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Brookville, First District GOP Chairman, held an abbreviated First District Meeting.

Present from the Phillips County Republican Central Committee were: Janene Schneider, Logan, vice-chairman, who served as the master of ceremonies; Linda McDowell, Agra, treasurer and Kari Moore, Phillipsburg, secretary. Denis Miller, Phillipsburg, chairman, was unable to be present. Lynn Clements, Logan, the immediate past chairman, was present.

Other dignitaries present were: Bob Quanz, Glade, Phillips County commissioner and wife, Shirley; John Miller, Norton, Norton County commissioner; Deena Horst, Salina, a State Representative and Steve Berry, Lenora, Chairman of the Norton County Republican Central Committee.

Melvin Schooler, a military veteran from Logan, led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Kari Moore gave the invocation.

Judy Schneider and Staci Hartman, both of Logan, entertained with a patriotic song, "In God We Trust".

The evening program concluded with the same duet leading the crowd in the singing of the Kansas song, "Home on the Range".

Jim Barnett

State Senator Barnett is a graduate of Emporia State University and received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He and his wife, Yvonne, reside in Emporia and have two children, Chelsea and Blake.

"We're spending too much at the federal level and need conservative leadership," said Barnett. "I think America is waking up. We need help in meeting energy needs without depending on foreign countries. The current health care bill will hurt seniors; it is irresponsible."

Sue Boldra

Sue Boldra grew up on a farm in McPherson County and is now the owner of the family farm. She was an educator for over 35 years and believes energy security is one of the toughest challenges facing America.

"I am from a farm family and have taught government in school," said Boldra.

"I am not a Washington insider."

Tim Huelskamp

State Senator Huelskamp is a family farmer and rancher. He works with his father and brother on the farm his grandparents pioneered in 1923. Tim and wife, Angela, are parents of four adopted children. He received his social science teaching degree from the College of Santa Fe and received his Ph.D. in political science with specialization in agricultural policy making from The American University in Washington, D.C.

"The answers to America's problems can be found in the heart of our people and our churches," said Huelskamp.

"Our federal government has lost touch with the people and, if changes are not made, someday we will run out of money."

Tracey Mann

Tracey Mann is a fifth generation Kansan who was raised on the working farm near Quinter, where his parents still live. An intern for Congressman Moran while attending Kansas State University, he served as student body president. He has a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics. He is a small businessman and commercial real estate agent in Salina, where he lives with his

wife, Audrey.

"I was Congressman Moran's first intern in Washington and I learned that fiscal responsibility is most important," said Mann.

"I will focus on two major issues: economic growth and farm policy."

Monte Shadwick

Monte Shadwick was born in Great Bend but has lived in Salina most of his life. His father, Gerald Shadwick, was chief of staff for U.S. Senator Frank Carlson. Monte served on the Salina City Commission for eight years including two terms as mayor.

During one three and one-half year period, he was on Congressman Moran's district constituent staff in Salina. He has taught middle-school, coached high school basketball, been a securities broker and financial advisor and has been a small business owner and operated a restaurant.

"I really learned the important issues when I was working with Congressman Moran," said Shadwick. "I saw how out of touch Congress is with Western Kansas. Congress is getting more and more urban. We have too much government."

Rob Wasinger

Rob Wasinger is a fourth generation Kansan. He believes Kansas has the best farmers and ranchers anywhere and is proud of our heritage as a farm state.

He worked for Senator Brownback for the past 12 years and recently moved back to Kansas. He has also been a staffer for Governor Bill Graves and Kansas Senate Majority Leader Jerry Moran.

"I have covered all 69 counties in the Big First District since announcing my candidacy," said Wasinger.

"It concerns me that President Obama plans to tax and spend and the strength of our national defense is a major issue."

Chris Kobach

Chris Kobach is troubled by the increase in voter fraud. To fight it, he believes we need the following requirements for voters: a photo identification, proof of citizenship and prosecution of voter fraud.

"I want to make these changes," he said.

Vicki Tiaht

"Literacy in America and reading in Kansas are two things very important to my husband," said Tiaht.

"He is a tough guy who takes tough stands. These are perilous times and we need tough legislators to fight for us."

