

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Local Government

The meeting was called to order by Senator Don Montgomery at
Chairperson

9:12 a.m./~~pm~~ on Thursday, March 28, 1985 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Gaines and Mulich who were excused

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Theresa Kiernan and Lila McClaflin

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Judy Runnels, Shawnee County Delegation, Topeka, KS.
Marvin Perkins, Trustee, Topeka-Tecumseh Fire District, Topeka, KS.
Representative David Miller, Eudora, KS
Pauline Gilroy, Eudora Library, Eudora, KS.
Jane Goeckler, Silver Lake Library, Silver Lake, KS
Dan Masoni, KS. Library Assn., Emporia, KS.
Duane Johnson, State Library, Topeka, KS.

The chairman called the meeting to order.

The hearing on H.B. 2243 was opened. Rep. Judy Runnels stated the bill was sponsored by the Shawnee County Legislative Delegation. The same bill was passed by the Senate last year and was killed in the House. The bill would allow the Topeka-Tecumseh Fire District to raise the compensation paid to members of their board for the meetings they attend. Also, establishes procedures to be followed by the auditing board of the fire district.

Marvin Perkins, Trustee, Topeka-Tecumseh Fire District, spoke in support of the bill. His written testimony is a part of these minutes (attachment 1).

H.B. 2484. Senator Langworthy told the committee this bill would allow a fire district in Johnson County to raise their mill levy. The increase is needed to meet increasing cost.

H.B. 2258. Permits an increase from 1 to 2½ mills for township libraries, subject to a 5 percent protest petition. Rep. David Miller was unable to be present, but sent written testimony in support of the bill (attachment 2). Other proponents of the bill were as follows: Pauline Gilroy, Eudora, KS., Jane Goeckler, Silver Lake, KS., she presented written testimony (attachment 3), Daniel Masoni, Chairman, Kansas Library Assn., he presented written testimony (attachment 4), and Duane Johnson, State Library, he stated the small libraries do a remarkable service for a small amount of money spent.

Committee action was as follows:

H.B. 2258 Senator Allen moved to pass the bill favorably. Senator Steineger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

H.B. 2243 Senator Salisbury moved to pass the bill. Senator Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

H.B. 2484 Senator Allen moved to pass the bill. Senator Langworthy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

H.B. 2426 Senator Langworthy moved to pass the bill. Senator Bogina seconded the motion. The motion carried.

H.B. 2287 Senator Bogina moved to pass the bill. Senator Daniels

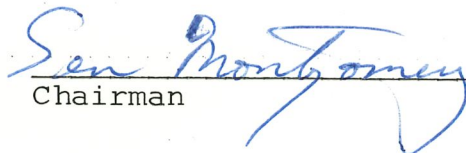
CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Local Government,
room 531-N, Statehouse, at 9:12 ~~a.m.~~^{p.m.} on Thursday, March 28, 1985

seconded the motion. The motion carried.

H.B. 2226 that the committee voted to reconsider on March 21, 1985 was called to the committees attention. A balloon of the amendments proposed was presented to the committee. Senator Steineger stated the amendments had been worked out with the help of the League of Kansas Municipalities. Senator Steineger moved to accept the amendments as presented. Senator Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Steineger then recommended the bill be passed as amended. Senator Daniels seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned until Friday, March 29, 1985.


Chairman



TOPEKA - TECUMSEH FIRE DEPARTMENT

2626 Shawnee Heights Rd. • Tecumseh, Kansas 66542 • 913-379-0566

March 28, 1985

TO: Chairman , Senator Don Montgomery
& Members of Senate Local
Government Committee

RE: HB 2243-Township Fire District
Compensation

This particular bill was passed in 1984 session by the Senate but was killed in the House on April 2, 1984 by motion with 28 other bills.

This bill is the same wording and format as the one passed in 1984 by the Local Government and Senante.

The additional compensation is needed to attract more capable individuals to be willing to serve on this type of governing body. The present compensation of \$12.00 per meeting and not to exceed \$24.00 per month was sufficient when the Fire Districts were formed.

Most of the districts now require additional time due to additional personnel and equipment to run the department and to oversee the other services rendered for the district. The budgets also have increased from approximately \$25,000 to over \$500,000. and more in some districts.

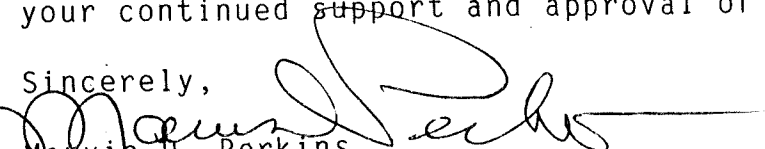
Topeka Tecumseh has supervised a budget of \$440,149 for 1983, \$554,613 for 1984 and \$495,531 is the budget for 1985 which includes 2 fire stations, 10 vehicles, 9 full time personnel and 25 volunteer firemen. For this responsibility , we feel that the compensation should be increased to \$50.00 per full day, \$30. for half day and not to exceed \$100 for the month.

