

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Allen at 10:40 A.M. on January 31, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office
Judy Swanson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer
Representative Jim Morrison
Kevin Rasure, Sherman County Commissioner

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senator Allen moved to introduce a bill which would allow for a check off for breast cancer research. Senator Apple seconded the motion, motion passed.

Hearing on **SB 429, authorizing countywide retailers' sales tax in Sherman county for roadway improvement.**

Senator Ostmeyer testified the bill would help Sherman County and Goodland improve their infrastructure and roadways. (Attachment 1) He noted the House Taxation Committee passed **HB 2698** this morning, and it is the same bill as **SB 429**.

Representative Jim Morrison submitted written support for **SB 429**. (Attachment 2)

Kevin Rasure, Sherman County Commissioner, testified as to why **SB 429** was needed in Sherman County. (Attachment 3) He provided county and city project cost information. It is a joint city-county project.

Following Committee discussion, hearing on **SB 429** was closed.

Committee discussion was held on **SB 358, electronic filing of returns and electronic funds transfer for payments required in certain circumstances.**

Richard Cram, KDOR, furnished the Committee information it requested concerning W-2 Specifications for Electronic/Magnetic Media. (Attachment 4) Gary Centlivre, KDOR, addressed the electronic payment process. He said there is no cost or burden to taxpayers to file electronically as they can do it by telephoning in and setting up a bank withdrawal of taxes or by going on-line. Sales tax returns can also be done on-line. The state would acquire funds quicker if this bill were passed. It would include prepayment of taxes. Senator Donovan said that float time has been recently decreased, and would be further decreased by this bill. This bill would create a departure from the Federal guidelines for requiring electronic filing of W2s, lowering the threshold from 250 employees to 50 employees. Mr. Cram said W2s cannot be submitted by phone. Jeff Scott, KDOR, said the Check 21 Law allows KDOR expanded ability to cross-match W2s with Kansas withholding. KDOR can look for non-filers and under-filers this way. No action was taken on **SB 358**.

Senator Lee moved to report **SB 357** favorable for passage. Senator Allen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chairman Allen requested Senator Lee to carry the bill on the Floor of the Senate.

Senator Donovan made a motion to report **SB 359** favorable for passage. Senator Bruce seconded the motion.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee at 10:40 A.M. on January 31, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

and the motion passed.

Discussion was held on **SB 423**, award of attorney fees to taxpayer in certain appeals by county of orders of board of tax appeals.

A memo from Tony Folsom, KDOR, was distributed. (Attachment 5) Mr. Folsom said KDOR did not receive a request from anyone in Saline County to look into the problem the County was experiencing. Discussion was held concerning reciprocity for those who were acting in bad faith. Senator Bruce will work with the Revisor to prepare an amendment to **SB 423** concerning the criteria needed for the awarding of attorney fees.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 25 Committee meeting. Senator Donovan seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS
JOINT COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE
RULES AND REGULATIONS

January 30, 2006

Madame Chair Allen, and members of Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in support of SB-429, which grants local control of a tax increase.

Sherman County and city of Goodland request permission to increase Local Sales Tax to maintain and upgrade their infrastructure and roadways. This project has unanimous support of the communities.

Goodland is a major hub in Northwest Kansas area and legislation is vital to offset cuts in Demand Transfer funding . This legislation is important to help service surrounding communities.

I will be brief in my remarks to allow elected officials and business leaders from Sherman County area to explain their needs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Ostmeyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Ostmeyer
40th District

Assessment & Taxation
Date 1-31-06
Attachment # 1

STATE OF KANSAS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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UTILITIES
Member
Joint Committee on Information
Technology
Member
Health Care Stabilization
Committee

January 30, 2006

Testimony in support of SB 429

Chairwoman Allen and members of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee I thank you for this opportunity to appear in support of legislation requested by the City of Goodland and Sherman County. In short they are requesting the Legislature permit Sherman County to place a request for a 1% county-wide sales tax on the ballot for this year's April elections. The monies raised amounting to approximately 12 Million Dollars will be used to improve deteriorating roads in the county.

