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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Huebert at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, February 2, 2012, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representative Don Hineman, who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Patrick Vogelsberg, Kearney and Associates
Representative Randy Garber, District 62
Kevin Hill, Horton City Attorney

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

The Chairman called for bill introductions. Patrick Vogelsberg, Kearney and Associates, requested introduction of a committee bill regarding the competition in municipalities between private and commercial solid waste activity. The Chairman announced that, without objection, a bill would be drafted.

Hearing On: **HB 2546 - Horton armory; authorization to convey to city of Horton.**

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2546** and invited staff to report on changes by the bill. Eunice Peters provided details, saying that the bill would authorize the Kansas Military Board to transfer real estate to the city of Horton by warranty deed or by quitclaim deed. She noted that documentation has to be reviewed and approved by the Kansas Attorney General.

Representative Randy Garber, District 62, spoke as a proponent and stated the bill will give the Military Board the necessary legal parameters to allow transfer of the Horton Armory to the city of Horton (Attachment 1). He provided a copy of the lease agreement and the warranty deed for additional information (Attachments 2 and 3).

Kevin Hill, Horton City Attorney, provided background on the Horton Armory and commented on the mandate given by the State of Kansas in 2010 to close armories across the state (Attachment 4). Mr. Hill noted that the deed conveying the Horton Armory property to the

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Kansas Military Board was from a private entity and did not include a reversionary clause to revert the property to the City of Horton if the armory was no longer being used by the Board. He said the Board has no legal authority to transfer real estate without authorization from the legislature, and that **HB 2546** would grant the Board release of responsibility for the Horton Armory and would allow the City of Horton to obtain title to the facility and property.

The hearing on **HB 2546** was closed.

Following discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2012.