

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

### **Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners**

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman James B. Skelton, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. John Sullivan, Assistant Director, CDDO; Mr. Gary Counts, Interim Director, Human Resources; Mr. Richard Vogt, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Operations; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy Clerk; Ms. Kelli Grant, Appointee, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board; Ms. Tabitha Lehman, Election Commissioner; Ms. Jodi Tronsgard, Project Manager, Department of Corrections; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.*

### GUESTS

*Ms. Carolyn Walters, Board Member, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board  
Mr. Kevin Fish, Executive Director, The Arc of Sedgwick County  
Ms. Bev Morlan, Regional Executive Director, Midway-Kansas Chapter American Red Cross  
Ms. Patricia Fields, Chair, South Central Kansas Problem Gambling Task Force  
Mr. Kent Winter, President, Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association  
Mr. Steven Walters, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board  
Mr. Joe Johnson, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission  
Mr. James Dinkel, Appointee, Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board  
Dr. Tony Kinkel, President, Wichita Area Technical College*

*Chairman Skelton said, "At this time I would like to say that Commissioner Ranzau will be departing at 10:30 [a.m.] to travel to Topeka. He will be testifying on a bill this afternoon. So, with that being said I ask the Clerk to call the first item."*

### INVOCATION

*Observed by a Moment of Silence.*

### FLAG SALUTE

### ROLL CALL

*The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that all Commissioners were present.*

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Richard Ranzau, Chairman Jim Skelton, Vice Chair Dave Unruh, Commissioner Tim Norton and Commissioner Karl Peterjohn

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**A**      [13-0089](#)      REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2012.  
Commissioner Peterjohn was absent.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Mr. Attorney, can we take Items A through [Item] I as one item?"*

*Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd suggest you vote on Item A, and then take [Item] B through [Item] I."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. All right, let's take Item A as the meeting of October 17th, consideration of minutes. Any comments or corrections?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2012.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh and Commissioner Norton

**Present:** 1 - Commissioner Peterjohn

B [13-0090](#)

REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2012.

All Commissioners were present.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman?"*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 24th, 31st, November 9th, November 21st, November 28th, December 5th, December 12th, and December 19th.*

*Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Been moved and seconded to take Items B through I. Discussion? Yes, sir."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chairman, it appears that Item F you were absent on that date, so..."*

*Mr. Euson said, "Did I mess that up?"*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Well, that was on the 28th. And there, and again, I would like to state there is no rule that says I cannot vote for the minutes, so I intend to vote for that. We've had this discussion before. So the motion, it's been moved and seconded to approve items B through I."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, Mr. Chairman..."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir?"*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Just for clarification, do we want to correct the minutes for the one date, where it says all Commissioners were present and indicate that you were absent on which date, sir?"*

*Chairman Skelton said, "It was November 28th and it is correct, sir."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, it is correct. Okay, sorry."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Not a problem I just wanted to make sure you had..."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "I appreciate that. I understand that. We've discussed this before. Any other discussion? Okay, Madam Clerk, call the vote."*

VOTE

Commissioner Norton

Aye

Commissioner Peterjohn      Aye  
Commissioner Ranzau          Aye  
Commissioner Unruh          Aye  
Chairman Skelton              Aye

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. All right, now, proclamations, Madam Clerk."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

- C**      [13-0104](#)      REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 31, 2012.  
All Commissioners were present.  
*Action on Item C was taken with Item B.*
- D**      [13-0108](#)      REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2012.  
All Commissioners were present.  
*Action on Item D was taken with Item B.*
- E**      [13-0109](#)      REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2012.  
All Commissioners were present.  
*Action on Item E was taken with Item B.*
- F**      [13-0111](#)      REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2012.  
Commissioner Skelton was absent.  
*Action on Item F was taken with Item B.*
- G**      [13-0113](#)      REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2012.  
All Commissioners were present.  
*Action on Item G was taken with Item B.*
- H**      [13-0115](#)      REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2012.  
All Commissioners were present.  
*Action on Item H was taken with Item B.*
- I**      [13-0116](#)      REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2012.  
All Commissioners were present.  
*Action on Item I was taken with Item B.*

**PROCLAMATIONS**

J      [13-0147](#)      PROCLAMATION DECLARING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, thank you. I would like to read this proclamation;*

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and*

*WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and*

*WHEREAS, opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and*

*WHEREAS, we encourages all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as*

*'DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH'*

*And recognize that our communities are stronger when everyone participates. Take time to get to know someone with a disability, look beyond the disability and see what he or she has to offer.*

*"Commissioners, you heard the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?"*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

*VOTE*

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

Mr. John Sullivan, Assistant Director, CDDO, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for the proclamation. It calls attention to issues of extreme importance to folks with intellectual disabilities. I think it was over 25 years ago that advocacy by The Arc [of Sedgwick County] led to President Reagan, then President Reagan, proclaiming March as DD (Developmental Disabilities) Awareness Month. So we're happy to celebrate this year that original proclamation, your proclamation, and to reiterate our vision that disabilities do not limit us. There's several organizations and individuals here.

"Thank you all for coming. I won't introduce everyone, but their presence is appreciated. We should point out former county employee Mr. Collin McKinney sitting here, who has come back, good to see you, Collin, thank you. With your permission I would like to call attention to three entities that help make our vision a reality. The first is the DD Advisory Board under the leadership of Linwood Sexton. With us today is board member Mrs. Carolyn Walters, retired special ed[ucation] teacher. And Mrs. Walters and her husband are guardians for a person with developmental disabilities. Mrs. Walters?"

Ms. Carolyn Walters, Board Member, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for this proclamation. And I wanted to show you a picture of our adopted son, Travis, because he's so special to us. And I feel like this picture speaks a thousand words. We've been best friends with Travis for the last 14 years. His mother passed away several years ago, leaving his sister to be his guardian. His sister suffered a massive stroke four years ago, and then my husband and I were asked to become his guardians. He is now a part of our family. Our grandchildren love and adore their uncle Travis, as evidenced by Abby's face. She loves to jump up on his tray on his wheelchair and hug and kiss on him. And it is just priceless. And Travis gives her a gift that comes from his heart, he loves her right back.

"And this picture expresses how much all of those living with a loved one with a developmental disability love their child, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, and just as they are valuable part of the family, they are also a valuable part of our community. There are thousands of invisible Kansans. They are a vulnerable population, and it is our responsibility as a community to make sure that their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are met. Many of them don't have a voice, so it's up to each of us to be their voice and to be their help and support. And that's why I do what I do, is to be their help and their support.

"Wichita is blessed to have several great organizations working with and for people with developmental disabilities. There's no lack for volunteer opportunities to reach out and make a difference in the lives of families and their loved ones who live with a disability. I encourage each one to take the time to get to know someone with developmental disability, look beyond the disability, see their heart. Just like you and I, they long to be seen, known, loved and accepted. Never underestimate the value of your kindness. Reach beyond your personal comfort zone, and you might be surprised what you find. You have to look no further than your own neighborhood, local grocery store, favorite restaurant, or your church; to make a difference is easy if it comes from

*your heart. And everything I do, I try to do it from my heart. Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Thank you very much."*

*Mr. Sullivan said, "Thank you, Carolyn. The second group I would like to call attention to, is the CDDO (Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization) Community Council led by Matthew Cook. Matthew had planned to be here today. I am not seeing him. I know he works, and may not have been able to get off. He's a staunch advocate, a consumer, and has, I think he is in his second year as chair of the council that has a role in our quality oversight of the system. Certainly they schedule activities and events that involve consumers in the community and advise us on operations at CDDO. Finally I would like to congratulate Kevin Fish, his staff, The Arc [of Sedgwick County] Board of Directors, and the membership of The Arc for 75 years of service to individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities. I understand that you all have a plan to recognize The Arc in their 75th year, so I thank you for the proclamation."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "You are welcome, sir. Comments by Board members? Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. John, I just want to emphasize the fact that we are very supportive of all the efforts to foster opportunities for folks with developmental disabilities to live independently in the community, and they are valuable part of our community here in South Central Kansas. And we appreciate your efforts and the efforts of all those that you named in helping this particular segment of our population be independent. Thanks for what you do."*

*Mr. Sullivan said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Indeed, thank you. Okay, Madam Clerk, next item, please."*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Norton, that this Proclamation(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

K [13-0097](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE ARC OF SEDGWICK COUNTY MONTH.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. I will read the proclamation;*

PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the Arc of Sedgwick County for sixty years has impacted individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families living in Sedgwick County and surrounding communities. The Arc provides information, advocacy, case management, respite, mentoring and in-service programs to promote their general welfare and increase public awareness and acceptance and provides programs that emphasize individuals life-long learning and leisure; and*

*WHEREAS, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities affect more than 12,000 Sedgwick County children and adults and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and*

*WHEREAS, the most effective way to improve their lives is through continued education and active participation in the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Arc of Sedgwick County by providing exceptional programs that empower parents to maintain employment, help special needs students bridge the education gap, provide inclusion for individuals with disabilities in activities throughout our community, and create life-changing experiences throughout their lifetimes; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Skelton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2013, as*

*'THE ARC OF SEDGWICK COUNTY MONTH'*

*"Commissioners, you have heard the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?"*

MOTION

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Skelton

Aye

*Mr. Kevin Fish, Executive Director, The Arc of Sedgwick County, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you guys very much, we greatly appreciate the recognition. I don't know that I can say much more than what Mr. Walters already did, and really capitalizing what it is. From the very beginning it's been our passionate parents, guardians and self advocates that have driven our organization, and it's through collaboration that, it's not The Arc alone that does what we do, it is through partnerships like we have with the CDDO, the county here, the many agencies represented here today that allow us to really make an impact in the lives of so many people. We appreciate your support, and the fact that so many of you come out and been a part of the activities and really seen firsthand how these programs are impacting lives and are supportive of that. So thank you so much for this honor and your continued support."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Commissioner Norton has a comment."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Kevin, thanks for being here today. I often say that how you treat and minister to your children, your seniors and your most vulnerable is how you define your civilization. Folks with disabilities, children, adults, deserve to be a part of our society and our civilization just like everyone else. And sometimes I rail against the thought of 'those people' in our community, and they are not 'those people', they are moms and dads, and siblings, and aunts and uncles, and brothers and sisters, and they are very important to society and you provide such a great service. It is nice having John here today to have a proclamation, but to back it up with a provider that really helps that population integrate into society, be part of our civilization, and make sure they live the kind of life that all of us aspire to. Thank you for being here today."*

*Mr. Fish said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, I do concur with those comments, thank you, Commissioner Norton. Any other comments by board members? Thank you, sir. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Proclamation(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

L [13-0096](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. I will now read the proclamation;*

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month—a special time to recognize and thank our heroes—those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need.*

*WHEREAS, we would like to remember those who help all of us here in Sedgwick County by giving their time to help their neighbor, and thank our heroes—our volunteers, blood donors, class takers and financial supporters who help us assist those in need; and*

*WHEREAS, in Sedgwick County, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its 274 employees and more than 2,700 volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and*

*WHEREAS, across the country, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year. It provides some 400,000 services to military members, veterans and civilians, collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply and trains more than seven million people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year; and*

*WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission. Despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March as*

*'AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH'*

*and encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.*

*"Commissioners, you heard the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?"*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Is there any discussion? Commissioner*

*Peterjohn?"*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just hasten to add I appreciate the [American] Red Cross, excellent work and the importance of blood drives. People who are able to, unfortunately there are folks in the community who would like to donate but for medical reasons or whatever, cannot. This time of year I know that, and it may be almost a 365 day requirement, in terms of having additional blood donors, but that's particularly important contribution that people can provide and I wanted to emphasize that point as we adopt this resolution this morning, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, sir. Appreciate that."*

*Ms. Bev Morlan, Regional Executive Director, Midway-Kansas Chapter American Red Cross, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I really appreciate the opportunity and this recognition in celebration of the Red Cross. You know, locally we have been in this county in our community for what will be a 100 years in 2015. And for some of you who have known me a while, no, I have not been here 100 years. But as the American Red Cross across the country, we are nearing 130 years of support in serving the American people, so on behalf of all of the Red Cross volunteers, board members, blood donors, I thank you for this. You know, we have a storied legacy, and history of service, but what's really important is what we're able to do today, and what we will do in the future to ensure that people get the help they need, and can recover from emergencies and other circumstances. So we appreciate it very much, and thank you so much."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "You are quite welcome. Let's get this proclamation adopted. Madam Clerk, call the vote, please."*

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I go back to 1971, I ran my first blood drive in a retail store in Tennessee, and I think we had like 70 participants from our workforce, and we even had some customers that saw what we were doing and wanted to give blood. But I fast forward for me to 1999, May 3rd. I'm standing in a basement of a city building, 2:30 [a.m.] in the morning after a tornado, and who is right beside me but two volunteers, two disaster relief services employees of the American Red Cross.*