Sherman County is in a wonderful growth situation that requires improvement of several aging roadways. Sherman County Commissioners can answer questions regarding which roads and the details of the projects. My support for the tax increase is to help improve roadways so that a currently being built Wind, Ethanol, and Coal-fired power plant for the resale of electricity West of Goodland will have adequate highway access.

Other projects that may or may not have been announced are on the drawing boards which will help create many new jobs and improve the economic structure of my district. I ask your favorable action on this bill and that it is expedited in the interest of placing the issue before the voters in April of this year. Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Morrison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Representative Jim Morrison

Assessment & Taxation
Date 01-31-06
Attachment # 2

Sherman County Commissioners

Sherman County Commission
813 Broadway, Rm. 101
Goodland, Kansas 67735

Phone: 785-899-4807
FAX: 785-899-4809
email:

January 31, 2006

To: Senator Barbara Allen and Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

Re: SB #429

We are here today to ask for your support in granting us the ability to ask our citizens for the opportunity to maintain and upgrade a vital part of our infrastructure, our roadways. This is a project that has unanimous support from both City and County Commissions. These are elected officials that consist of several retail business people, a farmer, a banker, and a landlord. As elected officials, we take seriously the implications of additional taxes, but we take the responsibility of keeping our infrastructure up even more seriously. Our roadways are vital in serving our farming community, businesses, residents, visitors and economic development.

We are fortunate to have a coal fired power plant, an ethanol plant and a bio-diesel plant that will be starting this spring. Many of these roads that we want to improve have a direct effect on the movement of product to and from these plants. These plants will employ approximately 200 construction workers and will employ 70 to 100 full time people when in full operation.

We have in our county, a former state highway consisting of almost 40 miles. This road is crucial in moving our crops, getting our citizens to Goodland and back from our rural areas and providing a paved road to help carry our children to and from school. All the roads and streets that the sales tax will fund are key in providing safe transportation to our businesses and residents of the Goodland area. In combining the efforts of the city and county, we can address the most important roadways and by doing them as a combined project, we can get a much greater return on the dollars spent. This will enable us to get competitive bids from contractors, lower financing costs and less inconvenience to our residents.






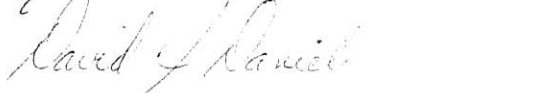
With the sales tax, we can generate the revenues from all the people who use the roads in Goodland and Sherman County. The only other option we have to raise additional funds is through property tax, and we don't feel that is a very good option in our farming community. Our county and city budgets don't allow for us to take on projects like this, especially with the loss of the demand transfers several years ago. The loss of those funds hurt all communities, but in our farming community it severely hurt our ability to maintain and upgrade our transportation system both in our city and county. The proposed project will be a \$12 million dollar bond issue with a projected payoff of 10 to 13 years.

We sincerely hope that your committee will let our residents choose whether or not to spend our own money to maintain and improve our transportation system within our county. We thank you for your time and consideration.

City of Goodland--City Commissioners



Sherman County--County Commissioners

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Attachment # 3

**ESTIMATED COSTS FOR
PROJECTED
CITY/COUNTY PLAN**

***** ALL COSTS ARE PRELIMINARY *****

CITY STREETS

Street	Line Item	Location	Unit	Quantity	2005	
					Unit Price	Total
Caldwell & Toelkes to Bridge	Inplace Cold Recycle	Armory to Bridge	sy	13,000	\$4.00	\$52,000.00
	Inplace Cold Recycle	Toelkes to Armory	sy	6,500	\$4.00	\$26,000.00
	6" Asphalt		sy	19,500	\$18.00	\$351,000.00
	8" Concrete	Int of Armory/Caldwell	sy	750	\$40.00	\$30,000.00
	Signage		ea	30	\$500.00	\$15,000.00
	Shoulder Dirtwork		lf	7,000	\$15.00	\$105,000.00
	Contingency				10%	\$57,900
						\$636,900
	Design				5%	\$31,845
	Inspection				10%	\$63,690
TOTAL COST ESTIMATE						\$732,435

