

Approved: 1-29-98
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary K. Hayzlett at 1:40 p.m. on January 27, 1998 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Eugene Shore, excused

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Reed Hohlwegner, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
J. Patterson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Betty McBride, Director of Division of Vehicles
Eileen King, President Kansas County Treasure's Association
Representative Joe Shriver

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett.

HB 2618: Certificates of title, fees

Proponent Betty McBride, Director of the Division of Vehicles, gave testimony regarding the above bill. She requested money to continue the replacement and further updates to VIPS equipment. (Attachment 1)

Proponent Eileen King, President Kansas County Treasurers Association, requested keeping the county and technology current. (Attachment 2)

Representative Howell asked if there was a copy of the 1997 maintenance bill, but figures were not available.

Hearing closed on **HB 2618**.

HB 2621: Designating a part of U.S. highway 77 as the Walnut Valley Greenway.

Proponent Representative Joe Shriver delivered background testimony on the location of the Walnut Valley Greenway.

He also had the committee correct the name of William D. Docking to Robert B. Docking in his testimony. Signage will be paid for by Arkansas City, KS. Estimate of \$500.00 to \$1000.00. (Attachment 3)

Staff handed out balloon regarding **HB2621**. (Attachment 4)

Hearing closed on **HB 2621**.

Chairman Hayzlett asked for the approval of the minutes of January 13, 1998 and January 21, 1998. Hank Avila reported the Reed Hohlwegner has replaced Julian Efird as a member of staff.

Representative Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 1998 and January 21, 1998, seconded by Representative Dreher and the motion was carried.

Representative McKinney asked the committee to consider a bill to replace the sales tax for aviation fuel with an excise tax for small airport improvements.

Representative Correll made a motion to introduce this bill and Representative McClure seconded. The motion

was carried.

Represented introduced a bill to shorten the 24 hour tag for abandoned vehicles.

Representative Powers made a motion to introduce this bill and Representative Correll seconded. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Eileen King	KCTA + Riley Co. Treas
Laura Dolty	KDOR / D&V
Billy McBride	KDOR Dir. of Vehicle
JOE SHREVER	St. Rep. #29
Brandon Wirth	Intern (Schwarz)
Cory Riehl	Intern (Hayzlett)
Dillard Shore	Rep. Shore
Tom Whitaker	KS Motor Carriers Assn
Ken Baker	KS Governmental Consulting
Mike Meehan	KS Automotive Recyclers Assn.
Mike Kelley	KS Motor Carriers Assn
WALT DARLING	KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL

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Division of Vehicles

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Hayzlett, Chairman
House Transportation Committee

FROM: Betty McBride, Director
Division of Vehicles

DATE: January 26, 1998

SUBJECT: House Bill 2618

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee:

I am Betty McBride, Director of the Kansas Division of Vehicles. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today in support of House Bill 2618.

House Bill 2618, if passed, will postpone the June 30, 1998, sunset of the VIPS/CAMA Technology Hardware Fee Fund, established by the 1996 Legislature, to June 30, 2003. Deposit of \$1.00 for every title fee collected will continue to be credited to this fee fund and used by the Division of Vehicles for State/County hardware and software needs for the VIPS (Vehicle Information Processing System) system.

Background:

In 1987, the VIPS system was implemented by the State of Kansas in all 105 County Treasurer's Offices throughout the state. This system provides a computerized method for County Treasurers to process vehicle registrations and title applications, and allows collection of vehicle sales taxes from Kansas vehicle owners. Each county was provided a system 36 computer, terminals and printers, as tools to provide this service. Since implementation in 1987, the State had been unable to upgrade the computer systems, and was very limited in making software changes other than those mandated by the legislature. The system became outdated and many counties were required to purchase new and larger computer systems to meet their counties' needs. This created major problems for the State, when attempting to support four different computer systems to enable VIPS processing. In turn, this created problems for the County Treasurers who were not provided the tools needed to give quality county service to their citizens.

In 1996, the County Treasurers approached the legislature requesting funding for the Division of Vehicles so that county systems could be upgraded with uniform computers and needed software changes which had been on the State's "to do" list for quite some time. The Division had not had adequate staff or resources in the past to complete this effort. The Kansas legislature, recognizing the counties' needs, passed Senate Bill 662, which created the VIPS/CAMA Technology Hardware Fee Fund. The bill provided that \$1.15 for each title fee collected from July 1, 1996, through June

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30, 1997, be deposited to this fund. Beginning July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1999, that amount is reduced to \$1.00 for each title fee collected. The State issues approximately 800,000 titles annually; therefore, the \$1.00 title fee collected generates approximately \$800,000.00, which is credited to the Technology/Hardware Fee Fund.

Project Status:

VIPS II Phase I

During Phase I of the project, which began January 1, 1997, a hardware/software needs assessment was conducted in all 105 counties. All counties were upgraded to a uniform AS/400 platform, which has enabled the State to take advantage of the AS/400 functionality and its benefits. Forty seven (47) processors were installed in forty three (43) counties. The first phase was successfully completed on June 17, 1997, within the specified time and allocated budget.

VIPS II Phase II

Reimbursement has been completed to all counties purchasing AS/400 systems prior to this project.

On August 15, 1997, a contract was successfully negotiated and signed with Lockwood Company Inc., Atchison, Kansas, for updating the "top twenty" software enhancements identified by counties, to improve functionality and provide the County Treasurers the tools for greater efficiency in registering motor vehicles and in collecting taxes, by making county requested programming enhancements to the VIPS system. Vendors are on site and contract completion is expected September 1, 1998.

