



LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES >>>>>

SB 46: Firefighter Overtime



Senate Bill 46, sponsored by Senator John Schickel (R-Florence), is legislation that clarifies that cities do not have to pay overtime on the \$3,100 state supplement for overtime hours included in the regular work schedule of firefighters. A court ruling last year potentially overrules the longstanding Kentucky Department of Labor formula for calculating overtime costs on the incentive pay. The court decision could have cost cities about \$1,860 per firefighter per year, excluding retirement costs. This legislation has allowed several cities that considered opting out of the program because of the extra expense to continue participation without threat of additional costs. Cities should have

been in compliance with the law by April 1, 2009 to start making payments to firefighters in accordance with the new provisions.

Participating cities will be required to pay the \$3,100 supplement to firefighters in 12 monthly installments with the firefighters' pay on the last pay period of each month. The supplement distributed to professional firefighters is no longer considered "wages" under Kentucky law and is to be excluded from the calculation of the overtime rate for the purposes of scheduled overtime. The new law defines "scheduled overtime" as all hours over 40 worked in a workweek that are part of an established work schedule. Cities are still required to include the supplement in the overtime calculation for unscheduled overtime. The legislation specifies



Photo left - Richmond Fire Battalion Chief Wayne Long, Captain Chris Dause, KLC Executive Director/CEO Sylvia L. Lovely and Richmond Mayor Connie Lawson celebrate the passage of SB 46. The legislation will save Richmond more than \$143,000 in overtime costs while preserving an important training incentive.

how cities are to determine the overtime rate on the supplement for unscheduled overtime. At the current supplement amount of \$3,100, cities will be required to pay \$2.24 on each hour of unscheduled overtime.

If you have any questions about SB 46, please contact J.D. Chaney at jchaney@klc.org or the KLC legal department at 1-800-876-4552.

HB 117: Cities Granted 10-Year Phase-In

Retirement reform was the top legislative priority for cities in the 2009 session, and the passage of House Bill 117 delivered an important component of reform that will provide some savings for local governments. This legislation will allow CERS agencies to reach their full employer contribution obligations over a 10-year period

instead of the five-year time frame currently required. HB 117 will reduce projected employer rates over the next few years and save cities about \$11 million next year. This is

CERS Non-hazardous Employees	16.16%
CERS Hazardous Employees	32.97%

a less aggressive but actuarially sound approach for funding retiree health benefits that will soften the blow of retirement by smoothing out unsustainable rate increases.

The Kentucky Retirement Systems Board of Trustees met on April 2 to adjust employer contribution rates to reflect the reforms from HB 117. These rates are effective July 1, 2009.

What's ahead in 2010?

While HB 117 marked some progress toward a more sustainable retirement system in the short term, there is still much work to be done. The recent downturn in the economy will reduce returns from investments, resulting in higher demands on employers to make up the difference. The impact of the

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Q&A: CERS

Q Why is there unfunded liability in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) if city governments have always had to pay the required employer contribution?

A CERS currently has approximately \$5.8 billion in unfunded liability. While this seems daunting, the Kentucky Employees Retirement System is unfunded by \$10 billion.

Guidelines from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) set forth in 2005 require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to account for significant additional unfunded liability related to healthcare. Healthcare cost inflation has also increased liability at a rapid rate. During the 1990s, the General Assembly increased benefits for KRS participants, which has translated into additional cost increases. Although CERS agencies have no say in the level of benefits available or accounting measures used, they must pay the actuarially required contribution as set by the KRS Board of Trustees.



On the cover: J.D. Chaney, director of governmental affairs, Neil Hackworth, deputy executive director/COO and other local government advocates watch as Governor Steve Beshear signs retirement reform legislation. Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) was the sponsor of HB 117.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT >>>>

Relationships with Legislators are Important Year Round



It has been a busy few months in Frankfort! I'm proud to say that KLC was instrumental in the passage of several important pieces of legislation for cities, as well as preventing or altering bills that would have harmed local governments. I'd like to thank the KLC legislative team for tirelessly working the halls of Frankfort to ensure the passage of city priorities and rallying city officials into action when needed. The team put in countless hours to pursue bills that helped cities thrive and govern more efficiently, as well as ensuring that cities are protected from harmful legislation.