*"And along with other people that came to help, it's always comforting to know that disaster services like the American Red Cross provide are Johnny on the spot, there to set up, to administer, to not only those affected by the tornado, but for the volunteers that come and help, because all of that has to be taken care of. So thank you very much for what you do, the long history of serving our community, and for the future of*

*the Red Cross, because it's going to be very important to keep you sound in our community because of the services you provide. Thank you, Bev."*

*Ms. Morlan said, "Thank you, Tim."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Yes, indeed, thank you. Is there additional comments? Madam Clerk, next item."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Commissioner Peterjohn, that this Proclamation(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

M [13-0119](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. I will now read the proclamation;*

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, promoting the awareness week provides individuals in the problem gambling community an opportunity to educate the public and policy makers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and*

*WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting tens of thousands of Kansans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities and which has a significant societal and economic cost; and*

*WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable and treatment is effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and*

*WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, South Central Kansas Problem Gambling Task Force which includes treatment providers, civic leaders, faith community, Gambler's Anonymous, Kansas Star Casino, universities, Veterans Administration Services, City and State government and Sedgwick County departments invite all residents of Sedgwick County to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Week.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as*

*'PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH'*

*in Sedgwick County, Kansas and encourage all citizens to help spread the message that there is help for problem gamblers through treatment, and to support those who are in treatment and recovery and their families.*

*"Commissioners, you have heard the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?"*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

*VOTE*

Commissioner Norton           Aye  
Commissioner Peterjohn       Aye  
Commissioner Ranzau          Aye  
Commissioner Unruh           Aye  
Chairman Skelton              Aye

*Ms. Patricia Fields, Chair, South Central Kansas Problem Gambling Task Force, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you so much for the proclamation, bringing awareness to Problem Gambling Awareness [Month] week, to the month, and to the fact that there is low-cost treatment available to anyone who has problem gambling addiction. And especially to the family members, they, too, can receive treatment. The mission of the task force is to coordinate advocacy, education, prevention, and treatment for problem gambling addiction in the community. Gambling addictions can affect anyone; your grandmother, your sister, the disabled, the poor, businessmen, veterans and so many more.*

*"You may have gambled off and on for years before sliding into troubled gambling, or maybe it was right after your first big win that things seemed to get out of control. But once you slide into compulsive gambling it will destroy your relationships, devastate your finances, and for many it may lead to suicidal ideation and hospitalization. Problem gamblers are 20 percent higher risk for suicide than any other clinical population.*

*"For some, gambling is just an occasional night of fun, but for an estimated 75,000 Kansans, it will become a problem. Gambling doesn't just affect the gambler, but it also affects the family, their business and their employer. Increasing awareness and ensuring that problem gamblers or their concerned others in their lives receive help is essential to our community and economy. Thank you again so much for your kind words Chairman Skelton, your advisory committee, Commissioner Peterjohn for stopping in on our task force meetings. For all that you all do to ensure that the problem gambling and other addiction funds remain designated for those in the community that have a problem gambling addiction and their concerned families. Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Mr. Chairman, quick question. There is an 800 number if people are having problems to call, they can call to get assistance. Do you happen to have that with you, by any chance?"*

*Ms. Fields said, "[1-]800-522-4700, I believe it is on that cup and also on that stress ball."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, I wanted to have you provide it for the record. Thank you very much."*

*Ms. Fields said, "Thank you."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I would also hasten to add that when you say 75,000 Kansans, quick math, there's almost 3 million Kansans in the state, so that's about, between 2 and 3 percent of the total population."*

*Ms. Fields said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And if you could take a minute and kind of walk through, in terms of how that affects, because when you say 75,000, that's 2 to 2.5, well 2 to 3 percent of all Kansans, and of course we're talking about only adults who are gambling. And I think it might be significant to talk about that, because Sedgwick County receives one percent of the money from the Kansas Star Casino, and that sometimes gets some public attention and discussion. But this is the other side of the equation, and we also get the demand on some of our social services for people who end up not being able to handle this. That's between 2 and 3 people out of 100, and a higher percentage of adults. So I don't know if there are thoughts you want to add in terms of the information I've got here, or if there's more details you can provide. I think it's important to get a full picture when this topic does come up."*

*Ms. Fields said, "It's so important to realize that that 75,000 is adults, but we have a lot of teenagers, adolescents that are gambling as well and it's increasing. We were saying, it is not so much just the problem gambler themselves, but the family members. It affects the employer, we have those who may try and, you know, feed that addiction, they will engage in behaviors such as writing hot checks, or embezzlement from their employers, taking out loans that their spouses may not be aware of, taking out credit cards that their spouse or family members may not be aware of, dipping into the college fund. So it, that ripple effect is huge. What a lot of people may not realize is that we are not seeing it right away, just because certain circumstances have changed, such as the casino, and gambling addiction isn't here just because of the casino, I would like to stress that. It's been around for a while."*

*"It just seems that this is the opportunity for us to bring it out into the community's awareness that it does exist, and that it is one of those hidden things. And a lot of times individuals have, there is a stigma, they are very ashamed to admit that there may be a problem and they don't want their family members to know, their husbands or their wives or children, their employers to know, if they are, if they reach the point where they are able to seek help. And I was speaking with someone recently, and that was her mind set is that I realize I have a problem, but I don't want anyone to know, because usually I am the one that's in the position of helping others."*

*"And so, there is a lot of stigma with individuals that have a problem gambling addiction. And it may not be casino games, it may be bingo, it may be lottery and scratch tickets. There are different forms. Just be aware of the signs and symptoms of a gambling addiction, and be willing to slip that help line card or that brochure to the family member or friend and say help is available at no cost, by calling that number, 1-800-522-4700."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I appreciate that. I would like to emphasize, and I very much appreciate the point that it's broader than just one casino, albeit it's near Sedgwick County, but we are also talking about it's been a problem, in terms of gambling elsewhere, and whether it's out of state, whether it's online or elsewhere."*

*"I would like to take a minute and talk about youth gambling and resources for young people, if they are having problems. Can they call that line if they are not an adult?"*

*Ms. Fields said, "Not only calling that help line number, but there's also Gamblers Anonymous. Here in Wichita we are fortunate to have at least three groups, two at Grace Presbyterian, and one over at Miracles, Inc. on East 2nd Street. And so, they are also in the process of having a gambling-on group, which is for family and friends"*

*of those who have that addiction. So there are many treatment providers here in the area, they are willing to help you or your family member that have the addiction with problem gambling."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Is there additional comments by Commissioners? Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Commissioner Peterjohn, that this Proclamation(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh,  
Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

N [13-0146](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING KANSAS AGRICULTURE WEEK.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. I will read the proclamation;*

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, Kansas has a strong tradition deeply rooted in farming and ranching; and*

*WHEREAS, the world population is expected to reach 9 billion in less than 40 years and as demand for animal protein grows, Kansas farmers and ranchers will play an increasingly important role in meeting global demands for healthful, wholesome, safe and nutritious food; and*

*WHEREAS, Kansas farmers and ranchers are the first and best stewards of the land as they are producing more food, fiber and energy than ever before using fewer resources; and*

*WHEREAS, with a commitment to research and education, Kansas is a recognized, trusted and respected leader in agriculture and is setting the pace in the complex, dynamic agricultural sector; and*

*WHEREAS, Kansas farmers and ranchers do not tolerate animal abuse or the intentional abuse or misuse of the land and its resources; and*

*WHEREAS, growth in agriculture, the state's largest economic driver, equals job creation and statewide economic growth.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 12–19, 2013 as*

*'KANSAS AGRICULTURE WEEK'*

*In Kansas and urge all citizens residing in Sedgwick County to join in this celebration and to know that our strong agricultural tradition benefits all Kansans."*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Skelton said, "It's been moved and seconded to adopt the proclamation. Is there any discussion on the motion? Commissioner Peterjohn? You just wanted to defer until after we adopt the motion."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I will defer until after we adopt the motion, thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Any discussion of the motion? Madam Clerk, call the vote."*

*VOTE*

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Chairman Skelton	Aye

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. At this time I recognize Kent Winter. How are you, sir?"

Mr. Kent Winter, President, Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to thank you for taking the time to recognize production agriculture and food production that takes place right here in Sedgwick [County], as an extension of that, the food processing and the grain terminal activities that take place right here in the city limits of Wichita, you know, there was a reference made earlier to being around for 100 years. Neither me, I have not been around 100 years, but agriculture has. The first sod was turned here in Sedgwick County in the 1870s, some 140 years ago. And many of the families that still work the land out beyond the Wichita city limits can trace their lineage in Sedgwick County back to the 1880-1890s when they first arrived. You know, we are not always perfect with what we do, but we do put a lot of effort every year to try and get better, do a better job and increase efficiency.

"I am just old enough to remember the year 1960 when John F. Kennedy took office. One American farmer fed 46 people back then. Today as we speak, that number is 156 people. And to get to the level that Commissioner Skelton referred to in his proclamation, 9 billion people on the planet by the year 2050, that number will have to go up to 265 people. So we've got our work cut out for us, and with the help of Mother Nature, I'm referring to moisture, which is the kingpin to do what we do, and also the help of the new technology, all of the research being done by Kansas State [University] that's brought to us through the local extension office, we hope to get there. So I will close with pointing out that in recognition of Kansas Agriculture Week, I would just ask you to consider participating in the neighbor to neighbor statewide food drive campaign at the local Dillons stores, this is all aimed at supporting the Kansas Food Bank. Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, sir. Comments by Commissioners?  
Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Kent, I appreciate you coming down here. Glad to provide the resolution. I was driving out in my district recently, in fact yesterday afternoon, and saw the positive effects of what in my house was close to two feet worth of snow, and we also had about an inch and a half of rain last weekend certainly greened up things in my neighborhood. And looking in parts of Sedgwick County where I was driving, greened some things up there, too.

"Agriculture in Sedgwick County, as the Commissioner here with the most number of farms and largest number of acreage, farm acreage in my district, it's very important part of our economy here in Sedgwick County. I don't think as many people in the state and in the country and maybe in this community realize the importance of agriculture, in terms of Sedgwick County as a leading producer in a variety of grain and livestock areas. I don't know if you have any specific data that you can throw out here at this

*opportunity, but I know while we may not be the number one wheat producing county in the state most years, we are not too far behind Sumner County, which I believe is. So, if you have got any data that you can toss in here on the record, I would love to hear it."*

*Mr. Winter said, "I don't have any specific data where we rank in crop production. I can tell you we are consistently in the top 5 or 10 in the State of Kansas, in many categories, one of them being wheat production, I know several years back, the milo production was high. These days are passed us now, but there used to be a high concentration of dairy farms and sheep feeding and cattle feeding and hog feeding going on here in the county. In reference to your district, yes, some 450,000 acres out of the 640,000 acres of Sedgwick County are devoted to agriculture. That's over 70 percent. There's quite a bit happening out there in the county beyond the city limits."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well Kent, I want to thank you for being here this morning, and we're very pleased to offer this resolution in support of the [Sedgwick County] Farm Bureau [Agricultural Association]. Your organization that you chair or you're president of now, I don't know your exact title, has been a good partner with Sedgwick County Commissioners and we appreciate the relationship we have with your entire board and the opportunity to chat with you at lunch on an annual basis. We appreciate that.*

*"I just want to compliment you on the intelligent, dedicated leadership that you bring to that organization to this industry in our county. It is important and we recognize it, we realize the great strides you made that you mentioned in feeding the people of our state, and our nation. It doesn't come without study and innovation, and energy and leadership, and you all provide that. We want to recognize that especially with this proclamation. So thank you for what you do. And I sure like that purple tie you're wearing."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Oh, man, all right."*

*Mr. Winter said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "No other comments by that Commissioner. Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. It always comes down to K[ansas] -State [University] somehow, I don't know what the deal is. Well thank you for being here today, Kent. You know, I have a farm heritage. My family farmed some land from the 1880s straight through to the 1980s, and when I finally gave up the family farm because I was an absentee farmer and I didn't think that was a good idea and ended up selling the farm to an old friend that had the acreage right next to it, we grew cotton and soy beans for over 100 years, so I understand farming and the rural way of life, and what agribusiness does for our community. It is part of the economic vitality of our community. You know, we talk about diversifying the economy here in Sedgwick County.*

*"But we forget sometimes that we have a diversified economy away from aircraft and healthcare and other things because of our rural influence of our farming community*

*and ranchers. Because it is a huge economic driver, and we should work hard to protect that and make sure that future generations have the same luxuries, even though we are, kind of a bifurcated urban rural mix of a county, it is still very important that we understand agribusiness's viewpoint, the farmer's viewpoint and try to protect that in every way that we can. I go back to the [19]60s, like you said, in 1963, I was the youngest member of the Farm Bureau in Arkansas, at 16.*

*"So I understand the farm bureau, I think it is a great organization. You serve it very well. I look forward to our ongoing conversations about what your values are, how you are integrated in the community, how you protect what you do and help you with that, because agribusiness is not going to go away, it is very important to our society, and really to the future of the world. Because we are growing at such an exponential rate, that food supply will be critical conversation. Water is pretty critical to Kansas right now, but food supply is going to be critical to the world. So thank you for what you do. I appreciate it."*

*Mr. Winter said, "Thank you, Commissioner."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Any other comments? Okay, Madam Clerk, next item."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Proclamation(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh,  
Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

## **RETIREMENTS**

- O [13-0141](#) PRESENTATION OF A RETIREMENT CLOCK TO RICHARD VOGT.  
Presented by: Gary Counts, Interim Human Resources Director.

