

Approved Ivan Sand Date 2/25/86

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The meeting was called to order by REPRESENTATIVE IVAN SAND at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~XXX~~ a.m./p.m. on MARCH 19, 1986 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Phil Kline, excused
Rep. Clyde Graeber, excused

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Legislative Research Dept.
Mary Hack, Revisor of Statutes Office
Gloria Leonhard, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Ms. Patsy McDonald, Shawnee Co. Clerk, HB 3099
Mr. Larry Scheller, Leavenworth Co. Clerk, HB 3099
Ms. Emogene Wineinger, Greeley Co. Clerk, HB 3099
Ms. Shirley Mackender, Clay Co. Clerk, HB 3099
Ms. Donna Kaiser, Dickinson Co. Clerk, HB 3099
Ms. Mary Bolton, Rice Co. Clerk, HB 3099
Written testimony was submitted by:
Ms. Jean M. Barber, Allen Co. Clerk, HB 3099
Mr. Jack E. Scott, Coffey Co. Clerk, HB 3099
Mr. Bill Hanzlick, Director, Kansas Fish & Game Commission, HB 3099
Mr. George Axline, Adm. Services Chief, Kansas Fish & Game Commission, HB 3099
Mr. Bill Ramsey, Attorney, City of Olathe, SB 461
Rep. Ivan Sand, SB 629

Chairman Sand called for hearings on the following bills:

HB 3099, relating to fish and game; concerning fees charged by county clerks for sale or issuance of licenses and permits;

Ms. Patsy McDonald, Shawnee County Clerk, appeared in support of HB 3099. (See Attachment I.)

Mr. Larry Scheller, Leavenworth County Clerk, appeared in support of HB 3099. Mr. Scheller said Leavenworth County had discontinued their service and that vendors had requested the reinstatement of the service through the County Clerk's Office. Mr. Scheller distributed copies of letters from two such vendors. (See Attachment II-A and II-B.)

Ms. Emogene Wineinger, Greeley County Clerk, appeared in support of HB 3099. (See Attachment III.)

Ms. Shirley Mackender, Clay County Clerk, appeared in support of HB 3099. (See Attachment IV.)

Ms. Donna Kaiser, Dickinson County Clerk, appeared in support of HB 3099. (See Attachment V.)

Ms. Mary Bolton, Rice County Clerk, appeared in support of HB 3099. (See Attachment VI.)

Written testimony was submitted by Mrs. Jean M. Barber, Allen County Clerk, and Mr. Jack E. Scott, Coffey County Clerk. (See Attachments VII and VIII.)

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
room 313-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 xxx a.m./p.m. on MARCH 19, 1986

Mr. Bill Hanzlick, Director, Kansas Fish & Game Commission, introduced Mr. George Axline, Administrative Services Chief, Kansas Fish & Game Commission, who testified in opposition to HB 3099. Mr. Axline said that although the Commission appreciates the services rendered by the County Clerks over the years, the additional cost to license buyers may be \$140,000 to \$150,000 per year; therefore the Commission opposes HB 3099.

Committee discussion followed. A committee member asked who verifies vendors. A Clerk said the Clerk bonds and follows up. A Clerk gave an example of a vendor who closed suddenly and disappeared. The Clerk said they are able to act faster than the Fish and Game Commission in notifying bonding companies. A Clerk said they perform services in connection with duplicate licenses. A committee member asked Fish and Game how much their total budget would be affected by implementation of HB 3099. Mr. Axline estimated it would be less than one percent. A committee member asked what would happen if none of the 105 counties sold licenses. Mr. Axline said Fish and Game would increase staff in that event. A committee member asked if extra revenue would be needed in order for Fish and Game to furnish vendors. Mr. Axline affirmed but said the present proposal is excessive. A committee member asked how the system is working regarding problems for the consumer where Fish and Game has taken over. Mr. Axline said there is a need to get used to one system or another; that he feels the Fish and Game service is adequate. A Clerk pointed out that the Clerks do not personally receive the 50¢ fee; that it is deposited into the County General Fund. Other concerns of Clerks were additional costs to vendors, the problem of vendors "waiting until the last day to get books," the lack of personal attention which Clerks give. A Clerk noted that they have turned down vendors, so more are available to perform the service.