"Todd wants no more bailouts and an end to stimulus payments."

Florence Metcalf

Florence Metcalf spoke for Sally Cauble.

"Sally wanted me to tell you two important things about the state of Kansas," said Metcalf. "She is proud that Kansas ranks second in the nation in reading education and fourth in math education."

Deena Horst

"The big issue in the last session was and will be the budget," she said.

"We will fund schools the best we can. Another concern is health care. I'm afraid if the federal government doesn't fund it, our state government will have to make up the difference."

Dan Johnson

"I promise I will continue to work hard for good government in Kansas," said Johnson.

"The 2009 session of the Legislature was a tough one financially but 2010 will be four times tougher."

Ralph Ostmeyer

"We have budget problems

and our grain prices are hurting," said Ostmeyer. "But, we'll get through it."

"Goodland Vo Tech could be hurt by budget cuts and that would be bad."

"We finally got the coal-fired power plant that we need but, unfortunately, we'll have to go through 18 months of hearings before final approval. It should have been built the first time around."

"I'm hoping that the economy will turn around in the near future."

"Thanks to everyone for your support."

Bob Tomlinson

Tomlinson told the crowd that Sandy Praeger has two major concerns. He said she opposes the health care plan being proposed because the public option would cut reimbursement rates to the point hospitals would close and doctors would leave.

Second, she says the Democratic controlled Congress wants to nationalize insurance companies.

Jerry Moran

Doyle Rahjes, Agra, former president of the Kansas Farm Bureau, introduced Congressman Moran.

"Jerry doesn't seek notoriety; he just does his job," said Rahjes.

"He is consistent in the way he presents the case for the people of Kansas. He doesn't preach to you; he carries the message for Kansans to Washington. He is totally committed to the people of Kansas and thoroughly understands the challenges to our core values."

"Things developing in Washington, D.C. are not good for Kansas or the nation," Moran told the large crowd.

"People in America desired a change and change we've had. The change moves us in the wrong direction. We are spending and borrowing so much money that it has consequences for future generations."

"I'm one of 17 Republicans who have voted against every bailout."

"Such things as cash for clunkers and cap and trade are the worst I've seen. Increasing energy costs is not the answer."

"Everyone will be affected by the health care proposition. If we can't stop it, we'll pay for it today, tomorrow and in the future!"

"President Obama wants more taxes on the American people and savings in Medicare, which will mean less reimbursement for hospitals and doctors."

"We've had some great town hall meetings in the various communities in the First District. The crowds are three or four times larger than normal. It tells me people care."

"Let me talk politics for a moment. I have served in the House of Representatives the last seven terms or 14 years. I really appreciate the opportunity you gave me. The places we all call home are worth fighting for."

"My motivation for running for U.S. Senator is that I will be able to do more to give us a future that protects our way of life in Kansas. I'd like to be in that position to do more to make a difference. As one of a hundred senators, I think I can do more to keep my finger in the hole of the flooding dike."

"There are enough Republican voters in the First District that you will determine whether I have the chance to make a greater difference in the U.S. Senate on your behalf."

Jerry's wife, Robba, was also in the crowd and he acknowledged all the personal sacrifices she has made having a husband serving in Congress.

Budget for Norton County

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Norton County

will meet on the 31st day of August, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. at the Norton County Courthouse Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2010 Expenditures and the Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2010 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

