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

9:14 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 24, 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 Ivan Sand, 66th District, Riley, Ks.
Gerry Ray, Johnson County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Walt Wood, Dean of Agriculture and Director of Extension at Kansas State University
Willie Martin, Sedgwick County Commission
Darold Main, Intergovernmental Coop Council, Shawnee County

The hearing for proponents of H.B. 2394 was opened.

H.B. 2394 - concerning county extension programs; relating to election of members of councils; budget filing; programs and personnel funded by two or more counties; authorizing formation of extension districts.

Representative Sand briefed the Committee on H.B. 2394. The bill was introduced in the House Local Government Committee to replace H.B. 2032, which was recommended by the Interim Special Committee on Ways and Means in regard to Proposal No. 41. The bill was supported by the Kansas Association of Counties, by the Director of Extension, at Kansas State University.

Dr. Walt Wood supported the bill. He stated changing the date is workable for budget approval. The change to allow counties to voluntarily share agents or create multi-county districts is strongly supported. Adding language to incorporate an Economic Development Program Development Committee (PDC) is strongly supported. (ATTACHMENT I) In answer to a question Dr. Wood stated if this bill was passed no additional staff would be required.

Gerry Ray supported the bill. She responded to questions.

Darold Main stated they support the bill but would like to see it amended to include the language in H.B. 2032, which would require that a majority of the Board of County Commissioners must approve the extension council budget. There should be no instance where the Commissioners do not have control of the budget hearing and he did not know why the extension people would either. The Commissioners are responsible for all other budgets in the county, they are responsible as elected officials and it should be that way.

Willie Martin testified in support of H.B. 2394, they feel strongly that the major changes which have occurred in the funding of extension programs requires reevaluation of the budget schedule and process. (Attachment II)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m., next meeting will be March 25, 1987.

Don Montgomery
Chairman, Senator Don Montgomery

Date: MARCH ~~19~~ 24, 1987

GUEST REGISTER

SENATE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS
M. Hearen	Coop-Ins	Topeka
Harold Main	Intergovt Coop Council	Topeka
Mike Johnson	K.S.U.	Manhattan
Walt Woods	KSU	Manhattan
Millie Mallin	Sedgwick Co	Wichita
Terry Ray	Johnson Co	Olathe

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Testimony on House Bill 2394
to
Senate Local Government Committee

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am Walter Woods, Dean of Agriculture and Director of Extension at Kansas State University. I support House Bill 2394. Changing the date is workable for budget approval. It will mean extra paperwork expenses and maybe an extra trip to each county, but we can make it work.

The change to allow counties to voluntarily share agents or create multi-county districts is strongly supported. As financial pressures are placed upon counties and the state, this is needed to allow counties the necessary flexibility to best meet their needs. Adding the language to incorporate an Economic Development Program Development Committee (PDC) is strongly supported. Extension was mandated to be involved in educational programs on community resource development. This language will recognize what many counties have been doing as well as create an environment for more effective citizen input into program planning at the county level.

Thank you for this opportunity to appear before you.

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March 24, 1987

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

House Bill # 2394
County Extension Programs

Testimony of Willie Martin
Intergovernmental Coordinator
Sedgwick County

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Willie Martin representing the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners. I would like to testify in support of House Bill 2394.

We feel strongly that the major changes which have occurred in the funding of extension programs requires reevaluation of the budget schedule and process.

To substantiate the major changes which have occurred in the responsibility for funding extension programs I would like to present the following figures:

	County	State	USDA	Other	Total
County Budget	$753,479	$ 79,056	$	$12,000	$ 844,535
	89%	9%		1%	
Add. Funding		60,778	147,552		208,331
Total Funding	$753,479	$139,834	$147,552	$12,000	$1,052,866
	72%	13%	14%	1%	

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In presenting these figures we are trying to demonstrate that to request approval of the County Extension budget by the Board of County Commissioners in the same time frame as other county funded operations is reasonable and prudent.

We respectfully state Sedgwick County Commissioners are expected to levy for 86% of the funding for budgeted extension programs and provide 72% of all funding received. They are the only elected officials in the process who are accountable to their constituents for tax dolars spent and yet are required to approve funding before estimates of revenues and expenditures are available and before they can look at the entire picture of their funding responsibilities.

Sedgwick County has one of the best Extension Programs in the State and the Commission has shown it's support not only in dollars. However, the fiscal problems of the State as well as local governmental units dictates that County Commissioners be provided the authority and process for accountability.