As KLC president and a member of the state fire commission, I was in a unique position to testify on behalf of Senate Bill 46. It was a great experience to speak on behalf of a bill

that both helped the bottom line of many cities and maintained an important incentive for firefighter training.

This spring and summer, I encourage you to take the time to thank your legislators for the work they did for your city during the session. Throughout this year, please reach out to your House and Senate members to make sure they know what issues are important to you. You can invite them to attend your commission or council meetings and publicly recognize any favorable actions they took on behalf of your city. Building strong relationships with your legislator throughout the year will serve your city well during the next session of the General Assembly.

Connie Lawson

Connie Lawson
KLC President
and Richmond Mayor

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES >>>>

Cities Dodge Several Legislative Bullets

Cities can rejoice at the defeat or alteration of almost 20 proposals this session that would have eroded home rule or posed a threat to local budgets. Fortunately, cities came away completely unscathed thanks to the fast response of city officials to the calls to action in emailed *Legislative Alerts*.

One particularly harmful bill would have required occupational taxes imposed by cities and counties to be distributed 50 percent to the taxing district where the work is done or the services performed and 50 percent to the city in which the employee resides. Thankfully, several cities made it clear to lawmakers that not only would this have been particularly harmful to city revenues, it would be almost impossible to administer.

Cities also successfully blocked legislation that would have granted sweeping authority to county judge executives to create regional wastewater commissions that would collect and treat sewage for cities and water/sanitation districts. The legislation, which was initiated by the Kentucky Association of Counties, would have required wastewater commissions to be formed without a demonstration of need. It put no restrictions on their ability to designate service areas, and it did not make the commissions subject to current growth planning requirements for city sewer systems. The very broad authority permitted by this legislation gave it the potential of being a smart growth nightmare.

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HB 117

recession on employer costs won't be known until the KRS Board of Trustees conducts another analysis and announces next fiscal year's employer contribution rates in November 2009.

While HB 117 will help to slightly ease the burden of retirement contributions in FY 2010, cities should be prepared for high rate increases in absence of additional reforms to the system. Rates are currently projected to be over 20 percent (non-hazardous) and 42 percent (hazardous) by FY 2014, which are almost double what they were in FY 2006.

Extending the phase-in is only a part of comprehensive pension reform. KLC's legislative team will continue to seek additional retirement reforms in the 2010 session that will have an immediate impact on employer contributions while making the system more solvent in the future. There are still several legislative possibilities that could provide further savings for cities while strengthening the retirement system. Potential approaches include evaluating the governance of the retirement system, as well as the definition of "full funding" for future benefits.

Bills of Interest to Cities
Key Actions from the 2009 Legislative Session

Visit www.klc.org to download KLC's *Legislative Update* for a complete summary of the session and recaps of legislation that affect local governments.

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	SUMMARY
HB 55 Firearms Certification	Rep. Bob Damron (D-Nicholasville)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits any peace officer who has successfully completed a firearms instructor course approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council to conduct annual qualification tests for retired peace officers who desire certification to carry a deadly weapon.
HB 87 Occupational License Tax Reference in IRS Code	Rep. Jim Glenn (D-Owensboro)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates occupational license tax statutes to reference the current version of the IRS code. Automatically updates the reference for future amendments of the IRS code so similar legislation will not be required each year. This legislation was a joint effort by KLC and the Kentucky Occupational License Association.
HB 150 CPAT for Firefighters	Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a uniform candidate physical agility test (CPAT) for all paid entry-level professional firefighters. CPAT is voluntary until 2012. Requires candidates for professional firefighter positions to obtain certifications of his or her physical ability to perform the job of a firefighter by passing a physical agility test that simulates the physical activities required of firefighters on the job. This bill was a collaborative effort by KLC and several firefighter organizations.
HB 186 Deadlines for Establishing Tax Rates	Rep. Dennis Horlander (D-Shively)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifies that cities that elect to collect their own property taxes are not subject to the 45-day deadline for establishing final tax rates and ensures that county PVAs share preliminary assessments with cities.
HB 204 Seasonal Employees in CERS	Rep. Steve Riggs (D-Jefferson-town)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases the number of months that employees can be classified as seasonal from six to nine months for the purpose of the County Employees Retirement System (CERS).
HB 262 Collection of Delinquent Property Taxes by County	Rep. Arnold Simpson (D-Covington)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moves the sale of certificates of delinquency from the sheriff's office to the county clerk. This is applicable only to cities that have the sheriff's department collect taxes. Relieves the state from the requirement to purchase certificates of delinquency.
HB 330 State Road Construction Plan	Speaker Greg Stumbo (D-Prestonsburg)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY 2009-2010 state road construction plan that outlines more than \$3.7 billion worth of road projects. Includes \$447 million in projects to be funded with federal economic stimulus, \$507 million in projects to be funded with revenue bonds and additional bonding for the Ohio River Bridges.
HB 374 Gas Tax Freeze	Rep. Rick Rand (D-Bedford)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freezes the threshold for the motor fuels tax at its current level of 22.5 cents, which will preserve almost \$130 million in revenue that is used to maintain roads. Ensures that cities will retain their current percentage of funding for roads. Currently local governments receive nearly half of the revenue generated from this tax.
SB 20 KMUA Representative on KIA Board	Senator Bob Leeper (I-Paducah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a representative of the Kentucky Municipal Utility Association to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority Board.
SB 27 Brownfield Remediation	Senator Bob Leeper (I-Paducah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a fund in the state treasury dedicated to providing grants and loans to governmental agencies for the remediation of brownfields.
SB 33 Purchase of Flags	Senator Gary Tapp (D-Shelbyville)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires official United States and Commonwealth of Kentucky flags purchased by public institutions to be manufactured in the United States.