The hearing on HB 3099 was closed.

SB 461, concerning cities; relating to limitations on bonded indebtedness;

Mr. Bill Ramsey, Attorney, City of Olathe, appeared in support of SB 461. Mr. Ramsey said Olathe's 30% debt limit will be reached soon; that they are requesting an additional 5% to make sure there will be room for clean bond opinions; that rapid growth and expansion during the last ten years have made the request necessary.

A committee member questioned changing the 30% limit which had been set after long deliberation.

The hearing on SB 461 was closed.

SB 629, concerning county extension councils; relating to the members thereof;

Rep. Ivan Sand explained to the committee that SB 629 affects only Leavenworth County.

Rep. Martha Jenkins made a motion that SB 629 be passed and placed on the Consent Calendar. Rep. Arthur Douville seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The minutes of March 18, 1986, were approved as presented.

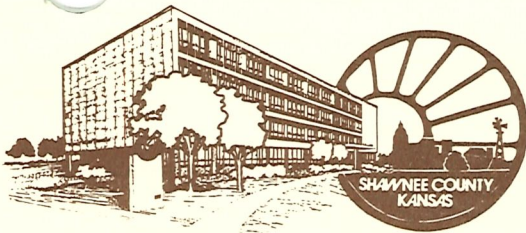
The meeting was adjourned.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

DATE 3-19-86

NAME ADDRESS REPRESENTING

Jean Barber	Allen Co.	County Clerk
Joe Dan Anderson	McPherson City	County Clerk
Mary Bolton	Rice County	County Clerk
Edith DeWitt	Cloud County	County Clerk
Patricia A. McDonald	Shawnee County	County Clerk
Christine White	Lincoln County	County Clerk
Emogene Tompkins	Franklin County	County Clerk
Paula Howard	North Saline County	County Clerk
Lute Riegers	Washington County	County Clerk
Sandra M Lee	Atchison County	County Clerk
Wilma Williams	Compton County	County Clerk
Leona L. Shaw	Lincoln County	County Clerk
Annora M. Harris	Richmond Co.	County Clerk
Shirley Washburn	Osage Co.	County Clerk
Don Curran	Johnson Co.	County Clerk
Burton Bridges	Grady Co.	County Clerk
Therese Johnson	Wichita County	County Clerk
Therese Johnson	Lincoln Co.	County Clerk
Lois Jantz	Reley Co.	County Clerk
Larry E Schiller	Leavenworth Co.	Co. Clerk
Linda Shepard	Leavenworth Co.	County Clerk
Dorothy Larson	Lincoln Co.	Co. Clerk
Therese Johnson	Lincoln Co.	County Clerk
Karen Wood	Osage Co.	County Clerk



Shawnee County
Office of County Clerk

PATSY A. "PAT" McDONALD

295-4155 Main
295-4159 Accounting

Courthouse - Room 107
Topeka, Kansas 66603

March 18, 1986

Representative Ivan Sand, Chairman
Local Government; and the
Local Government Committee

I support HB #3099, which allows that County Clerks who wish to service vendors will receive fifty cents (50¢) for each license sold or issued.

At the present time I am a County Clerk who has kept my vendors this year, even though our county is receiving no money for the licenses issued by us to vendors. In Shawnee County, I have thirty eight (38) vendors. I would like to point out what we physically do in our county to a hunting or fishing license.