Caldwell & 8th St to Toelkes	6" Mill		sy	13,333	\$2.00	\$26,666.67
	6" Asphalt		sy	13,333	\$18.00	\$240,000.00
	Contingency				10%	\$26,667
						\$293,333
	Design				5%	\$14,667
				5%	\$14,667	
TOTAL COST ESTIMATE						\$322,667

Caldwell & 8th Intersection	C&G		lf	400	\$20.00	\$8,000.00
	8" Concrete street		sy	1,200	\$40.00	\$48,000.00
	Base work		sy	1,200	\$25.00	\$30,000.00
	Storm sewer		lf	400	\$75.00	\$30,000.00
	Storm inlets		ea	3	\$7,500.00	\$22,500.00
	Removal of existing street		sy	1,200	\$20.00	\$24,000.00
	Subsidiary work		ea	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Contingency				10%	\$17,750
						\$195,250
	Design				6.0%	\$11,715
Inspection				8.0%	\$15,620	
TOTAL COST ESTIMATE						\$222,585

8th & Cattletrail to D'Lao Dr	C&G		lf	200	\$20.00	\$4,000.00
	8" Asphalt		sy	2,650	\$24.00	\$63,600.00
	Base work		sy	2,650	\$12.00	\$31,800.00
	Removal of existing street		sy	2,650	\$20.00	\$53,000.00
	Subsidiary work		ea	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
	Contingency				9%	\$15,966
						\$193,366
	Design				6.0%	\$11,602
	Inspection				8.0%	\$15,469
	TOTAL COST ESTIMATE					

CITY STREETS (continued)

Street	Line Item	Location	Unit	Quantity	2005	
					Unit Price	Total
17th - Railroad to Main Street	C&G		lf	4,100	\$20.00	\$82,000.00
	8" Concrete street		sy	9,500	\$40.00	\$380,000.00
	Base work		sy	9,500	\$25.00	\$237,500.00
	Storm sewer		lf	3,500	\$70.00	\$245,000.00
	Storm inlets		ea	10	\$5,500.00	\$55,000.00
	Entrances/side streets		ea	30	\$5,000.00	\$150,000.00
	Removal of existing street		sy	9,500	\$20.00	\$190,000.00
	Subsidiary work		ea	1	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
	Contingency				5%	\$70,725
						\$1,485,225
	Design				4.0%	\$59,409
	Inspection				8.5%	\$126,814
	TOTAL COST ESTIMATE					

COUNTY ROADS

Old Hwy 24 AKA Rd 64/64.2	Milling to 3" Depth		ton	79,000	\$5.00	\$395,000.00
	3" Overlay		mile	33	\$135,000.00	\$4,455,000.00
						\$4,850,000
	Engineering				7.0%	\$339,500
TOTAL COST ESTIMATE						\$5,189,500

