

# Testimony on H.B.2770

Guy Windholz, Chairman-Ellis County Courthouse Preservation Committee

Chairman Johnson and members of the House Taxation Committee, I am Guy Windholz, Chairman of the Ellis County Court House Preservation Committee. I thank you for this opportunity to appear before you and share a little about a project in Ellis County.

Our restoration project rests on the heels of having celebrated our 75th anniversary on, May 12th of this year, of the Ellis County Courthouse WPA (Works Progress Administration) 1942 structure.

Our community group of citizens, known as the Ellis County Court House Preservation Committee is in the midst of raising funds, without the direct financial support from the Local, State of Kansas or Federal government sectors.

Our committee comes before you in request for Legislation that would allow for a . . .

***Wavier for the payment of sales tax to Vendors and Contractors working on a WPA (Works Progress Administration) Historic Structure in Ellis County, Kansas.***

The estimated basic cost of this project is \$150,000 of which 71 % or \$106,470 has been donated by 201 donors at this point. The impact of lost revenue is not realized by the State or local governments, for if this were not done, the burden then falls back on the County and the taxpayers to save the structure.

**We all win-win by working together.**

The impact of a \$12,750 hit could be increased more if donations exceed the bare minimum projected to fund the basic absolute need we have too tend to at this time. It is our intent that being forth-right that a more complete attention, addressing other alternates of need, could be achieved but are limited by the income received from donations.

We for assistance from the added burden of sales tax that this would poise in meeting our goal, not only to restore some of the weathered decay of our most focal front side of the of the building but also to honor and respect that generation that gave us this gift during time of war and economic depression.

Thank you, Chairman Johnson, for this opportunity, I will take questions at the appropriate time.