

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Brown at 1:30 p.m. on January 28, 1993 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Pettey (excused)

Committee staff present: Michael Heim, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Guest List (Attachment 1)

Chairman Brown announced that no meetings are planned to be held next Thursday and Friday, February 4 and 5, 1993.

There being no one in attendance today to speak further on **HB 2105**, the Chairman closed the hearing on the bill.

On motion duly made by Representative Mays, seconded by Representative Packer, the minutes of the meetings held on January 12, January 13, January 14, January 19, January 20, January 21, January 25, January 26, and January 27, 1993, were approved.

Chairman Brown announced that **HB 2103**, which amends KSA 65-6124 relating to Emergency Medical Services personnel and do not resuscitate orders, will be heard on Monday, February 1. Anyone desiring to be heard should contact the Committee Secretary prior to the meeting in order to be scheduled.

Michael Heim, Legislative Research Department, then described the legal basis and types of special districts (which essentially are free-standing, quasi-municipal units of government), such as school, fire, library, and drainage districts. Special districts are usually formed by an electors' petition to the board of county commissioners. Mr. Heim suggested that reading Kansas case law will provide excellent information on special district law.

Representative Wootton asked if recodification of the laws relating to special districts had been attempted. Chairman Brown pointed out that some recodification has occurred with respect to special districts (such as planning, zoning and sewer); however, recodification is difficult because of the many special provisions and histories of many of the districts.

Chairman Brown also stated her major concern that, in enacting legislation for special districts, the accountability to the voter is imperative; and recommended that in legislating new authority, responsibilities be given to elected officials so the electors can monitor its administration.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled at 1:30 p.m., February 1, 1993, in Room 521-S of the State Capitol.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: House Local Government

DATE: January 28, 1993

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