The Governing Body reviews the expenditures each month prior to the payment of bills and additional time is spent on the budget with contracting townships and in the preparation by the board of budget each year and reviewing the new budget with the County for approval. For this service we feel that compensation of \$25.00 per day and \$15.00 for 4 hours and not to exceed \$50.00 for the month is not excessive to audit the budget and expenditures each month.

We feel that this bill should apply to all Township Fire Departments in Kansas.

Your past consideration has been appreciated and we ask for your continued support and approval of this much needed bill.

Sincerely,


Marvin D. Perkins,
Trustee and Co-Chairman

(attachment 1)

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DAVID G. MILLER
 REPRESENTATIVE, FORTY-THIRD DISTRICT
 DOUGLAS AND JOHNSON COUNTIES
 1312 FIR
 EUDORA, KANSAS 66025



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HOUSE OF
 REPRESENTATIVES

TESTIMONY ON H.B. 2258

Presented to the
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

March 28, 1985
 by
 DAVID G. MILLER

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
 VICE-CHAIRMAN COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL
 INSTITUTIONS
 MEMBER, LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND
 CONGRESSIONAL APPORTIONMENT
 WAYS AND MEANS

Thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to appear today on House Bill 2258. This measure came to my attention because the local librarian in Eudora, Kansas, who is with us today, indicated that she and the local officials's in Eudora desired to increase their support for our local library. The people in Eudora are very proud of their library and want to support it. However, KSA 79-1962 stands in the way, and for that reason, I have agreed with six of my colleagues to sponsor legislation to permit the local township to increase their mill levies from the current limit of from 1 to not more than 2½ mills to support a township library.

As you will notice, on Page 2 of the bill, there is a specific provision that permits a public protest to this tax, if it is increased by the township board. The language in this statute is comparable to other places in our statutes whereby we permit just 5% of the affected patrons to protest and force a public vote on the mill levy increase. I don't expect that to happen in Eudora, but I would be reluctant to support this legislation if we didn't permit the people some direct mechanism for protesting any increase in the property tax.

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David G. Miller - Testimony on H.B. 2258

As you may know, our library system is somewhat of a mixed bag in the state. Some library's are permitted to levy up to 6 mills while, for some reason or other, township libraries have been limited to one mill.

I don't think it is unreasonable to permit the township libraries to go up to 2½ mills. I recognize that there are township libraries in the state that do not need the authority; however, others do, and I think that we should give the local units of government the flexibility they need to respond to local interest. For that reason, Mr. Chairman, I have co-sponsored this legislation and I am hopeful that the committee will give it favorable consideration.

Thank you.

To: Senate Local Government Committee

From: Silver Lake Library, Silver Lake, Kansas

Date: March 28, 1985

City libraries may levy upwards from 2.0 mills, depending on population, and may also go under Home Rule. Township libraries are limited, since 1933, to 1.0 mill and no Home Rule. It becomes increasingly difficult to remain afloat under those restrictions.

The Silver Lake Library has officially been under a tax structure just under ten years. In that time, book costs have more than doubled, and costs of postage, utilities, rent, telephone and library supplies are going up almost monthly.

Our Library spends a yearly average of 36% of total income for salaries, and 17% for books. Other costs are fixed and cannot be "juggled" in the budget, so each year those two items are the ones to "give".

I am most concerned for our future. I have worked for years, and will continue to work, for a very minimum salary; but, when I retire, I am afraid a qualified person will not be found willing to so sacrifice his or her time. Currently, counting donated time, I am earning approximately \$3.08 per hour; other staff members make even less. And, what of books? Each year the number purchased must be cut. It isn't much of a library without books or staff!

Township libraries need, and somehow must have, additional monies to serve our patrons. We are simply asking that we be allowed the same income that city libraries receive.

Submitted by: Jane M. Goeckler
Librarian
Silver Lake Library

(attachment 3)

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Kansas Library Association

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March 28, 1985

Senator Don Montgomery, Chairman
Senate Local Government Committee
State Capitol, 503-N
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senator Montgomery:

The Kansas Library Association favors passage of House Bill 2258 for the following reasons:

1. The current one mill levy limit was placed on Township Boards prior to 1951. The limit falls short of supplying the financial needs of most township libraries in Kansas.
2. Township libraries that are not in need of levies exceeding one mill will not be affected by the proposal.
3. Township libraries form a very important part of the overall library service enjoyed by Kansans. Strength and depth of local collections as well as well-paid, trained personnel are essential to the cultural and educational growth of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Daniel Masoni, Chairman
KLA Legislative Committee

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enclosure

(attachment 4)

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TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES IN KANSAS

