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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 2, 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 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim R. Norton, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem James B. Skelton; Commissioner David M. Unruh; 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. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.

GUEST

*Ms. Lynn Gilkey, Program Coordinator, Urban League of Kansas
Ms. Lakayla Thomas, Speaker, African American Affairs Commission
Ms. Malasia McClain, Speaker, African American Affairs Commission*

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Rick Cline, Riverwalk Church of Christ.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [12-0994](#) REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2012.
All Commissioners were present.

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner, we have minutes from September 26th, October 3rd and October 10th. All Commissioners were present on Items A, B, and C. I would entertain a motion for all three."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26th, October 3rd and October 10th.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

B [12-0996](#) REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2012.
All Commissioners were present.

Action on Item B was taken with Item A.

C [12-0997](#) REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2012.
All Commissioners were present.

Action on Item C was taken with Item A.

APPOINTMENTS

D [12-1008](#) RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS (UNINCORPORATED AREA; COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 1, 3, 4, AND 5) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you several reappointments to the Solid Waste Management Committee. You will recall that last year in February you passed a resolution to stagger terms of members on the board, which is a 15 member board. So this resolution before you represents some of those appointments that expired in 2012. The board is having its first meeting next Monday, and so it would be appropriate to consider these at this time. This resolution appoints the representative to the Unincorporated Area, which is Clement Dickerson; and then the First District Commissioner representative is Nancy Larson; the Third District Commissioner representative is John Stevens, the Fourth District Commissioner representative is Kelly Parks, and the Fifth District Commissioner representative is Marydel Grayum. These are all two year appointments and I would recommend you adopt resolution."

Chairman Norton said, "You have the recommendation in front of you. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "And I see none of these individuals here today, so I assume we will not, they will get sworn in at their board, is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "They do. I think the plan is to swear them in next Monday before the meeting."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

E [12-1085](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS (JOINT APPOINTMENT AND THE BOARD OF SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY AND CITY OF WICHITA JOINT BOARD OF BUILDING CODE STANDARDS AND APPEALS.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this is a resolution making appointments to this board which was created by the Unified Code creating the Unified Code Enforcement for the county and the City of Wichita. City of Wichita made appointments to this board on December 18th, and so now it is appropriate for the county to make its appointments. This particular board is a nine member board with four county appointments, four City of Wichita appointments, and one joint appointment. And so before you is a resolution appointing the joint appointee, which is a classification of a Class A Contractor, which is Randall R. Coonrod; and then the four county appointments are, in the Architect Representative, Gregg Wilhite; the Class B Contractor representative, Randy Harder; the Real Estate Representative is Warren Willenberg; and the Public at Large representative, Daryl Crofts. These are all two-year terms, and I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, you have the appointments in it front of you. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I will second. I just had a question. Mr. Chairman, you worked with folks at the city and with our new director of this board to come to agreement on who would serve on what positions?"

Chairman Norton said, "Tom Stolz, our new director, and the Mayor and I sat down and took the folks that were on the individual boards. Tom had talked to all of them to see which ones wanted to remain on and who had the, who wanted to stay with the board, and we made recommendations that we brought before you today. The city, I think, has already codified the board. Their appointments, so it is up to us to put together the rest of the board. That's kind of how we got to where we're at today."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and second. Any other discussion? Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

F [12-1086](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS (JOINT APPOINTMENT AND THE BOARD OF SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY AND CITY OF WICHITA JOINT BOARD OF MECHANICAL CODE APPEAL.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, again, this joint board with City of Wichita is already created and the City of Wichita made their appointments December 18th. The appointments before you in this resolution are the joint appointment representative Public at Large is Frank Rash, and then the three county appointments are in the categories Master Mechanical is Gary Highfill; the Journeyman Mechanical representative is Ron Love; and the Mechanical Engineer, Joe Samia. I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Norton said, "Once again, Commissioners, you have appointments in front of you. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