Richard Vogt, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Operations, will retire April 1, 2013 after 26 years of service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Present the clock.

*Mr. Gary Counts, Interim Director, Human Resource, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today is an exciting time for one of our very own Sedgwick County employees. We are here along with family and friends to recognize Richard Vogt for his long-term commitment to Sedgwick County.*

*"Richard is currently the Chief Information Officer with the Division of Information and Operations, and he is officially retiring on April 1st with 26 years of service. On the one hand you're sad you're losing a valuable team member and on the other hand you're excited for Richard as he transfers into a new chapter of his life. So, we appreciate Richard's commitment and contributions he's made to Sedgwick County. And we wish him the very best as he transitions into retirement. Thank you, Richard."*

*Richard Vogt, Chief Information Officer, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thanks, Gary. Appreciate it."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Well, Richard, how are you this morning?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Fantastic."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "How do you feel?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Wonderful."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Well, it says here you were hired first of May 1987."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "That's correct."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "How many years is that?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "I have no idea."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "That's over 20."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Twenty-six years."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yeah. Long time. It says here you were a honey farmer, it was your first job in high school and you were stung over 200 times."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "That's true. And I attribute that to my great looks."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "How many times have you been stung in Sedgwick County?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "None. Absolutely zero."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, that's a good answer. I like to hear that. Okay, your*

*first computer education was at WSU (Wichita State University) back when card readers were still being used. Did you ever drop the card, sir?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "I never dropped the cards, but I had colleagues who did. We laughed...we felt bad for them because you had to reorder all the cards."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Oh, man. I've never had an experience like that. I've seen those cards, though, boxes of them. Along with several other computer programmers, you wrote the payroll system used by the county between [19]87 and 2001 with over \$1 billion paid out. How high is the stack of \$1 billion in \$1 bills?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Well we just digitized everything. So you just open it up."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "That's good. So your parents were living in Belgium when you were conceived and that makes you a Brussels sprout? So does that mean if you're living in France, you are a French fry? Comments?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "I would agree with that whole heartedly."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, well what does that make...okay, all right. We'll just continue here."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "No more about my parents' sex life."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Fun facts related to 1987. Did you know the Simpsons was seen the first time on TV?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "No."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Did you watch the Simpsons, sir?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "No."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Well, I really didn't, either. It says Prozac makes its debut. What is Prozac?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Something I needed many times."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Oh, my good grief. Well, The Last Emperor was the best film and won the Oscar. Did you ever see that film, sir?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Yes."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, good. So have I. Number one song was Aretha Franklin and George Michael 'I Knew You Were Waiting For Me.', okay, and a gallon of gas was 89 cents."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Oh, for those days."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Well. Sir, I really appreciate your service to Sedgwick County and at this time I have this retirement clock for you. It's been a pleasure working with you."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "And me with you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "I'm sorry to see you go. Will you stay in touch?"*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Absolutely."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Very good, sir."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "All right, thanks a lot. I really appreciate it."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "I am going to recognize you for some comments while I go back to the bench."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Okay, all right."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "You bet. See you later, Brussels sprout."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "You'll always remember that. Thank you very much. What a great trip it's been. First of all, I want to say, because Linda Bachmann in the back, and Linda and I started, kind of the technology transformation over at the Sheriff's Office. I just want to, I know on all our behalf to let the Sheriff Deputy who was shot, let him know we're praying for him. We are glad to hear he is out of the hospital. Too many times the outcome was different, and I just want to say the first person I want to say thank you to is to law enforcement in the community. They put their lives on the line every day for us. Tom Stolz, you and I go way back as well. So, thank you very much. And all the law enforcement people and emergency services people who do their work every day. I'm very, very glad the outcome was good.*

*"Commissioners, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to work with you. I've seen, I've worked with a lot of Commissioners over the years, and I've identified at least two common traits for Commissioners. First of all, they are smart. Doesn't always seem like it, you know, when the comments come from the bench. But when you think about it, you go back and the needs of the organization, the needs of the community, when I go back and consider it, I always said, ah, I see where they are coming from. So I really appreciated your intelligence, keep that going forward. The second thing is your concern for the community. Know that, again, you bring it from, you know, your ideas have, you have different approaches, different belief, different philosophies in some cases, and I know every single one of you and all the Commissioners I've worked for in the past have had a sincere desire to make this community better. I really appreciate your sacrifice, all the elected official, in fact, all the sacrifices that are made. So keep up the great work. Continue to serve the community the way you have been already.*

*"Bill, thank you so much for everything. Thanks for the paycheck. That was always great. But, also, I remember back to the [19]80s, and Tim Whitsman kind of started turning this organization around. The next guy wasn't here very long but he educated us that maybe you can rise too fast. There is the slow, steady progress to maturity is a very important thing. It's been a part of my life, too. And then you came and turned the organization even further around, completed the job. Maybe you don't think the job is*

*ever quite done, but you've turned this into a professional organization where process, where how you do things is just as important as what you do. I appreciate that. Thank you for letting me part of the Organizational Development Team. Great 20 years doing that, and also just thank you for being a mentor to me, I learned a lot, you taught me a lot. And usually, you know, when you are a mentor, when you maybe don't do things quite right, you have to find a way to get the person to take a different tack, but you are always gracious and gentle with that and I appreciate that. Thank you so much for everything.*

*"And Kristi, thank you for being my rock, the place I could go, sanctuary, where I could yell and scream when things were spinning out of control. I really appreciate the opportunity to close the door and sometimes we would cry and sometimes we would laugh, and fight and argue with things.*

*Mr. Vogt continued, "But after we were done arguing, we would agree you were right. And I don't feel bad about that because I think it happens to other people as well. So, thank you for being my friend. Appreciate it.*

*"And Kathy Sexton was the person that I worked for. I just want to thank her as well. She is a City Manager of Derby right now, but she was a great mentor, she taught me a lot of things. She taught me not to be sloppy, not to be ragged on the edges, to get everything lined up just right. So Kathy, if you are watching this, thank you so much for the opportunities you gave me, and thank you for letting me progress in my career the way things have gone.*

*"To all my co-workers, to colleagues at the county, department heads, division heads, you guys have a great job in front of you, continue to do the good work. Thank you for letting me work with you. It's been, again, it's been my pleasure to have served you as the IT (information technology) person and hopefully we got a lot of things done for you. I know we left some things on the table, the next guy is going to be able to do a great job carrying that forward, David Miller is taking on that role. The other people, the young bucks coming up, the Troy's and the Chad's, and the Tanya's and the Dee's, just everybody coming up in the organization, just want you to know, because you're younger than me, and you're not able to retire yet, so...but you have something to look forward to. Thank you. You do the heavy lifting. The department head job, I think, is the, in some ways the most difficult job in the organization, and the most powerful and so you have a lot of responsibility. So, keep doing a great job.*

*"My IT folks, like I said Linda is here, Mike Elpers is here, thank you for coming, but all the people that I've worked with over the years, it's been fantastic. I've learned again, they've mentored me. I really appreciate all the people, hundreds of people coming on in the IT department since 1987, and they have all been an inspiration to me. I didn't hang onto all of them, but they've all taught me something. They have all been an inspiration and I've learned a lot from them. So, thank you for my IT Department, and continue the great work for that.*

*"And finally, last thing I want to say, my wife is here, and we appreciate what you've done in my life, thank you for being there for me, when the screaming and yelling in Kristi's office didn't work out, I could always go home and share that with you. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for you. So I love you, thank you very much for being here and for supporting me all these years. When I started at the county, shortly after I started, one of our colleagues went to work for IBM (International Business Machines). And we asked him why are you leaving? He said I don't want my tombstone to read here lies Frank Hoffman, he gave his life to Sedgwick County. And we all kind of*

*laughed and we all kind of chuckled, but 30 years later, I can say in all truthfulness, I'm very glad that I gave a large portion of my life to this organization and to the citizens of Sedgwick County. I appreciate, again, the opportunity to be here today. Thank you very much."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Richard, that was very eloquent, and you give us a little glimpse into your personality and your character. It is very clear why you have been such a valuable employee to our organization and why you have been such a great asset to the citizens of Sedgwick County."*

*"Done a great job on the technical side of it, and you have definitely demonstrated, I mean, even today here, you have shown that you have leadership qualities that we value highly around here. And we really, truly appreciate your service to our government and to our citizens."*

*"My closest interaction with you, at least following you through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) and how you put extra effort into trying to make us more efficient and try to help us solve that problem of overcrowding at the jail through good information. We couldn't make progress without good information, so you did a great job there. And I especially appreciate that. We want to wish you the best in what you do next, and I know that you will be successful there also, but we're proud also that you are part of us. Thank you for your service."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Thank you very much."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Technology upgrades are a huge challenge for any organization, whether it is in the governmental or the private sector, and Richard, my colleague, Commissioner Unruh mentioned your work with CJCC, but there's opinion more that you've been involved in with upgrades in a whole variety of areas. And I know from my experience in the computer industry, software upgrades in particular are a huge challenge. We're have a report from the Manager in a little bit on our jail population, and your work there, that information has just been absolutely, being able to upgrade and have the information we need to be able to make decisions is absolutely crucial, and being able to separate the signal from the noise is a huge part of it. So I want to thank you, wish you well. Good luck in your future endeavors, I know there will be some out there. But thank you for your decades' worth of service to the citizens here in Sedgwick County. Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Richard, I want to say thanks as well. I have only had the opportunity to work with you 2 out of those 26 years, but we've had some good conversations. You've helped me learn a lot about how we do things technology wise in the county. You have done a tremendous job with that, headed in the right direction, you have a lot of foresight, things that we've already done and things we need to do in the future and I appreciate that. I know one of your things is a virtual machine idea. I want you to know I have been doing that now for about a week and I like it. It is very transparent, I can do everything I did before, so even though you will be leaving, I think*

*your legacy will live on, and through that initiative and other things, I want to say that I greatly appreciate that. And I wish you the best of luck."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Thank you, Commissioner."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Richard, thanks for all you've done over the years. I have been around for over 12 years now, and as I think back of exponentially how IT has grown, information and data, so important to our organization. And I often say that information technology is the platform for governmental transparency. It really is, it's the place where all the data goes in and goes back out to the citizenry and to our employees to be able to do democracy in our community. Commissioner Norton continued, "So thank you for being on the cutting edge of information and data and technology for our organization. As I listened to you talk today, I have to tell you, I think the best pun you gave was when you thanked your wife. Because you're leaving us, but you are getting ready to go to her, and, you know...full time, and thanking her is going to be very important for the future."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "It has been for 30 years."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Can I get a shout out? I wish you the best in your future, although I am concerned your last day is April Fools day. And that this is all a trick, a mind game you are playing on us, and you're going to go surprise, April Fools, I am staying for another 27 years."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "If you want to keep sending me checks, that's fine."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "That would be April Fools. Thank you for all you've done over the 26 years. We appreciate it."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Thank you very much. God bless you, sir."*

*Mr. Vogt said, "Thanks."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, before we go to the next item, Commissioner Norton, did you have an announcement?"*

*Commissioner Norton said, "I did. I have a young man here from [The] Independence School, a junior at [The] Independent [School], he's here for shadow day. I would like to introduce Ian Gebhart for Independent School, Ian, if you would stand up and give us a wave. He is interested in politics and political science and those things that have to do with public service. So, he has to shadow someone, and I'm the lucky guy that has him here. Thanks for coming today, and you're interested in Sedgwick County government."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, indeed. You have my thanks also. Okay, Madam Clerk, call the next item."*

## **DONATIONS**

P      [13-0101](#)      ACKNOWLEDGE A DONATION OF \$1,223 TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC BY ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Presented by: Claudia Blackburn, Health Director, Sedgwick County Health Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a thank you letter.

*Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is hard to follow Richard. I sure am going to miss his wit and his creative metaphors, and his service and I am going to have to think of someone else when my computer is acting up, it won't be his name I use. So, I am here this morning before you to let you know about a wonderful gift we got for the Children's Dental Clinic from the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, it's a gift of \$1,223. They chose us and we are grateful for that. For those of you watching, the Children's Dental Clinic is part of the Sedgwick Health Department, it is run by three staff, two dental hygienists and a dental tech.*

*"They see 550 children who are uninsured and eligible for the program every year and then they screen about 1,700 children in the school. We have volunteer dentists, about 25 dentists and oral surgeons who assist us, and the WSU (Wichita State University) dental hygiene students come to the clinic and see clients. So that's how we run. This money will be used for educational materials that we can provide to the clients and the clinic and in the community. We are very grateful, again, that the, to have this kind of support from the faith community. I recommend that we accept is this donation and authorize the Chair to sign a thank you letter."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Norton moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a thank you letter.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Donation(s) be Approved. The motion carried by the following**

vote.