2009 CITY NIGHT RECEPTION

KLC's annual City Night legislative reception was a great success, drawing a crowd of more than 500 city officials, legislators and other state leaders. City officials spent the day leading up to the reception meeting with their own legislators as well as Governor Steve Beshear's Chief of Staff Adam Edelen, Senate State and Local Government Committee Chair Senator Damon Thayer (R-Georgetown) and House Local Government Committee Chair Representative Steve Riggs (D-Louisville). Thanks to all who attended.



1. City officials gather at City Night in February; 2. KLC Executive Director/CEO Sylvia Lovely, Rep. Danny Ford, Richmond Mayor Connie Lawson and Winchester Mayor Ed Burtner; 3. City officials listen attentively to speakers at the Capitol; 4. Kentucky Association of Counties Executive Director Bob Arnold, KLC Deputy Executive Director/COO Neil Hackworth, Frankfort Commissioner Kathy Carter, Representative Will Coursey and KLC Lobbyist Tony Goetz; 5. Senator Damon Thayer speaks to a crowd of city officials about the 2009 legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES >>>>>

Unfinished Business

It's often said that it's easier to kill a bill than pass one. The short session left a handful of measures on the table, including bills related to telecommunications shortfall, charter county government, city elections, state health plan coverage and 911 funding.

third attempt in as many sessions to have the shortfall corrected in the General Assembly.

▶▶ City Elections

KLC and the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association worked together with bill sponsor Senator Alice Forgy



The KLC legislative team is already beginning work on these issues for the 2010 session. The KLC Board of Directors will meet in May to discuss the 2010 priorities and strategy. If you have input on legislative issues that are important to your city, please contact J.D. Chaney at jchaney@klc.org or 1-800-876-4552.

▶▶ Telecommunications

The state's budget woes left cities without a fix to the telecommunications tax shortfall. **HB 341** sponsored by Rep. Ron Crimm (R-Louisville) would have added approximately \$7.5 million to the annual hold harmless fund to accurately account for the total revenues local governments were receiving prior to the passage of the telecommunications excise tax law in 2005. An insufficient "hold harmless" amount was written into the law, causing most cities to experience a 15 percent shortfall. This is the

Kerr (R-Lexington), the State Board of Elections, the Secretary of State's Office and the Kentucky County Clerks Association on legislation that would have helped to prevent non-city residents from voting in city elections. This unopposed bill was a victim of the clock in a short session. The KLC team will work to pass **SB 125** next session.

▶▶ Charter County Government

Although it failed to pass, cities made great progress in advocating for the need to change the charter county government statutes. **HB 131**, sponsored by Rep. Arnold Simpson (D-Covington), would have amended the charter county government statutes to provide for equal representation among the county and cities in the county on charter county government study commissions. This legislation would have equalized the membership of a

commission formed to study the question of the adoption of a charter county form of government among the county and all cities within the county.

