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Clark Confirmed as Secretary of Administration

TOPEKA – The Kansas Senate last week confirmed Kansas native and former business executive Jim Clark as Secretary of the Kansas Department of Administration. Following bipartisan support in the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee, the Senate voted 40-0 to approve Governor Sam Brownback’s pick to lead the agency that oversees many of state government’s administrative activities, including payroll, purchasing, printing, facilities management and personnel services.

Clark, who was born in Ness City, raised in Wichita and worked in Kansas his entire life, offers vast experience in his new role. A practicing Certified Public Accountant, Clark participated in the audits, review of filings with the Securities & Exchange Commission and other client services for clients including, Beech Aircraft, Learjet, the Coleman Company and Pizza Hut, Inc. He was also director of finance for Pizza Hut. Much of Clark’s experience is in the utilities industry.

Clark was responsible for all accounting functions for Kansas Gas and Electric, including cost control functions during the construction of the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant. In the early 1990’s, as vice president of Westar, he was responsible for integrating the internal audit departments of Kansas Gas & Electric and Kansas Power and Light following the merger of the two companies. He later managed the information systems and telecommunications department for Westar and its subsidiaries from 1995 to 1997. In 1997, Clark moved to Oneok as vice president of Kansas Gas Service, where he managed the accounting, legal and management information systems of the company as well as their interface with Oneok’s systems. He retired from Oneok in 2001.

Upon retirement from Oneok, Clark has consulted and remained active with the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants. He and his wife Mary Ann have four adult children and nine grandchildren.

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(photo attached)