G [12-1087](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS (JOINT APPOINTMENT AND THE BOARD OF SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY AND CITY OF WICHITA JOINT BOARD OF PLUMBING AND GAS CODE APPEALS. Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners this unified board, again, the City of Wichita has made their appointments, and before you is a resolution containing four appointments, the joint appointment to this board, joint with the City of Wichita, representing the Public at Large is Rodney Ketzner; and three county appointments are representing Mechanical Engineer is Keith Brewer; representative Master Plumber is Eric Vail; and representing Journeyman Plumber is Jerry Short. I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Norton said, "Once again, Commissioners, you have the appointments in front of you. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Just for the record, Mr. Chairman, did basically the same process we go through for all these appointments?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Absolutely. We sat down and tried to figure out and balance between who had been on the board and been city appointments and county appointments, and then moved them forward."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I got a question for Mr. Holt, if he could come up, please. I don't know whether Mr. Stolz would want to join him or not, but just bring it up at this time. Does this kind of put us in the position, is this the last leg, in terms of step, in terms of the efforts on the code, the consolidation of Central Inspection?"

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would say it is the last leg in phase one of our efforts. We have, starting today, the first work day of the new year, we're going to be operating as a consolidated entity. That means that not everything, because we're in two locations, that means not everything can be done at one location or the other. We're working toward that. So we still have a lot more work to do, but this gets us in these last up front kind of things, what we call phase one, that gets us in a consolidated operating mode."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I think that's important for everyone to know, not only here in this room, but people who are watching us and for the general public, in it terms of where we are with this whole process. I will continue to be supportive of this. I wanted to make sure we kind of find where we were for the record. Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.”

Chairman Norton said, “We have a motion on the floor, is that correct? Madam Clerk, please call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

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

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

Present: 0

H [12-1088](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS (JOINT APPOINTMENT AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY AND CITY OF WICHITA JOINT BOARD OF ELECTRICAL CODE APPEALS.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, In this joint board there are seven members who, again, City of Wichita's appointed their three, plus the joint appointment, and so the joint appointment representing the Public at Large is Brad Ragland; and then your three appointments representing Master Electrician category, Richard Kretchmar; representing the Journeyman Electrician is Earnest Nelson; and representing the Electrical Engineer category is John Murrell. I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Norton said, "We have the appointments in front of us, and the resolution, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Before we get to new business, we do have visitors here today with the Civic Leadership Academy for Girls and Lynn Gilkey is here. Lynn, I'm going to give you a minute to explain who your group is and why you are here."

Ms. Lynn Gilkey, Program Coordinator, Urban League of Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And we are involved with the African American Affairs Commission to start a pilot program to get African American girls more civically involved, and to teach them civically leadership. So this is really an opportunity for us to learn and explore what the Commission does. And so, some of the girls that are in this pilot project is Lakayla Thomas and Malasia McClain, they will also introduce themselves and tell you a little bit about what they do. And our director of this program is Dr. Mildred Edwards, she is not here with us today, she is out ill, but this gives us an opportunity to learn more about what you gentlemen do in our community. And we're excited to be here."

Commissioner Norton said, "We'll invite the young ladies to come up, if they would like to speak."

Ms. Gilkey said, "We have questions that we would like to ask Mr. Norton after the meeting."

Commissioner Norton said, "That would be fine. Tell us a little something about yourselves real quick."

Ms. Lakayla Thomas, Speaker, African American Affairs Commission, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am a junior at Wichita [East] High School east."

Ms. Malasia McClain, Speaker, African American Affairs Commission, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am a junior at Wichita [East] High School east."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. We're glad to have you here today. I hear that we're meeting after the meeting for you to entertain questions to the Commissioners, and we look forward to that. So, thanks for being here today. Madam Clerk, next item."

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

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

Present: 0

NEW BUSINESS

I [12-0063](#)

PROGRAMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Preparing this monthly report for the month of November, I thought it might be interesting to just do a review of where we have been with the Criminal Justice System. You recall, you maybe don't recall, but in 1990, the Sedgwick County Commission opened 418 beds at the new facility beside us, 418 beds. A decade later in 2000, we added 650 beds making a total of 1,068 beds available. In about 2002, the end of 2002, we started to ship people out of the county, and that began a difficult process for us. Again in 2003, the Commission engaged with a contract with Institute for Law and [Economic] Policy, a well known consulting firm about criminal justice systems, referred to as ILEP, and they delivered their report in December of 2003. Their report is the foundation for our success in our continued effort to keep the jail population low.

