

REAP Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2015 ~ Wichita Workforce Center

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County, called the meeting to order and asked for self-introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2015

Bob Myers, Newton (Commissioner Carl Koster, Cheney) moved to approve the minutes from February 26, 2015. Motion adopted.

3. Legislative Update

Tom Bruno reported on the Legislative activities from the week in Topeka.

- HB 2165- sewer districts- talk that Senator Pyle is working to bundle SB 42, lobbying, into 2165 in conference committee.
- HB 2296- Public Building Commission bill will not be worked, not conferenceable
- Conceal carry bill pass house and senate yesterday, headed to the Governor's office, will be signed within 20 days.
- Chair of both tax committees say they will wait on tax receipts in March and April and after the consensus revenue estimates before calling budget meetings.
- RPS Standards are still under discussion; talk of sunseting the standards or the property tax exemption, and potentially doing away with the excise tax moving forward.
- SB 171- local elections- passed both houses, no conference committee announced yet
- Next week is the last week- April 3rd is the drop dead week then legislature is out until April 29th. Appropriations and ways and means usually come in and do cleanup work during the down time.
- HB 2003- Annexation- the bill is on general orders in Senate is past the deadline, likely done for the session, but could still go to conference committee.

Bob Myers and Kathy Sexton both discussed the need for education on Annexation legislation for all REAP members; learn what it means when these bills come up and how they affect city and county jurisdictions. If HB 2003 is dead for the session this is a potential topic for the November Legislative Policy Summit. If it continues to move it may need to be a topic of discussion with the full membership at a Board meeting or special meeting, in cooperation with the KAC and LKM.

4. Other Business

No other business was raised by the Committee.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Attendance

Members/ Alternates

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County, Chair

Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney

Bob Myers, Newton

Kathy Sexton, Derby

John Waltner, Harvey County

Staff

Kelly Bergeron, REAP

Keith Lawing, REAP

Tom Bruno, Bruno & Associates