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh,  
Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

## APPOINTMENTS

Q

[13-0099](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RONALD MARNELL  
(COMMISSIONER DAVE UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE  
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

*Mr. Euson said, "This resignation has been tendered to you, and I recommend you accept it."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Any discussion or motion?"*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Mr. Chairman, I move we accept the resignation, and I would like to just make a statement of thank you to Mr. Marnell."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Absolutely."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "He served on the board as my appointee for about 10 years. He's done a really terrific job, and we just want to be on record as expressing our appreciation."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."*

### MOTION

*Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the resignation.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

### VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Next item, please."*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Norton, that this Appointment(s) be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh,  
Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

R

[13-0133](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF STEVE JACKSON (COMMISSION DISTRICT 4 APPOINTMENT) FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

*Mr. Euson said, "You have also received this resignation, and recommend you accept this, too."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move that we accept the resignation, and I too would like to offer my gratitude to Mr. Jackson for his service on this board. My understanding is he is going to take a little time with his wife and travel around and so they are going to be busy. I appreciate all his service and wish him the best of luck."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to accept the resignation.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Next item, please."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ranzau, seconded by Commissioner Peterjohn, that this Appointment(s) be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh,  
Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

S      [13-0098](#)      RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEVEN WALTERS (CHAIRMAN JAMES B. SKELTON'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD TO FILL A VACANT POSITION AND FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE YEAR.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this fills a vacancy that expires in April and then gives an additional one year term to expire in April of 2014, and I recommend you adopt the resolution."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, you've heard the recommendation, is there a motion, please?"*

MOTION

*Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Mr. Attorney, is there somebody here to, or can the Clerk swear Steven in? Or is that something that we want to handle this morning or is that going to be taken care of at the board meeting?"*

*Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "She's here."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, Mr. Walters is present, would you like to be sworn in at this time, sir?"*

*Mr. Steven Walters, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, I would."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, thank you. Let's conduct the swearing in, thank you. Steven, just go ahead and stand up and present yourself over by the podium, please."*

*Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board, so help me God."*

*Mr. Walters said, "I do."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir. Thank you."*

*Mr. Walters said, "I thank you very much for the appointment to the [Wichita/Sedgwick County] Access Advisory Board. I will do my best to represent the Access Advisory Board and I look forward to working with the other people on the board and I would just like to say thank you, Commissioner Skelton, for appointing me to the Access Advisory Board."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Sir, you are very welcome. I'm happy to have done that for you, sir. Thank you. Look forward to your service. Appreciate that. Okay. Madam Clerk, call the next item."*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Norton, that this Appointment(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

T      [13-0127](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KELLI GRANT (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.  
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this is for a two year reappointment, and I recommend you adopt the resolution."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "At this time let's go ahead and swear Kelli in, please."*

*Ms. Bailey said, "Raise your right hand. I do solemnly swear that I support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, so help me God."*

*Ms. Kelli Grant, Appointee, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Ms. Bailey said, "Thank you."*

*Ms. Grant said, "Thank you very much. In 2008 I graduated with my master's degree in Criminal Justice and I made a promise to give back to the community in that field in some way. I started teaching three semesters ago at Wichita State University. And it is only because of you I can further make an impact in this field. So I want to thank you and give you my utmost gratitude for this appointment."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "You bet. You are quite welcome."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you very much."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item, please."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Appointment(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh,  
Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

U      [13-0136](#)      RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOE JOHNSON (COMMISSIONER DAVE UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this is for a term to expire in August of 2015, and I recommend you adopt the resolution."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. At this time the Clerk will conduct the swearing in."*

*Ms. Bailey said, "Raise your right hand, thank you. I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC), so help me God."*

*Mr. Joe Johnson, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, thank you."*

*Mr. Johnson said, "Thank you, Mr. Unruh, for this honor to serve Sedgwick County. I will look at this as an opportunity to serve all of Sedgwick County. Thank you very much."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to publicly thank Joe for his willingness to serve. This is quite a responsibility to take on, working on the MAPC and I know that Joe is active in our community on a lot of different boards, and communities, and he's active in his business, so I know that offering this much time is somewhat of a sacrifice. But, appreciate your willingness to serve. Thank you, Joe."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Norton, that this Appointment(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

V      [13-0128](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SARAH DEVRIES (COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, Commissioner Norton has two other reappointments to the same board. With your permission I would like to announce those also. Item W, a resolution reappointing Dr. David Waldie to the same board, and Item X, a resolution reappointing James Dinkel to the same board, all of these expire in March of 2017 and I would recommend you adopt the resolution for Items V, W, and X."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, sir."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution for Item V, W, and X.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Anybody at this time, yes, good. Thank you."*

*Ms. Bailey said, "I do solemnly swear that I support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, so help me God."*

*Mr. James Dinkel, Appointee, Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do. I have a son that is disabled, and receives services from agencies here in Sedgwick County, John's [Sullivan] CDDO office, and other agencies, The Arc, and just on behalf of the disabled of Sedgwick County I would like to thank the Commission for your support for all the disabled in Sedgwick County. Thank you, Commissioner Norton, for the appointment."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Okay. Madam Clerk, next item."*

A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Appointment(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

**W**      [13-0129](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DR. DAVID WALDIE (COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Action on Item W was taken with Item V.*

**X**      [13-0131](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES DINKEL (COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Action on Item X was taken with Item V.*

Y      [13-0132](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING NEIL GUTHRIE (COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.  
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this is a four year appointment...reappointment, and I recommend you adopt the resolution."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Next item, please."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Appointment(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

**Z**      [13-0134](#)      RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN S. DAILEY (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this is one of those appointments that serves at the pleasure of an individual Commissioner, and I recommend you adopt this resolution."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. You have heard the recommendation. Is there a motion?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Next item, please."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ranzau, seconded by Commissioner Peterjohn, that this Appointment(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

AA      [13-0135](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THERON BLACK (COMMISSIONER  
TIM NORTON'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, finally, this is a four year appointment to this board, and reappointment, again, and I recommend you adopt the resolution."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Okay, next item, please."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Appointment(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Ranzau, Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

AB [13-0087](#)

PRESENTATION ON THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR AVIATION TRAINING (NCAT) and WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (WATC).

Presented by: Dr. Tony Kinkel, President, Wichita Area Technical College.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Dr. Tony Kinkel, how are you, sir?"*

*Dr. Tony Kinkel, President, Wichita Area Technical College, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Mr. Chairman, wonderful, wonderful."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Good answer."*

*Dr. Kinkel said, "I enjoyed your standup comedy routine here earlier."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Oh, well, thank you, sir."*

*Dr. Kinkel said, "I think you have a future there."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Just trying to be as serious as possible, you know that."*

*Commissioner Ranzau exited the Meeting at 10:15 a.m.*

*Dr. Kinkel said, "Mr. Chairman, members, I am here, two reasons. One, we are honored to serve as your management company for the world's finest aviation training facility, and you have entrusted in us management of that, that you own. And then secondly, we are a recipient of slightly under \$1 million of investment from the county. We deeply appreciate that. So we're here to try to show you that we're giving you your money's worth. See that beautiful facility there, and you have put in \$50 million, that's a little larger than what I think you might think, but we've added about \$7 million of equipment since you built that, and so the total investment is a little over \$50 million. The State of Kansas contributes about \$6.3 million, although that number is going down and I'll show you that in a little bit.*

*"We get about \$5 million a year of a special appropriation for NCAT (National Center for Aviation), and so far I am pleased to say that's in both the house and senate subcommittee. I might add NIAR (National Institute for Aviation Research), which is the other \$5 million, is in the house but not in the senate. It's been zeroed out in the senate, so I know Commissioner Unruh and others are working on that. We get about \$3.5 million from the federal government, about 60 percent of our students get a [Federal] Pell Grant [Program], and candidly, they wouldn't be able to come to college without that Pell Grant. And so we're a little concerned with sequestration and how that impacts the Pell Grant. And then we got a \$14 million federal grant which I want to talk about a little later.*

*"Okay, now we have a very good [Wichita Area Technical College] Board, and I just want to show folks this, that this is a little unusual for a higher education board. I've*

got to tell you, these folks are very meticulous, they are very driven by results, you can see they all manage and lead...of course among equals there is David Unruh, who represents the county very ably, and by the way, we need to get you reappointed. I see your term is up. So if we need to talk to...okay. This board is appointed by the County Manager, so we want to thank Bill Buchanan for his efforts to create, I think, probably the most distinguished higher ed[ucation] board in the state. I know when I am in Topeka, they are very anxious to hear what the WATC (Wichita Area Technical College) Board feels on various issues and I think it is attributed to this group.

"For the first two years, if I could put this in a football analogy, really what I've been doing as president is, we've been blocking and tackling. We've been doing some fundamental things that the college needed to do. We're getting reaccredited, and that's coming up next year. Obviously if we don't stay accredited we can't get financial aid, and we won't operate, so we are spending a lot of time on that. We had to get our fiscal house in order, and I'm pleased to say we've done that, and we'll finish June 30th with a significant reserve. We've modernized all of our processes, 53 different policies, we've had to fix and modernize. We've got a 21st-century organizational structure now, we've got the right people in the right seats on the bus, and I think we are starting to change the perception in Sedgwick County of WATC and what that means, in terms of educational opportunity.

"This is just an example of the businesses that we serve that have hired our graduates, and we have lifted most of them here. You can recognize quite a few on there. That list gets bigger every year, but really we exist to give students hope and opportunity, but a second mission for us, which is unique, is that we exist to create enough well-trained employees for employers. We seek to serve business directly. So you can see there's an example of some of the folks we help. Now, what do our students say?

"Every year we do a national survey called the Noel-Levitz. In fact, you can, reason it's kind of a neat survey is you can compare yourself with other colleges in Kansas and nationally, and you can see that we now, our students give us the highest rating in Kansas. You can look where we rated on the right there, and this is a scale, 0 to 7, so 7 meaning you walk on water, 0 is I would never come there again. You can see in 2010, we were at 5.12, increase in [20]11, and a dramatic increase in [20]12. And you can see for the first time in our history, we are higher than the national average, and our students rating us, and much higher than other institutions in Kansas. So we, we've got a great team, great team of faculty and we are really pleased with what our customers are saying.

Dr. Kinkel continued, "This is one that we take great pride in, 97 percent placement rate. I sent you that in an email earlier and had good feedback. Let me tell you how we get that statistic. We personally call every graduate. We pick up the phone, we call, we e-mail, we text, we track them down, any way that we can. It might be, it's interesting to note, we get a hold of 90 percent of our graduates, which is a phenomenal percentage. So of the 90 percent of the folks that we contacted personally, 97 percent were either a, in a job; b, coming back to school to get an additional credential with us, probably mostly with us, but also with others; or c, enrolled in the military and taking their credential and using that in their military career.

