

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 3:30 p.m. on February 9, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Representative Mitch Holmes, Excused  
Representative Michael Peterson, Excused  
Representative Mike Slattery, Absent

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Kristen Kellems, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Carol Bertram, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Larry Powell, 117<sup>th</sup> District  
Representative Ann Mah, 53<sup>rd</sup> District  
Rita Mohr, Director of Unclaimed Property, Treasurer's Office  
David Corbin, Department of Revenue

Others attending:

See attached list

After calling the meeting to order, Chair Schwartz directed the Committee's attention to a statement which had been received from Walt Vernon, President, Quivira Falls Community Association, concerning **HB 2472**. (Attachment #1) He is opposed to the bill as it is currently written. (This bill had a hearing on January 28, 2010.)

Chair Schwartz opened the hearing on **HB 2548 - Drainage district No. 2 of Finney county; election of board members**.

She called upon Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department, to give the Committee an overview of **HB 2548**. She stated that **HB 2548** would change the term of office for members of the board of directors for Drainage District No. 2 of Finney County from a three-year staggered term to a four-year staggered term.

Representative Larry Powell, 117<sup>th</sup> District, appeared before the Committee as a proponent to **HB 2548**. He stated the current three-year term for the drainage district members has created the need for a special election. **HB 2548** would correct that problem (Attachment #2).

There being no one else to appear before the committee on **HB 2548**, Chair Schwartz closed the hearing on **HB 2548**.

Chair Schwartz opened the hearing on **HB 2497 - Permitting the secretary of revenue to disclose certain tax information to the state treasurer for the purpose of locating owners of unclaimed property**.

She called upon Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department, to give the committee an overview of **HB 2497**. She stated this bill would amend current law regarding disclosure of state income tax information and would allow the Secretary of Revenue to provide information to the State Treasurer for the purpose of locating owners of unclaimed property.

Representative Ann Mah, 53<sup>rd</sup> District, gave testimony in support of **HB 2497** (Attachment #3). She stated this bill would give the Treasurer's office another tool to use to locate people who still live in Kansas by allowing the Department of Revenue to provide information about taxpayers that might help the Treasurer's Office locate them solely for the purpose of returning their property.

Rita Mohr, Director of Unclaimed Property, Kansas State Treasurer's Office, presented testimony in support

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of **HB 2497** (Attachment #4). She stated this would be an effective and efficient way to do business protecting the owner's privacy by not sending information to the wrong address, reducing the cost of postage and handling of return mail, resending forms, and strengthening outreach efforts without increasing staff.

Questions and answers followed.

David Corbin, Department of Revenue, stated the Department of Revenue supports what the Treasurer's Office is trying to do. (He provided no written testimony.)

Chair Schwartz closed the hearing on **HB 2497**.

Motions:

**HB 2497**

Representative Mah moved to change the word "individual" on page 3, line 38, to the word "persons". The motion was seconded by Representative Garcia. Motion carried. Motion by Representative Mah, seconded by Representative Seiwert to pass **HB 2497** as amended favorably for passage. Motion carried.

**HB 2548**

Representative Gordon moved to give the Revisor's Office permission to make a clarifying amendment to **HB 2548**, seconded by Representative Mah. The motion carried. Motion by Representative Huebert seconded by Representative Gordon to pass **HB 2548** as amended favorably for passage.

**HB 2515**

Representative Huebert moved that **HB 2515** be amended to add manufactured housing to the definitions of residential property. The motion was seconded by Representative Gordon. The motion carried. Representative Otto moved **HB 2515** be amended to apply to single family and duplex housing, seconded by Representative Mah. The motion failed. It was moved by Representative Huebert that **HB 2515** and seconded by Representative Seiwert to pass **HB 2515** as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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Representative Sharon Schwartz, Chair