Rep. Simpson did an impressive job of defending this legislation in committee against the strong lobbying effort of the Kentucky Association of Counties and Kentucky Farm Bureau. Although it passed the House Local Government Committee, unfortunately the bill was sent back to committee and never made it to a full vote of the House.

▶▶ Exemption from Participation in State Health Plan

Sen. Katie Stine (R-Southgate) sponsored **SB 112**, a measure that would have allowed newly formed cooperative entities (such as police authorities and other joint commissions) to be exempt from the requirement of mandatory participation in the state health plan as long as one of the participating local governments was active in CERS prior to April 9, 2002. This law has been a barrier to many local governments attempting to consolidate services under the existing law.

▶▶ 911 Funding

SB 82, sponsored by Sen. Tom Buford (R-Nicholasville), would have required the Legislative Research Commission to study the declining revenue from landlines that supports 911 services and determine potential alternative funding sources for increasing emergency 911 revenues. KLC will continue to work with 911 administrators to address the need for sustainable emergency dispatch funding.

Special Session a Possibility

The anticlimatic ending to the session left several initiatives unsigned. While lawmakers aren't scheduled to return to business until January, Governor Beshear may call the General Assembly into a special session before then to address Kentucky's troubled economy and the state's potential additional budget shortfall.

Additionally, the 2009 session ended without passing the Governor's economic development modernization plan that contained provisions that would have updated many of the economic development tools important to local governments. Furthermore, lawmakers did not vote on a measure that would have allowed video slot machines

at horse racing tracks.

If lawmakers return to Frankfort before January to address these issues, KLC and member cities will push for local tax reform to be addressed and ensure that city issues are considered with any legislation related to video lottery terminals (VLTs), which are commonly referred to as slot machines.

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New Supreme Court Rulings on Law Enforcement Issues

In January of this year, the U.S. Supreme Court decided two cases that could have an impact on two important issues for city law enforcement officers: conducting a "stop and frisk" and qualified immunity protection.



"Stop and Frisk"

In *Arizona v. Johnson*, the Supreme Court clarified the legal authority of law enforcement officers to conduct a "stop and frisk" during routine traffic stops.

An earlier Supreme Court case, *Terry v. Ohio*, established two requirements for a "stop and frisk" to be legal. First, the investigatory "stop" must be lawful. For an on-the-street encounter, Terry held the stop is lawful if the officer reasonably suspects the person is committing or has committed a criminal offense. Second, in order to "frisk," the officer must reasonably suspect that the person is armed and dangerous. Other Supreme Court cases took this further to say an officer making a traffic stop may order passengers (not just the driver) to get out of the car pending completion of the stop, and that a traffic stop communicates to a reasonable passenger that he or she is not free to terminate the encounter and move about at will.

In *Arizona v. Johnson*, the Supreme Court unified all of these previous cases into a broader rule for traffic stop requirements. The Court held that, in a traffic-stop setting, the first Terry requirement (a legal

stop) is met whenever it is lawful for an officer to detain an automobile and its occupants pending inquiry into a vehicular violation. The stop does not turn into a consensual encounter just because the officer questions a person about matters unrelated to the traffic stop, and the officer does not have to have cause to believe any occupant of the vehicle is otherwise involved in criminal activity. To justify the second Terry requirement, a frisk of the driver or a passenger during the stop, the police must have reasonable suspicion that the driver or passenger is armed and dangerous.

Qualified Immunity Protection

The other recent Supreme Court decision involving law enforcement officers is *Pearson v. Callaban*, which changed the analysis courts must use to determine whether a law enforcement officer is entitled to qualified immunity.

Qualified immunity is a legal doctrine that shields officers from liability in cases where the

law governing an officer's conduct in a certain situation has not been clearly decided by the courts, such that the officer could not be reasonably expected to know that his actions were unconstitutional.

Previously, when a lower court decided whether an officer would be entitled to qualified immunity, the court had to do a two-part analysis:

- 1) Did the officer's conduct violate the Constitution?

NO: The officer would be granted summary judgment and the case would be dismissed.

YES: The court would proceed to the second question.

- 2) Was the law governing the officer's conduct clearly established, such that the officer would have been on notice that his conduct violated the Constitution?

NO: The officer would be entitled to qualified immunity and would be dismissed from the lawsuit.