"In early 2004, you established the CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council), Work Release was expanded and the detention classification system was put in place by the Sheriff. Detention classification system is a much more sophisticated classification of the risk involved of each of the people in the criminal justice system and helps the Sheriff manage who needs to be out of the county and who needs to be here. In 2005, the pretrials services was extended, in [20]05 the pretrials was extended to the City of Wichita. We begin a joint project with the state on offender reentry program. This is a program for people who are released from prison who reenter the community and be productive citizens, rather than come visit us again in the jail.

"Bond schedules were reviewed again to make it fair, more ability for people to get out of the jail system faster by producing a bond. And the contract in that year with Wichita State University (WSU) to begin to look at alternatives for incarceration that was prescribed by the ILEP and how WSU would recommend we measure and implement it. [20]06 was a busy year for us. We had pretrial services reviewed again and revised, the way we did that. We had drug diversion with the court system, the Sheriff double bunk, and that could add another 200 people to the facility. The Day Reporting Center contracted with and opened and SCOAP (Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program) was open, and SCOAP, I remind you, is to help those people with mental illness issues to have them in the appropriate program rather than in jail.

"In [20]07, the facility work group recommended an addition to the jail. Housing fees were established in [20]07, and were put into effect on January 1, [20]08. Pretrial services, we began an automatic reminder system, when you are going to court to call you up and remind you when the date is, just like your doctor does, just like your dentist does, it is effective in making sure people get to jail. A lot of the folks prior to this are being sent to our jail from the City of Wichita because they missed court dates. A lot of court dates. This is to help do that. Technological updates were done.

"In [20]08, the drug court was established, and the jail expansion plans were ready complete. The architectural plans were complete in March. Mr. Buchanan continued, "There will be a 384 bed facility, it was going to cost \$50 million, and it was going to cost \$7.5 million more dollars to operate annually. Rather than do that, the Board of County Commissioners continue to work towards alternative

programs and make sure the ones that are in place work well.

"We began in [20]09 with the crisis intervention training for officers, crisis intervention training for dispatchers and one of the leaders over there is here today. That program is to assure that people are trained on the street in recognizing mental illness issues, and so people are diverted to the right programs rather than, again, being arrested. Pretrial services in that year for City of Wichita were revised and increased usage significantly.

"2010, additional staff was added to the District Attorney's office to that journal entry time, and that's been successful. Journal entry time is the time when all the signatures, the judge, the prosecutor and defense attorney all sign off so the person can go to the state prison system. If the document is not signed, they sit in our jail until it is signed. Anything they can do to get it to go faster gets people out of the system and into the state system. Drug court had its first graduation as did mental health court in 2010. In 2011, the master plan for CJCC was approved. Interface Management went live, a new technology.

"In 2012, the Level of Service Inventory [-Revised], commonly, was revised, was commonly referred to as LSI-R, assesses risks in those people that committed crime. The first, those people who assessed risks in drug court, who graduated from drug court, 92 percent of them committed no new crime in the six months after drug court. Amazing statistic. LSI-R, the Level of Service Inventory-Revised, in 2012 was piloted for judges to use in sentencing. Using this instrument, we have a very good indicator, go to the bank indicator, of when another crime will be committed or not. And the judges are reviewing that, thinking, well, if another crime is going to be committed, why should we put them in probation or why should we put them in a program where they are on the street. If the high risk, the risk is so high, that maybe those folks should go to prison.

"I just thought that would be a reminder of where we've been, because this month is pretty telling information about where we are. We are talking about the existing programs, the average daily population for this report, this is November, compare to November of 2012 to 2011. You can see that bookings were down. Average daily population in booking, detention facility is down. The Work Release numbers are down, out of county is down considerably and out of county is below 200 since way before 2010. And that's a good sign. Municipal inmates, inmates being held solely on another municipality is 99.7 [percent], all other inmates, 90 percent, because they are mostly charged with state crimes, and that indicates that the jail being used appropriately in this it case.

"Bookings and releases, if bookings are down and you see that they are, then releases will be down, too. They are directly proportional and you can see that, what that means. Average lengths of stay, we continue to watch that, because that continues to be an issue for us. In booking, it's gone up in November compared to last year November. In housing units, it's gone up, there too. Obviously if the booking goes up, combined would go up too. Continue to look at ways in which to make the average length of stay less.