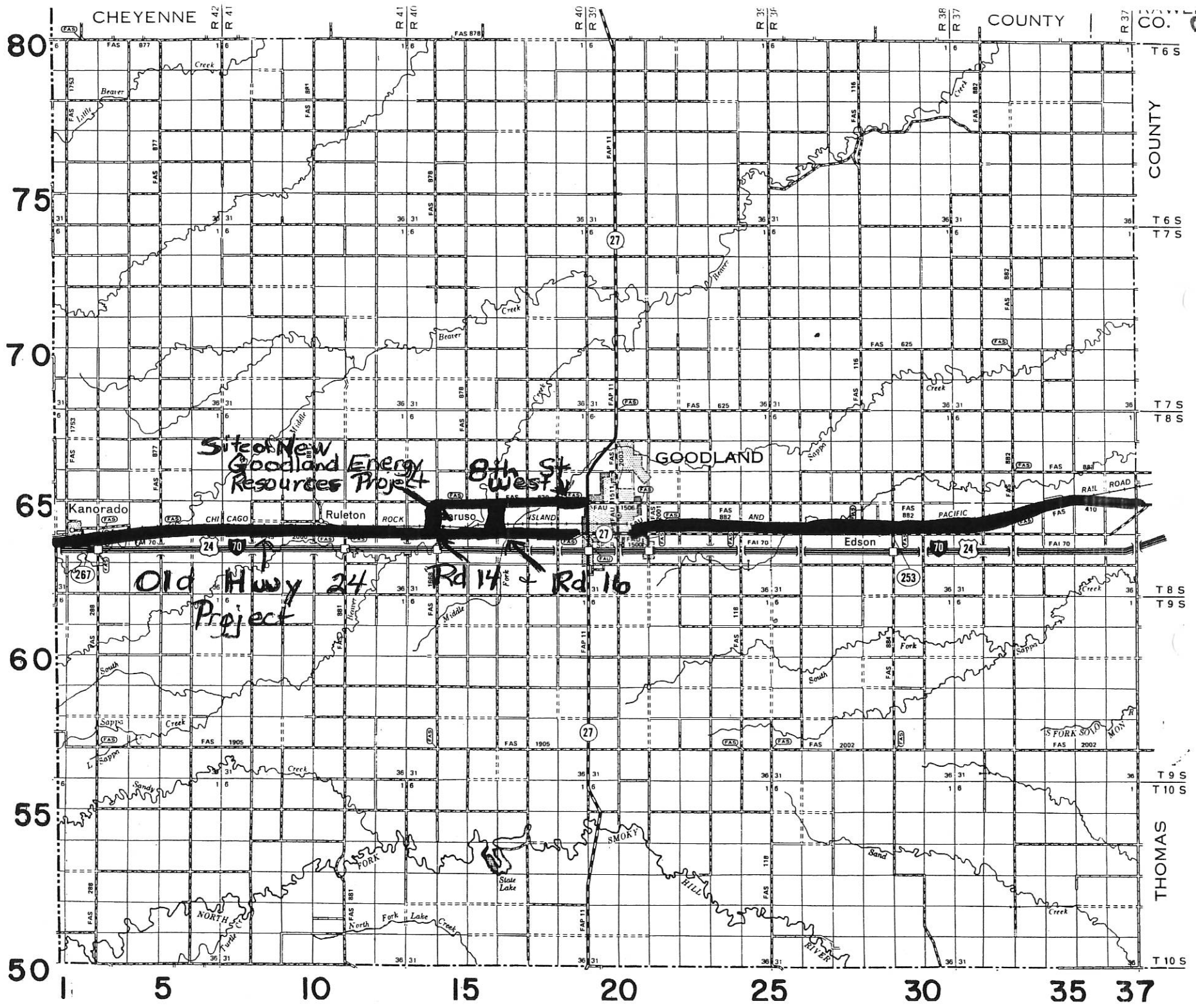
8th St. West of Goodland & Rd 14 Between Rd 64 & 65	7" Milling, Subgrade Modification and Bituminous Surfacing		mile	6.5	392,910.00	\$2,553,915.00
						\$2,553,915.00
<i>NOTE: This is a 7" overlay, if decrease depth it will be less cost.</i>						
	Engineering				7.0%	\$177,774
TOTAL COST ESTIMATE						\$2,731,689

Road 16	5 or 6" Resurfacing		mile	1.0	300,000.00	\$300,000.00
						\$300,000.00
	Engineering				7.0%	\$21,000
TOTAL COST ESTIMATE						\$321,000

TOTAL CITY STREETS REQUESTED \$3,169,002
TOTAL COUNTY ROADS REQUESTED \$8,243,189
TOTAL CITY STREETS & COUNTY ROADS \$11,412,191

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 Date: 9/1/05
 Attachment # 3-2

City Estimates provided by
EBH & Assoc



CHEYENNE

COUNTY

CO.