"So it is among the top in the country, and I was asked by the newspaper where are those jobs at? Ninety percent of those are within a 30 mile radius of Wichita. We probably have 100 percent if some of our graduates were willing to travel, but our

*graduates tend to want to stay home, and 91 percent of our students are Sedgwick County residents. So the investment that you're making in our college are for your taxpayers. The nine percent that are not are generally people taking courses online. And we try to market those nationally. That brings money in.*

*"We are the finest aviation training facility in the world, and that's evidenced by the National Association of Manufacturing as designated NCAT and WATC as the national leader to develop national standards in aviation curriculum. And because of that, we've got that \$15 million grant from the [Kansas] Department of Labor. We are the lead state partnering with Washington, and you know the aviation impression that Washington has, Oklahoma, Indiana and North Carolina. We are the lead state, and we're developing now national curriculum for all the states in the country to use.*

*"Now, here's one of the challenges that we still have. Fifty-four percent, and this is an interesting statistic, of the graduating class of 2011, this past year, college graduating class, 54 percent of them couldn't get a job. Forty percent moved back home with mom and dad and that's a challenge in our country. When at the same time, 600,000 manufacturing jobs went unfilled last year because business and industry couldn't find qualified workers. In America and right here in Sedgwick County, there is still a little bit of a disconnect between where the jobs really are and the type of education you need to get those jobs. In 2010, 14 percent of the employers is surveyed said they had trouble finding the talent they needed. The next year that number jumped to 52 percent. By 2013, Boeing [Company] estimates that we are going to need 650,000 new aviation mechanics alone, and that's one of the programs that WATC has, just to meet the need in the United States.*

*"And then finally, Harvard estimates, and this is a statistic that we use everywhere we go, we say one-third, one-third, one-third. One-third of American jobs in the future will require a baccalaureate degree or higher. Mostly, frankly, higher, a master's plus. One-third will need a two-year degree or certificate. That's what we do. And frankly, one-third of the jobs need basic high school. So it is one-third, one-third, one-third. But the challenge is, at least in America and Kansas, about 60 percent of Kansans right now are trying to get into that baccalaureate track. And the math doesn't add up. And that's why you see a number of 30 percent of KU (Kansas University)/K-State (Kansas State University) folks drop out after the first year, and some of them are coming back to us. And so there's a little bit of a miss match. One of the challenges for us, and one of my jobs as I speak to groups is to talk about WATC is not the choice any more for your neighbor's kid. It might be for your kid, too, because that's where the jobs are in the future.*

*"The other big challenge is funding. And I showed this to the legislature just yesterday in Topeka. The board of regents has a formula, and they calculate exactly how much it costs to do your programs, they calculate faculty costs, utility costs, equipment costs, supply costs, and it is a formula that they use and they determine at the end of the day, this is how much money you need to operate from the state. And every institution has this, WSU (Wichita State University), Butler [Community College], all of us. On the left is the number that WATC is to be receiving from the state to deliver our current educational program mix, about \$12.3 million. On the right is what we actually receive.*

*"Now, you might say, well, how do you make up the difference. Couple of areas; one is the county's help, thank goodness. And I might add we don't have local levy authority, our college; Butler does, Cowley [County Community College] does, Hutchinson*

*[Community College] does, but WATC does not have a local levy. So we can't shift the cost onto the local taxpayers, like our competitors do. Frankly we have to be more efficient, and we have to get it through tuition or gifts. So we're trying to make up that difference. Now, the governor's budget freezes that number. And the legislature right now is debating that number. Yesterday a house committee cut that number there by \$5 million. That's not individual, they cut the overall state appropriation to tech[nology] and community colleges, by \$5 million. That would impact that number by about \$500,000. So it all depends on what happens in the legislature, but we're pretty concerned with funding.*

*"This is a graph to show you over the years what we've got from the state. Back in 2008 we got about \$6.6 million, and then the blue represents the cuts. You can see steadily downward, little bit of an increase in 2013 and the governor is recommending flat funding for the next two years. The red is simply, if you were to take what we received in 2008 and just do the consumer price index, no increase, just an increase for inflation, it shows you what technically we should be getting just to cover inflation. Now, that doesn't even cover our enrollment growth which I am going to show you in just a minute. Let's look at county funding and we thank you for this. By the way, I want to emphasize, you are paying the debt service on that beautiful facility, so we need to always include that and I always try and thank you every where I go for that. But on top of that wonderful building you provide, you have provided \$1 million in [20]08, and there's been some slight decreases, and we understand, you have had to make tough decisions here. We are thankful for everything that you can give us. And hope that you'll continue to act favorably for us, but you can see just a little bit of a decline that we're grappling with as well.*

*"The one bright spot is the governor's initiative on high schools. We call it Senate Bill 155. As you know the governor is investing in high school students taking current technical courses while they are still in high school. And you can see there we're estimating getting almost \$700,000 of new money from that program. We're number one in the state in growth in high school students. We've invested in this quite extraordinary, and we are moving beyond just USD (Unified School District) 259. Commissioner Peterjohn, we were out in your area out west, right now at Maize, we have two faculties that work for us that are entirely within the Maize School District, they never leave the Maize building.*

*"And we're talking with other schools out west about opportunities in law enforcement, computers, et cetera. But that is a bright spot.*

*Dr. Kinkel continued, "We're number one in the state, in growth, now there is some bad news, it is so popular that the governor just had to add \$3 million into the fund to keep up, and the [Kansas] Board of Regents just told me yesterday that even with the added \$3 million we're still going to be \$1 million short, so we'll have to prorate a little of what we thought we would get. But the governor was in New York last week, and this is one of the programs he was highlighting, so my sense is the governor will continue to fund this. This is truly a bright spot. And getting young people far more interested in a career in tech at an early age.*

*"Mr. Chairman, I am going to stop there. Again, thank you for your support. We are the fastest growing college in the State of Kansas. We grew this fall by 14 percent, and this spring by 20 percent. And I want to just tell you in my 11 years as being Chancellor or President, in the spring you typically don't get growth, you just hold your*

own. The highest growth I've ever seen in the spring term in my career is 6 percent; we were at 20. The challenge for us is other than high school students, we are not getting paid for any of that growth. And so our Board is going to be wrestling with very difficult decisions in the future about, currently we are open enrollment. We accept anyone that wants to come provided they have a high school diploma or GED (general education development). We are getting to the point that as we grow in certain programs, we actually lose money, because of the cost of the program.

"So we're going to have to make some very difficult decisions about strategic growth rather than probably growth at all costs. That's going to be some difficult decisions. We're also looking at where we're located. One of the reasons we're so efficient is we're the only college in the state that owns no buildings. We lease your facility from you at NCAT. We lease the Grove facility from the school district, for a dollar a year, by the way. And we lease from a private business owner, our facility at south side. And so our cost per square foot are dramatically lower than our competitors. Allows us to stay competitive. But, as we grow, we're running out of room. We're even running out of room at NCAT, if you can imagine.

"And so, we're going to wrestle with where we're located in the city and if there are other options. We're working very closely with the school district. I read the Chairman's comments in the paper, I would just say stay tuned. There perhaps are some pretty good solutions being worked on in collaboration with the school district. We think a partnership with them makes a lot of sense perhaps in where we locate. But the future is bright. We appreciate your investment. We're turning out graduates. They're staying in Sedgwick County, and I think we're meeting industries' needs. So thank you for your support, and I look forward to any questions."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I very much appreciate the presentation, Tony. I wanted to, and I appreciate you mentioning the county's contribution on the debt service for the facilities, because that was a challenge getting everything together. Our friends across the street with the city contributed, they had the land. The county has played a significant role. Former Congressman Tiahrt secured some resources to help with the first building that went in out there. Could you kind of give me a more specific, or an update, in terms of the debt service on principle and interest, how much those numbers, what those numbers look like this year."

Dr. Kinkel said, "You know, Commissioners, I do not have those numbers off the top of my head, because we don't, the county does all that, pays all of that. I don't know if Mr. Buchanan has that."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Not in my head."

Dr. Kinkel said, "I believe that the original debt service was \$43 million. Does that sound right?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'm thinking a little bit larger."

Dr. Kinkel said, "Was it a little bit larger than that?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "But, in terms of the annual service side of it, I wanted to bring it up, because I think that's a larger county contribution than the actual amount that you mentioned in your presentation."

Dr. Kinkel said, "I remember some discussion. I thought it was a little over \$2 million a year in principle payment and debt service that the county makes. So it is greater than the appropriation we get."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "It's something that I want to kind of keep out there, because the county is involved in helping fund debt service here and some other public buildings across Sedgwick County, and that's easy to get overlooked in the bigger scheme of things. Since you've got the challenge with both state funding, county cooperation with Wichita State [University] through NIAR, the challenge of generating student enrollment tuition, you've got a lot of balls in the air to juggle, so I bring that out as a question. In terms of ongoing challenge, you mentioned high school enrollment, out of the number of people who are enrolled at NCAT and WATC, can you give me a ballpark percentage, in terms of how many of them are high school students at this time? And I assume all are juniors and seniors. Is that a safe assumption?"

Dr. Kinkel said, "Yes, yes. All are juniors and seniors. Right now we're enrolling about 500 high school students, and half of our growth that I mentioned are attributable to those high school students. So we're about 500, we've gone from 80 high school students to 500 in two years. And our current enrollment is roughly about 3,800. So 500 of that is, I'm going to say, what is 10 percent at 380, so a little bit, probably 12 percent. And I project that that number will double provided the governor continues to fund that. Now, remember what happens, we are prohibited from charging a high school student tuition and certain fees, and in exchange for that, the Board of Regents pays us for them to go there. If that is not funded, we obviously can't continue to take them for free. So there's, I will say it will grow as fast as the governor and the legislature will fund it."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That's an interesting dynamic, something that will have to take a significant amount of management. You mentioned online enrollment. Are any high school students involved in that online percentage?"

Dr. Kinkel said, "I believe, I'm going to say less than, there are a few high school students taking online, but I would say it's less than five percent. It's mostly hands-on either at our site or we, at Maize, we do some courses at Maize. We do some courses at Derby. We do some courses at USD 259, depending on the type of equipment we need and the room for the students."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. So when you say five percent, are you talking five percent of the high school students or five percent of the online enrollment?"

Dr. Kinkel said, "Five percent of the high school students are taking some online. Most of it is all hands on."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "We've had a lot of internal discussions. Our staff meeting yesterday talked about the sequester and potential impact. I'm going to publicly venture a guess, in terms of how that might impact WATC and NCAT."

Dr. Kinkel said, "Well, first of all, we all understand people have to balance budgets, and so we all have to accept the reality of that. Fortunately the Pell Grant has a

surplus right now. They made some pretty draconian changes in the Pell Grant last year, i.e. you have to have a GED or a high school diploma to even get a grant. It used to be you could come and get it if the college determined you had the ability to benefit. That no longer exists, so that wiped out about 80 students that used to come to our institution that no longer qualify. They also limited, you can't get a Pell Grant in the summer anymore, and they lowered the income bracket that qualifies for a full (Federal) Pell (Grant Program) from \$33,000 for a family of four to \$23,000. The net effect of that is that the Pell Grant has surpluses because far less people are qualifying. So we're being told that sequestration will not impact the Pell Grant the first year because there is such a surplus in the fund, but in the out years it may.

"As far as the Pell Grant, I think we're okay initially. It may impact WIA (Workforce Investment Act). Of course, [inaudible] would have to share that. I think it will impact some funding for our students through WIA. Federal work study, I think we're fine there. And the grants, we've had to double-check to see that this \$15 million Department of Labor grant, does sequestration mean they can go in and sort of unallot? What we're being told is no, the sequestration will only affect future grants, that if you have one now, you can be assured the dollars will be there. So initially sequestration probably won't impact us in the first year or two. In the out years, though, I think the Pell Grant will be affected."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, well, out years who knows what will happen in Washington in that regard. My last question for you, in terms of enrollment or number of hours students have taken during the course of the year, how many would fall into an aircraft versus programs would be considered non-aircraft, in terms of the total facility's number of hours earned or number of students enrolled, how you might break it down between aircraft-related education and non-aircraft?"

Dr. Kinkel said, "We are still primarily driven by aviation. It's our largest program. I think we're close to about 40 percent of our students are in aviation related programs. That includes composites, avionics, painting and coating, all of the things, robotics, associated with aviation. I will say that aviation is quite cyclical, and our Board is determined that we need to move to a little bit broader base, and so we're looking at healthcare, perhaps some expansions in healthcare. We're looking at general education. So those students who want to get their first two years and transfer on, there is a market for that. So we're still aviation dominated, but I will say that we have to broaden our base."

"Let me just give you an example. We also do noncredit. We do credit based work, but we also do noncredit, which is your company comes to us and says we need training on excel spreadsheets. We don't give college credit for that, but we charge them a fee. On the noncredit side, we do a lot of work for aviation, and our Board has just been made aware that our projections for revenue declined by about \$400,000. Mostly due to aviation companies holding back a little on the noncredit training side. So again, it's still cyclical, and we don't ever quite know how far to ratchet up, how far the hammer will come down. So we're looking to diversify so that we can help subsidize those high cost aviation programs if, in fact, they run into another down time."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Commissioner Unruh."

