

Senator surprised by governor's wish

Monday morning, Jan. 13, started a little bumpy for the first day of the Kansas legislative session.

My secretary called in with the flu and I was juggling reception duties, phone duties as well as putting the finishing touches on several projects when the phone rang a little before 9 a.m. A pleasant voice on the other end said: "This is Joyce Allegrucci; did Governor-elect Sebelius and you have an opportunity to visit over the weekend?"

Well, I was kind of taken back and impressed at the same time. I acknowledge that the governor-elect and I had exchanged smiles when I attended the Family Fun Festival on Sunday afternoon with my family. I was listening with my son as the governor-elect read a book to a roomful of children and their parents. I thought she had bigger fish to see than me with all of the inaugural festivities around the state.

Joyce explained that the governor-elect really wanted to visit with me about some issues that would be coming before the Legislature over the weekend. She surmised that a "real conversation" hadn't taken place but promised that they would make it a priority once the inaugural festivities were completed.

Here I was on the phone with the person who ran Kathleen Sebelius' successful gubernatorial campaign and in less than three hours would move into the position of being her appointment secretary. The appointment secretary is responsible for all the appointments to all the boards and commissions in Kansas government. She asked if I would give her my thoughts on some of the applicants?

I told her that in the eight years I have been in the Senate, I had never been asked for an opinion on any people that were under consideration for an appointment, but that I would be glad to assist.

She paused, rather taken back, and surprised by my statement. She went through some names of people that live within my district and some that live at the other end of the state. The appointments that she was working to fill were for committees that were unrelated to any that I serve on. I gave her my honest evaluation on the people that I knew, we exchanged a few pleasantries, she emphasized that the doors to all of the new administration's offices were open and that they wanted my thoughts and ideas on solving issues facing Kansans.

Many years ago I listened to a sermon where the idea being presented was that "peace" was not the absence of conflict or a ceasing of hostilities, but that "true peace" was "quiet goodness," a time when two people or groups of people come together spiritually and a bond of trust is built that leads to productive, positive acts.

Joyce's phone call serves as a wonderful example of a small thing that establishes the groundwork for productive, positive acts. I don't know if my comments on the applicants for appointments to these committees helped her in making

Letter from Topeka

By Sen. Stan Clark

recommendations, but really that is secondary to the doors that were opened and the "quiet goodness" that was shared during and following our conversation.

I am looking forward to this session. The dynamics within the government are changing. Small, primarily imperceptible changes in the structure of government cannot continue to be held together with duct tape. A discontinuous change in the way government services are delivered is coming. The time hasn't arrived yet, but it is getting closer.

This "Tim Shallenburger for Governor" supporter intends to work with the new governor in finding long-term solutions without compromising my compassionate conservative social and economic principles.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached by writing to Sen. Stan Clark, State Capitol-Room 449-N, Topeka, KS 66612; by calling 1-800-432-3924 or 785-296-7399; by FAX at 801-457-9064; or by e-mail at sclark@ink.org.

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| FUNDS | Beginning Cash Balance | Cash Receipts | Cash Disbursements | Ending Cash Balance | Less Outstanding Encumbrances and Accounts Payable | Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$2,281.59 | 508,121.62 | 473,866.71 | 36,536.50 | 1,386.72 | 35,149.78 |
| SPECIAL STREET | \$30,014.66 | 59,184.14 | 49,895.40 | 39,303.40 | | 39,303.40 |
| LIBRARY | \$0.00 | 39,539.14 | 39,000.00 | 539.14 | | 539.14 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT | \$59,215.00 | 96,096.22 | 98,190.20 | 57,121.02 | | 57,121.02 |
| SPECIAL LIABILITY | \$33,291.95 | 0.00 | 15,576.16 | 17,715.79 | | 17,715.79 |
| RISK MANAGEMENT RESERVE | \$117,504.79 | 0.00 | 603.71 | 116,901.08 | | 116,901.08 |
| SPECIAL PARK & RECREATION | \$6,354.85 | 4,796.23 | 2,653.96 | 8,497.12 | | 8,497.12 |
| MEMORIALS | \$14,774.70 | 11,194.08 | 1,061.48 | 24,907.30 | | 24,907.30 |
| TOURISM & CONVENTION | \$0.00 | 5,576.15 | 5,576.15 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| BOND & INTEREST | \$43,229.88 | 129,819.41 | 143,433.78 | 29,615.51 | | 29,615.51 |
| CENTENNIAL TRUST FUND | \$1,213.88 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,213.88 | | 1,213.88 |
| SAPPA VALLEY YOUTH RANCH | \$45,209.99 | 78,968.14 | 63,372.56 | 60,805.57 | 76.50 | 60,729.07 |
| STREET PROJECT FUND | \$0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| FIRE TRUCK FUND | \$0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| CDBG STREET GRANT | \$1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | | 1.00 |
| EQUIPMENT FUND | \$18,294.84 | 40,000.00 | 16,580.27 | 41,714.57 | | 41,714.57 |
| GATEWAY CIVIC CENTER | \$111,141.46 | 144,039.98 | 139,524.87 | 115,656.57 | 1,328.14 | 114,328.43 |
| AGENCY FUNDS (\$710.87) | | 0.00 | 0.00 | (786.58) | | (786.58) |
| ELECTRIC FUND | \$440,838.00 | 1,474,825.06 | 1,258,358.90 | 657,304.16 | 39,041.84 | 618,262.32 |
| CUSTOMER DEPOSITS | \$16,068.27 | 4,740.00 | 5,821.87 | 14,986.40 | | 14,986.40 |
| SEWER & DISPOSAL | \$76.37 | 117,196.03 | 105,792.87 | 11,479.53 | 53.20 | 11,426.33 |
| WASTEWATER PROJECT | \$0.00 | 200,341.03 | 147,224.42 | 53,116.61 | | 53,116.61 |
| WATER FUND | \$143,546.62 | \$269,288.50 | 193,758.00 | 219,077.12 | 641.98 | 218,435.14 |
| WATER PROJECT FUND | \$0.00 | \$1,035,357.48 | \$216,815.21 | \$818,542.27 | | \$818,542.27 |
| TOTALS | \$1,082,346.98 | \$4,219,083.21 | \$2,977,106.52 | \$2,324,247.96 | \$42,528.38 | \$2,281,719.58 |

OUTSTANDING DEBT:
General Obligation Bonds:
2001 Series: \$930,000
Fire truck: \$118,222

OTHER OBLIGATIONS/LIABILITIES:
Temporary Notes:
Wastewater Project: \$200,000
Water Project: \$1,045,000

Leases:
Sweeper: \$63,451

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct. Deanna M. Castle Treasurer

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