COUNTY

THOMAS

80
75
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Site of New
Goodland Energy
Resources Project

8th St
West

GOODLAND

Old Hwy 24
Project

Rd 14 & Rd 16

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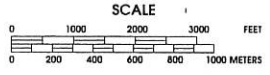
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CITY OF GOODLAND

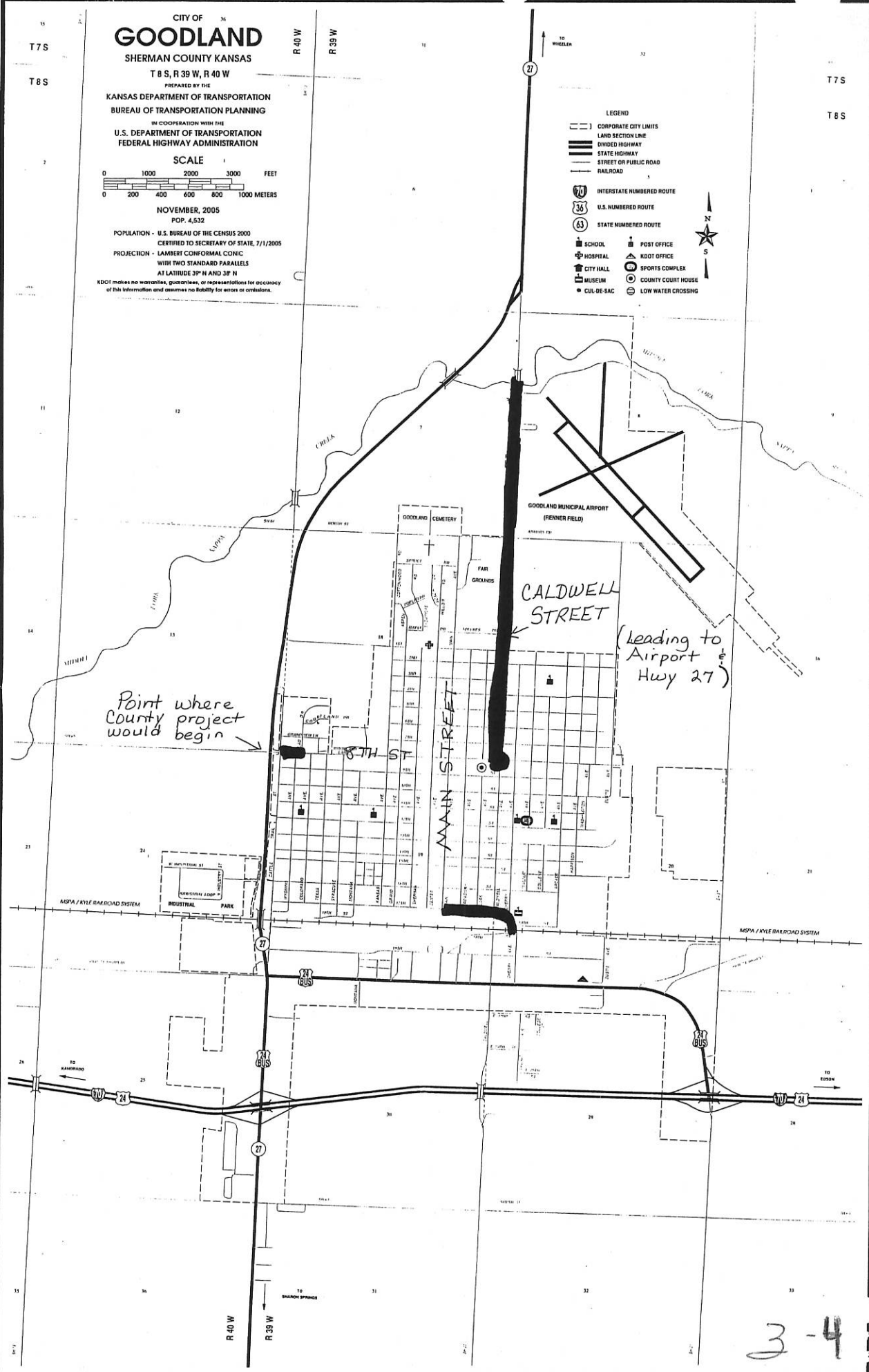
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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



