

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on March 10, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Jerry Henry  
Representative Bill Wolf

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Carolyn Kennett, City of Parsons, Economic Development  
Brian Kinzie, Labette County Commissioner  
Dan Goddard, CEO of Great Plain Development Authority

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order and opened the hearing on **SB 60**.

**SB 60 - Redevelopment districts within a federal enclave; sale of real property.**

The Chairman recognized Dan Goddard, CEO with Great Plains who introduced the conferees. The first proponent was Brian Kinzie, Labette County Commissioner. (Attachment #1) Mr. Kinzie said the County Commissioners were notified on May 13, 2005, that the Base Realignment and Closure Commission was pulling Army Missions and abandoning the nearly 14,000 acre Kansas Army Ammunition Plant. He said the local community decided to purchase the property from the Army with an Economic Development Conveyance. Mr. Kinzie said the purchase would allow Day and Zimmerman Inc. (DZI) to remain in operation, help build the county's tax base and retain jobs in their community while allowing the community to have a large industrial park for economic development. Nearly four years later the actual transfer of the property to the local community is at hand. Mr. Kinzie said **SB 60** would allow local communities to sell real or personal property to provide the flexibility to move and negotiate swiftly with companies.

The next proponent was Carolyn Kennett, the Economic Development Director for the City of Parsons. (Attachment #2) Ms. Kennett gave some background on the devastation that occurred when the Ammunition Plant closed. She said they were asking for a critical tool that would be essential in helping rebuild the area. According to Ms. Kennett their biggest challenge is the Authority's inability to sell property without going through the bidding process outlined in state statutes. She concluded by saying it is essential that the Great Plains Industrial Park be able to compete on an even playing field with other industrial parks and **SB 60** will accomplish that.

The last proponent was Daniel W. Goddard, CEO, Great Plains Development Authority. (Attachment #3) Mr. Goddard discussed the problem they were having by being governed by county operational procedures prescribing the process for the sale of property but being expected to be able to react quickly when the opportunities arise. He said the Great Plains Development Authority can say they have facilities and/or land available, but they have to go through a competitive bid process to sell property. He concluded by saying he was before the Committee to ask for their support for **SB 60** so that they will have a better chance to be competitive.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 60**.

It was the Chairman's desire to work **SB 122** so he opened for discussion, questions or motions. Representative King made a motion to favorably pass SB 122 and place it on the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion carried.

The Chairman opened **SB 123** for discussions, questions or motions. Representative Menghini made a motion

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to favorably pass **SB 123** and place it on the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried.

There was discussion on **SB 37**. Chairman Hayzlett said he would work the bill at a later date.

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on March 11, 2009.