

Legislative News

By Ward Cassidy,
120th State Representative

Early in the session I introduced a bill to help an accounting firm in Phillipsburg. The process was exciting to watch: write the bill, introduce the bill in committee, must pass out of committee, introduce the bill on the Chamber floor, needs 63 votes, goes to a Senate Committee, talk to the bill in the Senate Committee, pass out of Senate Committee, get 21 votes in the Senate, and finally gets signed by the Governor. It is currently in front of the governor and he has promised to sign the bill. I will definitely get a signed copy and frame the bill for my office.

Committee work is completed and we spent three long days of debate on the floor. There was not a regular session Thursday or Friday in order to allow Conference Committees to meet and reconcile House and Senate positions on a number of issues. The legislature is then back for a final week of debate, which will include a number of conference committee reports and possibly the Mega Budget Bill. There is a break on April 1 and we then return to Topeka on April 27, for the Veto Session, and to finalize the 2012 budget.

Immigration has become a hot topic in Topeka. A representative made an off-the-cuff comment, in Committee, suggesting that Kansas use the same tactics to control illegal immigrants, as what is used to control feral hogs, by shooting them from helicopters. This has been in the headlines worldwide for the past week and it appears that it will slow all work on immigration because it is now tainted with a bigoted ring.

The Senate Federal and State Affairs failed to endorse the Community Defense Act. The proposal would restrict sexually-oriented businesses from opening within 1,000 feet of a school, park, church, library or residence. The measure passed the House which makes it eligible for discussion during conference committee meetings, but at this stage it doesn't look like

the Senate is interested in spending any time on the measure.

Last Friday, Governor Brownback announced the launch of a website that allows Kansans to submit laws and regulations they believe should be repealed. When an idea is submitted to the website, <http://repealer.ks.gov>, the office of the Repealer will run a cost benefit analysis on each law or regulation. Kansans who submit proposals will receive a status report within 30 days of submitting their idea.

Here is an attempt to explain the House's March to Economic Growth (MEGA). The bill reduces the corporate and individual income tax with a trigger based on growth. If state tax receipts increase over the immediately preceding fiscal year, then a corresponding reduction in both taxes will occur. The overall goal of this bill is institutional change that will shift to more consumption (sales tax) and less production (income) taxes. The House is committed to collecting Kansas tax revenue by growing the economy rather than increasing the tax rate on current revenue streams. By providing a consistent and less complicated tax structure, this bill limits the role of state government and fosters business growth and investment. We know that states without individual income tax experience population and revenue growth at a consistently higher rate than states with high income taxes.

During debate on this bill an amendment was approved that will lower the state sales tax to 5.7 beginning in 2013. There was also an amendment approved that steps down the corporate income tax rate to 3.5 while working to eliminate the personal income tax completely. Remember that the Senate still has to concur.

There is a proposal to save \$10 million by doing away with Kan Ed in appropriations. I feel that Kan Ed is invaluable for Western Kansas and have talked to everyone I can to gather support to keep this necessary component for our schools, libraries and hospitals.

Kansas Public Employment Retirement System (KPERs) is now my leading e-mail question. Next week there should be an agreement between the House and the Senate and we will be able to see how we are going to attack this major concern.

The budget proposals and budget cuts are becoming more and more difficult as we move along in this session. A few of my new legislative friends were discussing life in the legislature and we have likened it to the following example: we all know that the state of California is drowning 60-foot deep underwater. Kansas is 6-feet deep underwater, either way if the problem is not corrected, we drown. It is going to hurt, but we have to quit spending more tax dollars than we bring in.

Horse day set for April 16 in Oakley

Mark your calendar for the fourth High Plains Horseman's Day on April 16 at the Logan County Fairgrounds in Oakley. The day begins with registration at 8:30 a.m.

This year the sessions include:

Jumping-Form over Fences, Trailing-From Nose to Tail Lights, Animal Chiropractic Care, Feed Supplement Savvy, and Introduction to Versatility Ranch Horse.

Animal chiropractic care is often thought of as something "new." Those attending will better understand animal chiropractic care. Chiropractic care is an alternative approach to life-long health and performance of the horse. Chiropractic does not replace traditional veterinary medicine and surgery, but provides an alternative method of care.

Chiropractic adjustments have proven to be invaluable in detecting and treating gait abnormalities and other performance-robbing problems in the athletic horse.

To learn more about animal chiropractic care, join Dr. Kristy Booker of Oakley Veterinary Service at the 2011 High Plains Horseman's Day program. For more information or to make a reservation for the 2011 High Plains Horseman's Day program contact the Thomas County Extension Office at 785-460-4582 or check it out online at www.thomas.ksu.edu.

Tammy L. Frink
Bird City



PLAYING BASKETBALL — Miguel Gonzalez, third grader, with the basketball. Officials for the game were National Honor Society members Craig Busse and Chris Walden.



KIDS from the fourth & fifth grade game; Jordan Janicke, fifth grader, takes possession of the ball.