YES: The officer would not be immune from the lawsuit.

In *Pearson v. Callaban*, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that the first question is now optional - courts can decide not to determine the constitutionality of the officer's conduct. If the court decides not to answer the first question, they can proceed directly to the question regarding whether the law was clearly established, and determine whether the officer is entitled to qualified immunity without ever addressing the constitutionality of the officer's action.

KLC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



The *2009 Legislative Update*, a concise resource with detailed explanations of bills relevant to cities, is now available at www.klc.org.

KLC officials will also be visiting with several cities across the state to discuss the results of the 2009 session and get feedback for the 2010 session. If you would like to schedule a visit or receive the *2009 Legislative Update* by email, please contact Tresa Short at 1-800-876-4552 or tshort@klc.org.

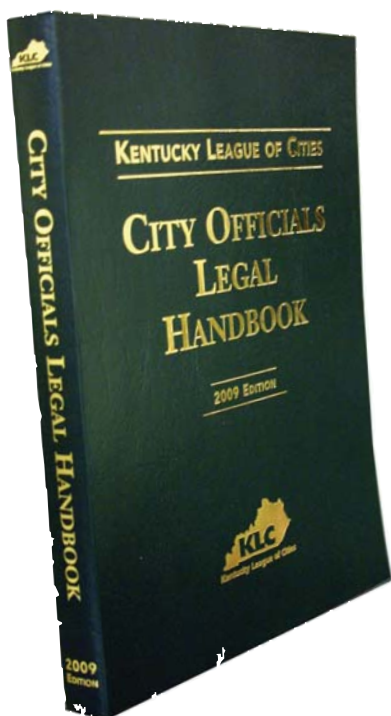
ECONOMIC STIMULUS RESOURCES

The Kentucky League of Cities has been working diligently with state and local officials to keep members updated on the economic stimulus package. Several resources are available to help city officials navigate the funding process, including:

- ◆ Upcoming grant and funding deadlines;
- ◆ Overviews of the general provisions and funding categories of the economic stimulus; and
- ◆ Specific information on funding for public safety, community development, transportation, energy/environment, roads and benefits.

If you have any questions about the economic stimulus or other federal issues, please contact Joseph Coleman at jcoleman@klc.org or 1-800-876-4552.

2009 City Officials Legal Handbook



This popular guide provides information on the legal issues that matter most to city officials. The handbook is designed for non-attorneys and covers the basics of annexation, incompatible offices, personnel matters, ethics, ordinances, open meeting and open records, public purpose spending, budgeting, auditing, planning and zoning and more.

- ◆ Cost for Members: \$40
- ◆ Cost for Cornerstone Partners: \$40
- ◆ Cost for Non-Members: \$80

The newly released 2009 edition includes more than 100 pages of updates on legislation, case law and attorney general

opinions and new sections on tax increment financing (TIF), vacancies in city offices, police and fire training requirements, organization of city governments, municipal elections and local alcohol beverage control.

Each chapter is written in a narrative form and covers the essential areas of local government law. While this publication is not intended to be a substitute for the advice of an experienced city attorney, it will help you understand the background of a legal problem.

Contact Raymie Scrivner at rscrivner@klc.org or 1-800-876-4552 with questions or to order your copy of the 2009 City Officials Legal Handbook.

WHAT MAKES YOUR KENTUCKY CITY SPECIAL?

Share your thoughts and read KLC Executive Director/CEO Sylvia Lovely's City Tours, a new feature of her blog. Sylvia started City Tours to chronicle her ongoing visits to Kentucky communities. Read her remarks on what makes communities unique and add your perspective, or your own hometown stories, by commenting online.

Visit the blog via www.klc.org or just look for the link in your weekly KLC DirectLine e-newsletter.



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We've redesigned the KLC 2009 Conference & Expo to focus on three key areas that will help you move your city forward.

We've lowered rates this year! Only \$299 full conference rate for KLC members.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Golf scramble, Board of Directors meeting.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

A Blueprint for Success - Opportunities are there for cities of all sizes in our globalized 21st century. Discover how we build great cities now and for our future.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Green Day - Learn how green policies save environmental and fiscal resources.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Get Social - Interactive sessions on online tools, citizen engagement, social networking (Facebook, blogs, etc.) and the realities of instant media.

