 1993, growing from about 150,000 per year in the 1990s to 314,000 in 2004. In 2011, the department recorded 686,000 stops. Mac Donald believes this tactic "brought great improvement in public safety to New York," and she criticizes the civil rights groups that in 2008 challenged the legality of the policy in federal court.

One aspect of the legal challenge alleged racial bias, on the grounds that 80 percent of those stopped were black or Hispanic. In response, Mac Donald makes a fair point that police stops should not be measured against the local population data of

racial groups. Even if black men constitute, say, 15 percent of a city's population, it isn't necessarily illegal for black men to constitute, say, 70 percent of the persons stopped by police in any given year. If there's more crime in minority neighborhoods, the police can deploy more units there without racist intent.

Unfortunately, Mac Donald ignores the second basis for the legal challenge to the New York Police Department's stop and frisk policy—namely, that it systemically violates the constitutional guarantee against unreasonable searches. Mac Donald misleadingly describes the litigation as a challenge to the department's practice of "stopping, questioning, and sometimes frisking suspicious individuals." That begs the question in dispute. The complaint was that the police had been stopping people on the pretext of suspicious behavior.

In 2013, a federal district court ruled that the NYPD's tactics were unconstitutional. The court noted that cops were evaluated by their "productivity"—that is, finding contraband and making arrests. Officers were not disciplined for stops that turned up nothing, and innocent persons had no practical legal recourse for brief detentions and patdowns of their clothing. Thus, the police had job pressures to stop a lot of people, suspicious or not, to see what might turn up. That helps to explain why, of the 4.4 million police stops between January 2004 and June 2012, there was no further action taken, such as an arrest or summons, in a whopping 88 percent. Mac Donald does not address these points.

That 88 percent might actually be an underestimate, because the police do not necessarily file the proper paperwork where a questionable stop turns up nothing. Recall that when NYPD officers roughed up former tennis pro James Blake last year in a case of mistaken identity, they did not report the encounter. As far as police records showed, it never happened. Fortunately, the incident was captured by a hotel security camera and Blake's wife urged him not to drop the matter, arguing that it would highlight a type of abuse that black men had been complaining about.

On the subject of race more generally, beyond stop and frisk, Mac Donald writes with supreme confidence—more confidence than her argument warrants.

She is on solid ground some of the time, as when she debunks the liberal notion that black crime is no higher than white crime. Since "young black men commit homicide at nearly ten times the rate of young white and Hispanic males combined," she argues, "police officers are going to be sent to fight crime disproportionately in black neighborhoods." True enough, but that does not support her much more sweeping claim that there's no differential treatment by cops of blacks vs. whites.



## 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.

#### Riley County Commission Minutes

August 11, 2016

8:30 AM Call to Order

#### 1. Public Comments

#### 2. Commission Comments

#### Wilson's Comments:

Tuesday I helped with a meals on wheels delivery.

Yesterday I was contacted by two different constituents. One had complaints about a neighbor and I will meet with county staff to see what options there are for remedies. The other had concerns about parking violations near the Health Department. County staff has informed me that we started working on resolving this issue last year, but it has been on hold the past several months since our previous Health Department director stepped down.

This week I also did some reading in League of Kansas Municipalities publications.

Boyd's Comments:  
Absent.

#### Wells' Comments:

Wells said he met with Mel Van Der Stelt regarding his property and Julie Lane.

Wells discussed the KMAN radio show. Wells said he has had positive comments about not proceeding with the sale of the county properties.

#### Business Meeting

3. Amendment No. 1 to the Green-Randolph Rd. Bridge

Replacement Design Contract  
Move to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract for the design of the Fancy Creek Road Bridge Replacement with Bartlett & West, Inc.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Wells, Wilson  
ABSENT: Boyd

**(Editor's Note: The Riley County Commission Minutes withhold information every week about money being spent. All these minutes say is that the Commission approved the Amendment but not the amount. State law requires that information be included.)**

4. Memorandum of Agreement for Temporary Assistance to Geary County Special Supplemental Nutrition Program, Infants and Children (WIC)

Move to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Temporary Assistance to Geary County Special Supplemental Nutrition Program, Infants and Children (WIC) for the Health Department.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Wells, Wilson  
ABSENT: Boyd

**(Editor's Note: What kind of Assistance, money, food or personnel?)**

5. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)  
The Board of County Com-

missioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

Brittani Shank, a new hire, as a Customer Service Representative I, in the County Treasurer's Office, at a grade F step 1, at \$14.06 per hour.

Erin Cox, a Raising Riley Child Care Facilitator, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective August 19, 2016.

Kimberly Bulk, a new hire, as a Customer Service Representative I, in the Public Works-Solid Waste Department, at a grade F step 2, at \$14.55 per hour.

6. Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Raising Riley Child Care Facilitator, in the Health Department, at a grade M.

7. Discuss Joint City/County/County Meeting Agenda

Review Minutes

8. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Aug 8, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Wells, Wilson  
ABSENT: Boyd

9. Tentative Agenda

Wells asked for discussion of the Public Building Commission to be scheduled on the agenda on August 18th.

The Board agreed by consensus to schedule Discussion of the Public Building Commission on August 18th at 10:45.

10. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

11. Administrative Work Session

Cox reported the tentative date for the tax sale is Wednesday, September 28th. Cox said due to the number of parcels on the tax sale he anticipates they may need to hold the tax sale on two days due to the current 195 properties. Cox said there are 20 properties that have structures on them. Cox asked if the Board would consider giving up the Thursday, September 29th County Commission date so the Commission Chambers could be used.

The Board agreed by consensus to cancel the Thursday, September 29th meeting to allow for the Tax Sale to be conducted.

9:20 AM Barry Michie and Judy Regehr, Riley County Genealogical Society

12. Riley County Genealogical Society

Michie thanked the Board for the opportunity to present before them the history of the partnership between the Board of County Commissioners, the Genealogical Society, and the J.E. Platt House.

Schuley presented a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the J.E. Platt House and partnership with Riley County.

Michie asked, if the property is sold, will the lease be valid with a new owner in all aspects of the terms and conditions?

Holeman replied yes.

Michie asked if the Board would be willing to put contingencies into the conditions of the sale for us to stay in the Platt House.

Wilson said the Board would honor the lease, including requiring potential buyers to continue the current lease for the full term or possibly longer.

Wells said he opposes the sale of the property and will do so in the Board meeting on Monday, August 15th.

Michie asked if there would be efforts to assist the Genealogical Society in relocating, since they have no where else to go.

Wells stated the Genealogical Society is a large asset for our community, he would be inclined to transfer the deed to the Genealogical Society.

Regehr asked if the Board would consider a covenant on the sale.

Wells stated he would support it.

Wells said he would not support the sale of the facility.

Holeman said a covenant would be binding on the property.

Michie asked if they could continue to be part of the discussion on the future of the Platt House and our role in it.

Wilson stated the Board would do better in the future to notify them of the discussion.

Wilson said the issue has come up quickly, because the

issue has gotten tied up in the lease agreement for the new EMS facility on KSU property in cooperation with the City of Manhattan.