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Dr. Kinkel, you've been quite a while here and we've asked lots of questions, and I know that you have lots of information about the college that you could give to us. I don't want to keep you here too long. I just want to make a comment that when the college transitioned out of USD 259, it was quite a bit of chaos and confusion and uncertainty, and we went through quite an evolutionary path for quite some time.*

*"I just want to publicly recognize the fact that during your term here we have certainly grown into a college that has real viability for the future, that we've taken care of a lot of operational issues. You've gone through 30 or 40 different policies that you had to change and get corrected to make us a school that has its own character, personality, and has the ability to move into the future. So, I just want to thank you for your leadership. I think we have great faculty and great staff out there, and are providing a real economic development component to our community.*

*"We are fulfilling that original mission of just trying to provide quick turn around training and customized training for aviation partners, and you've been able to provide that and keep us in the bounds financially, so thank you. I would just want to say, you might want to make a short comment about what our future of the college is in the health-related professions and health-related services, and one of the partnerships we have with the area college to provide that training. Maybe you can just make a comment about that."*

*Dr. Kinkel said, "Thank you. We branched out of our comfort zone actually and looked at how we could provide additional nursing services to Sedgwick County. Nursing is a very expensive program. We knew we couldn't do it on our own, so we reached out to Pratt Community College, and we became the first institution in the State of Kansas to merge nursing programs. So WATC and Pratt [Community College] have one nursing program between the two of us. We have one Dean, we have one marketing campaign, one enrollment process, one professional development process, one faculty, and so we together have become the largest nursing program in the state.*

*"And all of the benefits of that and the resources of sharing, we're able to deliver nursing at a cost per student much cheaper than any of our competitors, and that's going to allow us to probably grow even more. So for example, you can now get your CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant) or CMA (Certified Medical Assistant), you can then get your LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) with us. You can then come to our institution at night or on the weekends after you work your day shift and go to RN (Registered Nurse) school, and we do that with Pratt.*

*Dr. Kinkel continued, "And we have partnerships with KU and Wichita Wtate where those then are articulated into a BSN (Bachelor's Degree in Nursing). So the whole thing is...and so, we're very proud of that, Commissioner Unruh, as you know. And we can deliver nursing cheaper, faster, better than anybody else in the state.*

*"We're also looking at some other partnerships in healthcare. We have a representative from Wesley [Medical Center] on our Board and a representative from Via Christi [Health]. So we are searching for partnerships with them in the changing healthcare market. And so we're looking at all avenues, especially with electronic records. And what that means, we're looking at a whole array of healthcare programs. It's really determinate where the community, where the industry wants us to work. One of the things that's special to us is every one of our programs has an industry advisory council, and so our dental assistANT program has dentists that sit and say, yeah,*

*that's the book you ought to use, that's the curriculum you ought to use, that's what we really need in the real world.*

*"And that drive our, in fact, they're even involved in who we hire, because we want those who employ our graduates to have a role in how we prepare those graduates. So we're engaging the healthcare community in where we need to go with healthcare. We're looking at computers as an expansion. We just got approval from the Board of Regents for our law enforcement program. So we're going to be working hopefully with Wichita PD (Police Department) and Sedgwick County to develop and work together on all that you're already doing, and where we fit in in that.*

*"We're looking at, you probably read a lot about hackers, the hacking problem, and we're trying to figure out if there is a way some training for some techs that you can hire some day to make sure people don't hack into Sedgwick County. That might be some growth area. I see they've even hacked into the White House, the first lady, so none of us are immune to this. You know, the sky is the limit on where we can go, but at the same time, it has to make sense financially for us. And I can assure you, our Board watches every penny and makes sure that what we embark on has a good rate of return on investment. So, thank you."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Dr. Kinkel. That's all I have."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Norton, please."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Dr. Kinkel, for being here today. I've long been a supporter of WATC and NCAT and our partnerships with other entities around Sedgwick County and the state. You know, it's about jobs and the economy. When we embarked on this, we knew that the workforce of tomorrow was critical to Sedgwick County and the south central region's economy. And that many of the organizations that were working on economic development and growing the business community weren't going to be able to work on training workforce and developing curriculum, and we needed an entity to do that, and WATC was that vessel to get that done. We also know that even though we're trying to diversify that manufacturing and aviation manufacturing and all the technical sciences that go with that is critical to our community.*

*"And many of them are across-use. When you think maintenance mechanics, you think of aviation, but they've gone into the railroad industries, and other transportation industries, because A&P (Airframe and Powerplant) mechanics can work on other things besides planes.*

*"So, developing the workforce of the future is so important, and I know WATC's mission is solely focused on the business and economics of the education side, and that's very important. We had a checkered past. It was tough. We know that. But I think there is a bright future. You know, we've righted the ship. We've worked hard to make sure that it's physically responsible, and I'm pretty excited about the investment we made in the future, because that's what Sedgwick County did, invest in the future for the next 30 to 50 years for the workforce to be developed for our economy. Whatever that may be, it may move towards healthcare and IT and away from aviation, but whatever that is, we are now flexible and agile enough to handle that through WATC. I appreciate the update today. It looked like pretty good news to me, and I'm pretty proud of what you've done."*

*Dr. Kinkel said, "Thank you."*

Commissioner Norton said, "And thank your staff, because I know they were on the deck of the ship as you tried to ride it, and that was uncomfortable for them. They worked hard, a lot of sweat and toil and tears and anxieties, but it worked out well, and I'm proud of you and the staff for what you've done. Thanks."

Dr. Kinkel said, "Thanks, Commissioner. You know, our big challenge continues to be to try to hold on to those good faculty and staff. One of the things, just in closing, we tried to convince the legislature is, when we go to hire faculty or staff, we're a bit different, because all of our faculty have to be from industry. In order to teach A&P mechanics, you have to have done it. So we just can't hire someone fresh out of grad[uate] school. And so that makes, we have to offer competitive salaries to get you to leave private industry to come to our institution.

"And so for us, the real challenge, Commissioner, as you know is attracting people out of the private sector to come to teach. Yeah, we tell them, you get a little bit off in the summer and you don't have to work nights and holidays, but we also have to offer a competitive salary, and that's where the investment you make and the state makes, that's what allows us to keep, that's the oxygen in this system that allows us...so thank you for your support in allowing us to do that, because it's about the people. It's about the people at that institution, and we've got some of the best. So, thanks."

Chairman Skelton said, "Well, Tony, I appreciate you coming down today. I definitely concur with the supportive and positive comments by the Commissioners this morning. I congratulate you and the public on the success of this institution."

Dr. Kinkel said, "Mr. Chairman, always a pleasure."

Chairman Skelton said, "You bet. Thank you, sir."

#### MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.

#### VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Absent
Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Chairman Skelton	Aye

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, Commissioners, we have over 20 items left at this time. It's been requested to have a 10 minute break. Is there any objection to a 10 minute break? Hearing none, this committee will stand in recess for 10 minutes."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed at 10:52 a.m. and returned at 11:05 a.m.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Welcome back from our break. We will continue the meeting with our next agenda item. Madam Clerk, please call the item."*

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

AC [13-0137](#)

FOLLOW-UP ON THE FEBRUARY 26, 2013 PRIMARY ELECTION.  
Presented by: Tabitha Lehman, Election Commissioner.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

*Ms. Tabitha Lehman, Election Commissioner, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for taking time. I wanted to kind of take the opportunity to do a follow-up on the primary, talk about the how the snowstorm affected us and also to give you an update on preparations for the general elections since that will be coming up shortly. So to get started, just a recap of the primary election. We've had over 20...sorry, pardon me, over 91,000 registered voters who were eligible to vote in that election. Of that, only 4,315 ballots were cast. That give us a whopping turnout of 4.7 percent. As far as I can tell from looking back through our records, that would be a record low. We were not, however, the lowest of the four large counties. Johnson County had less than us at 4.5 percent voter turnout. So we can at least have that hope.*

*"We had a lot of challenges with all the snow that happened when we were opening advanced voting and then again when we were trying to open our polls on election morning, and we were able to get all of our sites open on time on election morning and we were very proud of that. I had intended to read through the list of our board workers who battled through the snow to get there, but it seems like you had a very full agenda today. So I would at least like to have them entered into the record. We had, I think, close to 90 board workers who braved the cold and arrived on election morning to open the polls, and we really appreciate their sacrifice, obviously. It doesn't really matter what happens leading up to that point if they don't show up, those polls will not be opened.*

*"We did also have quite a bit of county staff that jumped in last minute. Some of these people that are listed are normal election support, but some of these people came out, answered the call of the Manager the night before asking for people to volunteer and come out election morning and make sure that we were able to get those polls open, including Commissioner Ranzau, and we really sincerely appreciate that help. But of course, for me, it is very important that we also not miss thanking the staff of my office.*

*"They have sacrificed so much this last year, and they, again, gave up their entire weekend to get a hold of the polling locations, get contacts from those polling locations to say we had permission to go plow snow. I think we called just about every company in the phone book that said anything to do with snow removal, ended up with a couple excavating companies who had big equipment, and they came out and cleared out those polling locations for us, so that the voters could get there to vote. I cannot thank them enough, also our polling locations for being willing and allowing us to come in and clean that out.*

*"We will go ahead and move onto the April 2nd election. Voter registration for the April 2nd election did close yesterday. If you mailed an application and it was postmarked yesterday, we will go ahead and process that, but any registrations received after this point will not be processed until after the election. We will begin advanced voting in our office on March 20th, and we will be open on regular business days 8:00 [a.m.] to 5:00 [p.m.] until the Monday before the election, which we will close at noon, just a statutory deadline. So if anybody wants to vote at our office at 510 North Main, they can come down and do that. We also today will be mailing the first wave of ballots. We will start*

*mailing those and that's a little over 6,000 ballots that will be going out in today's mail. We have 12 of our normal 15 satellite sites open, and they will be open March 28th and 29th from noon to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday March 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*"Of course, we always like to remind people to bring their government-issued photo ID (identification) when they come to vote. And just so you're all aware, the reason we don't have all 15 advanced sites open is because that is holy week, and some of our locations were not available because of activities they had going on. Those advanced locations are the Bel Aire City Building, Center for Health and Wellness, Church of the Holy Spirit in Goddard, First United Methodist Church in Valley Center, Haysville Activities Center, Independent Living Resource Center, Machinist Building, Reformation Lutheran Church, the Sedgwick County Zoo, Sharon Baptist Church, Westlink Church of Christ and Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Derby. Of course if anybody has questions, they can go to our website and [www.]sedgwickcounty.org or give us a call at [316]660-7100."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, Tabitha. I want to congratulate you and the staff and volunteers who helped make that election a success. It was a challenge for everybody."*

*Ms. Lehman said, "It was."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Definitely so. I'll take comments from Commissioners at this time. Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to second the Chairman's comments. I would have loved to have voted. I regularly try to vote, but at this election, there was literally nothing in my area to vote on, so I was part of the two-thirds of the registered voters in Sedgwick County that really, the primary election, having it in the middle of the snowstorm didn't prove to be a problem in that regard for us. And I know that was a factor in driving voter turnout down. I think it's another reason with the challenge we have with Easter falling when it does for the April 2nd election and snowstorms that holding elections in winter is really not a very good idea. I'm hopeful we can get this resolved so we can get higher voter turnout and get broader voter public participation.*

*"I would mention to add, and I appreciate you providing a list of locations where voters can cast advanced, be able to cast early ballots, the importance of the churches in these communities that open themselves up and allow their parking lots and their buildings to be used. They do get a very modest compensation from the county for doing so, but I just shudder to think what it would be like to try and hold an election without those buildings and resources available for all of the voters to conduct this election here in Sedgwick County. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. I don't see any other comments."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Tabitha, good job."*

*Ms. Lehman said, "Thanks."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**A motion was made that this Presentation(s) be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

AD [13-0071](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,220,232 FOR THE KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY (JJA) SFY14 FUNDING.

Presented by: Jodi Tronsgard, Project Manager, Sedgwick County Department of Corrections.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant and establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

*Ms. Jodi Tronsgard, Project Manager, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning, I'm here to present for your approval a State Block Grant Application to the State of Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) for graduated sanctions and juvenile delinquency prevention programs for state fiscal year 2014. This grant application before you includes funding for two prevention programs and three mandatory graduated sanctions programs. On February 1st, your Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, Team Justice, gave their approval of the programs and the funding amounts and recommends your approval. There are four slides I'd like to show you that provided more detailed information on the grant application.*

*"This first slide shows our planning allocation for our district for state fiscal year [20]14, \$3,220,232. This is approximately \$1.89 million less than the award four years ago, which is an overall reduction of about 37 percent. Currently being considered during this legislative session is an additional \$135,000 for prevention as recommended in the governor's budget. What you see on this slide is the prevention award for state fiscal year [20]13, about \$401,000. That included approximately \$159,000 supplemental award. That was a one-year award. So the potential supplemental prevention funding that the governor has recommended for our district will restore our district to that funding level for prevention over the next two years, so we would receive \$79,738 in state fiscal year 14, and then \$159,476 in state fiscal year [20]15.*

*"Now, JJA recently released a supplemental grant application process for planning the use of the additional funds if it is approved by the legislature. The supplemental grant application is currently being developed and it will be due the end of May. And of course, we won't be notified of our district's final allocation until the close of the legislative session. The application before you for consideration today, though, is for the \$3.2 million and it's without the supplemental funds. That will be a separate grant application process."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, I'm sorry, please."*

*Ms. Tronsgard said, "I'm sorry."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Are there any questions by Commissioners? Have you completed your presentation?"*

*Ms. Tronsgard said, "I have three more slides."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Please continue. Thank you."*

*Ms. Tronsgard said, "Thank you. For this slide here, it shows the allocations for our prevention program. We have two of those, and so this shows that the amount recommended for the Juvenile Intervention Program provided by the District Attorney's office is \$74,405. And that program provides juvenile delinquency, excuse me, juvenile offender diversion, and the amount recommended for the Detention Advocacy Service Program provided by Kansas Legal Services is \$167,327. That program currently provides case management and attorney services and they facilitate releases from our juvenile detention facility pending further court action. So what you see on this slide is the amount requested by the District Attorney's office to fully fund their program, the Juvenile Intervention Program, as it currently is with four grant-funded staff exceeds the amount recommended by approximately \$169,000. Reserves of accumulated program income, projected program income, can be utilized to address that shortfall.*