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Public Notice Invitation for bids for airport runway

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CHEYENNE COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION
ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS
CHEYENNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
PROJECT NO. 3-20-0077-10/11

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time, on April 19, 2011, at Yost Farm Supply, P.O. Box 1080, East Highway 36, St. Francis, Kansas 67756 and then publicly opened and read aloud, for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary to construct and light an extension to Runway 14/32, and construct turnaround. In general, this work will require the following:

6" CONCRETE PAVEMENT WITH AGGREGATE BASE (19,384 SY); GEOTEXTILE FABRIC (20,493 SY) UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION (118,231 CY); 10" WATER LINE (1,141 LF); UNDERDRAIN PIPE (4,834 LF) RUNWAY & TAXIWAY LIGHTS (32 EA); PAINTING (27,156 SF); FENCING (9,909 LF); SEEDING (39 AC)

Plans, specifications, and bid documents are on file and may be inspected at: Olsson Associates, 1111 Lincoln Mall, (P.O. Box 84608), Lincoln, Nebraska 68501

Olsson Associates, 701 4th Ave., Ste. 2C, Holdrege, NE 68949
Cheyenne County Municipal Airport, St. Francis, Kansas 67756
Central Nebraska Plan Service, 111 West 6th Street, North Platte, NE 69101
Kansas Construction News, 230 Laura St., Ste. 101, Wichita, KS 67201

A complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form may be obtained from Olsson Associates at the above address for a fee of \$55.00 (non-refundable). Bid proposals shall be made only on the forms provided by Olsson. Questions regarding bids shall be directed to Diane Hofer, P.E., consulting engineer at the above address or phone (402) 474-6311.

Contractors bidding shall be pre-qualified by KDOT to construct Portland Cement Concrete or as required by the Instructions to Bidders.

Contractors may inspect the project site by arrangement with Grace Flying Services, Inc., located on the airport, PO Box 827, St. Francis, Kansas, 67756, (785) 332-2251

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid guaranty may be a cashier's check, a certified check on a solvent bank or a bid bond made payable to Cheyenne County Airport Commission.

This project is subject to the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended. The Contractor is required to comply with the wage and labor requirements and to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedule of wage rates established by the United States Department of Labor.

This project is subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation. The Airport Sponsor has established a contract goal of 2.7% participation for small business concerns owned and controlled by qualified disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE). The bidder shall make and document good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A of 49 CFF Part 26, to meet the established goal.

Award of contract is also subject to the following Federal provisions:
Executive Order 11246 and DOL Regulation 41 CFR PART 60 - Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity
DOL Regulation 29 CFR Part 5 - Davis Bacon Act
DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 29 - Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace
DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 30 - Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors (Foreign Trade Restriction).
TITLE 49 United States Code, CHAPTER 501 - Buy American Preferences

By: Cheyenne County Airport Commission
St. Francis, Kansas

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

To Whom It May Concern

And you know who you are. You know it is pretty bad that you have to worry about everyone else's business even when you are not involved. As for what goes on with Girl Scouts it is none of anyone's business unless your girls are in Scouts or you are one of the leaders. And you are neither. Just someone who can't be happy without causing trouble.

Pretty bad there are people out here like this. You know when some life threatening disease could kill you, you would think how short life is and see it in a different view, but I guess they take life for granted. Well, it will catch

them someday when they least expect it. Just wait, what comes around goes around.

Maybe if they have so much time on their hands they should get a better job instead of one where all they do is talk about everyone who comes through the door. Well hope they can live with themselves I couldn't.

But any person who received a text or a phone call on 3-21-11 concerning Tammy L. Frink and Girl Scout money can get ahold of the Kansas Girl Scouts in Hays or ahold of the leader in Bird City who was in charge of all cookie sales and the truth will be told. Otherwise need not listen to the rumors over the airwaves.

And, if you have any questions Girl Scouts of Kansas will tell you who leaders are and that everyone of us had to have background checks just like a job. So as to put an end to this, you once again know who you are and why your mouth is running and have a problem come to me we will talk. And for the housewives who have nothing better to do then talk about others should actually go find a job to occupy your minds maybe then, but doubtful, you might not be talking and spreading rumors about other people, you might then have no extra time on your hands to be hateful.

Tammy L. Frink
Bird City

Public Notices

Notice of hearing set in the Wierick estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF BISBY H. WIERICK, JR.,) Case No. 11-PR-06
a/k/a B. H. WIERICK, Deceased)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 7, 2011, a Petition for Admission of Foreign Will and Estate Partition, Testamentary Trust Funding and Distribution Agreement to Probate and Record Without Administration was filed in this Court by Bisby H. Wierick, III, successor independent executor, praying that the foreign Will of Bisby H. Wierick, Jr., deceased, and said Agreement be admitted to probate and record in this Court; that no administration of this estate is necessary; that the Will and said Agreement be construed; and that the property described in that Petition be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will and said Agreement.

You are required to file your written defenses to the admission of the decedent's foreign will to probate on or before April 12, 2011, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in this Court in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Bisby H. Wierick, III, Petitioner

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Petition filed in court in the Wierick estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF DARLINE D. WIERICK, Deceased) Case No. 11-PR-07

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 7, 2011, a Petition for Admission of Foreign Will and Agreement Providing for Partition and Distribution of Estate and Funding and Merger of Exempt Descendants Trusts to Probate and Record Without Administration was filed in this Court by Bisby H. Wierick, III, independent executor named under the Last Will and Testament of Darline D. Wierick, deceased, praying that the foreign Will of Darline D. Wierick, deceased, and said Agreement be admitted to probate and record in this Court; that no administration of this estate is necessary; that the Will and said Agreement be construed; and that the property described in that Petition be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will and said Agreement.

You are required to file your written defenses to the admission of the decedent's foreign will to probate on or before April 12, 2011, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in this Court in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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