Wells stated he does not want to be held hostage in the move of the EMS facility being tied to the sale of the County property.

9:45 AM Craig Cox, Deputy County Counselor

13. Sexually Violent Predator Hearing Costs

Cox discussed the sexually violent predator hearing cost regarding the Nathan Greene case in November 23, 2009. Cox said Counsel recommends payment to the Office of Administrative Hearings for services rendered in the Nathan Greene case.

Wells asked, why do we pay State taxes?

Move to approve the Nathan Greene "Statement of Services Rendered" submitted by the Office of Administrative Hearings.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Wells, Wilson  
ABSENT: Boyd

10:00 AM Jan Scheideman, Raising Riley Supervi-

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

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

14. Health Department July Budget Review & Report to the Board of Health

Scheideman presented the Health Department July budget review and report to the Board of Health.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Wells, Wilson  
ABSENT: Boyd

10:30 AM Budget and Planning Committee - Tami Robison, Budget and Finance Officer

15. August Monthly Cash Flow Reports

Robison presented the August monthly cash flow reports. Van Der Stelt discussed various issues.

10:40 AM Adjournment

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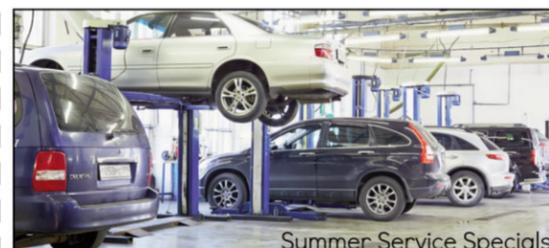
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## MINUTES CITY COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Mayor Usha Reddi and Commissioners Michael L. Dodson, Wynn Butler, and Karen McCulloh were present. Also present were the City Manager Ron R. Fehr, Assistant City Manager Kiel Mangus, Legal Counsel Bill Frost, City Clerk Gary S. Fees, 6 staff, and approximately 35 interested citizens.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Reddi led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Reddi proclaimed August 3, 2016, Professional Engineers Day. Michael Heigert, Alfred Benesch & Company; Nathan Bergman, Bartlett & West; Thaniel Monaco, BG Consultants; Buck Driggs, Driggs Design Group; Mark Bachamp, Olsson Associates; Brad Ross, Gerit Garman, Hillary Velasco, Jared Rogers, and Tom Orazem, Orazem & Scalora; Jennifer Hancock and Brett Louk, SMH Consultants; Rob Ott, Brian Johnson, Karen Becker, and BJ Edmonston, City of Manhattan; Tom Roberts, Vice President, National Society of Professional Engineers, and several other local engineers were present to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Reddi proclaimed August 6, 2016, Water Safari and Water Matters Day. Rod Harms, President Elect; Andy Hutchinson and Rory Peddicord, Event Co-Chairs and Members, Konza Rotary; and Angie Sutton, Public Relations Director, Manhattan Parks & Recreation Department, were present to receive the proclamation.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Richard Hill, representing

Landlords of Manhattan, informed the City Commission that he has previously stated that he had a problem with the agenda items that are not made available to the public until the Friday before the Commission meetings. He stated that there is not sufficient time to review and comment, and asked that this information be available to the public at least two weeks in advance of an ordinance going to the Commission for a vote. He voiced his concerns with the recent downzoning action and asked why a nonconforming letter or certificate was not developed for properties. He also reiterated concerns that he expressed earlier to the Commission regarding the anti-discrimination ordinance and the need to provide definitions regarding the appointment process of the judge and the importance that this person have the proper legal knowledge. Finally, he informed the Commission that he is not getting cooperation with City staff on receiving rental inspection ordinance information in a timely manner.

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

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner McCulloh stated that she recently visited the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque, Iowa. She reminded the community that with your membership with the Flint Hills Discovery Center and Sunset Zoo, there are reciprocal membership benefits that can save you money when you attend other participating museums and zoos.

Commissioner Butler stated that he attended the booth hosted by City staff at the Riley County Fair with information about the sales tax initiative for road maintenance. He voiced concern with the additional sales tax for roads ballot question in November and at the same time, the difficulty to support a 1.5 mill levy increase through the City budget process, especially given the

overall increase in assessments. He stated that the two items are not compatible.

Commissioner Dodson reminded the community that as we welcome the students attending Kansas State University and all our students going back to school, to be mindful especially of the little ones traveling to and from school and, to allow more time and to be patient when driving on the roadways.

Mayor Reddi informed the community of several events that were happening in Manhattan including movie night at the Sunset Zoo for members featuring Kung Fu Panda on Thursday, August 4, 2016; Water Safari and Konza Rotary's Water Matters Day at Sunset Zoo on Saturday, August 6, 2016; Everybody Counts event at the Douglass Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 6, 2016; and the Brew2Shoe running events and Rhythm & Brews activities during the day at the Wefald Pavilion and to enjoy the bands during the evening at City Park, also on Saturday, August 6, 2016. She stated there would not be a City Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, and encouraged everyone to have fun at the pools.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided an update on the pool hours for City Pool, Northview Pool and CiCo Pool. He stated that CiCo and Northview Pools will close the weekend of August 13, 2016, with Pet Poolooza scheduled at CiCo Pool on August 14, 2016. He stated that City Pool will remain open with limited hours from August 15 through September 5, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays, with twilight swim rates, and from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends with regular admission.

### CONSENT AGENDA (\* denotes those items discussed)

#### MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

#### CLAIMS REGISTER NO.

#### 2827

The Commission approved Claims Register No. 2827 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from July 13, 2016, to July 26, 2016, in the amount of \$3,067,522.67.

#### LICENSE

The Commission approved an annual Cereal Malt Beverages Off-Premises License for Hy-Vee Gas, 206 Leavenworth Street.

#### FINAL PLAT - KIMBALL PLACE ADDITION, UNIT THREE

The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of Kimball Place Addition, Unit Three, generally located to the southwest of the intersection of Laramie Street and North Manhattan Avenue, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

#### FINAL PLAT - LEGACY RIDGE

The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of Legacy Ridge, generally located south of the intersection of Grand Mere Parkway and Mackintosh Court, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

#### AGREEMENT - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BLOWER BUILDING NO. 1 HVAC (SS1611, CIP #WW131E)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for professional services in an amount not to exceed \$16,700.00, with Bartlett & West, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Building No. 1 heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) Replacement Project (SS1611, CIP #WW131E).

#### AWARD CONTRACT - LANSLOWNE, UNIT 3 - SANITARY SEWER (SS1604), WATER (WA1603), AND STREET (ST1602) IMPROVE-

#### MENTS

The Commission accepted the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost in the amount of \$283,396.25; awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$231,981.81 to Bayer Construction, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the construction contract for the Lansdowne, Unit 3, Sanitary Sewer (SS1604), Water (WA1603), and Street (ST1602) Improvements.

#### \* AWARD CONTRACT - CDBG PUBLIC SQUARE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT (CD1516)

Karen Davis, Director of

Community Development, provided additional information on the sidewalk replacement and extent of sidewalk repairs planned for the Public Square project using Community Development Block Grant funds.