NOVEMBER, 2005
POP. 4,532
POPULATION - U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS 2000
CERTIFIED TO SECRETARY OF STATE, 7/1/2005
PROJECTION - LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC
WITH TWO STANDARD PARALLELS
AT LATITUDE 37° N AND 38° N
KDOT makes no warranties, guarantees, or representations for accuracy
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- LEGEND
- CORPORATE CITY LIMITS
 - LAND SECTION LINE
 - DIVIDED HIGHWAY
 - STATE HIGHWAY
 - STREET OR PUBLIC ROAD
 - RAILROAD
 - INTERSTATE NUMBERED ROUTE
 - U.S. NUMBERED ROUTE
 - STATE NUMBERED ROUTE
 - SCHOOL
 - POST OFFICE
 - HOSPITAL
 - KDOT OFFICE
 - CITY HALL
 - SPORTS COMPLEX
 - MUSEUM
 - COUNTY COURT HOUSE
 - CUL-DE-SAC
 - LOW WATER CROSSING



Point where
County project
would begin

CALDWELL STREET
(leading to
Airport
Hwy 27)

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W-2 SPECIFICATIONS FOR ELECTRONIC/MAGNETIC MEDIA

The state of Kansas follows the Social Security Administration (SSA) guidelines in regard to the filing of W-2s, Wage and Tax Statements per K.S.A. 79-3222, K.S.A. 79-3296, and K.S.A. 79-3299. Kansas requires that filers with more than 250 records per type of information return file on electronic/magnetic media. Using the MMREF-1 format, employers are required to file W-2 information with the Department of Revenue for all Kansas records. The due date is the last day of February.

MEDIA THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS DEFINED IN THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MEDIA SPECIFICATIONS: The Kansas Department of Revenue will accept 3.5 diskettes, CDs, 3480 or 3490 Cartridges containing records applicable to Kansas. The **K-90** Media Label must be affixed to the media. The **K-96T**, Kansas Media Transmittal Form and Payer Summary, or a computer generated substitute, must also accompany the media. Please refer to our website: <http://www.ksrevenue.org/forms-btwh.htm>. Service bureaus transmitting information for multiple payers must submit Form **K-96T**, Kansas Media Transmittal Form and Payer Summary, or a computer generated substitute, in its entirety.

KW-3 & KW-3E FILING REQUIREMENTS: A completed **KW-3** or **KW-3E**, Kansas Employer's Withholding Tax Return for each employer on the media must accompany the media when it is filed. All returns must be signed. Please refer to the Kansas Withholding Tax Guide for detailed instructions.

3.5" diskettes or CDs MS-DOS compatible format File name must be <u>KSW2RPT</u> (optional) Label - K-90 Media Tape Label Use of ASCII-1 character set Each record must be 512 characters in length	3480 or 3490 Cartridges Only EBCDIC format File name <u>KSW2RPT</u> (optional) Label - K-90 Media Tape Label Block Factor of 25 Each record must be 512 characters in length
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RECORD FORMAT AND RECORD LAYOUT SPECIFICATIONS: Transmitters are required to use the format listed on page two of this document for Code RS records. For all other record specifications, please follow the information in the Social Security Administration (SSA) booklet, MMREF - 1 Magnetic Media Reporting and Electronic Filing, available on the SSA Website <http://www.ssa.gov/employer/pub.htm>. Additional information regarding the filing of magnetic media with the state of Kansas is available on our website: <http://www.ksrevenue.org/forms-btwh.htm>.

