

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vickrey at 3:30 p.m. on March 25, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department
Maureen Stinson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Dillmore
Rep. Rob Boyer
Mike Pepoon Sedgwick County
Annabeth Surbaugh Board of County Commissioners, Johnson County
Don Jarrett Board of County Commissioners, Johnson County
Greg Johnson City of DeSoto

*John Parisi
*written testimony only

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2455 state agencies and political subdivisions of the state; powers and duties thereof

Rep. Dillmore testified as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 1). He testified that the bill gives all political subdivisions the authority to market the naming of their physical assets:

- Highways, bridges, interchanges, classrooms, science labs, playgrounds, bike paths, water towers, greeting signs

He said that the bill does not prevent the legislature or local units to continue the practice of memorializing individuals, does not require anyone to participate, and participation costs nothing.

Michael Pepoon, Director, Government Relations, Sedgwick County, appeared in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He said the bill would allow cities, counties, school boards and other state agencies to enter into contracts to sell or lease the naming rights of any property owned by such agency. He informed the committee that Sedgwick County supports the bill.

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The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2455**.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

SB 237 **redevelopment of property located within a federal enclave in Johnson and Labette Counties**

Annabeth Surbaugh, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Johnson County presented testimony on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners in support of the bill (Attachment 3). She stated that the Senate Commerce Committee amended the bill to make creation of the Redevelopment Authority mandatory rather than discretionary. She requested that the committee restore the original language, which provided that the Board of County Commissioners “may” create a Redevelopment District.

At the request of Chairman Vickrey, portions of the question and answer periods are noted in the committee minutes.

Rep. Siegfried posed the question “Is it your plan to create a redevelopment authority?”

Annabeth Surbaugh replied “yes, sir.”

Don Jarrett, Chief Counsel, Johnson County, testified in support of the bill on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners (Attachment 4). He requested that the bill be amended to restore the word “may” instead of “shall” in New Sec. (4), lines 30-31 on page 2. He stated that they believe the legislation is necessary to provide the county with reasonable methods and options to both encourage and control redevelopment at the Sunflower Plant.

Greg Johnson, City Administrator, City of De Soto, appeared as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 5). He stated that the bill has the foundation of a working redevelopment process. He said that the property (Sunflower Ammunition Plan) has been a historical and economical part of De Soto for over 100 years.

Rep. Roy Boyer, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 6). He stated the purpose of the bill is to create a redevelopment authority to oversee the transfer, clean up, and development of Sunflower. He explained that the responsible action is to create a redevelopment authority and study the issue and proceed in the best interest of all involved. He urged support for the bill.

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was received from:

- John Parisi, Kansas Trail Lawyers Association (Attachment 7).

The Chairman closed the hearing on: **SB 237**

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Rep. Campbell made the motion to amend the bill by striking the word “shall” from Page 2, line 31 and

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inserting the word “may.” Rep. Gilbert seconded the motion.

Rep. Petersen made a substitute motion to table the bill. Rep. Horst seconded the motion. The substitute motion failed.

The vote was then taken on the original motion made by Rep. Campbell to amend the bill. The motion to amend the bill by striking the word “shall” from Page 2, line 31 and inserting the word “may” carried.

Rep. Campbell made the motion for the favorable passage of the bill as amended. Rep. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Horst, Rep. Peterson, Rep. Gilbert and Rep. Huy asked to be recorded as voting “no” on the motion.

SB 238 City-county reorganization; efficiency in Local Government Act

Rep. Ostmeyer distributed copies of a proposed amendment to **SB 238** (Attachment 9) and copies of a Summarization of the Proposed Amendment (Attachment 8).

Rep. Ostmeyer made the motion to amend the bill to remove the contents of **SB 238** and insert the language as per his proposed amendment (Attachment 9) AND for the favorable passage of the bill as amended. Rep. Yonally seconded the motion. The motion carried. The amended bill relates to enacting the competitive livestock markets act.

The meeting was adjourned.