The Commission accepted the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost in the amount of \$111,873.00 for the Base Bid and \$2,625.00 for Bid Alternate No. 1, for a total probable cost in the amount of \$114,498.00; awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$78,558.74 for the Base Bid, and \$2,868.60 for Bid Alternate No. 1, for a total contract amount of \$81,427.34

See City page 10

## Help Wanted

Part time cook at the Riley County Seniors' Services Center 3 hours per day M-F. Benefits are sick leave, holidays, paid vacation. Application and job description at the Senior Center, 301 N 4th St., Manhattan, KS or send resume to 401 Houston, Manhattan KS 66502 Call 1-800-432-2703 for information. EOE/AA

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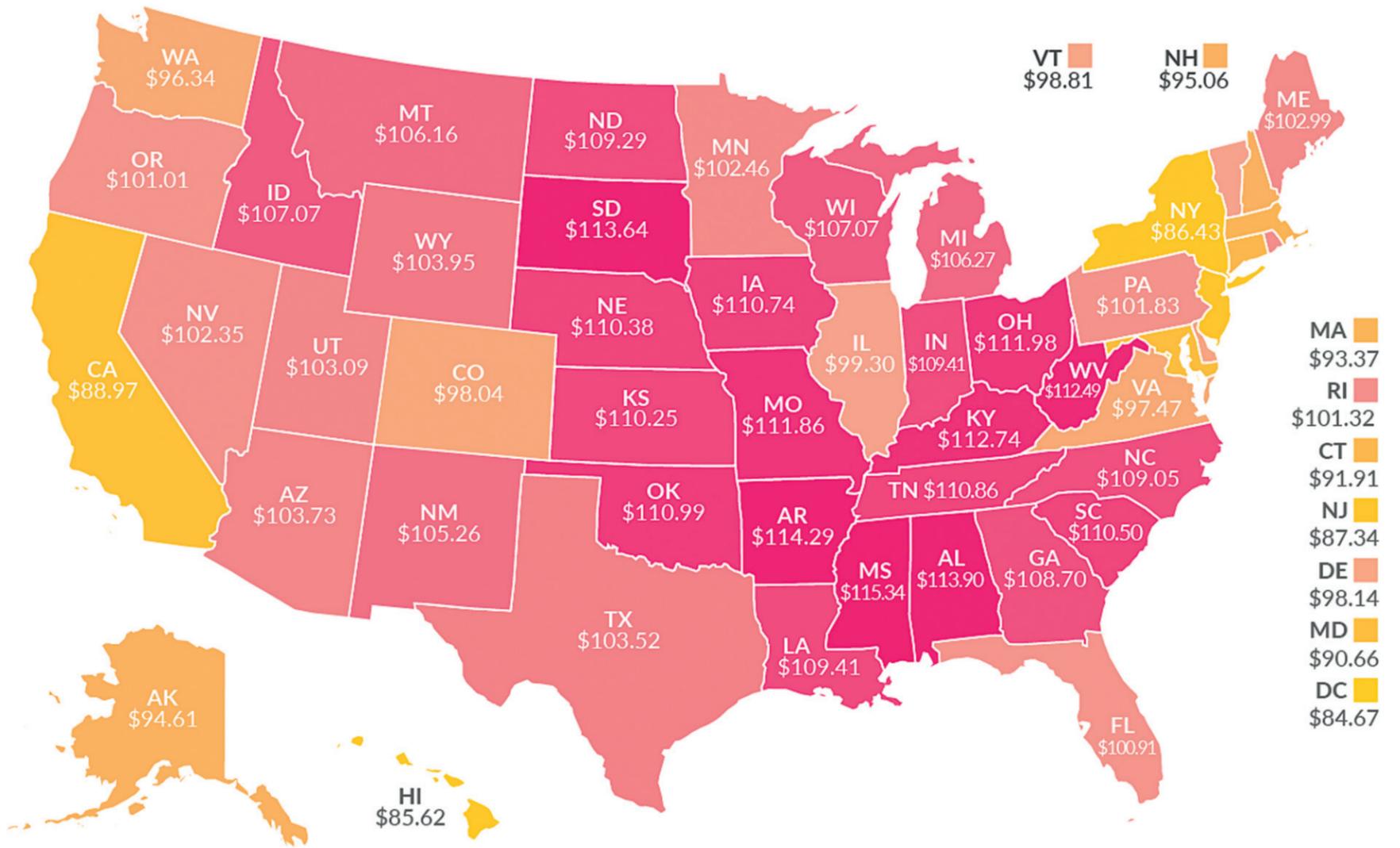
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# Kansas state employee health insurance costs to rise for thousands

TOPEKA (AP) Health insurance premiums for thousands of state government employees in Kansas would rise under fee schedules developed for 2017, state documents showed Thursday.

The State Employee Health Plan administered by the Kansas Department of Health

and Environment is applicable to workers throughout state government and includes people employed at public universities and colleges.

Under basic health policies available through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas and Aetna, monthly rates for indi-

vidual policies with low- and high-deductible plans would rise 9 percent. The monthly cost of health insurance for state workers in the employee-and-children plans also would be subject to a 9 percent increase.

Health premiums for employees enrolled in the family

plan and the spouse plan options would escalate by 30 percent.

Workers with an employee-only plan would for the first time be required to pay for coverage through Delta Dental at \$12 per month.

The cost of vision insurance through the state for these em-

ployees would remain flat, said Cassie Sparks, a spokeswoman for the state's health agency.

