

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jene Vickrey at 3:30 p.m. on March 23, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Maureen Stinson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Blaise Plummer, City of Emporia
Melinda Walker, City of Wichita

Others attending:

See Attached List.

The Chairman opened the hearing on:

SB 523 taxing subdivisions, budgets; amendments of

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by Sen. Barnett, Kansas Senate (Attachment 1). He explained that during the development of the 2004 budget for the City of Emporia, a mistake occurred in Lyon County that has most probably occurred throughout the state at various times. He said an error was made in calculation of the assessed valuation of taxing subdivisions in Lyon County and that subsequently, the budget that had been adopted in 2003 required revision. Senator Barnett said the bill would provide a procedure for amendment for amendment or revision of the budget prior to November 1 in any year that such an error occurs. He said that current law addresses amendments to the budget during the year in which the budget is in effect.

Blaise Plummer, City of Emporia, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He said the adoption of this amendment by the Legislature will provide specific authority for cities to take action to correct their budgets due to clerical errors in the assessed valuation figures.

There were no opponents to the bill.

The Chairman closed the hearing on: **SB 523**

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Rep. Campbell made a motion for the favorable passage of SB 523 and asked that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Rep. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on:

SB 408 public works bonds

Melinda Walker, City of Wichita, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3). She said the bill would increase the minimum for requiring a bond to bid on construction, repair, and renovation of public buildings from \$40,000 to \$100,000. She explained that the benefit to the small and disadvantaged businesses and community at large in having the ability to waive the bond requirement for contracts less than \$100,000 far outweighs the risk that liens will be filed.

There were no opponents to the bill.

SB 408 public works bonds

Rep. Yonally made a motion for the favorable passage of SB 408. Rep. Storm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 523 taxing subdivisions, budgets; amendments of

Rep. Campbell restated his earlier motion concerning SB 523, with the Consent of the Committee, to exclude the phrase "and asked that it be placed on the Consent Calendar." Rep. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes

Rep. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2004, February 12, 2004, March 9, 2004, and March 18, 2004 meetings. Rep. Siegfried seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Interim Study Request

Copies of a draft letter to the Legislative Coordinating Council on behalf of the Committee were distributed to the members for their review (Attachment 4). The letter requests an in-depth study on the topic of city annexation laws during the 2004 Interim.

Copies of a draft letter to the Legislative Coordinating Council on behalf of the Committee were distributed to the members for their review (Attachment 5). The letter requests an in-depth study on the topic of eminent domain and its use by governmental entities for purposes of economic development during the 2004 Interim.

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With the Committee's encouragement, the letters requesting interim study on the two topics, annexation and eminent domain, will be sent.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

There are no further meetings scheduled for the 2004 Session.