*Ms. Tronsgard continued, "Additionally the supplemental funding of the \$79,738, those funds have been prioritized by Team Justice to further reduce that shortfall. This grant application, though, includes a recommendation for the Juvenile Intervention Program to fund one and a half positions whereas the supplemental funding, if that were approved, it would increase it to three staff positions. So consequently, this affects the number of clients to be served and the current out come to serve 360 clients is reduced to 160 at this funding level, but then could increase to 280 if the supplemental funding is approved.*

*"The sharp reductions in our state prevention funding continues to provide a very difficult challenge for our district. The county crime prevention fund, though, has helped us sustain positive outcomes here in Sedgwick County. This next slide is included because it shows the number of new admissions to the JJA custody, the Juvenile Justice Authority custody. So, that's youth going to state's custody from Sedgwick County, has reduced from 437 in 1999 to 146 in 2012. And that's a 55 percent reduction. So this graph really illustrates a sustained impact in the number of youth moving more deeply into the system.*

*"This is a significant accomplishment. However, it does, it is a factor that is included in our funding formula for our district. This last slide shows the amounts recommended for our three graduated sanctions programs. That's the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, the Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program and Juvenile Case Management. Those three programs submitted budgets based on need, and you'll see those amounts in the column title amount requested. When you compare that amount to the amount recommended, the amount available, it leaves approximately \$709,000 that would need to be covered by accumulative program income, projected program income, vacancy savings, four salary savings and potentially carry-over funds.*

*"So as the funding level for graduated sanctions has declined over the last four years, the caseload sizes have also declined, the number of intakes have declined, therefore our programs have reduced the amount of positions in their budgets. I would say that continual analysis of the budget impacts will be necessary to insure that the standards are met by these state mandated programs with this reduced funding allocation. This grant application includes \$2,978,500 for our graduated sanctions programs, and you can see how those amounts are allocated there in that column. We would request that*

*you approve the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documentation, including the grant award agreement. I'll be happy to answer your questions."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Are there questions by Commissioners, please? Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jodi, the difference that we have to make up, that is \$700,000 and some through various revenue sources."*

*Ms. Tronsgard said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "I'm assuming we think that's doable?"*

*Ms. Tronsgard said, "These are programs that are mandated by this state, so that discrepancy in that amount, would need to be done in a way that is strategic and in a way that least impacts the programs abilities to meet their standards."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "All right. So we will acquire the funding to meet the standards at this level? Is that what I'm..."*

*Ms. Tronsgard said, "The budgets will be designed to meet the amount that is available."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. So compared to what we would think is appropriate for our population, we're short how much? Do we know that number? Or am I making a good question. We know what we've been doing with our prevention programs and so forth, and we have so much less funded now. We're short of funding. Is this enough to do a good job? Maybe that's what I'm trying to say."*

*Ms. Tronsgard said, "A reduction in funding does impact the ability of our system to, in prevention programming as well as the graduated sanction programs and the delivery of services, and of course, we want to maintain our commitment to evidence-based practices."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, the amount...go ahead."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "We are going to deliver quality public service to those clients that we can. We're just not going to deliver to as many clients."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "So the clients we don't deliver to, I mean, we just expect to have more admits to the state system; is that right?"*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Pardon me?"*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "The net result of that is that that chart that went down 50 percent is going to start going back up?"*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "We hope not, but that could be a likely conclusion, yes."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "So in the long run, it costs us considerably more..."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Costs the state."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Yeah, costs the state, but I'm part of the state. So...I just think that we have a great record. We've proven that this works, and then to reduce the funding just seems short sided and we, I mean, I realize they have challenges, have to cut somewhere, and then we end up having to cut somewhere. I guess I'm looking for an alternative solution. What might you suggest?"*

*Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The way the state funding formula works, we've focused a lot on strategies to reduce arrests. And so intake events have gone down dramatically. That chart you saw is our focus, and if the crime prevention funds that the county provides weren't focused along with the JJA funds, we wouldn't see that kind of a trend line. The state funds for prevention have gone from \$6 million to \$1 million in a very short period of time."*

*Mr. Masterson continued, "When will that start to go up? I don't know. But we have cut programs. On our graduated sanctions side, we're going to, we're not filling positions as our numbers have gone down to try to have carryover to sustain the programs in [20]14 at the level that we're presently providing the service. But with the funding formula the way it is, we could get caught, if the numbers go back up, we'll have no resources to fill those positions, but if we're able to sustain where we are, we think that we'll limp along."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Is our funding level, is it in proportion to other urban areas? I mean, are we getting our fair share to do this in South Central Kansas?"*

*Mr. Masterson said, "Other places haven't reduced their numbers like we have, so we're going to be, our reward for bringing down these numbers and doing good work is we're going to get less of a share of the resources, but we have less people to serve. That's just the way the funding formula works."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. I just think we've demonstrated the value of these programs pretty clearly, and you were with me at symposiums where they also encourage this same sort of thing that we've proven, and to reduce the funding seems like it will ultimately cost us. But I guess we live where we live right now, and that's what we've got to work with. So, thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Are there additional comments, please? Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "I guess my question is, is the reduction because there is not enough money to serve the clients, or are there just really less clients?"*

*Mr. Masterson said, "Well, our reduction will be because, we have to see what it is with the changes they've made at the state. This is a planning allocation number at this point that the state has provided us, but it's because we have, in that funding formula, we have fewer people to serve, and so we're going to get less of a share of the resources, and so that's the way it is designed."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner, that's for this year. In previous years, it's gone*

from, as Mark has said, or Jodi said, from \$6 million to \$1 million, and therefore, it is a funding problem.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I guess in that period of time I find it hard to believe that the amount of criminal activity and problems in the juvenile cohort group has gone down that dramatic, so there are still people not served that are out, kind of outside the system. Now, that may be a false assumption, and you'd have to tell me different, but is it because we just have so much less funding that we can't serve that many people?

“It doesn't appear to me there's that many less, the population is going up, that group is growing, and it's gone down that dramatically when we see statistics on other criminal activity in our community is staying static or going up. I can't believe they're that much different than the other general population. Maybe it just, somehow the math doesn't make sense to me.”

Mr. Masterson said, “All the indicators, arrests are down for juveniles, admissions to detention are down, the average daily population in detention is the same as it was last year, but that is down from previous years.

“Now, we've eliminated programs, and we've shrunk programs, and what Jodi was describing, that diversion program. If this ends up being the allocation amounts, we focus a lot of energy on intervening early, and they'll be able to serve fewer people. We've entered all the truancy diversion programs in previous parts of the downturn. So is it going to, is there enough money? No. But at this point, with the numbers still down, we'll be able to sustain where we are today.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That's all I have, Mr. Chair. Thanks Mark.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Thank you, Commissioner. At this time, I'll entertain a motion.”

#### MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant and establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.

#### VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Absent
Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Chairman Skelton	Aye

Chairman Skelton said, “Thank you.”

Ms. Tronsgard said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Next item, please.”

A motion was made by Vice Chair Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Norton, that this Grant Application be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

AE [13-0122](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,927,373 FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Presented by: Claudia Blackburn, Health Director, Sedgwick County Health Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the electronic submission of the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents; including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application; and approve the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request at the time the grant documents are executed.

*Ms. Blackburn said, "The item before you is the grant application for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for aid to local grants. This covers many grants we receive and supports our mission to improve the health of the residents of Sedgwick County by promoting wellness, protecting disease and protecting the public from health threats. This year, we have requested \$1,927,373, which is a 12.4 percent increase over what we received last year. Fifty-three percent of the funding that we receive will be federal pass-through the state to the local health department, and the remaining 47 percent is state funding. Funding will be used to support public health infrastructure, chronic disease risk reduction, family planning, maternal and child health, special immunization clinics for our WIC (Woman, Infants and Children) clients and clinics in the community, STD (sexually transmitted disease) investigation and HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) testing and counseling. There is both a hard and soft match for this grant.*

*"We are not asking for any additional funding, in terms of mill levy dollars. The hard match is \$278,753, and that's about 58 percent of the match amount. So this brings the total grant award to \$2,340,061. And we also have a maintenance of effort stipulation that is attached to the funding portion of this grant, which means that the local tax support for the health department is reduced for next year's budget that the state formula funding is reduced as well proportionally. So if there is a four percent reduction in mill levy support, then there's a four percent reduction in our state formula funding.*

*"So, last year, we did have this reduction of about 32,000, and we accommodated that. We anticipate that might happen again this year, and so we will be prepared to accommodate it once again. Grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and other sources account for 63 percent of the Health Department's budget now. And this particular group of grants accounts for 16 percent. This funding supports 28 positions, all full time except for one, and we estimate that we'll serve 15,000 individual clients with these funds.*

*"So this is really a big chunk of money for us, and without this funding, we would have to drastically reduce our programs. Last year, we added the personal responsibility and education program to this bundle of grants. This will be our third year to request that funding, and then there will be a fourth year, as well. From the inception of this grant, the PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program) grant, you may remember, we*

started it in September of 2011, through February of this year we have served 1,469 ninth grade physical education students with the abstinence and evidence based Reducing the Risk programming in four USD 259 schools, covering four Commission districts. By the end of the calendar year, we will be in all five districts. So Commissioner Unruh, your district will be covered in the fall.

"And this curriculum is designed to reduce teen pregnancy, STDs (sexually transmitted disease) and increase communication between teens and parents. We covered many topics, including healthy relationships, adolescent development, financial literacy, parent-child communication, educational and career success and healthy life skills. So we are also, as part of this program, training the staff.

"We will have 60 staff trained by the end of the summer who can then teach this class so that we, we work in two schools at a time, train the trainers, and then we move on, so that when this funding ends that program will be able to continue on.

"Preliminary evaluation results tell us that over 75 percent of the participating students said the Reducing the Risk curriculum was easy to understand, they learned something they didn't already know and that the class information was useful to them. They rated our staff really, really high and said that our staff made them feel comfortable asking questions that they would otherwise keep to themselves. So this contribution from KDHE is really a foundational part of the Health Department's budget, and with this funding, we immunize children, improve the health of women, prevent teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, decrease smoking, increase physical activity and breastfeeding, and in short, these programs really go to help improve the health of the community. I think they're a very good investment in public health, and I recommend that you approve this application and authorize the Chair to sign any related documents."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Are there any comments by Commissioners, please?"

#### MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the electronic submission of the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents; including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application; and approve the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request at the time the grant documents are executed.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.

#### VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Absent
Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Chairman Skelton	Aye

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Next item."

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair**

Unruh, that this Grant Application be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

AF [12-0063](#)

PROGRAMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

*Mr. Buchanan said, "This is the monthly review of the criminal justice system programs. You'll see on page 3 that for the month of January of 2013 compared to January of 2012 that the booking numbers have been up.*

*Mr. Buchanan continued, "The detention facilities numbers have been down. Work Release is up a little bit. But the big number is the out of county numbers are down, and you can see the total comparing one January to another is down significantly. The municipal inmates, again, holding about 12-13 percent. It's been held that way for the last several months, and we know that the City of Wichita provides the largest number of folks in the municipal, who are municipal inmates. Bookings and releases, you'll see because of the bookings were down, one would expect the releases are down. And for this month and this month only, the bookings and year to date bookings are the same, because we're only one month in. The same goes for the average length of stay.*

*"The disturbing thing on the information on this slide, however, is that the length of stay in booking in hours and the days in housing are up, and you can see they are up significantly. So we know that continues to be a problem and we are going to continue to examine ways in which we can reduce that. The trends, again, this is not terribly significant or relevant, because it's only, for 2013, it's only one month, and so that tells us that it is not much of a comparison yet. This is much more significant, because it compares each month from 2007 on, and you can see that January of 2013 was the second lowest month ever in the facilities, and currently today, we have 1,393 folks in the, in our system. So still pretty low numbers.*

*"Adult supervisions, you can see that county funded programs did [Corrections:] Day Reporting, and we reduced those, as you recall. Also the [Corrections:] Pretrial Services are down a little bit. [Corrections:] Adult Intense Supervision [Program] (AISP) are up just slightly. [Corrections:] Adult Residential corrections is the same. District Attorney Diversion, and you heard about that a little bit earlier, is up. The SCOAP (Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program) program is up a little bit, and Sedgwick County Drug Court is about the same.*

*"Other people are funding programs. You can see those, those are the City of Wichita programs, and you can see that the [Wichita] Mental Health Court is about the same. City [Wichita] Drug Court [Diversion] is down, but it's coming up. Remember there was a contractual problem with them. [Wichita] Drug Court Probation is up. Wichita Probation is down slightly. [Wichita] DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Diversion is down and the [18th Judicial Court] Probation in the 18th Judicial District is down. But that's a reflection of less people being arrested.*