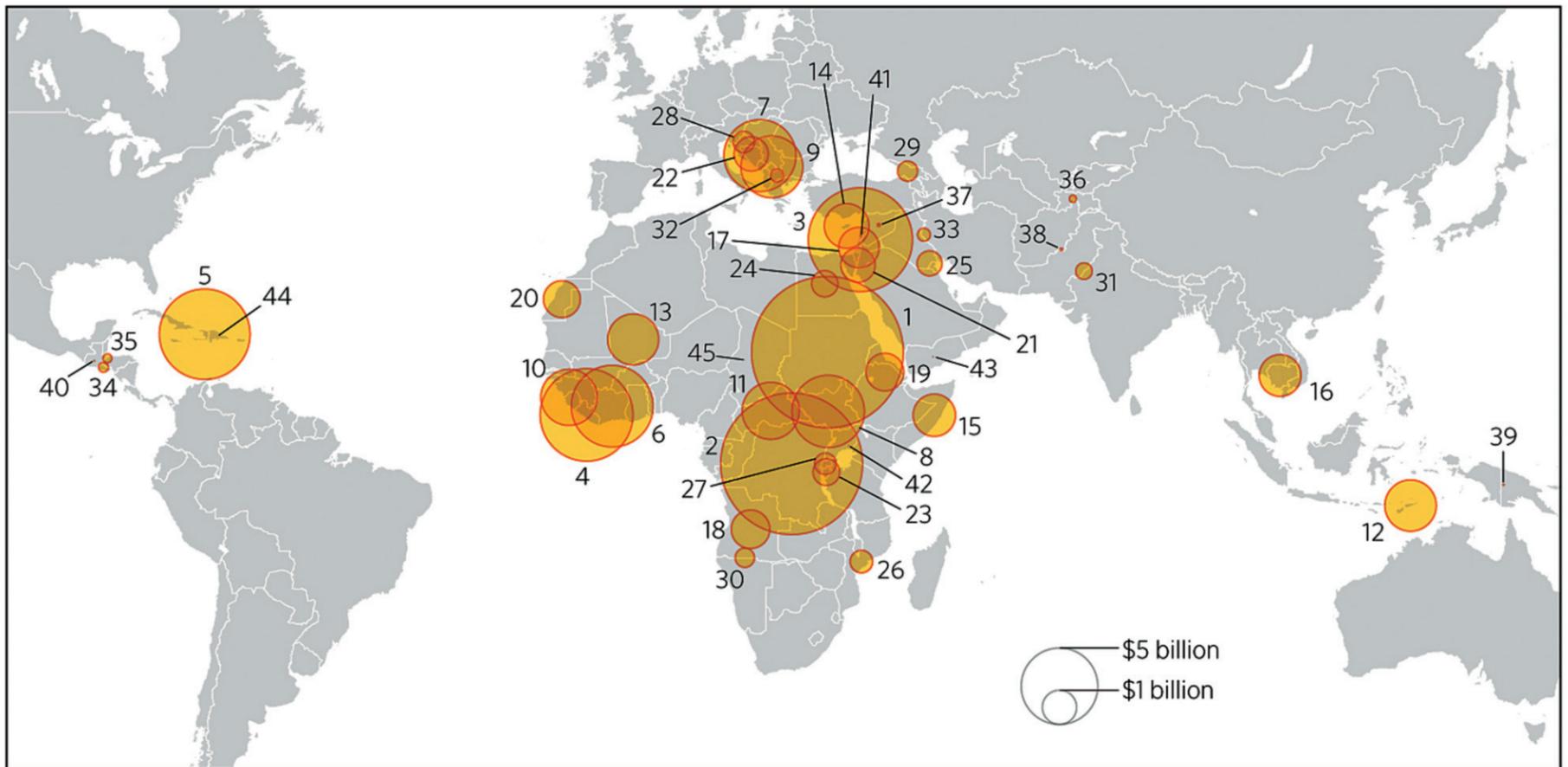
"Health care costs and insurance premiums continue to increase across the nation," Sparks said. "The Kansas Health Care Commission looked at state plan utilization

and trends to determine the necessary plan and contribution adjustments necessary for both the employer and the employee."

Premiums for dental coverage among employees who choose the spouse, children or family options would more or less double.

MAP 1

## U.N. Spending on Peacekeeping Operations, 1948–Current



Area	Total Spending	Area	Total Spending
1 Sudan	\$20,021,059,400	24 Egypt	\$660,700,000
2 Dem. Rep. Congo	\$17,523,061,500	25 Iraq/Kuwait border	\$600,000,000
3 Southern Lebanon	\$9,515,697,550	26 Mozambique	\$492,600,000
4 Liberia	\$7,575,500,530	27 Rwanda	\$453,900,000
5 Haiti	\$7,235,676,600	28 Croatia	\$450,662,000
6 Côte d'Ivoire	\$5,924,980,100	29 Georgia	\$396,860,000
7 South Sudan	\$4,669,156,900	30 Namibia and Angola	\$368,600,000
8 Yugoslavia	\$4,616,725,556	31 India/Pakistan border	\$276,220,425
9 Kosovo	\$3,427,176,000	32 Macedonia	\$185,000,000
10 Central African Republic	\$2,934,091,200	33 Iran and Iraq	\$177,900,000
11 Sierra Leone	\$2,853,600,000	34 El Salvador	\$107,700,000
12 East Timor	\$2,382,297,900	35 Central America	\$92,400,000
13 Mali	\$2,356,007,500	36 Tajikistan	\$63,000,000
14 Cyprus	\$1,822,941,757	37 Syria	\$16,800,000
15 Somalia	\$1,642,900,000	38 Afghanistan and Pakistan	\$14,000,000
16 Cambodia	\$1,600,000,000	39 Western New Guinea	\$5,505,833
17 Golan	\$1,509,433,614	40 Guatemala	\$3,900,000
18 Angola	\$1,373,103,500	41 Beirut	\$3,700,000
19 Ethiopia and Eritrea	\$1,320,000,000	42 Uganda	\$2,300,000
20 Western Sahara	\$1,255,915,013	43 Yemen	\$1,800,000
21 Middle East	\$1,101,205,650	44 Dominican Republic	\$275,831
22 Bosnia and Herzegovina	\$1,094,056,917	45 Chad	\$64,471
23 Burundi	\$678,300,000	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$108,806,775,747</b>

**NOTES:** Financial data are presented in current dollars because U.N. data for annual costs of older operations was not available. Financial data include approved resources through June 30, 2016 for active peacekeeping operations. For UNTSO (Middle East) and UNMOGIP (India/Pakistan border), financial data include one quarter of the approved regular budget resources for the 2016–2017 biennium.

**SOURCE:** Author's calculations based on research of United Nations documents. See appendix.

## Whistleblower walked out of troubled Social Security office

### By Watchdog

MADISON, Wis. — The whistleblower who turned to federal investigators and Wisconsin Watchdog to report claims of rampant corruption and cover-up in the Social Security Administration was placed on administrative leave Friday morning — hours after she went public with more allegations.

Deborah Holland, a manager at the Madison Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, was walked out of her office by two armed security guards, at the request of the local ODAR's chief Administrative Law Judge Debra Meachum.

Meachum told the long-time SSA employee she is being removed from her management position and stripped of all supervisory duties and placed on administrative leave for the rest

of day. Holland is being made a project manager for the Chicago Region 5 office, working under the same administrators she has testified against and who, she claims, have protected Madison Hearing Office Director Laura Hodorowicz and staff manager Wayne Gentz.

"This isn't just retaliation against me ... it's a clear ploy to protect Wayne (Gentz) when he appears in court a week from today," Holland told Wisconsin Watchdog. "They want him to say that I was removed so he can use that in his defense."

On Thursday, Holland sought and received a temporary restraining order against Gentz. He has a "lengthy history of aggressive" and threatening behavior toward ODAR staff members, Holland and other whistleblowers told Wisconsin Watchdog. Some of those accusations are documented in re-

ports to the SSA's Office of Inspector General, which is conducting an investigation into complaints of misconduct and retaliation at the Madison office, and the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which has opened an inquiry into Milwaukee and Madison ODAR operations.

"In my mind this is clearly retaliatory in a number of ways and this recording will prove that," Holland said.

Holland recorded her exchange with Meachum. In the audio, the judge advises Holland she is being placed on administrative leave because of the restraining order and because "the number of things that have happened require an independent investigation."

"Management has concerns about the tone and the comments of your emails, which are demanding with ultimatums

and threatening," Meachum tells Holland.