STATE OF KANSAS REQUIRED FORMAT		
Code RA	Submitter Record	Required
Code RE	Employer Record	Required
Code RW	Employee Wage Record	Required
Code RO	Employee Wage Record	Optional
Code RS	State Record	Required - please see page 2, 3 and 4
Code RT	Total Record	Required
Code RU	Total Record	Optional - if filing RO records
Code RF	Final Record	Required

All media must be submitted as required by appropriate federal guidelines and modified by this document. You will be notified of any problems and will be required to correct and submit the corrected file to us within 45 days to avoid penalty. If you have any **technical questions** concerning data processing, please call or email us at 785-296-6689 or Audit_DiscoveryTeam@kdor.state.ks.us. If you have questions concerning **filing requirements**, contact **Customer Relations** at 785-368-8222.

MAIL DISKETTES, CDs, or CARTRIDGES TO:

WITHHOLDING TAX
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
915 SW HARRISON STREET
TOPEKA, KANSAS 66625-1000

K-2MT
(Rev 1/06)

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, 915 SW HARRISON ST., TOPEKA, KS 66625-1000
TTY: 785-296-6461 <http://www.ksrevenue.org/forms-btwh.htm>

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Date 1-31-06
Attachment # 4

NOTE: RECORD LENGTH FOR THE KANSAS AND SSA "RS" RECORD IS 512 BYTES. ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED AND CAN BE BLANK OR ZERO FILLED. The transmitter is required to send the federal records sent to the SSA for Kansas employees: RA, RE, RW, RO (optional), RS, RT, RU (optional) and RF. The RS record must be for Kansas wages only.

CODE R S RECORD LAYOUT - STATE OF KANSAS

Field Name	Record Identifier	State Code	Blank	Social Security Number (SSN)	Employee First Name	Employee Middle Name or Initial
Position Length	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-18	19-33	34-48
	2	2	5	9	15	15

Employee Last Name	Suffix	Location Address	Delivery Address	City	State Abbreviation
49-68	69-72	73-94	95-116	117-138	139-140
20	4	22	22	22	2

ZIP Code	ZIP Code Extension	Blank	Blank	Blank	Blank
141-145	146-149	150-154	155-177	178-192	193-194
5	4	5	23	15	2

Blank	Blank	Blank	Blank	Blank	Blank
195-196	197-202	203-213	214-224	225-226	227-234
2	6	11	11	2	8

Blank	Blank	State Employer Withholding Account #	Blank	State Code	State Taxable Wages
235-242	243-247	248-267	268-273	274-275	276-286
8	5	20	6	2	11

State Income Tax Withheld	Blank	Blank	Blank	Blank	Blank
287-297	298-307	308	309-319	320-330	331-337
11	10	1	11	11	7

Employee Contribution to KPERS, KP&F, Judges	Blank	Blank	Blank
338-348	349-412	413-487	488-512
11	64	75	25

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CODE RS RECORD LAYOUT - STATE OF KANSAS

POSITION	FIELD NAME	LENGTH	SPECIFICATIONS
1-2	Record Identifier	2	Constant "RS":
3-4	State Code	2	Enter the appropriate postal NUMERIC Code (see Appendix F). Enter "20" for the Kansas postal numeric code.
5-9	Blank	5	Fill with blanks.
10-18	Social Security Number (SSN)	9	Enter the employee's SSN as shown on the original/replacement SSN card issued by SSA. If no SSN is available, enter zeros.
19-33	Employee First Name	15	Enter the employee's first name as shown on the SSN card. Left justify and fill with blanks.
34-48	Employee Middle Name or Initial	15	If applicable, enter the employee's middle name or initial as shown on the SSN card. Left justify and fill with blanks. Otherwise, fill with blanks.
49-68	Employee Last Name	20	Enter the employee's last name as shown on the SSN card. Left justify and fill with blanks.
69-72	Suffix	4	If applicable, enter the employee's alphabetic suffix. For example: SR, JR Left justify and fill with blanks. Otherwise, fill with blanks.
73-94	Location Address	22	Enter the employee's location address (Attention, Suite, Room Number, etc.). Left justify and fill with blanks.
95-116	Delivery Address	22	Enter the employee's delivery address. Left justify and fill with blanks.
117-138	City	22	Enter the employee's city. Left justify and fill with blanks.
139-140	State Abbreviation	2	Enter the employee's State. Use a postal abbreviation as shown in Appendix F. For a foreign address, fill with blanks.
141-145	ZIP Code	5	Enter the employee's ZIP code. For a foreign address, fill with blanks.
146-149	ZIP Code Extension	4	Enter the employee's four-digit extension of the ZIP Code. If not applicable, fill with blanks.

