

MINUTES OF THE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 9:38 A.M. on March 14, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Donna Shelite, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue  
Tom Holland, Kansas State Senator, District 3

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman asked Mike Heim for the balloon amendment on **HB 2715—Relating to extension and drainage districts**. The draft would create a substitute bill that includes only sections 1 and 2 of HB 2715 as amended by the House Committee of the Whole. The Chairman will continue hearing the bill on Thursday, March 15, 2012. (Attachment 1)

Donna Shelite, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, gave an update on the Division of Vehicles Modernization Project. The 3M system has been implemented in Iowa, but significant customization was required to meet Kansas' unique needs. Ms. Shelite said that while her previous testimony indicated that the implementation would be ready in June 2012, it appears now that it will not be ready until August 1, 2012. (Attachment 2)

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SCR 1617-Urging Congress to pass an amendment to the United States Constitution to abolish corporate personhood**. The staff gave a brief overview. Senator Tom Holland testified in favor of the resolution. He asked the Committee to support reversing the U.S. Supreme Court's *Citizens United* ruling. (Attachment 3) He said corporations should not be considered the same as a person. Discussion followed with questions from the Committee regarding the funding of the Super PAC's and the wording of the resolution.

There being no further discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2012.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:10 A.M.