

Approved March 25, 1987
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

9:17 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 20, 1987 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Mike Heim, Arden Ensley, Emalene Correll and Lila McClaflin

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Susan Roenbaugh, 114th District, Lewis, Ks.
Gerry Ray, Intergovernmental Coordination, Johnson County
Board of Commissioners

The hearing was opened on H.B. 2092 - relating to tax levies for the preservation of records and other historical articles in certain counties.

Representative Susan Roenbaugh, sponsor of the bill, stated it amends the statutes to include Stafford County, it would permit them to levy a tax to maintain and preserve items giving to their county museum. At the present time the museum is maintained by contributions. This bill has the support of their county commissioners.

Senator Allen moved that H.B. 2092 be passed. The motion was seconded by Senator Mulich. The motion carried.

H.B. 2048 - raises a dollar threshold requiring competitive bids on county purchases from \$50 to \$2,000 in a statute authorizing Johnson and Sedgwick counties to appoint county purchasing officers and standardize purchasing procedures. The bill also repeals duplicative statutes which had applied just to Johnson County.

The hearing on H.B. 2048 was opened.

Gerry Ray stated this bill was introduced as a result of growth in Johnson County, they are subject to statutes concerning counties of over 300,000, the bill was amended in the House to increase the threshold requiring competitive bids on county purchases from \$50 to \$2,000. (ATTACHMENT I)

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill and stated Johnson County could charter out, it did not have to be statutorially changed.

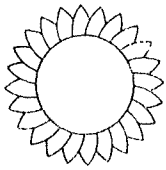
Senator Allen moved to pass H.B. 2048 as amended by the House Committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Mulich. The motion carried.

Discussion followed on H.B. 2172. The Committee decision was to hold it at this time.

Senator Ehrlich moved to adopt the minutes of the March 19, 1987 meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Salisbury. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26. The next meeting will be March 23, 1987.

Don Montgomery
Chairman, Senator Don Montgomery



SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
HEARING ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2048
MARCH 20, 1987
TESTIMONY OF GERRY RAY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATOR
JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS GERRY RAY, REPRESENTING THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2048.

IN 1986 JOHNSON COUNTY RECEIVED NOTICE THAT THE POPULATION HAD GROWN TO 307,000. AS A RESULT OF THIS GROWTH THE COUNTY HAS BECOME SUBJECT TO A VARIETY OF STATE STATUTES CONCERNING COUNTIES OVER 300,000. K.S.A. 19-260b ONE OF THESE STATUTES AND IS THE SUBJECT OF HOUSE BILL 2048.

K.S.A. 19-260b PERTAINS TO BIDDING PROCEDURES AND IS GENERALLY A VERY WORKABLE PROCESS. THE ONE ELEMENT THAT PRESENTS A PROBLEM IS THE REQUIREMENT THAT COMPETITIVE BIDS MUST BE TAKEN ON ALL PURCHASES OVER \$50.00. THIS AMOUNT WAS LOW IN 1971 WHEN THE STATUTE WAS ADOPTED, BUT IN 1987 IT IS AN UNREALISTIC REQUIREMENT.

THE AMENDMENT JOHNSON COUNTY IS REQUESTING IN HOUSE BILL 2048 WOULD CHANGE THIS REQUIREMENT TO \$2,000. THE ORIGINAL BILL INCLUDED ADDITIONAL LEVELS HOWEVER THE HOUSE COMMITTEE FELT THEY WERE UNNECESSARY AND REMOVED THEM. THIS AMENDMENT WILL PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY NEEDED TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLEXITIES OF PURCHASING FOR A LARGE ORGANIZATION WHILE RETAINING ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS TO INSURE PROPER PROCEDURES WILL BE ADHERED TO.

THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESPECTFULLY ASKS THAT THE COMMITTEE REPORT HOUSE BILL 2048 FAVORABLY FOR PASSAGE.

(ATTACHMENT I) LOCAL GO
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