And then the judge makes it clear she doesn't like this whistleblower talking to federal investigators, Senate committees and the press.

"I can't always trust in your ability to keep sensitive information confidential," Meachum said, adding that "other employees in office have alleged that you are creating a hostile work environment for them."

Perhaps those "other employees" include Hodorowicz, who is accused of bribing and punishing employees to hide corruption in the office. Or maybe Administrative Law Judge John Pleuss, who is accused of sexually harassing staff members for years and who was found to have written grossly inappropriate comments about disability

claimants who have appealed their cases before him.

Meachum seems to lose her cool after Holland tells her that supervisors have ignored or swept under the rug myriad complaints from employees.

"I understand you have many complaints. I understand you claim you have whistleblower status," Meachum says.

"It's not a claim, I have whistleblower status," Holland responds.

She does. Going all the way back to August 2015. When she filed her first complaint with OIG, she officially became a whistleblower, accorded protections and rights under federal law that apparently the SSA has failed to recognize.

Meachum then tells Holland there have been "so many allegations and threats, not only by you but towards you, that we need to do an investigation."

"So you are aware of threats toward me and you have not advised me of that until right now?" Holland incredulously asks.

"I'm telling you right now," Meachum responds.

"So why aren't you guys taking action to address those threats?" Holland asks.

"We are taking action, would you just please comply with my request and stop causing trouble?" Meachum responds, attempting to cut off Holland's line of questioning.

Meanwhile, the investigation into the Madison office continues.

Holland believes Friday was the first step in the agency attempting to move out — and eventually fire — an employee the SSA sees as "causing trouble."

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to R.M. Baril General Contractor, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the construction contract for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Square Sidewalk Replacement Project (CD1516).

**REJECT BIDS – CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM – 1211 COLORADO STREET**

The Commission rejected the bids for repairs to 1211 Colorado Street.

**PURCHASE - WASTE-WATER TREATMENT PLANT - SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES AND INSTALLATIONS (SS1626, CIP #WW145E)**

The Commission authorized the City Manager to purchase Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Hardware and Software Upgrades and Installations for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (SS1626, CIP #WW145E) from R.E. Pedrotti, Inc., of Mission, Kansas, in the amount of \$58,950.00, to be paid from the Wastewater Fund.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

The Commission approved appointments by Mayor Reddi to various boards and committees of the City.

City-University Special Projects Fund Committee

Re-appointment of Mike Dillon, 2823 Illinois Lane, to a two-year Citizen term. Mr. Dillon's term begins immediately, and will expire June 30, 2018.

Re-appointment of Jeff Koenig, 718 Whitetail Pass, to a two-year Citizen term. Mr. Koenig's term begins immediately, and will expire June 30, 2018.

Re-appointment of Michael Silva, 229 Harvey Drive, to a two-year Citizen term. Mr. Silva's term begins immediately, and will expire June 30, 2018.

Social Services Advisory Board

Appointment of Alexandria Puderbaugh, 1120 Pierre Street, to fill the unexpired term of Shelley Carver. Ms. Puderbaugh's term begins immediately, and will expire June 30, 2018.

After discussion, Commissioner McCulloh moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Dodson seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

**FIRST READING - ANNEX/REZONE - LOT 1,**

**BLUEVILLE NURSERY SUBDIVISION (COUNTY C-4, HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO C-5, HIGHWAY SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT)**

Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, presented an overview of the item. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the area to be annexed.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, highlighted the boundary area of the Transportation Development District (TDD) and the potential expansion of the boundary in the future.

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, and Brian Johnson, City Engineer, provided additional information on the C-5 area.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner Dodson moved to approve first reading of an ordinance annexing Lot 1, Blueville Nursery Addition, an approximate 8.2-acre lot located southwest of the intersection of Kimball Avenue/Scenic Drive and Anderson Avenue, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan, the Growth Vision, and the Capital Improvements Program, and ap-

prove first reading of an ordinance rezoning Lot 1, Blueville Nursery Addition, from County C-4, Highway Business District, to C-5, Highway Service Commercial District, based on the findings in the Staff Report and the recommendation of the Planning Board. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 080216-A – SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE – BLUEVILLE NURSERY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (TDD)**

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, provided a brief overview of the item.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After discussion, Commissioner Dodson moved to find the petition sufficient, and approve Resolution No. 080216-A setting September 6, 2016, as the date for a public hearing relative to the creation of the Blueville Nursery TDD. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

**FIRST READING - REZONE - 2815 AMHERST AVENUE (PUD, COMMERCIAL**

**PLANNED UNIT DISTRICT, TO C-5, HIGHWAY SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT)**

Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, presented an overview of the item. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding road access and provided clarification changing from a PUD, Commercial Planned Unit District, to a C-5, Highway Service Commercial District.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After discussion, Commissioner Butler moved to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning 2815 Amherst Avenue from PUD, Commercial Planned Unit Development, to C-5 Highway Service Commercial District, based on the findings in the Staff Report (See Attachment No. 2) and the recommendation of the Planning Board. Commissioner Dodson seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

**FIRST READING - AMEND FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - BRIARVIEW OFFICE PARK COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT**

Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, presented an overview of the item. He highlighted the site plan, building elevation plans, overall site planting plan, parking and vehicular circulation, and a map of neighborhood. He then responded to questions from the Commission and provided clarification on the proposed building plans.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner Dodson moved to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance Nos. 4093 and 7069 and the Final Development Plan of Briarview Office Park Commercial Planned Unit Development, for Lot R.P. 1, University Heights Addition, First Unit, located at 200 Research Drive, as proposed, based on the findings in the Staff Report (See Attachment No. 3), with the six (6) conditions of approval, as recommended by the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board. Commissioner McCulloh seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

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\$301,000. This decrease is related to the savings the City has experienced by refunding bond issues to obtain lower interest rates on outstanding debt.

### Enterprise Funds

Rate increases in the Water Fund have occurred annually since 2008 and are forecasted to increase again in 2017. Rate increases in the Wastewater Fund also have occurred annually since 2009 in order to meet the requirements of community-wide growth, complying with new federal mandates for nitrate phosphorus removal, and to ensure operational funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion and other related projects. A three percent increase is forecasted for 2017 in all utility funds.

### 2017 Growth in Assessed

### Valuation and New Improvements

Since 2003, the City's assessed valuation has almost doubled—from \$270,999,023 (population 46,803) to \$539,378,163 in 2017 (estimated population close to 57,000). In 2003, the mill levy rate approved by the City Commission stood at 44.388. For 2017, City Administration is proposing a mill levy rate of 48.451.

In the lay decade, the City's tax base has increased by \$117,690,278 in new improvements throughout the community, which underscores the unprecedented growth that continues in Manhattan.

Please recall that of the total property tax bill paid by both residential and commercial property owners, less than one-third goes to basic City services

that are controlled by the City Manager and influenced by the City Commission. For 2017, the proposed increase in total City property taxes for a typical residential homeowner is anticipated to be about

\$35. For a small commercial enterprise, that increase is anticipated to be about \$505.