- (1) Sort and file and prepunch books for distribution;
- (2) Check the books out to vendors either on a cash basis or to bonded customers - never allowing a vendor to go over his/her bond;
- (3) When books are returned to us, we audit them, check the cash and make sure the books are in order. Many times this results in calling the vendor to locate a person if a resident license has been sold for a non-resident price, or vice-versa;
- (4) Sort and keep track of the added Three Dollar (\$3.00) hatchery fee and send this money to the bank at Junction City to pay off bonds on the Hatchery at Milford. In addition we make a monthly Hatchery report to Fish & Game;
- (5) We file the licenses alphabetically, thereby making it easy for citizens who have lost their license to get a

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duplicate. It also makes it easy for a game warden to locate licenses if there is a court case;

- (6) If vendors need books they are always readily available at our office;
- (7) We balance the licenses sold, voids and all the cash each quarter and submit a report to Fish & Game, then send the money to the State Treasurer;
- (8) At year end we account for all books sold or void -- prepare yearly report and ship the unused books back to Fish & Game; and,
- (9) When Fish & Game receives these books they are in good order and already audited.

In 1985, we sold or issued 25,740 licenses and we handled \$317,913.00.

I consider this a service to the vendors, the hunters and the fishermen, also the sportsmens clubs, and especially to State Fish & Game, because on the local level books can be obtained easily with checks and balancing done in a professional manner.

My vendors do not want me to stop servicing them and I am reluctant to stop. However, for the past nine (9) months we have received no remuneration for licenses issued due to legislation passed the final day of the 1985 session. This money received by the clerk was deposited in the county general fund.

Now, I am concerned with cost savings in my county. In seventeen (17) counties, clerks have stopped servicing vendors. This figure may become much higher in the future.

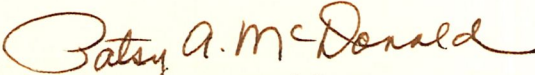
I believe if all 105 County Clerks stopped serving vendors for Fish & Game licenses, the State Fish & Game department would have to increase their staff, and their budget by several persons to constantly be mailing books back and forth to all vendors, plus I feel service could decline.

Perhaps it is time for the taxpayers of Shawnee County to stop paying for part of a salary for State Fish & Game licenses? Perhaps State Fish & Game wants to become a larger entity of its own and perhaps they want County Clerks to get away from selling or issuing licenses at the local level?

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If the County Clerks can be paid fifty cents (50¢) for all licenses issued by them, this fee would be paid by the user and not the general taxpayer! The present law allows for a vendor to contract directly with Fish & Game and this is fine. However, for those vendors who wish to deal with County Clerks for easier access to books and who want to omit the hassle by constantly mailing books, we would appreciate a small handling fee. We have a good workable system now -- on the local level -- lets leave it this way! We just want a small fee, to justify our work, for the general fund of the county. Until July 1, 1985, we received a quarter for each license.

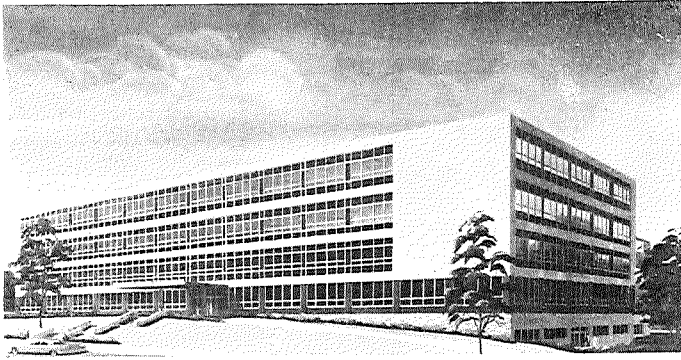
Thanks to each of you for your consideration of this matter.