"This is trends of 11 months compared, from 11 months [20]12 to the 12 months in the previous years, and you can see how the booking, detention, Work Release and out of county and the daily population since [20]04 continues to decline. It increased slightly.

The curve in [20]04, [20]05, [20]06, [20]07 and [20]08 was way less than what had been projected. So we, the programs we're working, then, they weren't, we didn't have a lot of years of experience in the recidivism rate over time is what I believe was keeping these numbers on the downward trend.

"This is the amazing chart which shows us on a monthly basis where people, where we are in the jail, in the current justice system, in the month of November, it was 1,374. Today's figure, I hate to do this to you, Commissioner Peterjohn, but today's figure is 1,256, so way under 1,300. And that trends normal for winter time. We understand in the winter it always drops, but that's a significantly low number. You see that the adult supervision snapshot, this is what, in [Corrections] Day Reporting. See those numbers, those programs being used compared to last year, a little more, same with [Corrections] Pretrial Services. Adult Intense Supervision [Program] is down a little bit probably because crime rate is down a little bit. Correction, Adult Residential and corrections is normal, diversion, DA (District Attorney) Diversion is about, increased. Remember it went down a couple months because of some personnel issues. SCOAP is little bit higher and so is [Sedgwick] County Drug Court.

"You can see that other funded snapshot, 2011 to 2012 in November, [Wichita] Mental Health Court in the City of Wichita has increased, [Wichita] Drug Court [Diversion] is down somewhat, considerably, not sure why. We will find that out. [Wichita] Drug Court Probation is about the same. [Wichita] Probation is about the same. [Wichita] DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Diverse is down again, and that could actually have to do with the number of people arrested for DUI, but I am not sure. [BICE] Holds for the month, again, stays pretty normal, 32 hold, 2.4 percent of the population have other charges against them. Snapshot of felonies, November 30th, 141 inmates sentenced to felony time in the Sheriff's custody, 10 percent of the population for that day. Initiatives, we have Day Reporting, Data Workgroup, Systems Plan Committee and Mental Health Committee, are being all reconstituted and given new charges. So a reorganization is taking place to address those issues, and we are working towards that. And that's the conclusion of the report for November."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no lights on yet. I do have a couple of comments. Over the years it looks like CJCC has really paid its dividends by bringing people together, looking through not only the consultants' reports that we've had, but new information as we've moved along, new evidence-based programs that we could kind of mull over and move to fruition. There is going to be a change real soon. We are going to have a new DA and a new Sheriff and that brings a new thought process to the CJCC and to the operation of the system. Do you think that will have a dramatic impact one way or another, Bill, as we move to two new elected officials in those offices?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Anytime you have a major player in a system, the possibility for change, either good or bad change can occur. Both these, in both the Sheriff elect, the Sheriff and Sheriff elect, which is the same guy, and the DA elect I would expect nothing but thinking through the process and how to make sure we were using our resources as wisely as possible. The other factor in the system that we need to recognize is, are the judges. So that also could have a significant impact depending on who is assigned to criminal and who is not assigned. We know that some adjustments are occurring in juvenile, and we will continue to keep our eye on the whole system."

Chairman Norton said, "At one time we were down the path of building a new jail. We thought that was the only alternative we've had. I thought we found, I think we've found over the years that adding new programs, evidence-based programs to the mix has had

dramatic results. With some of the budget restraints, we've had diminished capacity, but it doesn't look like it's affected the trajectory of the line yet. So, even with some budget cuts and some changes in what we do, we're still making that number go down. That's pretty encouraging, I think."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I think so, too. We are concerned about the reduction in state funds for the prevention programs. Remember Sedgwick County was getting in excess of \$1 million, last year it's \$200,000. We had to adjust, we put in our own money, our own taxpayers' money into that program. Those significant cuts had us reduce the prevention programs that work. Now, we picked the ones that are the highest group, that tend to the highest risk. We won't see evidence of those reductions for several years, but we will see the evidence that we are not paying attention to the front of, the states because of their policies are not paying attention to the front end of the system. That's going to catch up to us."

