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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 82- 177

The Honorable Charles F. Laird  
State Representative, Fifty-Ninth District  
3501 Shawnee Court  
Topeka, Kansas 66605

Re: Bonds and Warrants -- Cash Basis Law -- Records

Synopsis: K.S.A. 10-1117 requires certain records "of" the municipality to be open for public inspection including records of "indebtedness, contracts creating a liability against the municipality, . . . each order, warrant check or checks, drawn on the treasury and paid." Private records of a business or corporation are not available for inspection under this statute. K.S.A. 10-1117 directs the clerk or secretary of the municipality to keep and make available these records and does not place any legal obligation upon any employee of a private business or corporation to disclose any records. Cited herein: K.S.A. 10-1117.

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Dear Representative Laird:

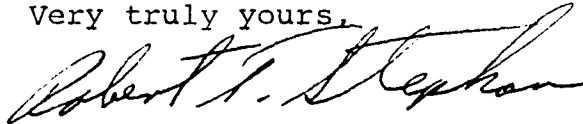
You inquire of this office for an interpretation of K.S.A. 10-1117. You ask: "Does information regarding contractors who deal with municipalities have to be made public?" You further inquire: "Must the employees of the various contractors be cooperative in rendering such information to the public?"

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business or corporation are not available for inspection under this statute. Please note in answer to your second question, K.S.A. 10-1117 directs the clerk or secretary of the municipality to keep and make available these records and does not place any legal obligation upon any employee of a private business or corporation to disclose any records.

Very truly yours,



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