Patsy A. McDonald
Shawnee County Clerk

PAM/ddm

Attachments: No. 1 Shawnee County Clerk's 1985 Vendors
 No. 2 Copy of a Fish & Game License

cc: Senator Jeanne Hoferer
 Senator Nancy E. Parrish
 Senator Alicia L. Salisbury
 Representative Clint Acheson
 Representative Ginger Barr
 Representative Charles F. Laird
 Representative Bill Roy, Jr.
 Representative Judith C. Runnels
 Representative Marvin E. Smith
 Representative Bill Bunten
 Representative Anthony Hensley
 Representative Donald Mainey
 Representative Joan Wagnon



SHAWNEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK
Patsy A. "Pat" McDonald

COUNTY CLERK

(913) 295-4155 CLERK
(913) 295-4159 ACCOUNTING

COURTHOUSE - ROOM 107
TOPEKA, KANSAS 66603

1986 FISH & GAME VENDORS

Advance Cleaners	Pauline Hardware
Alco East	J.M. Bauersfelds
Alco North	Steve's Fishing Center
Asays Sports Store	The Dock
Bass Pro Shop	Scrinopskies
C & W Market	Osco
Capitol City Pawn	Stratton Hardware
Dover Mercantile	Suttons North
Eastboro Hardware	Super Chief Cr Un.
Falleys Burlingame	Tate's Bait
Falley's Gage	Tiltos Oakland
Falleys North	Topeka Loan & Shooter
Federal Credit Union	Venture
High Plains Gun Shop	Walgreens
K-Mart East	Wehners Silver Lake
K-Mart North	Wehners Rossville
K-Mart West	Ace Pawn & Gun
Credit Union #1	
Lake Shawnee	
Westside Bait	
Montgomery Wards	



Kansas Fish & Game Commission

Name _____

056601

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Driver's License No. _____ State _____

Birth _____

Date _____ Sex _____ Eyes _____ Ht. _____ Wt. _____ Hair _____

If born on or after 7/1/57, I have completed an approved hunter safety course of instruction under KSA 32-401 et seq. in _____ state _____ no. _____

Furharvester Certificate Number _____
needed if born on or after 7/1/66 _____

How long a bona fide resident of Kansas _____

I certify the above information is true and correct.

Signature X _____

Time of Issuance _____
Hour Mo. Day Yr.

Shawnee County

Patsy A. McDonald

County Dealer Name _____

(Expires Dec. 31, 1986. Non-transferable.)

Short-term fishing licenses expire on date shown.)

(24-hour fishing licenses expire 24 hours from time and date shown.)

(No license valid if punched more than once)

(Nonresident furharvester license may be purchased from Fish & Game Commission's Pratt office. Fee: \$250.50. Ask for application.)

Enter code letter and class of license issued.

Code _____ Class _____

RESIDENT

Furharvester		Combination	Fish	Hunt
Jr.	Adult	Fish/Hunt \$18.00	Fish \$9.00	Hunt
		Hatch. Fee 3.00	Hatch. Fee 3.00	
\$7.50	\$15.00	TOTAL \$21.00	TOTAL \$12.00	\$9.00
(AA)	(A)	(B)		(D)

NONRESIDENT

Fish	Hunt	Controlled	Trip Fish	Lifetime
Fish \$20.00	Hunt	Controlled Shoot Area \$9.00	5-Day Trip \$9.00	Hatchery Fee for Lifetime License Holders \$3.00
Hatch. Fee 3.00	\$50		Hatch. Fee 3.00	
TOTAL \$23.00			_____ thru _____ Day starts at midnight	
(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)

24-hour Fish	
Fish	\$2.00
Hatch. Fee	1.00
TOTAL	\$3.00
B	_____
E	Time a.m.-p.m
G	_____
I	Date
N	(J)

Affix Duck Stamp to back side of license. A \$.50 fee may be collected by license sellers. Obtain current copy of hunting and fishing regulations.

Wal-Mart Store # 26
20th & Soruce
Leavenworth KS 66048

We here a Wal-Mart 26 in Leavenworth would like to see the County Clerks Office handle the Hunting and Fishing license's again. We feel that the convenience would be a bennifit to our store sales. For example we ran out of fishing licenses over the weekend, true it was our fault for not having enough going into the weekend, but if we could have picked some up on friday we would of had plenty. I think the mail-order system could work, but how often is the mail on time.

Yours Truly
John Knight Dept 09 Manager
Wal-Mart 26

P.S. We would be able to give better service to our costumers, and in the end the state would probably make more money.

