City of Kirksville changes insurance

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Kirkville City Council voted during fall 2012 to change the City’s insurance provider from Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management to Midwest Risk Management.

The coverage provided will be similar, and the city might save a few bucks, said Dondie Smith, Assistant City Manager.

“We had a opportunity to choose new insurance, and it was a good opportunity,” Smith said. “We were able to talk to different companies and look at different plans.”

City employees and volunteers will receive new liability coverage

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Residence Life enforces noise restrictions in residence halls

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Residence Life staff removed stickers to denote membership with restrictions in residence halls.

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The initial model was revised based on feedback referred to the Committee by Missouri higher education institutions and other educational organizations.

Revised with the revised model is a calculation of how colleges would be funded under the proposal. Higher education in Missouri is about $3 billion under the state’s current bonding program, a formula based on the previous 10 years of funding.

Missouri State is about 18.1 million under the revised proposal.

“Whatever the result of this, it is going to have a significant impact on the future of (Truman),” University President Tony Pait said. “At this stage in the game, we don’t know what is going to come by way of regulations as it relates to this financial merger.”

Susan Pait, Joint Committee Executive Director, said one way the revised model differs from the initial formula is how much money a school should receive from the state is based on the school’s classification instead of a flat amount to all four-year universities.

For example, the state’s funding formula would be calculated using metrics determined by each year’s “state-level universities,” such as Truman, would receive more money but would have to operate at a lower budget in order to receive funds.

University President Tony Pait said another change is to continue credits and flat dollar amount to each school.

The result

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