

Approved February 13, 1987
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

9:12 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 11, 1987 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators: Gaines, Steineger and Winter

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chris McKenzie, Douglas County Administrator, Lawrence, Ks.
Willie Martin, Sedgwick County, Wichita, Ks.
Phil Nelson, Barton County Administrator, Great Bend, KS.
Gerry Ray, Johnson County, Olathe, Ks.

The hearing was opened on S.B. 149. S.B. 149 - concerns counties; authorizing the creation of a county equipment reserve fund and a multi-year capital improvement fund. The bill was introduced by the Local Government Committee. Senator Daniels stated she had been requested to ask for the introduction.

Chris McKenzie urged the committee to give this legislation favorable consideration. This legislation would be useful in planning for the replacement of all major equipment and all types of capital improvements. (Attachment I)

Willie Martin, Sedgwick County supported the bill. the ability to establish a county equipment reserve fund would allow them some options. (Attachment II)

Phil Nelson stated they seek only to have the same budgeting options given to cities in 1985. (Attachment III)

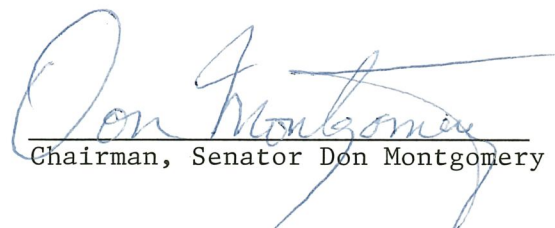
The Chairman stated the school boards also have the ability to establish such funds.

Gerry Ray supported the bill. She stated the highway reserved fund has worked well for their county and this bill would give them flexibility to use their funds.

Bev Bradley, Legislative Coordinator, Kansas Association of Counties, was unable to attend, but submitted written testimony in support of S.B. 149. They feel it would allow more efficiency in county government. (Attachment IV)

Senator Bogina moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 1987. The motion was seconded by Senator Daniels. The minutes were adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m., next meeting will be February 12, 1987.


Chairman, Senator Don Montgomery



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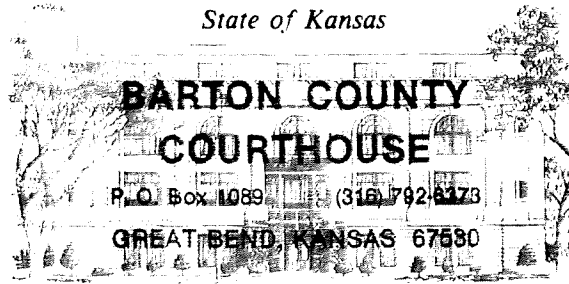
Ref: S.B. 149
County Reserve and Improvement Funds

Testimony of : Willie Martin
Sedgwick County

Mr. Chairman and Members of the committee:

Sedgwick County has for some time successfully implemented long-term planning for Capital Improvement Projects. The provisions of S.B. 149 would further enable county government to exercise fiscal responsibility. The ability to establish a county equipment reserve fund and a multi-year capital improvement fund offers options to debt financing with the flexibility of current financing of capital improvements and equipment replacement. The development of capital improvement and multi-year expenditure programs would be strengthened with the option of funding improvements by planning expenditures from current revenue to the maximum extent possible. The ability to finance smaller projects and the design and acquisition of right-of-way on larger projects will provide the option to pay as you go. We strongly support S.B. 149.

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Office of

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TO: THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RE: SB 149

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on SB 149. My name is Phil Nelson, and I am the County Administrator for Barton County.

In April, 1985, the Kansas Legislature approved two (2) bills, SB 59 and SB 75, which gave cities in the state the authority to establish an equipment reserve fund and a multi-year capital improvement fund. The primary intent of that legislation was to allow cities to better plan for major capital expenditures such as road or bridge construction, or the purchase of equipment without having to issue bonds or no-fund warrants.

The passage of SB 149 would afford counties that same opportunity, that being to use tax dollars more efficiently. By being allowed to program and coordinate short-range, high priority improvement projects or equipment purchases with available funds, counties may be able to finance such projects through budgeted funds, rather than issue bonds with their associated costs. An example, if a county has to rebuild a bridge at a cost of \$250,000, and must issue bonds to be repaid over a ten year period, that bridge will end up costing the taxpayer approximately \$500,000 by the time bonds and interest are paid.

In Barton County alone, there are 395 miles of paved roads to be maintained, and approximately 400 bridges ranging from small township bridges to those which span the Arkansas River. While funds are made available through the Federal-Aid Secondary System to help with construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, the scope of operation of most counties is much larger.

Through support for SB 149, counties are not seeking new, costly programs for answering the service demands of constituents. Rather, counties are seeking to use logical means of utilizing available tax dollars as efficiently as possible. We seek only to have the same budgeting options given to cities two years ago.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to comment and for your consideration of this bill.

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To: Senator Don Montgomery, Chairman
Members of the Senate Local Government Committee

From: Bev Bradley, Legislative Coordinator
Kansas Association of Counties

Re: SB-149

Since today, February 11, 1987 has been designated as County Government Day, I am unable to be in the committee this morning. I thank you very much for allowing me to submit written testimony in support of SB-149.

This bill would enable a board of county commissioners by resolution, to establish an equipment reserve fund. This would be very helpful to counties, especially in light of reappraisal when all counties are trying to fund computers, software, as well as the regular amount of machinery and vehicles needed to keep the county operation functioning.

If the board of commissioners has formally approved a multi-year capital improvement plan setting forth public improvement and infrastructure needs of the county on a prioritized basis, they may establish, by resolution, a capital improvement fund. This bill provides for the transfer of funds from the annual budget or the annual budgeting of funds. This would allow for the accumulation of monies for use in the capital improvement area and would be of benefit to all taxpayers.

Section (d) allows for the transfer of funds back to the original source if they are not needed in the special fund. Such funds are subject to budget requirements and would therefore be easily tracked by the constituents.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports SB-149. We feel it would allow more efficiency in county government.

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