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To whom it May Concern:

As of Jan 1, 1986 Eddie Grovey started handling game licenses through KS Fish & Game. Due to the mail service in ordering and returning licenses and also the additional paper work, this has been nothing but a "big hassle" for us.

I have found that dealing directly with the County Clerk's office was very convenient. They were available for us to pick up licenses on a short notice. They did all the vendors paper work and we can certainly understand why they felt they could no longer handle them without some type of compensation.

I would very much like to see the County Clerk's office receive a 50¢ fee & carry the licenses in LEAV. County for the vendors. I would be their first tender to return!!!

If it continues to be a big hassle I am considering quitting selling licenses.

Thank you
Eddie Grovey

Eddie Grovey

1101 Spruce
LEAV. KS. 6648.

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ATTACHMENT II-B

3/19/86

Office Of
COUNTY CLERK OF GREELEY COUNTY
Tribune, Kansas 67879

Phone 316-376-4256

Box No. 277

Good Afternoon:

I am Emogene Wineinger, Greeley County Clerk, serving in my 28th year of holding this office. I could write a book about selling fish and game licenses and dealing with vendors but will confine my remarks to the year 1985.

Our county did not have any vendors until the second week of November in 1985. Prior to this time I took license books home with me for those that had to have a license after hours, on weekends and holidays.

Early in the week of the opening of pheasant season I contacted the owner of the only Quick Shop in the county, a personal friend, and requested permission to set up a table in his store on the eve of the season's opening date. Thousands of dollars, all cash, are handled that evening up to the store's closing at midnight. We are a border county to Colorado and many hunters come to Kansas after work. We are in the mountain time zone as they are and vendors east of us are closed by the time some arrive.

The shop owner thought about the situation and decided they would sell licenses for us. His bond covered five books. Three times during Friday evening we checked in books and supplied more. Twice they came to me and the third time they were so busy I delivered the books to them. Our nearest Fish and Game representative is 48 miles from us. We offered to hold a school for his personnel that would be handling the licenses. He elected to send his manager in and we walked through selling a license and pointed out the areas where errors are most common. We also furnished several copies of a print out concerning "what to do if" type questions and answers. They held a training session for their personnel and reported this most helpful. We field many telephone inquiries in our office, and at home, which we are happy to respond to whenever possible.

Our reports and books have always been in order. Accounting, reporting, physical delivery, returning books to Pratt, etc. all costs money and I feel the 50¢ fee we are asking for the county for handling vendors licenses is more than justified. We do a good job for FISH & GAME, our taxpayers, their guests and our vendors. Do you believe that Fish & Game can or will provide this service? I firmly believe it would cost more than 50¢ a license for them to even try, especially in Western Kansas.

Please support HB3099.

Thank you.

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CLAY COUNTY CLERK

Box 98

Clay Center, Kansas 67432

Phone 632-2552

March 19, 1986

Honorable Members of Local Government Committee

RE: HB # 3099

Chairman Sand & Committee Members

I am Shirley Mackender, County Clerk of Clay County, and I thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 3099.

In order to provide a faster & more efficient way to service the sportsmen of the State of Kansas, I feel the County Clerks & Vendors are the most efficient method of providing this service.

I also feel the cost of this service should be borne by the Sportsmen and not the taxpayers of the county. Availability of the books to the vendors at a local level, without having to wait for this service from Pratt is most important. In our economically stressed agricultural community this is the most efficient method to provide these licenses to our vendors at a minimal cost.

I ask you to please vote in favor of HB 3099. Thank you for your time.

Shirley Mackender
Clay County Clerk

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DICKINSON COUNTY
OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK
DONNA KAISER

March 19, 1986

Rep. Ivan Sand, Chairman
Local Government Committee &
Committee Members

I am Donna Kaiser, Dickinson County Clerk. The general offices for the Alco/Duckwall Stores are located in Abilene. I visited with David W. Mills, Corporate Auditor, about the handling of fish and game licenses in the different counties. He stated they have 19 counties to deal with and some operate through the County Clerk, others through Pratt. I asked how this affected his operation. He said in counties where they deal with Pratt, the stores send the books to Pratt and the Abilene office sends the check. If there is an error in the books, Fish & Game returns the check back to the office and by this time it has been run through the computer in Alco's daily work. It requires cancellation of the check and issuance of another check.