*"We've added this slide for juvenile assistance snapshot, and you can see that again [Juvenile] Intake and Assessment Center, less juveniles are going there. The [Juvenile] Detention Facility is fewer people. [Juvenile] Residential Facility is about the same. Home [Based] Supervision, just a little bit less, and Weekend Alternative Detention [Program] is about the same. So we're holding our own on those. The BICE (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement) holds same pretty much every month. This is 18 with BICE hold, 1.3 [percent] population, and combined, so not a*

*significant change there. Felony snapshot again, 146 inmates sentenced to felony time in the Sheriff's custody. That's 10.4 percent for the population. This is for felony DUI and for habitual violator, someone who constantly drives on a suspended license and felony commitments. And that's the end."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, Manager. Questions by Commissioners, please. Any comments?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, Manager. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peterjohn, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Presentation(s) be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

AG [13-0157](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2013.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

*Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of March 7th results in four items for your consideration this morning. Item 1;*

1. HERMAN MILLER MODULAR FURNITURE - FACILITIES DEPT.  
FUNDING – VARIOUS

*"The recommendation is to accept the quote from John A. Marshall Company and establish contract pricing through March 31, 2018. Item 2;*

2. ON-CALL PRINTING SERVICES -- APPRAISER  
FUNDING – APPRAISER

*"The recommendation is to accept the low overall bid from Postal Presort, Inc. at the rates listed and establish contract pricing for one year with four one year options to renew. Item 3;*

3. 3/4 TON HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS-- FLEET DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING -- FLEET DEPARTMENT

*"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Don Hattan Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$84,780.00. Item 4;*

4. 2013 CRACK SEALING (R175-H) -- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING -- R175 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE 2013

*"The recommendation is to accept the bid from LaFarge North America in the amount of \$226,441.60.*

*"I'll be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these four items."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, discussion? Comments or motion please."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Norton moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

VOTE

Commissioner Norton           Aye  
Commissioner Peterjohn       Aye  
Commissioner Ranzau           Absent  
Commissioner Unruh           Aye  
Chairman Skelton               Aye

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

Mr. Thomas said, "Thank you, sir."

Chairman Skelton said, "Madam Clerk, next item."

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Commissioner Peterjohn, that this Board of Bids and Contracts be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and  
Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

**CONSENT**

- AH**    [13-0103](#)       A resolution to authorize destruction of Health Department WIC Records 2006 (DISP 2013-146 DIO-Health WIC).
- AI**    [13-0105](#)       A resolution to authorize destruction of Treasurer Tag office motor vehicle records (DISP 2013-153 TRS-Tag 2009).
- AJ**    [13-0106](#)       A resolution to authorize destruction of Juvenile Field Services records (DISP 2013-155 PS-JFS).
- AK**    [13-0107](#)       A resolution to authorize destruction of Treasurer Tax records 2005-2009 (DISP 2013-156 TRS-Tax).
- AL**    [13-0118](#)       Approval of a sponsor agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and Wichita Festivals, Inc. for participation in the 2013 Wichita River Festival.
- AM**    [13-0123](#)       Agreement with Heritage College of Wichita to allow student placement for the purpose of experiential learning in a public health environment.
- AN**    [13-0124](#)       Salary adjustment for Community Health Nurse II (CHN II) for Lesley Thomas in the Immunization Program at the Health Department.
- AO**    [13-0125](#)       Agreement with the City of Wichita for COMCARE to provide administrative services for the Special Liquor Tax Funds.

- AP**     [13-0126](#)     Authorization to hire a DIO Applications Manager for the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD).
- AQ**     [13-0139](#)     Authorization to hire an Information Technology Architect above the pay range minimum.
- AR**     [13-0130](#)     Amendment to the agreement with Management Training and Measurement (MTM) Services, Limited Liability Company (LLC) for the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas (ACMHCK) Service Process Quality Management (SPQM) Dashboard Initiative.
- AS**     [13-0144](#)     Agreement with the Child Advocacy Center to provide support to enhance services to victims of child abuse in Sedgwick County.
- AT**     [13-0150](#)     Easement for Electric Service County Communications Tower at Clonmel Yard.
- AU**     [13-0148](#)     A rental agreement with COMCARE and Wichita State University for the use of the Hughes Metropolitan Complex Facility. The facility will be used to host an event for the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Coalition.
- AV**     [13-0152](#)     A resolution amending resolution 6-2013, repealing certain portions of The Sedgwick County Code.
- AW**     **13-0114**     Order dated 2/12/2013 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- AX**     **13-0145**     Order dated 02/28/2013 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- AY**     [13-0093](#)     Plat  
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2012 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:  
  
Payne Township Service Addition
- AZ**     [13-0149](#)     Plat  
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2012 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:  
  
Farmers Cooperative Subdivision
- BA**     [12-1054](#)     Payroll Check Register.

- BB     [12-1022](#)     General Bill Check Register.
- BC     [12-1023](#)     General Bill Check Register.
- BD     [12-1024](#)     General Bill Check Register.

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you, and I recommend you approve it."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chairman, I move we approve the Consent Agenda and recognize that [Items] AH, AI, AJ, and AK all talk about destruction of records. I'm sure those have all gone through the system, are appropriate. But anytime we destroy any kind of public documents I want to be sure that it's on the record."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir. Thank you."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Okay, at this time, I will entertain 'Other'. Any comments, please, by Commissioners? Commissioner Peterjohn."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Vice Chair Unruh, that this Consent be Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Skelton, Vice Chair Unruh, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Peterjohn

**Present:** 0

**OTHER**

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This has been a momentous period of time since we last met, and I must take note of the fact this week we had the challenge of the fact that we've got a deputy in the Sheriff's office who was injured in the line of duty and I want to wish him the best and a quick recovery. I want to as a Commissioner express my appreciation for those folks who, in Sedgwick County employees who go in harm's way. We had a demonstration of this recently. It's a real challenge in the public safety realm. But it's not limited sometimes just to the folks in public safety.*

*"I was going to say, since we've last met, we've had some weather events, and I want to give a shout out to the folks in the Public Works area who had a real challenge, in terms of, at my house, anyway, we had close to two feet of snow, as I measured it. Removing that from the county roads, especially if you're driving at night and the snow is still coming down, that can be a real challenge, and I wanted to provide some commendation there. We talked about it a little bit at the staff meeting. We did incur some costs on it, but from our Director of Public Works, we're prepared if we have any more precipitation, which by the way is much needed. I also appreciate the fact that, at my house anyway, we got about an inch and a half of rain last week, too.*

*"I also wanted to comment, Mr. Chairman, about the impact. We talked about it at our staff meeting yesterday, about the possibility of the sequester and what impact that might have. And researching it a little bit, Mr. Chairman, it still looks like the sequester overall is going to increase spending. The federal government spending is projected to increase between three and four percent.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "Heritage Foundation had some information on this, and I point it out because there are some areas of dubious federal spending that I think could and should be either reduced or eliminated, and I'm going to mention a couple of items, because we struggle a little bit, in terms of understanding how much federal money is coming to us, whether it's through a grant, like we had some discussion about federal funds coming through for county operations and what impact it would have. I know how challenging this is, in terms of the federal government side, because February 1st, they were supposed to, the President's office of management budget was supposed to present a budget. Well, they haven't done it yet. The word I heard was maybe they might do it next month sometime. Hopefully they will.*

*"The Republican House Budget Chair presented a budget yesterday, and my understanding is the Democrat chair of the Senate Budget Committee will present a budget today sometime, and I'm glad to hear it. It's been over three years since the Senate actually approved a budget. So it's really hard, I don't know how the federal government does their budgetary side of it, but it's certainly making a challenge for us. And I mention this because I saw a news report recently that the federal government is going to provide a quarter of a billion dollars to the Muslim Brotherhood controlled government in Egypt in addition to the F-16's [Fighting Falcon] and abrams tanks they're being provided. Well, I think that's spending that we could avoid and bring some of that spending home.*

*"I noticed also some reports, [United States] Homeland Security Department, which covers over 30 federal agencies and has approximately 200,000 employees. They've got 2,500 open positions that they have added just within the last 10 days, according to some news reports I've seen. Forbes Magazine reported that homeland security has*

recently purchased \$1.6 billion, b as in boy, billion, rounds of ammunition. Now, I don't know how many, when you think about the fact that you include in that 200,000 people; clerks, secretaries, janitors, that's approximately 8,000 rounds of ammunition per employee. I'm not sure what that is needed for. Now, I know there will be continuation of subsidies for politically correct companies; I mean we've, Solyndra's out there, that would be an area we could do it.

"The economy, I wish I could say we were out of the woods in it. We had some good news in the unemployment report, 236,000 additional jobs the feds (federal government) reported increased, but didn't get, mainstream press didn't want to seem to point out the fact that 296,000 people gave up looking for work. But the stock market is setting records, and that's a good sign. We got a report yesterday indicating that Medicare funding from the feds may go down two percent. So if Medicare gets a reduction, and there was, as part of ObamaCare, there were reduction in Medicare that I saw some reports in the billions of dollars last month, I have some real problems with what's going on, in terms of the impact that Washington is having for Sedgwick County.

"And so, Mr. Chairman, I present these items as part of our challenge going forward, because when the staff says if we have an across the board reduction of about eight percent in the amount of federal grants coming to us, and it's a little bit over \$1 million, in terms of what Mr. Chronis presented to us at our meeting yesterday, I think there is a way that the federal government could reprioritize some spending, keep the White House open. Of course, I think that's going to happen anyway.

"They've got some big birthdays planned and celebrations planned, and I think they'll reopen it, I think it's outrageous school kids are being penalized when we have wasteful spending in a variety of areas in Washington. But, Mr. Chairman, I present this information this morning because there has been a lot of interest and a lot of questions about sequester, sequestration and what Washington is doing and how it may or may not impact Sedgwick County. I wanted to get this on the record this morning. Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, sir. Appreciate that. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last week, several of us went to Washington for the National Association of Counties (NACo) legislative meetings and forum. I participated in several workshops and committees and subcommittees. I'd like to comment on a couple of them. One of them was, out of the healthcare range that I sit on committees, it was on MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) in our transportation programs through the Federal Highway [Administration] department, MAP-21 takes over from SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) it is a brand new highway program, it's not a reauthorization of the old program, and that's good news. I've got quite a bit of information I'm going to be studying as Chairman of WAMPO, which is the Wichita Area Metropolitan Area Planning Organization, that plans federal funds in collaboration with KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) and other local jurisdictions.

"I'm very interested in this subject. I went to two workshops on it. It made me a little smarter on some of it, and then there's plenty of reading and information I have to

*digest to be sure that I understand the impacts of MAP-21 on our transportation system and our funding here locally. The second two workshops I went to, and subcommittees, were health related. One of them was on health mapping, and it's a fusion of GIS (geographic information system) services and health information, to plot that on maps. So, if you have a low infant birth weight, you can plot that, and it gives you a visual of where low infant birth rates are happening and what zip codes and areas. It can also be applied to infectious disease, chronic disease, where you have food stores so you understand where there are food deserts. They can talk about bike paths. All of it can be an integration of data on health outcomes with mapping.*

*"It was very interesting. A young lady from an east coast, one of the east coast college's had written a pretty substantial book and done a life study on this particular information. I did bring her book back, and I'm going to give that to our Health Department, our GIS folks to look over and try to figure out if there's any ways we can apply any of that locally. And then finally, I went to two sessions on Medicaid expansion to understand a little more about that. Obviously the State of Kansas right now is not participating in Medicaid expansion. That could or could not change, but I wanted to be sure I understand the implications, the dynamics, what it means to our local jurisdiction, and I've still got plenty of reading to do on that, but I did attend those meetings, and I wanted to let the community know that. That's all I have."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn, do you have something to add, sir, please?"*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I neglected to mention, this happened a couple Saturdays ago. March 1st, actually it started before Saturday.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "The Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation held an event out at the Kansas Pavilions on March 1st and 2nd, and they had over 1,000 volunteers, and this included 144 dentists, 152 dental hygienist, and 185 dental assistants. And they helped provide dental care for several days to 1,650 patients, including children and adults. I had the opportunity to go out there and tour that event on Saturday, March 2nd. This is the 10th year they've held this event. They move it around the state.*

*"It's the second time they've held it here in Sedgwick County, Mr. Chairman, and I wanted to provide that information because the number of folks treated, they said that they've had over \$11 million total provision of services, in terms of dental care to over 21,000 patients during that 10 year period of time. I think this is an important event, in terms of the challenge that we face, because a lot of folks for whatever reason aren't, should be getting dental care, and this is one way dental professionals across Kansas, and a lot of them were from outside Sedgwick County at this event, had a chance to meet and visit with them, and I think it was an important function that deserves public attention, and I wanted to report on it, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Thank you. I appreciate that, Commissioner. Is there any other 'Other'?"*

*Unknown Audience said, "Mr. Chairman?"*

*Chairman Skelton said, "No, sir. No, sir. Is there any other business by Commissioners? Okay, seeing no other business, this meeting stands adjourned. Thank you."*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.*

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