Since the fourth budget work session City Administration reduced the unrestricted cash reserves in the Bond and Interest Fund by \$141,200 to achieve the published mill levy rate of 48.451 or a 1.500 increase over 2016. In addition, several Commissioners requested City Administration look at lowering the mill levy further to a 1.0 mill levy increase. Attachment 6 illustrates a variety of recommended CIP adjustments that

includes moving items from 2017 to 2018, providing alternative funding instead of using property taxes (includes use of some remaining 2002-2012 Economic Development funds), as well as reduction in scope for Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Finance, Fire and Airport totaling \$276,000 which should lower the proposed mill levy increase to just under 1.0 mills.

Furthermore, a couple of Commissioners requested consideration for lowering the mill levy by another mill in order to produce a flat mill levy which only captures the overall growth valuation. Attachment 7 provides two options that could be taken to achieve that level. Option 1 further reduces the reserves in the Bond and Interest Fund as well as pro-

vides an alternative revenue transfer using Economic Development Infrastructure funds to pay a one-time debt service payment.

Option 2 makes pro rata percentage cuts in Departmental Operating budgets with Parks and Recreation, Fire and Public Works receiving the most impact for \$539,000 in reductions. Neither of these options is recommended by City Administration, but if a majority of the Commissioners approve of further reductions, City Administration would prefer Option 1 or some other combination to further reduce or delay CIP items, or use alternative revenues versus operational cuts.

### FINANCING

There are numerous revenue sources that make up the 2017

City Budget. Please recall that about 80% of all revenues supporting the annual City Budget come from beginning fund balances, sales taxes, property taxes, franchise fees, and enterprise fund charges (water, wastewater, and stormwater).

### ALTERNATIVES

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

Conduct a public hearing, and approve first readings of the 2017 City Budget ordinance and an ordinance amending the Employee Benefits Contribution Fund.

Conduct a public hearing and modify the 2017 City Budget and Employee Benefits Contribution Fund.

Conduct a public hearing and table the issue.

# Coalition Urges Congress to Sue Obama Before He Gives Away Control of Internet

### Heritage Foundation

Arguing that internet freedom and the constitutional power of the purse are at risk, a coalition of more than two dozen civil society groups and activists are calling on Congress to lawyer up and sue the Obama administration.

The Commerce Department has violated federal law, the coalition of groups argued in an Aug. 10 letter to lawmakers, by finalizing plans to relinquish U.S. control of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority.

Though led by digital specific interest group TechFreedom, the coalition includes a number of different organizations like Heritage Action for America and Americans for Tax Reform. And they all argue that more than just internet regulation is at issue.

In policy riders attached to

two separate spending bills, Congress prohibited the executive branch from using taxpayer funding to surrender control of the internet. By using government resources to prepare to hand off control this September, the coalition argues that the administration violated the spending directive and federal law. Now they want Congress to sue.

"We agree that internet governance should work from the bottom up, driven by the global community of private sector, civil society, and technical stakeholders," the coalition wrote. "Without robust safeguards though, internet governance could fall under the sway of governments hostile to freedoms protected by the First Amendment."

A California nonprofit is in-

vested with what's called Internet Assigned Numbers Authority, IANA, allowing it to curate a registry of the world's websites.

That body, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, or ICANN, has operated under direct supervision of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration since 1998.

But the Obama administration announced two years ago that it intended to transfer that stewardship to a "global multi-stakeholder community." Though Congress has acted twice to stop that effort, the administration moved forward with the transition plan.

U.S. supervision of ICANN and IANA is set to expire Sept. 30 and government officials argue that Congress only prohibited them from completing the transaction before that deadline.

After consulting "informally with both the House and the Senate" last year, a National Telecommunications and Information Administration administrator, Lawrence Strickling, concluded that Congress had not intended to leave the agency "like our hands are tied."

"That's not how our system works," The Heritage Foundation's Brett Schaefer, who also

signed the Aug. 10 letter, told The Daily Signal. "Because there are check and balances, Congress has exercised a check by adopting that appropriations rider and the president signed it into law."

Now Schaefer accuses "the administration of trying to circumvent the law" by moving forward with the transition.

Republicans have made similar arguments before. The party's 2016 platform accuses President Barack Obama of "throwing the internet to the wolves" by sanctioning the transition. And several Republican senators and representatives publicly oppose it.

Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia and Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, who chair the House and Senate Judiciary committees, respectively, came out in opposition to the transfer this June, citing unanswered legal, constitutional, and human rights questions.

"The U.S. has served as a critical and responsible backstop against censorship and threats to openness and free speech on the internet. As a result, the internet has thrived," Goodlatte told The Daily Signal. "The future of the internet as a medium for free speech, the flow of ideas, and global commerce is at stake, and must

be protected."

But under the Obama administration's plan, Goodlatte said he's "extremely concerned" about the future of the World Wide Web.

To halt the transition, the TechFreedom-led coalition urged congressional leaders to file suit against the White House like Republicans did in 2014 while challenging provisions of Obamacare.

"Suing to enforce the appropriations riders and extending it through [fiscal year] 2017 are amply justified by the extraor-

inary importance of the constitutional principle at stake," the coalition letter said.

Berin Szóka, president of TechFreedom, argued that that inaction could do irreparable harm to Congress and the Constitution.

"If they don't stand up for themselves here, they will regret it in the future," Szóka told The Daily Signal. "Future congresses will find that the power of the purse has been diminished and there's one fewer restraint upon the power of the imperial presidency."



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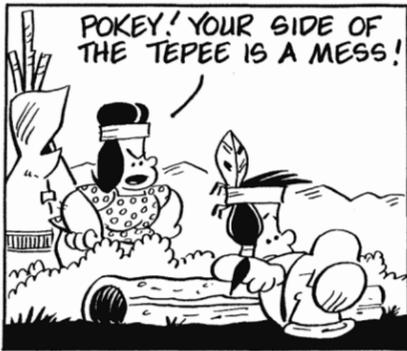
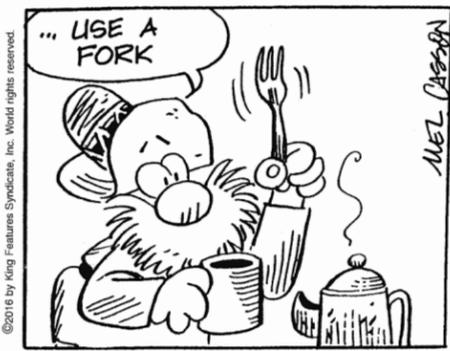
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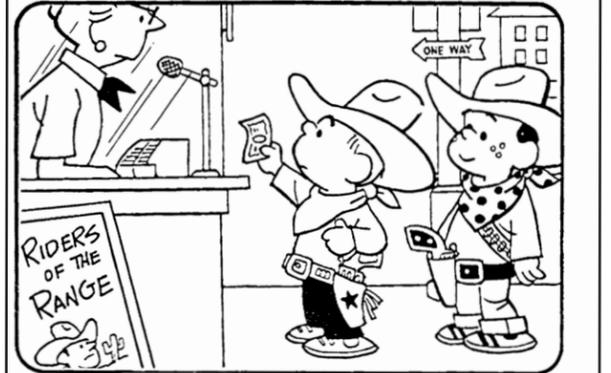
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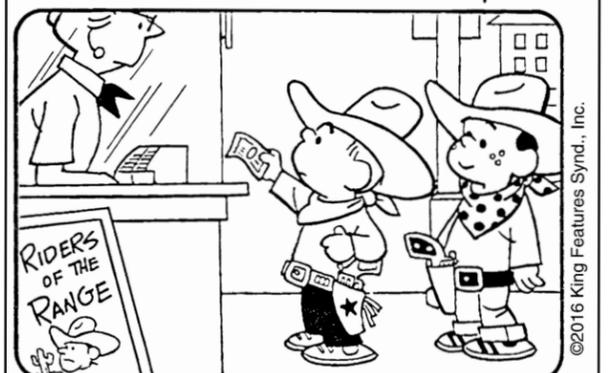
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# Missouri regulators question proposed KCP&L, Westar merger