This also affects the training of their store managers. A good many of their manager trainees take their training at the Abilene store. Mr. Mills stated this creates a problem when the employees are placed in a store that deals with Pratt instead of the County Clerk as per the instructions.

Mr. Mills prefers to deal with County Clerk.

Sincerely,

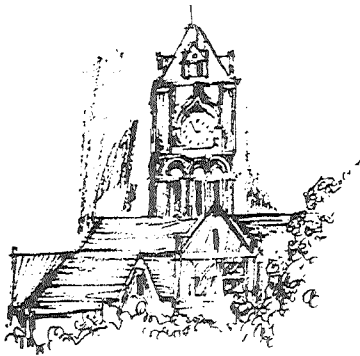


Donna Kaiser
Dickinson County Clerk

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Courthouse
Phone 257-2232



County Clerk

R I C E C O U N T Y C O U R T H O U S E

RICE COUNTY

LYONS, KANSAS 67554

March 19, 1986

TO: CHAIRMAN IVAN SANDS AND MEMBERS
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

We appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to request your favorable consideration of HB 3099.

As County Clerks, we are more than willing to serve the needs of the citizens of our counties. However, as prudent managers of our taxpayers funds, we must study carefully the cost of each service we provide and the relative value to the citizens. Our county may face a 10% decrease in valuation this year which will certainly emphasize the need for efficient use of our budget dollars. If there is no compensation for serving the vendors with license books and sending the reports to Fish and Game as we have always done, it could become a simple matter of economics to discontinue this service.

We do not want to see this happen, as we do want to be a truly "service" office. When the hatchery fee was added to the licenses, we were required to account for those fees separately, and remit by the 5th of each month to the bank who is handling the bond payments. Most County Clerks took this is stride and did the additional work cheerfully. This same accounting work will need to be done, no matter who handles the books, so surely Fish and Game Commissione would add office staff to do it if we don't. We know the work load has increased for them, as evidenced by the length of time it now takes to receive confirmation of our reports, since it is considerably longer than previously.

As first line liasion to the vendors and sportsmen, we would ask for your support of HB 3099. Let's keep our services available locally.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Bolton
Mary Bolton
Rice County Clerk

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COUNTY OF ALLEN

Courthouse

IOLA, KANSAS 66749

Office of: ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

(316) 365-7491

March 11, 1986

Representative Ivan Sand
Chairman, Committee on Local Government
State Capitol, 183W
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: HOUSE BILL No. 3099

Dear Representative Sand:

When K.S.A. 32-104(a) was under consideration in the 1985 Session, the Kansas County Clerks' Association appeared to testify against the provisions of House Bill No. 2307 that took from the county the 50¢ fee for each license sold by the county's vendor. When the bill was passed and became effective July 1, 1985, approximately four of the County Clerks relinquished control of the vendors in their county who had been bonded to sell game licenses. The vendors in those counties are now supervised by the Kansas Fish & Game Commission through its game protectors. In January, 1986, approximately ten additional County Clerks relinquished the vendors in their county.

We have been informed that the vendors in the counties that are served by the Kansas Fish & Game Commission and its game protectors are not receiving the licenses and other information timely. It is understandable that if the vendor must reply on the game protector to bring licenses as the vendor's licenses are sold, there will undoubtedly be times when the vendor is without any licenses to issue. The public is thus inconvenienced.

The County Clerks have long felt a responsibility to the residents of the county and most have continued to bond vendors in order that licenses will be more accessible to the public.



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Representative Ivan Sand
Chairman, Local Government
State Capitol, 183W
Topeka, KS 66612
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There is considerable time and effort spent by the County Clerks in being responsible for all game licenses that are issued in the county.

