

WOODSON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 00-02

A RESOLUTION URGING THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE FUNDS TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO FINANCE THE FY 2001 DEMAND TRANSFER STATE AID PROGRAMS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO COUNTIES AND OTHER UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, Woodson County has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the three demand transfer programs (Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction, or "LAVTR", City-County Revenue Sharing; and the Motor Carrier Property Tax component of the Special City-County Highway Fund), are designed to provide revenue to counties, cities, and other local governments to reduce the reliance on ad valorem property taxes as well as to finance services benefiting all Kansans; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2001 state budget presented to the Legislature by Governor Graves reduces the demand transfer payments to the local governments by almost \$7 million and falls short of the statutorily-defined transfers by \$24.3 million; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual impact of these reductions to County Governments from the amounts defined in statute are as follows:

Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) Funds	\$ <u>7,182</u>
City-County Revenue Sharing	\$ <u>6,657</u>
Motor Carrier Property Taxes	\$ <u>8,410</u>
Total	\$ <u>22,249</u>

WHEREAS, these reductions would have one of two impacts at the county level - either decreased services or increased local property taxes, or some combination of both; and

WHEREAS, if such loss of revenue as indicated were to be replaced with property taxes, the estimated county mill levy would increase by .916 mill(s); and

WHEREAS, the impacts described above are only those to county government and its services; cities, townships, community colleges, and various special districts would also be negatively impacted by the reductions.

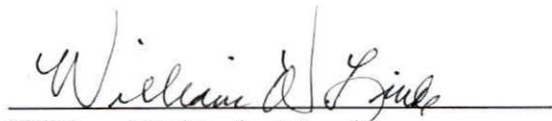
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Woodson County Commissioners urges the Kansas Legislature and Governor Graves to fully fund its commitments to the demand transfer programs in the State's FY 2001 budget and that counties bear only their reasonable share of the State General Fund budget problem and no more than their reasonable share; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Bill Graves; Senator Tim Emert, Representative Mary Compton, and to other units of local government in Woodson County, Kansas.


ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY THIS 14 DAY OF MARCH, 2000.


Glay Yoho, Chairman


Greta Bachelder, Vice-Chairman


William W. Linde, Member

ATTEST:


Shelley A. Stuber
County Clerk