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155-177	Blank	23	Fill with blanks.
178-192	Blank	15	Fill with blanks.
193-194	Blank	2	Fill with blanks.
195-196	Blank	2	Fill with blanks.
197-202	Blank	6	Fill with blanks.
203-213	Blank	11	Fill with blanks.
214-224	Blank	11	Fill with blanks.
225-226	Blank	2	Fill with blanks.
227-234	Blank	8	Fill with blanks.
235-242	Blank	8	Fill with blanks.
243-247	Blank	5	Fill with blanks.
248-267	State Employer Withholding Account Number	20	Kansas Withholding Account number for the Employer Left justify and fill with blanks.
268-273	Blank	6	Fill with blanks.
274-275	State Code	2	Enter the appropriate postal NUMERIC Code (see Appendix F). Enter "20" for the Kansas postal numeric code.
276-286	State Taxable Wages	11	Right justify and zero fill.
287-297	State Income Tax Withheld	11	Right justify and zero fill.
298-307	Blank	10	Fill with blanks.
308	Blank	1	Fill with blanks.
309-319	Blank	11	Fill with blanks.
320-330	Blank	11	Fill with blanks.
331-337	Blank	7	Fill with blanks.
338-348	Employees Contributions to Public Employees' Retirement Systems	11	Amount of Employee Contributions to Kansas Public Employees' Retirement System (KPERs, KP&F or Judges) Right justify and zero fill. "Contributions are PRINTED on the W-2 in Box 14."
349-412	Blank	64	Fill with blanks.
413-487	Blank	75	Fill with blanks.
488-512	Blank	25	Fill with blanks.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF PROPERTY VALUATION

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Barbara P. Allen
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

FROM: Tony R. Folsom, Deputy Director

DATE: January 31, 2006

SUBJECT: SB 423 - Request for Additional Information

During the hearing on SB 423, a question was asked about the authority of the Director of Property Valuation (Director) to oversee the performance of county appraisers in Kansas.

As was stated at the hearing, county appraisers are appointed by county commissions to a term of four years. See K.S.A. 19-430. A county appraiser may be removed from office during a term only if the appraiser has failed or neglected to properly perform the duties of the office of county appraiser by reason of incompetency or, if competent, failure to actually perform the duties of the office. K.S.A. 19-431.

Each county pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1411a is an assessment administration unit and is charged with the primary responsibility for the administration of all laws relating to the assessment, review, equalization, extension and collection of real and personal property taxes. Pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1411b, each county comprises a separate assessment district and the county appraiser has the duty of appraising all tangible property in the county.

The Director and PVD have general supervision over the counties in the valuation and assessment process. See K.S.A. 79-1404. PVD has no authority within the appeals process and does not review the valuation of individual buildings. However, there are general checks, such as the sales ratio study, that are used to determine whether counties are in compliance with the law and guidelines. Attempting to track all changes that counties make to individual properties would not be of benefit unless PVD appraised each property to verify that the changes are appropriate.

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Another question that was asked was whether the Director had received a request to look into the Saline County Appraiser's valuation of Mr. Jensen's properties. The answer is no.

Finally, there was a question concerning whether the Director had been contacted concerning how Saline county is valuing properties that are subject to special assessments. The amendment to K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 79-503a concerning special assessments was effective July 1, 2003. The Director met with the Saline County Commission and developers and offered to review the county's methodology. In November 2003, staff from PVD reviewed the process the Saline County Appraiser's office was using to account for special assessments. At that time, it was determined that the Saline County Appraiser's office was in compliance with the law. Since that time, PVD has not been notified of any further problems.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 296-6741 or by e-mail at tony_folsom@kdor.state.ks.us.

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