

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Huebert at 3:30 p.m. on January 25, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Eunice Powers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kathy Sachs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Administrative and E-Government Services
Bill Sneed, Legislative Counsel, State Farm Insurance Company

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and introduced Bill Sneed, Legislative Counsel for State Farm Insurance Company. Mr. Sneed requested a bill be introduced to disallow response service fees being added to emergency rescue services (Attachment 1). The request is for an amendment to **K.S.A. 80-1557**, which deals with emergency care services. The Chairman said, without objection, the request is approved.

Kathy Sachs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Administrative and E-Government Services, spoke to the committee regarding the status of cemetery trust funds (Attachment 2). She explained that the Permanent Maintenance Trust fund is in place for "time of need," and the Merchandise Trust Fund is used for wholesale purchase of merchandise used by owners of the cemetery. Ms. Sachs reported that trust funds of abandoned cemeteries are being improperly withdrawn and the Secretary of State's office has worked to recover more than half of those funds.

Responding to questions, Ms. Sachs said fees of \$20 per burial space and \$20 per pre-need contract sold are used to cover costs associated with auditor fees. Municipality and private church cemeteries are not required to contribute to this fund. She said the agency is entirely fee-funded.

Staff Eunice Powers, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, said a summary letter of the judge's rationale on the Haysville ruling will be available at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2011.