

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Gerry Ray at 3:30 p.m. on March 1, 2001 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

	Rep. Gilbert - excused
	Rep. Minor - excused
	Rep. Hayzlett
	Rep. Hermes
	Rep. Showalter
	Rep. Barnes

Committee staff present: Kay Dick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2406	Proponent:	Rep. Osborne
		Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties
		Jerry Fowler, Saline County
		Ashley Sherard, Johnson County
		Jim Yonally, Kansas Society Land Surveyors

Others attending: See attached list

Chair Ray opened the Hearing on **HB 2406** - concerning plats; relating to the review thereof

Representative Osborne testified before the committee in favor of the bill. (Attachment #1)
Representative Osborne answered questions posed by committee members.

Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties, gave testimony in support of **HB 2406**. She stated that it would allow counties to collect from the applicant for the county's review of a subdivision plat or plat of survey before it is recorded. However, Ms. Moler pointed out that this bill does not solve the problems of the less populated counties that have difficulty finding a county surveyor. She stated that KAC would propose an amendment that would restrict this mandated service to counties with a population of 25,000 and above. (Attachment #2) Mrs. Moler answered questions from the committee

Jerry Fowler, Director of Public Works, Saline Count, testified in favor **HB 2406** to amend KSA 58-2005. He stated that the amendment would provide much need relief to all counties. Mr. Fowler said that it would be a great disservice to all persons that would make a future land purchase if reviews were not completed because funding was not available. (Attachment # 3) Mr. Fowler answered questions from the committee.

Ashley Sherard, Intergovernmental Relations Manager expressed the Johnson County Commission's support for **HB 2406**. She gave testimony saying that under an Attorney General's opinion, counties currently are not permitted to be compensated for providing this service. However, **HB 2406** would enable countries to charge the applicant for the cost of the plat review and approval. (Attachment #4)

Jim Yonally, appeared before the committee on behalf of the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors (KSLs), testifying that KSLs supported last year, the "Kline" amendment to KSA 58-2005, but , as an alternative, the passage of **HB 2406** would assist counties in dealing with the funding problem , they would support the provision of the bill. (Attachment #5) Mr. Yonally answered question from the committee members.

Hearing was closed on **HB 2406**

Action was taken on **HB 2406**

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Representative Strom made the motion to pass **HB 2406** out of committee favorably. Representative Campbell seconded the motion. A substitute motion was made by Representative Peterson to accept the amendment. There was no second to the substitute motion. Substitute motion died for lack of a second. Following discussion by the committee, the original motion to pass the bill was voted. **HB 2406** passed out of committee favorably.

Chair asked for approval of the minutes as corrected. The minutes were accepted by the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15p.m.