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Futurist Joel Kotkin

Community Strategist Delore Zimmerman, Ph.D.

Alltech President & CEO Dr. T. Pearse Lyons

Clifford C. Kuhn, M.D., "The Laugh Doctor"

Plus expert presentations, panels and workshops, best practice exchanges, networking and fun events throughout the conference.



[KBC-LEO SNAPSHOTS]

KBC LEO SUMMIT HOSTS

Radcliff City Councilmember and Kentucky Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (KBC-LEO) President Stan Holmes hailed the group's April 17-18 Spring Summit a true success. "Our members' involvement made it a great and informative Spring Summit at all levels. Each panel provided us with in-depth information about Workforce and Economic Development, Education, Healthcare and Justice for All. By providing us with these directives we can create measurable objectives that affect our communities in a positive way."

(Photo above from l-r) Rep. Reginald Meeks, Rep. Jesse Crenshaw, Stan Holmes, Rep. John Will Stacy, Rep. Derrick Graham, Rep. Arnold Simpson, Rep. Jim Glenn and Robert Jefferson KBC-LEO's first President.

(Photo at right l-r) Jeffersontown Councilmember Anita Johnson and Commissioner Daisy Lynum of Orlando, Fla.



[KLC AWARDS 2009]

POWER TO THE PEOPLE - TWO NEW AWARDS FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES!

KLC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE . . .

The **City Official of the Year Award** recognizes elected and appointed city officials for outstanding leadership, innovation, accomplishment, commitment and excellence in local governance.

Municipal Employee of the Year (for city employees) recognizes exceptional city employees for commitment, excellence and pride in public service.

Go to www.klc.org to get more details and download the short application forms.

PLUS THE 2009 ENTERPRISE CITIES AWARDS

Now in its 10th year, the KLC Enterprise Cities Award recognizes municipalities that have demonstrated entrepreneurship, innovation and excellence in local governance and are judged in seven key areas: innovativeness or creativity of the project; long-term value to the community; adaptability to other cities; use of public/private partnerships; ability to achieve project benchmarks; community-citizen participation; and program efficiency. One of the critical elements of the program is the ability for other cities to take the idea and replicate elements of it in their own community.

Go to www.klc.org to get more details and download the short application forms.

[SCHOLARSHIP 2009]

THE DAVID B. SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) and the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services (KLCIS)

For eligible members of the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association.

Background

The Kentucky League of Cities and the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services recognize the critical role city clerks play in quality governance. To acknowledge the service of clerks, KLC and KLCIS began funding the David B. Smith Memorial Scholarship in 2009, a former KLCIS employee.

The David B. Smith Scholarship is KLC's way to keep David's commitment to cities ongoing and to assist a group of professionals for which he had so much respect - Kentucky's city clerks.

Purpose and Scope

- ◆ Provides each individual recipient \$600 in funds toward certification
- ◆ Total of up to \$3,000 in scholarships per year

Deadline

May 31, 2009

Go to www.klc.org to download an application.

[CORNERSTONE PARTNERS]

Oops!

We apologize to KLC Cornerstone Partner IntegrityHR for listing them incorrectly in the last issue of *KLC Direct*.

Please note their correct information:

IntegrityHR

2013 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206
Phone: 502-753-0980, www.integrityhr.com



IN MEMORIAM

Paris Mayor Don Kiser -
Died April 23, 2009

CITY RECOGNITION >>>>>

City Clerk of the Year

Congratulations to **Dawson Springs City Clerk, Denise Ridley**, named the very first "Clerk of the Year" by the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association.



Dawson Springs Mayor Ross Workman, who nominated her for the honor, describes her as a consummate professional and the "hub of the wheel" between city government and numerous community organizations. She also serves as the city's zoning administrator.

