

Casino developers working to gain a contract with the state of Kansas for the South Central Gaming Zone were in Wellington Thursday to gain community support for their proposed projects.

Global Gaming takes a coffee break

Officials from Global Gaming Solutions, LLC made an appearance at the weekly Chamber Coffee at Daylight Donuts, Thursday morning. A group from the company

gave Wellington residents an update of the latest news while they snacked on donuts and cups of java.

"We feel very good about where the process is right now...in a nutshell it is coming down to the wire right now," said Skip Lannert, general manager for Global Gaming.

Lannert says the company is feeling "very confident" and feel they have a very "solid plan" and a "winning plan" to present at the Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board on Oct. 28th.

Consultant Doug Lawrence said though past presentations have been laid back, the next presentation will be more spectacular.

"You've seen our previous presentations and they've been relatively low key. This is the point in time where we're in it to win it. It won't be as stale anymore and we're going to tell the story in a way that you haven't probably seen before and there will be video of the whole shooting match," Lawrence said.

He also said the name of the casino would also be released the week of the 28th as a winner has been chosen.

"We have all those things in review and that's going to be part of the activities that will be happening shortly," said Lawrence.

Global Gaming execs also met with local business leaders at the Raymond Frye Complex to answer questions about the Wellington proposal and to see how the casino could help area business and what local businesses could do for the casino.

Peninsula Gaming meets with USD 353

Kansas Star Casino officials were at the Wellington USD 353 school board meeting Thursday night to speak about their education fund plan.

Scott Cooper of Peninsula Gaming, LLC said \$500 would be provided to teachers working in the Sumner County and Mulvane school districts to help purchase classroom supplies.

This program would be part of the "Kansas All Stars" fund that would give additional financial support to all students in Sumner County and Mulvane. Every local student from kindergarten through 12th grade would be given a \$100 credit to be used to offset the cost of school supplies each fall. In addition, every high school senior in the area would be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for his or her college and secondary educations.

Cooper spoke for approximately five minutes and no action was taken by the school board on the presentation.

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