Chairman Norton said, "I think you're right there. As we have bent the curve and slowed down the trajectory, it took three or four years before we started seeing that bend that way. And just the opposite we'll see three or four years go by before we see the results of no prevention programs, less adult services, maybe even things like boys ranch. All of those things fall into the mix. Talk a little bit about three things. The mental health pod, the public defender pool, and journal entry, electronic journal entry, because all three of those were critically important along the way from the consultants, and I would like to talk about those briefly."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We have had a proposal from the previous shift regarding mental health pod. I have not had an opportunity to talk to the current Sheriff about his plans or his recommendations for one. The mental health pod would not do anything to reduce the number of people in the jail. It will assist with people who have mental health issues in ways that they are not being assisted now. That's a big problem in the jail. Both the public defender I can't remember..."

Chairman Norton said, "Journal entries."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Right, electronic journal entry. Electronic journal entry had a little hiccup. We thought that was a very wise thing to do. The Supreme Court, my last recollection, indicated they are not willing to accept electronic journal entries. So we've attacked journal entries at a different approach by hiring someone from the DA's office to bird dog those so all the signatures are, journal entries are done, so the person who is convicted of a crime and needs to go to state prison, that happens in a shorter period of time and they are out of here. The issues around public defender are not just issues around how many attorneys are public defenders, but the issue is really around delays in the speedy trial.

"Continuances on criminal cases, depending on where that person is, if the person is jailed, is going to cause a length of stay issue for us, and we know that's a problem. It is an issue that we have not addressed formally, I know it is on the agenda for CJCC to take a look at, but at this point we think we know there is a problem, unlike the other problems, I can't spout statistics and data that could indicate what that really is. So we need to do some homework on that issue.

"If you had more public defenders, would you have less continuances in the courtroom, and the answer is, I don't know that yet."

Chairman Norton said, "My final, it is not really a question, it is maybe just a comment. With all of the conversations being had nationally about mental health and mental health reform and where mental health is going, it seems like the mental health pod should be in that broader discussion as we move forward. That, would that be..."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "...a correct statement? I don't have anything else. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager, if you keep bringing reports like this, I'll let you steal my thunder any day of the week. These are some excellent and positive numbers. I would be a little bit remiss if I didn't point out from my way of looking at this, if I look at the convicted felons who are serving sentences in our jail and combine that with the illegal aliens with the border problem that the feds continue not to be able to effectively address, if I combine those two numbers, we're pretty close to about the same total as the number of folks who are out of county.

"Not so much a question for you, Mr. Manager, except to the extent these numbers have come in the right direction very quickly, and I have a concern changes that are occurring, whether it's at the state level or federal level, particularly the state change in DUI logs. We could see these numbers turn around and go in the wrong direction, too. And that's a concern that I have from looking at this data, you presented to us this morning, and going back to, I don't know how far back you actually went, you mentioned 1990 with the first jail expansion. Have we seen a sort of month to month variations like we have the last five years, if you look at the entire data set, Bill? Do you have any feeling on those numbers?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "You could see by this on a month to month, that it trends up and down. But the good news is, the high points in the last three years have been less than the highest points in previous years. And the low points are considerably lower. We know that the winter time numbers drop because people are cold, and the milder the winter gets, the more people are going to be out and more crime will be committed. Hot, hot summers keeps people in, pretty much, and we know that. We can just watch that pattern."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "The other cautionary note, I can see going forward is if the state would continue to offload convicted felons to serve their sentences in the county jail, that could also be a factor, in terms of changing these numbers. This is an excellent report. Appreciate the background history, and show the progress we've made, but also cautionary in the sense that, hey, there is a lot of work we have left to do, and outside forces can have a traumatic impact on operation of our facility and keeping this community safe with the resources that we've provided for it."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no other lights. At this time I'll entertain a motion to receive and file."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Bill. Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

CONSENT

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| J | 11-1275 | Payroll Check Register. |
| K | 11-1329 | General Bill Check Register. |
| L | 12-0983 | Professional Services Agreement with Wichita State University for the Family Checkup Program. |
| M | 12-0993 | Nonprofit Chamber of Service Contract Renewal with Sedgwick County. |
| N | 12-0999 | Order dated 12/14/2012 to correct tax roll for change of assessment. |

O [12-1013](#) General Bill Check Register.

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

MOTION

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

Chairman Norton said, "That brings us to..."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

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

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

Present: 0

OTHER

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Bill. That brings us to 'Other'. Is there anything else to come before us today? I see no lights on. So I'm going to wish everybody a very joyous and prosperous 2013, and we are now adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

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