- Licenses must first be issued to the vendor
- When license books are returned by the vendor to the office, they must be checked for discrepancies. If a license is found to be invalid, efforts must be made to contact the license purchaser in order that a valid license may be issued. This preliminary audit can be very time consuming.
- Monthly remittances are made to the Cental National Bank in Junction City for hatchery fees collected.
- Quarterly reports are made to Pratt headquarters, including the return of all licenses sold, as well as the license money collected for the three months
- A yearly recapitulation is made to Kansas Fish & Game

There have been several instances where vendors have taken bankruptcy. This involved going through the bonding company for a return to the county, and the state, of game license money in the possession of the bankrupt vendor.

A review was made of receipts for game license fees collected by Allen County and credited to the county general fund. In 1984, the total fees collected were \$1,001.75. In 1985, a total of \$664.50 was received. You will recall that the loss of fees occurred the 1st of July, 1985. In the first two months of 1986, the fees collected total \$64.00. You can see that the loss of revenue is rather severe. This office is still responsible to the Fish & Game for all licenses sold in Allen County, both in the County Clerk's office and by the ten vendors under the county's control.

The County Clerks' Association urges your favorable consideration of HB-3099 and requests that it be passed out of committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Jean M. Barber
ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

Jack E. Scott

County Clerk of Coffey County
Burlington, Kansas
66839

Phone 316-364-2191

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Waverly
Glenn E. Birk, 5th District
Gridley

Board Meets Every Monday

March 19, 1986

Dear House Committee Member:

In behalf of a large number of county clerks in S. E. K., I am requesting that the following comments be given serious consideration on House Bill # 3099 by the House Ways and Means Committee.

1. We were given to understand that there would be no problem in Senate Bill # 679 clearing the Energy and Natural Resources Committee with a lot of support, therefore we did not come in to testify at the hearing.

2. We have always felt that the original law (K. S. A. 19-328) was fair to fish and game, agent, and county clerk. Our only problem was the wording of the law in relation to the county clerk being personally liable for loss of an agent's licenses or money. This law went into effect in 1969 and if fees are to be changed, then both agent and clerk should receive the 50¢. After all, the Legislature gives \$1200, \$2400, \$3600 or more per year to the individual county treasurers for selling and handling motor vehicle tags and etc.

3. If the fish and game agency feels that the fees to the agent and clerk are too costly to the sportsman, then the agency should sell the House and Senate on additional monetary support, not push it off on some other group.

4. In my some nine years as county clerk in Coffey county I have never had a problem with any fish and game agent, the office staff at Pratt or any agent under my supervision. We did have one theft and that was resolved extremely well. Very few county clerks in S. E. K. have had any problems. Since this is true, then the problem appears to be in someone's mind who would be quite near the top of the fish and game department. Regardless of their problem, we clerks are asking only that we be treated in a fair and just manner.

5. It is important that the Legislature understand the amount of time, money and clerical assistance we save the Fish and Game Department. We scale carefully all licenses sold by agents or clerks and if an error occurs we write or call the license holder or agent and get the problem corrected.

ATTACHMENT VIII

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Jack E. Scott

County Clerk of Coffey County
Burlington, Kansas
66839

Phone 316-364-2191

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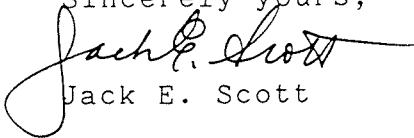
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I am certain that the Pratt office will employ several additional people to do this same task. Secondly, the clerk's rapport and dissemination of information with the local fish and game agent is of priceless value to the fish and game agency and local sportsman.

6. We clerks will, as we have in the past, pledge our full support of the Fish and Game Department, Legislature, taxpayer, and sportsman. All we have ever asked for is fair play and consideration of our point of view.

I thank you sincerely for your time and patience in my limited ability to portray our point of view.

Sincerely yours,


Jack E. Scott