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Questions over whether the proposed \$12.2 billion merger of Westar Energy and Kansas City Power & Light is detrimental to utility customers could lead to possible rejection by Missouri regulators.

Missouri-based Great Plains Energy announced in May that it had reached an agreement to purchase Kansas-based Westar Energy and consolidate operations to serve 1.5 million customers on both sides of the state line.

The future of that plan appears to hinge in large part on whether the transaction would harm customers and whether Westar, Kansas' dominant utility company, technically is a

"public utility" under Missouri law, The Wichita Eagle (<http://bit.ly/2aN3jWW>) reported.

If the Missouri Public Service Commission claims jurisdiction and decides the sale would hurt the state's electric customers, it could quash the deal.

The commission's staff says job cuts and possible outsourcing could harm customers if the deal goes through. The staff also claims Great Plains violated a 2001 agreement with the agency that it wouldn't acquire any public utilities without commission approval.

Great Plains counters that combining the two companies would benefit customers on

both sides of the state line. Great Plains also insists it doesn't need Missouri approval of the deal because Westar isn't a public utility under Missouri law.

The Public Service Commission closed a staff investigation into the transaction last week and invited its staff to file a formal case challenging the merger if it thinks the deal would hurt customers.

James Owen, acting director of Missouri's Office of Public Counsel, said he believes commission staff will file a challenge, but if not, Owen said his

office will.

In Missouri, the public counsel represents the interests of residential and small-business utility customers, similar to the role of the Kansas Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board.

Commission staff said it sees the potential for two main problems that could hurt customers and the state's economy if the sale goes through.

First, Great Plains would be spending a huge amount of money — including paying off \$3.6 billion in Westar debt — for the company, which could hurt Great Plains' credit rating and force customers to pay higher

rates for the company to borrow money.

The deal also could lead to layoffs, outsourcing and possibly degraded service as Great Plains tries to capture savings from the merger, the staff report said.

"At this time, Staff maintains that all of the known evidence supports a determination that the proposed transaction is detrimental to the public interest and ought not to be permitted to go forward," the report concluded.

The acquisition first has to be approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission, but Great

Plains has asserted from the start that it doesn't need Missouri's permission.

The Kansas commission has until April to make a decision and said last week that it will require Great Plains to prove the deal will benefit utility customers.

Missouri's utility staff argues that a 2001 agreement that allowed Great Plains to incorporate as a utility holding company requires Public Service Commission approval before Great Plains buys other public utilities.

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



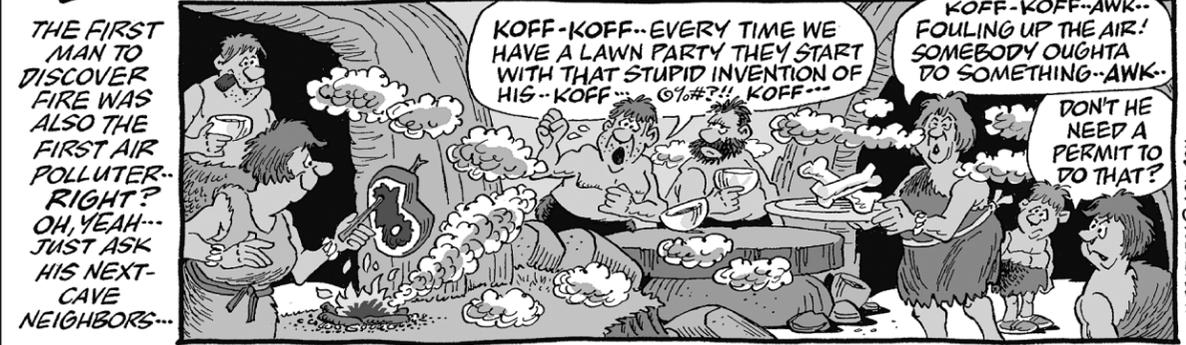
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Venue: Finney County Historical Museum  
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## Black Lives Matter event ends in chaos

TOPEKA (AP) A community meeting intended to recognize that black lives — and all lives — matter ended abruptly Friday after angry participants critical of law enforcement drowned out remarks from Topeka's chief of police.

The Topeka Police Department later issued a directive for two units to respond to all calls for the remainder of the shift "to ensure officer safety."

The Rev. T.D. Hicks, pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, asked for calm but finally announced the meeting had ended when order couldn't be restored. The meeting of 200 people at New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2801 S.E. Indiana, ended about halfway through the program's schedule.

Hicks asked those who attended the meeting to leave the church, but about 50 people remained in the parking lot for at least 30 minutes with a physical altercation occurring between two men. Church elders asked people to leave. Several Topeka police units arrived, with officers exiting their vehicles and standing silently to the side.

Trouble first began during Police Chief James Brown's remarks.

Brown was interrupted as he read from prepared remarks noting the police department's efforts to engage with members of the community in a positive manner, touting community policing officers' work and recent "coffee with a cop" events among others.

"TPD believes in treating all people with dignity and respect," Brown said, and a man sitting at the back of the room laughed loudly.

The man, Timothy Smith, of St. Louis, interjected comments as Brown spoke. Seconds later, a young woman with Lawrence community organizer Caleb Stephens' group stood up and began yelling. Some older attendees asked her to calm down, and a man loudly asked her to stop cursing.

Stephens and Smith added their voices to hers, saying she should be allowed to "speak her pain."

Hicks, who served as the event's moderator, tried to restore order, asking that Brown be allowed to finish speaking.

Brown and Shawnee County Sheriff Herman Jones left the dais to speak with Smith, and Hicks soon announced the program would end, saying he regretted that "people were talking and not hearing each other."

Hicks asked people to exit the church. Within a few minutes, most people had done so, including Stephens and Smith. Many lingered in the parking lot. As Smith began speaking to a reporter, several people drew closer to listen.

With perspiration drenching his face during the interview, Smith railed against the event. He said Brown's remarks were scripted and not heartfelt. Smith called all of the event's speakers "liars."

"I'm tired of listening to liars, whether they wear clergy collars or a badge," he said.