FUND	2008		2009		Proposed Budget 2010		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,463,475	10.672	1,906,993	15.082	1,503,815	874,538	22.455
Road & Bridge	1,421,419	11.982	965,049	11.536	897,535	189,926	4.877
Special Bridge	96,283	3.869	106,146	1.196	110,246	12,437	0.319
Solid Waste	201,780		204,415		176,835		
EMS-Ambulance	334,443	1.855	391,350	1.447	418,050	233,779	6.002
County Health	408,295	0.873	418,134	1.494	400,000	61,082	1.568
Noxious Weed	176,500	1.500	222,252	1.500	225,554	58,421	1.500
Election	57,633	1.505	38,350	0.735	60,462	41,211	1.058
Economic Development	165,170	1.266	120,505	2.765	111,000	94,751	2.433
Appraiser's Cost	148,547	2.395	142,795	3.253	126,275	111,340	2.859
4-H Maintenance	11,105	0.179	12,000	0.237	11,000	5,643	0.145
Fair	10,200	0.168	11,000	0.250	10,000	8,687	0.223
Soil Conservation	11,600	0.242	12,000	0.258	11,000	9,464	0.243
Airport	37,900	0.841	37,900	0.812	37,900	33,734	0.866
Mental Retardation	50,350	1.054	54,000	1.187	52,000	45,481	1.168
Mental Health	27,000	0.567	29,000	0.637	27,000	23,462	0.602
Hospital	92,425	2.000	94,471	2.000	91,281	77,894	2.000
Andbe Home Maintenance	18,446	0.400	19,286	0.400	18,119	15,579	0.400
Extension Council	75,600	1.645	75,600	1.603	11,124		
Historical Society	4,665	0.100	4,847	0.100	4,530	3,895	0.100
Sr. Citizens Service	46,555	1.000	48,007	1.000	45,300	38,947	1.000
Employee Benefits	998,717	21.100	1,175,600	21.102	1,179,450	835,648	21.456
Bridge Bonds	289,052	6.171	115,500	2.621	151,100	65,140	1.673
EMS Building Bonds	0		0		25,872	26,266	0.674
EMS Building COP Debt	0		0		44,373	45,049	1.157
Noxious Weed Deficiency	0		83		83		
911 Emergency	24,243		29,500		29,500		
Wireless E-911	5,300		24,653		31,062		
Special Alcohol Programs	10,200		15,578		15,578		
Special Parks & Recreation	5,500		7,373		7,373		
Noxious Weed Cap Outlay	12,500		22,356		22,356		
Non-Budgeted Funds	651,932						
Totals	6,856,835	71.384	6,304,743	71.215	5,855,773	2,912,374	74.778
Less: Transfers	645,275		86,665		75,463		
Net Expenditure	6,211,560		6,218,078		5,780,310		
Total Tax Levied	2,912,122		2,912,374		2,912,374		
Assessed Valuation	40,796,333		40,895,909		38,947,012		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	1,070,000		815,000		550,000		
Lease Pur Price	45,492		139,077		94,702		
Total	1,115,492		954,077		644,702		

Other District Funds	2008		2009		Proposed Budget 2010		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
Gettis Cemetery	1,534	1.930	1,556	2.144	1,856	1,800	2.754
Clayton Cemetery	2,625	2.150	2,745	2.305	2,784	2,500	2.396
Oronoque Cemetery	1,197	1.184	1,225	1.178	1,225	1,112	1.265
Edmond Cemetery	1,910	0.427	1,931	0.366	1,925	1,846	0.427
Almena Cemetery	30,135	5.142	31,323	5.446	31,708	28,292	5.817
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	14,100	2.194	18,000	3.006	18,507	16,504	3.209
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	42,823	3.191	43,107	3.166	43,285	38,789	3.509
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	11,396	2.558	11,356	2.729	11,491	10,437	3.177
Almena Township	454	0.098	459	0.104	462	402	0.110
Harrison Township	804	1.079	803	1.184	803	786	1.304

Assessed Valuations	2008	2009	2009
Gettis Cemetery	777,351	699,717	653,666
Clayton Cemetery	1,162,791	1,084,599	1,043,569
Oronoque Cemetery	939,460	944,209	878,808
Edmond Cemetery	4,323,185	5,043,716	4,323,185
Almena Cemetery	5,502,205	5,191,499	4,864,085
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	5,819,330	5,489,566	5,142,981
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	12,156,102	12,251,894	11,053,284
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	4,080,391	3,824,341	3,284,761
Almena Township	4,102,540	3,858,561	3,668,375
Harrison Township	728,742	663,947	602,675

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Robert Wyatt
County Clerk



State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell, left, and U.S. Congressman Jerry Moran, Hays, were enjoying listening to the many political speeches prior to their own speeches on Saturday evening at the Old-Fashioned Republican Picnic at the Hansen Plaza in Logan.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Jennings

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pated in the wobble-trap shoot, including children from Kansas, Washington state, Colorado and two girls who had just returned from Afghanistan.

He said \$775 was raised from that event alone.

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