Future needs and requirements:

- * The Department is in the process of assessing the counties' peripheral equipment needs for old and worn items such as printers and terminals. Although a full, in-depth study is not completed at this time, the estimated cost for replacement of this equipment in county offices is \$2,099,928. This would be the next project phase.
- * Continued implementation of county requested enhancements would produce cost savings to the counties and State in reduced processing times and greater efficiencies.
- * It is estimated that the life-cycle of the current AS/400 systems implemented within the State and counties, will be five (5) to seven (7) years. By allowing the continuation of the VIPS/CAMA Technology Hardware Fund, the necessary funds will be available to keep the computer systems at their current level.

Expenditures from the VIPS/CAMA Technology Hardware Fee Fund are fully monitored and require annual budget approval. The fund is audited annually as required by statute.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I request your serious consideration for approval and passage of House Bill 2618, which will enable the Department to provide counties the tools needed to perform the state's motor vehicle function.

Thank you again for allowing me to appear today. I would stand for questions at this time.



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TO: Gary Hayzlett, Chairman House Transportation and members of the
Transportation Committee

FROM: Eileen King, President Kansas County Treasurers' Association

DATE: January 27, 1998

RE: House Bill 2618

Chairman Hayzlett and members of the committee, I am Eileen King, Riley County Treasurer and President of the Kansas County Treasurers' Association. I appear in support of HB2618 which retains the funding for the Vehicle Information Processing System (VIPS) from the title fees until 2003. This bill has the full support of the Kansas County Treasurers' Association and all 105 Counties in Kansas.

During the years when there was not adequate funding for VIPS, each county solved the problems in various ways, which lead to the state supporting their programs on 3 different systems. Now that the funding has allowed all counties to convert everything to the same technology of an AS400 mini-computer, we have had much better support from the state and we in turn have been able to give better service to our customers. There are numerous enhancements that would help us continue to give all customers the excellent service that the state would expects us to give.

The CRT terminals and printers that we use for processing the motor vehicle transactions are 10 years old and are past the life expectancy. Although the state pays for the maintenance on these devices, I know that it is expensive since the technology is so out-dated. With current technology and equipment, there would be a great cost savings in maintenance costs as well as an increase in productivity.

To assure that county computers and technology are kept current, we request passage of HB2618. It is important that these do not become outdated and we find ourselves in the reoccurring situation that we did a few years ago.

I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you in support of HS 2618 and I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

House Bill 2621 comes from a request by a local non-profit organization in Arkansas City. The Arkansas City Beautification Committee is working with Kansas State University and many local groups in Arkansas City for the development of parks and recreation areas along the recently opened by-pass around the east side of Arkansas City. Much of this land sits in the flood plain of the Walnut River which limits development.

The Arkansas City Beautification Committee requested a name for the by-pass and asked me for legislation. I requested the Committee to first ask for a resolution by the City of Arkansas City for the naming of the road. The City of Arkansas City took the matter up and also requested the naming of the by-pass to be the Walnut Valley Greenway.

Upon return to the legislature this session, I submitted HB 2621. I ask that you consider and pass this request so these organizations can continue to work on plans to develop this area. I ask also that you make one change, as the Kansas Department of Transportation has re-numbered the by-pass as a part of U.S. 77 and changed downtown Arkansas City's main street destination to Business 77. So I ask that U.S. 77 as it runs through Cowley County remain as the ^{Robert} William B. Docking Memorial Highway with one amendment in the City of Arkansas City, that the Business 77

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section which runs past the Docking family bank be designated as the ^{Robert}~~William~~-B. Docking Memorial Highway and the U.S. 77 by-pass around Arkansas City be named the Walnut Valley Greenway.

Signage of the ^{Robert}~~William~~-B. Docking Memorial Highway currently exists and no changes need to be made. Signage of the Walnut Valley Greenway would be paid by the City of Arkansas City.

Thank you for your consideration, Mr. Chairman. I would stand for any questions.

Representative Joe Shriver
District #79

HOUSE BILL No. 2621

By Representative Shriver

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9 AN ACT designating a part of United States highway 77 as the Walnut
10 Valley Greenway.

; amending K.S.A. 1997 Supp. 68-1010 and
repealing the existing section

11 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

12 Section 1. United States Highway 77 from its south junction with
13 United States highway 77 business, thence north to the north junction
14 with United States highway 77 business, is hereby designated as the Wal-
15 nut Valley Greenway. The secretary of transportation shall place highway
16 signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate that
17 the highway is the Walnut Valley Greenway, except that such signs shall
18 not be placed until the secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts
19 and donations to reimburse the secretary for the cost of placing such signs.
20 The secretary of transportation may accept and administer gifts and do-
21 nations to pay for the cost of such highway signs bearing the proper
22 approved inscription.

Sec. 2. and 3. See attached

24 Sec. ~~2.~~ This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
25 publication in the statute book.

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Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1997 Supp. 68-1010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-1010. The portion of United States highway 75 where it enters the state on the Kansas-Nebraska line on the north then south to the junction with K-9 then west to the junction of K-9 with K-62 then south to the junction of K-62 with K-16 then east to the junction with United States highway 75 then south to United States highway 40, and United States highway 77 from United States highway 40 south on United States highway 77 to the northern boundary of Cowley county is hereby designated the official north-south Blue Star memorial highway route in the state of Kansas. The portion of United States highway 77 from the northern boundary of Cowley county to the junction with United States highway 77 business then south on United States highway 77 business to United States highway 77 then south to the Kansas-Oklahoma border is hereby designated the Robert B. Docking memorial highway.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 1997 Supp. 68-1010 is hereby repealed.