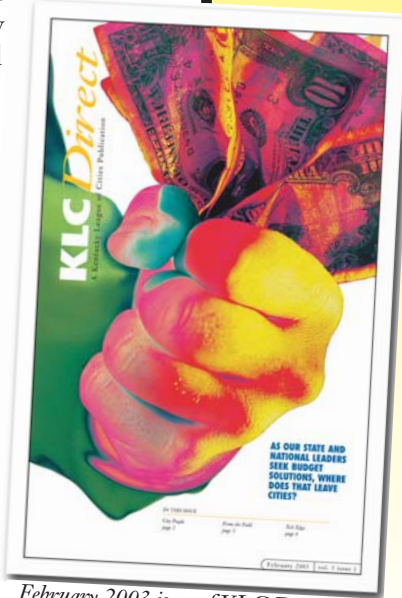
Ridley is active locally in business, civic and charity ventures and is active professionally with the KMCA as well as the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She is a Certified Kentucky Municipal Clerk and earned the Master Municipal Clerk designation in 2003, becoming the fifth

Kentucky clerk to do so. Ridley was one of 16 clerks nominated of Kentucky's 400 city clerks. She was recognized in April during the KMCA annual meeting.

Workman said, "Having been appointed and reappointed by six successive mayors over 27 years, she clearly has and deserves the confidence of her city's elected officials as well as its residents."

The Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association is a professional organization dedicated to developing trust in municipal government. It provides opportunities for education, professional development, personal growth and leadership.

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END



February 2003 issue of KLC Direct, the first with a new look and layout.

This is our last issue of your *KLC Direct* newsletter. To deliver more news in a bigger (and more cost effective) format, KLC will launch a new KLC member magazine this fall.

In the meantime, make SURE you get the latest city and municipal news via your email box *KLC DirectLine*, our weekly online newsletter. To make sure you're signed up, go to www.klc.org.

We're also upgrading www.klc.org and want to hear from you on how to improve it. Watch for more information this fall on how you can help us build a better website for KLC members!

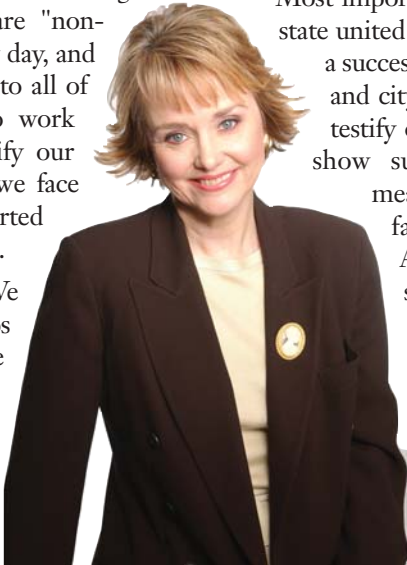
With questions or suggestions, call KLC communications at 1-800-876-4552.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR >>>>>

Short Session Brings in Some Big Victories for Cities

I could not be more proud of the KLC General Assembly, the Governor's administration, the KLC advocacy team, our partners who helped work through long and tedious sessions to hammer out legislative initiatives, and you, the great cities of the Commonwealth! What a session! This session clearly points to the importance of forming partnerships with what some say are "non-traditional" partners. I say it is a new day, and we are finding great success, thanks to all of the above. We will continue to work together with others to both identify our common needs and the challenges we face with our different viewpoints. We started early and you can see what happened.

Case in point? Senate Bill 46. We joined with several firefighter groups on Senate Bill 46, a major legislative victory that provided a solution to the firefighter overtime issue that was plaguing city budgets and threatening an important incentive for firefighter training. This newfound alliance was also



instrumental in the passage of HB 150, which establishes a uniform candidate physical agility test for would-be firefighters. Additionally, cities, counties and school boards joined forces to ensure the passage of HB 117, a retirement reform effort that will provide cities some much-needed savings.

Most importantly, cities of all sizes across the state united to make sure that this session was a success. We'd like to thank every mayor and city official who visited Frankfort to testify on legislation, called legislators to show support for (or opposition to) measures and passed resolutions in favor of retirement reform. Additionally, it was wonderful to see so many cities represented at City Night. Many city officials spent the winter handling budget woes and recovering from a major ice storm, and we appreciate your time and work on legislative issues. Your influence did not go unnoticed at the Capitol.

With the abrupt end of the session there is a real possibility that a special session will be held to work on the state's revenue troubles. If a special session occurs, KLC's legislative team will continue to monitor bills that potentially impact cities and fight for reform efforts that could bolster local government budgets.

Finally, I want to thank the "unsung" heroes who serve so valiantly in the Kentucky General Assembly and to the Governor and his staff. These are tireless individuals whose true tribute would take more than this column can begin to enunciate! Suffice it to say that we humbly thank each of them for their service and for their interest in the future of cities of the Commonwealth!

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