A man pushed through the listeners to tell the reporter his son was the victim of a recent homicide in Topeka. His voice was charged with emotion as he confronted Smith. The two men began shoving each other. Men who appeared to be church members designated as

event security separated them.

Minutes later, a police squad car pulled into the church parking lot. At least five other police patrol vehicles were parked on streets surrounding New Mount Zion church as people continued to leave the parking lot.

A reporter later was asked to leave by a church elder who said Smith, Stephens and others wouldn't leave while media remained.

Police watch commander Lt. Chris Heaven said he issued a directive for at least two units to respond to all calls through the end of the shift "to ensure officer safety." He said he issued the order in response to "outside agitators" disrupting the peaceful meeting at the church.

Topekan Allison Bugg was upset and angry when she left.

She attended with her husband, Walt Bugg, and mother-in-law, and as the meeting started, she said there appeared to be two agendas being followed by two different groups.

"It was like there were two completely different agendas going on," she said. "One that

wanted to hear what the leaders had to say, and then you had this other group that had their own agenda to just be disruptive."

Bugg, who is a white woman married to a black man, with children who are biracial, said most of the disruption occurred when Brown spoke.

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## Fan Appreciation Day At KSU



Coach Snyder speaking at Fan Appreciation Day

Hearing Voice of the Wildcats Wyatt Thompson belt out, "Kansas State football is back!" gave some fans all the satisfaction they needed from the event. It served as a reminder of how close Wildcat fans are to football, which begins for K-State at Stanford on Friday, September 2.

The fresh slate offers fans plenty to dream about for the season. Plus, it gives them something to look forward to each week.

"To me, it doesn't matter. It's football, and it's K-State," said Pam Bevan of Cottonwood Falls, who's held season tickets for more than 15 years. "I'll be here whether it's the best season we've ever had or the worst one. I'm just excited the football season's going to be starting."

For Mark and Theresa Gram, entering their 10th year as season-ticket holders, the chance to interact with players on the field is worth the roughly 70-mile trip from Clyde.

"It's one of my favorite football days of the year. All the home games, the spring game and this, where you can interact with the players," Mark Gram said. "All the years we've been coming, all these kids are always nice and polite and 'yes, sir,' and 'thank you, sir.'"

Others relish the chance to watch K-State's final hour of practice, giving them their first look at the team since the Purple/White Spring Game in April.

"I'm excited. I think we're going to have a much-improved team this year," said Darren Shults, the first person in a line that eventually snaked up and down the parking lot to get into the stadium. "I'm just excited to come out and watch."

Shults, who runs the Lambs of God service at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Topeka, also partook in the autograph chasing, but not for personal keepsakes.

"We raffle (an autographed) football and it raises money for

our ministry," Shults said. "That's why I come in and get the autographs."

Charlotte Adair and Lee Geary, grandmother and mother to K-State defensive tackle Will Geary, respectively, found joy in watching children get autographs. As former University of Kansas fans, they also said they enjoy every opportunity to put on purple now.

"Will swayed us," Lee Geary said of her son, a First Team All-Big 12 selection last year. "I went to KU, but now we're all about K-State. I threw away all of my KU gear."

"We love the atmosphere (at K-State) and the new stadium is just beautiful. The new big (video) boards are great. And the band, I love the band," Adair added, complimenting the addition of the Carl & Mary Ice Family Video Board in the northeast corner of the stadium, as spot that will occupy the Pride of Wildcat Land band with the completion of Phase 3B in the Bill Snyder Family Stadium Master Plan.

Before the Wildcats' home opener against Florida Atlantic on September 17, Geary's family members will make the trip out to Palo Alto, California, where more than 5,000 K-State fans will watch their team clash with Stanford, the seventh-ranked team in the country in the Amway Coaches Poll.

"That'll be a good trip. We're very excited," Geary's mother said. "It'll be a good way to kick off the season."

"I hope we can beat them. It's a great starting game," Adair added. "If we can show well on that, we should have a really good season."

Most K-State fans will watch from afar as the Wildcats look to open the season with an upset, one Mark Gram said isn't as unlikely as some may think.

"I think they're going to surprise a lot of people," Gram said. "I think they may push Stanford. I may be dreaming, but who knows. I'm a glass-half-full kind of guy."

## 1st and 10: Back at it, Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The grind continued for the Kansas football team Monday morning as it picked up right where it left off after a day away from the practice fields Sunday.

The Jayhawks placed a heavy emphasis on special teams work before breaking into specialized groups to focus on both offensive and defensive strategies to begin their second full week of Fall Camp inside Memorial Stadium.

In tune with head coach David Beaty's philosophy of developing young players and in order to maximize its reps on the field, Kansas divided the 100-yard playing surface in half to run two separate team sessions that included 7-on-7 and a full team workout.

The Jayhawks return to practice Tuesday, August 16, for their third two-a-day session of camp.

### Practice Quick Hits:

Junior linebacker Joe Dineen Jr., freshman safety Bryce Tormeden and defensive end Isaiah Bean each posted a sack.

Freshman running back Kahlil Herbert recorded three

separate runs of 15 yards or more.

Senior running back Ke'aun Kinner broke open a run for 22 yards.

Redshirt-freshman quarterback Carter Stanley found senior wide receiver Austin Moses for 14 yards.

Senior quarterback Montell Cozart connected with sophomore wide receiver Steven Sims Jr., in the air for 33 yards.

Senior defensive end Damani Mosby added a TFL.

Junior running back Denzell Evans chalked up a 16-yard run.

Sophomore quarterback Keaton Perry hit up sophomore running back Taylor Martin for 15 yards on a screen pass.

Senior cornerback Marnez Ogletree recorded a PBU.

Sophomore quarterback Ryan Willis found junior wide receiver LaQuvionte Gonzalez for 30 yards in the back of the end zone for a touchdown.

Redshirt-freshman safety Shaquille Richmond forced a fumble.

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## Jayhawks still seeking win No. 1 for Beaty in Year 2

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — David Beaty claims he understood the magnitude of the rebuilding job he faced when he left his comfortable job as an assistant at Texas A&M to take over the long-downtrodden Jayhawks.

Then, he became the first head coach to go 0-12 in school history.

It was less an indictment of Beaty's ability than a sign of how far the program had slipped since 2007, when it went to the Orange Bowl. Mark Mangino's firing and the failed hiring of Turner Gill and Charlie Weis resulted in staff and roster turnover that left things in shambles.

Beaty never used any of that as an excuse, though. That's not his way. He simply began to

build, trying to lure junior college and high school talent to a school known for its hoops.

"You know what? It is a difficult job but all of these jobs are difficult," Beaty said. "But I tell you what, it's a great opportunity. We know where we are headed and our players do as well."

Where is that? Well, winning their first game together would be a good start.

The Jayhawks open the season Sept. 3 against lower-division Rhode Island, and it will likely be the only game they are favored to win. The rest of their non-conference schedule includes bowl teams in Ohio and Memphis, followed by the Big 12 round-robin that includes trips to Baylor and Oklahoma.

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