	Population	Mill Levy	Tax Income	Regional System
1. Americus Township Library Betty Jean Zumburum, Librarian 710 Main, P.O.Box 98 66835 316-443-5503 <u>Rep. Burt DeBaun</u> , Lyon County	1,591	.92 T 1.0 Cnty	5,200 8,966	NCKLS
2. Argonia Dixon Township Library P.O. Box 95 67004 316-435-6632 <u>Rep. J. C. Long</u> , Sumner County	783	1.0 T	3,240	SCKLS
3. Bushton Farmer Township Community Library Barbara Orth, Librarian 67427 316-562-3352 <u>Rep. LeRoy Fry</u> , Rice County	544	.45T	3,300	SCKLS
4. Canton Canton Carnegie Township Library Sue Kohlman, Librarian P.O. Box 336 67428 316-628-4491 <u>Rep. Dale Sprague</u> , McPherson County	1,187	1.12T	6,531	SCKLS
5. Claflin Independent Township Library Martina M. Luebbers, Librarian 217 Main 67525 316-587-3488 <u>Rep. Frank Buehler</u> , Barton County	914	.680T	5,632	CKLS
6. Colwich Colwich City-Union Township Library Glenda Ebert, Librarian 330 W. Colwich, Box 8 67030 316-796-1521 <u>Rep. Rick Bowden</u> , Sedgwick County	1,629	2.0City .247T	5,774 4,000	SCKLS
7. Cottonwood Falls Burnley Memorial Library Delores Baumgardner, Librarian 66845 316-273-6692 <u>Rep. Duane Goosen</u> , Chase County	1,125	(No record)		NCKLS
8. Eudora Public Library Pauline Gilroy, Librarian 114 E. 9th, Box 507 66025 913-542-2496 <u>Rep. David Miller</u> , Douglas County	3,821	1.0T	8,632	NEKLS

	Population	Mill Levy	Tax Income	Reg System
9. LaCrosse Barnard Library Elva Paustian, Librarian 521 Elm 67548 913-222-2826 <u>Rep. Robert D. Miller</u> , Rush County	1,759	1.0T	8,550	CKLS
10. Lewis Meadowlark Public Library Connie Terry, Librarian Box 331 67552 316-324-5681 <u>Rep. Susan Roenbaugh</u> , Edwards County	688	.57T	3,300	SWKLS
11. Lyndon Carnegie Library Sara L. Walker-Hitt, Librarian P.O.Box 563, 126 E. 6th 66451 913-828-4520 <u>Rep. Burt DeBaun</u> , Osage County	1,536	1.00T	3,537	NEKLS
12. Marquette Community Library Mary Jane Mayfield, Librarian 121 N. Washington 67464 913-546-2561 <u>Rep. LeRoy Fry</u> , McPherson County	877	1.43T	4,695	SCKLS
13. Montezuma Township Library Ruby Bindley, Librarian Box 187 67867 316-846-2891 <u>Rep. Melvin Neufeld</u> , Gray County	1,287	.54T	4,000	SWKLS
14. Mount Hope Library Pauline Moore, Librarian Box 35 67108 316-667-2211 <u>Rep. Rick Bowden</u> , Sedgwick County	1,115	1.476City .914T	3,184 2,984	SCKLS
15. Peabody Township Library Ruth Burkholder, Librarian 214 Walnut 66866 316-983-2494 <u>Rep. Duane Goossen</u> , Marion County	1,705	1.00T	3,979	NCKLS
16. Rossville Community Library Helena E. Reding, Librarian 407 Main Street 66533 913-584-6454 <u>Rep. Ginger Barr</u> , Shawnee County	1,596	1.00T	8,000	NEKLS
17. St. Paul Graves Memorial Public Library Helen A. Coomes, Librarian Box 354 66771 <u>Rep. Ed Bideau</u> , Neosho County	989	1.00T	3,287	SEKLS

	Population	Mill Levy	Tax Income	Regional System
18. Satanta Dudley Township Public Library Lois Whisler, Librarian Box 189, Sequoyah Street 67870 316-649-2213 Rep. <u>Eugene Shore</u> , Haskell County	1,541	.39T	24,000	SWKLS
19. Silver Lake Library Jane M. Goeckler, Librarian P.O. Box 248, 201 Railroad 66539 913-582-5141 Rep. <u>Ginger Barr</u> , Shawnee County	1,828	1.00T	5,784	NEKLS
20. South Haven Township Library Patti Fox, Librarian Box 227 67140 316-892-5891 Rep. <u>Robert H. Miller</u> , Sumner County	733	.68T	2,080	SCKLS
21. Sublette Haskell Township Library Sharon Steckel, Librarian Box 537 67877 316-675-2771 Rep. <u>Melvin Neufeld</u> , Marshall County	1,721	.15T	39,513	SWKLS
22. Valley Falls Delaware Township Library Kay Lassiter, Librarian 509 Broadway, P.O. Box 130 66088 913-945-3990 Rep. <u>Robin Leach</u> , Jefferson County	1,981	1.00T	6,523	NEKLS
23. Viola Township Library Micheal Long, Librarian P.O. Box 547 67149 316-584-6679 Rep. <u>Rick Bowden</u> - Sedgwick County	439	.367T	600	SCKLS
24. Wilsey Elm Creek Township Library Varda F. Phillips, Librarian 66873 913-497-2896 Rep. <u>Elaine Hassler</u> , Morris County	359	.381T	1,150	NCKLS