

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jene Vickrey at 3:30 P.M. on February 16, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Steve Huebert- excused
Representative Tom Sawyer- excused
Representative Mario Goico- excused
Representative Tom Holland- excused
Representative Melody Miller- excused
Representative Jim Yonally- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Gary Hayzlett
Tim Howison
Gary Hanson - KS Rural Water Association
Dennis Schwartz - KS Rural Water Association
Mark Crumbaker - Rural Water District #6, Johnson County

Others attending:

See attached list.

Committee Members Huebert, Sawyer, Holland, Goico, M. Miller, and Yonally were excused from the Tuesday, February 14, 2006 meeting in order that they could attend a sub-committee meeting relating to **HB 2742**.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2720 **Planning and zoning; plat approval procedure; reasons for non-approval**

Rep. Hayzlett testified in support of the bill. He explained that the bill would amend current law regarding plat approval to require that a planning commission or joint committee on subdivision regulations provide written notification to the property owner(s) when it finds a plat does not conform to subdivision regulations.

Dave Holtwick, Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City, submitted written testimony in support of the bill (Attachment 1).

John Smith, a certified planner and a resident of Liberal, submitted written testimony in support of the bill (Attachment 2).

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2720**.

HB 2720 **Planning and zoning; plat approval procedure; reasons for non-approval**

Rep. Oharah made a motion to amend the bill to require that details of the denial or deferral be required in writing. Rep. Lane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Oharah made a motion for the favorable passage of **HB 2720** as amended. Rep. Swenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Governmental Organization and Elections Committee at 3:30 P.M. on February 16, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

HB 2721 **Water districts; detachment of territory**

Rep. Hayzlett testified in support of the bill.

Tim Howison, Howison Heights Water District, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3). He emphasized that Rural Water Districts have their own administrative hearings and make their own decisions.

Gary Hanson, Kansas Rural Water Association, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 4). He stated that the bill would result in no liability for any "proportionate share" of outstanding indebtedness, or any other compensation, being payable to the District as a result of the detachment.

Dennis Schwartz, testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 5). He said that allowing any one landowner to detach property without due consideration by the Board of Directors could result in a patchwork puzzle of water service boundaries.

Mark Crumbaker testified in opposition to the bill (Attachment 6). In addition to representing Consolidated Rural Water District No. 6, Johnson County, he also spoke on behalf of the following rural water districts: Rural Water District No. 7, Johnson County, Rural Water District No. 2, Miami County, Rural Water District No. 4, Douglas County, Rural Water District No. 1, Ellsworth County. He said that the unintended consequence of the proposed legislation is that rural water districts will be discouraged from undertaking the planning and capital spending required to promote economic development.

Rep. Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2721**.

Approval of Minutes

Rep. Lane made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2006 meeting. Rep. Beamer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Chairman Vickrey adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2006.