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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

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 9:03 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner Jim Skelton; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Karen S. Bailey, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Mr. Robert Lamkey, Director, Public Safety; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Dr. Timothy P. Rohrig, Director, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, Extension; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.

GUEST

Mr. Harvey Sorensen, Chairman, Visioneering Wichita

INVOCATION

Observed by a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Unruh said, "And Madam Clerk, before we call the first item I want to recognize Councilwoman Janet Miller who is visiting our meeting today. Welcome Councilwoman. Madam Clerk, call the first item."

ROLL CALL

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [11-1418](#)

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2011.
Commissioner Norton was absent.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the minutes of December 7th, are there any additions or corrections? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 7, 2011.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

APPOINTMENTS

B [12-0003](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DORSHA KIRKSEY (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE ARTS COUNCIL, INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we prepared this resolution for a three year appointment on this board for Dorsha Kirksey, and I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution.

Chairman Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Dorsha is here to be sworn in."

Mr. Karen S. Bailey, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Raise your right hand. 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 the Arts Council Inc. so help me God."

Ms. Kirksey said, "I do."

Ms. Bailey said, "Very good."

Ms Kirksey said, "I just want to say thank you for the opportunity to serve, and I'm eager to get started. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you for your willingness to serve. We have had representation on the Arts Council [Inc.] for several years now, and so we take that as an important part of the character and culture of our community, so we thank you for your willingness to represent us."

Ms. Kirksey said, "All right. Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

NEW BUSINESS

C [11-1236](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE 2011 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD.

Presented by: Dave Unruh, Chairman.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Present the award.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, since 1988 it has been the honor of the Chairman to make an award each year to an organization or project or group of folks who have exhibited a high level of dedication and commitment to public service or have otherwise made improvements in our community. This year's recipient is an organization that began with a vision to improve our community and it continues to do so in more ways than we had originally imagined, and that organization is Visioneering Wichita. Visioneering Wichita has taken a leadership role when it comes to creating opportunities for economic expansion, encouraging public-private partnerships, improving the health of our residents, supporting infrastructure that enhances our quality of life. So, since 2004, Visioneering Wichita has focused on the needs and ideas of local citizens who are concerned and engaged in the betterment of our community.

"It is an outstanding example for other communities as a focused continuous effort of continuous community engagement. Visioneering [Wichita] has helped promote efforts to keep our young professionals in our community and region. And as you've heard me say several times, Commissioners, if we don't keep our young folks here, we just have a very grim future indeed. And Visioneering works to coordinate and align legislative messages on behalf of the community and the region through the legislative agenda. And through Visioneering community leaders have had the opportunity to visit and learn from other communities that have faced similar challenges so that we can glean from their lessons learned and we can steal any good ideas that they may have had.

"So because of these efforts, our citizens are thoughtfully preparing and delivering a vision for the future of this city, this county and those in our region. And it's for this reason I've chosen Visioneering Wichita to receive the 2011 Sedgwick County Chairman's Award, and I think we have some representatives here, and I believe the first Chairman was Mr. Harvey Sorenson and he was followed by John Rolfe, and the new Chairman coming in is Wayne Chambers and the executive director Visioneering is Suzie Ahlstrand. And there are others here, so Harvey, would you like to say a few words?"

Mr. Harvey Sorensen, Chairman, Visioneering Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would, thank you very much Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Before I let you talk, let me officially show that this is the plaque that hangs in our office that recognizes Visioneering Wichita, and then we also have little very attractive paper weights that we want to offer to you. Anyway, this, I think, is a well deserved recognition, and we appreciate the work that you do on behalf of the character and the culture of our region."

Mr. Sorensen said, "Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. And thank you all for making this award available to us. It's easy for me to be up here on behalf of the more than 17,000 citizens of South Central Kansas who have participated in Visioneering over the last eight years. We've been led very ably by Suzie Ahlstrand and I think most of you know Suzie and know we couldn't do this without her, and we appreciate her assistance very much. And I was able to pass along my responsibility to John Rolfe who handled them extremely well for four or five years and John is here.

And with us today are our two new co-chairs. John did such a good job, we had to divide the job in two, and we gave half of it to Wayne Chambers and half of it to Sommer Keplar. And many of you remember, I think, Diane Longfellow who recently retired and Renee Anderson is here to take her place. So the Visioneering team that you've known is still in place, but we are just the forefront and the face of 17,000 people. Including, among them, many of you.

"Tom Winters was our first co-chair and served on our steering community, helped us get started and was a tremendous asset to Visioneering Wichita. And I remember citizen Karl Peterjohn and I spent an evening at Northwest High [School] talking to high school students and Wichita State University (WSU) students about what they saw as the future of our community. I found that very enlightening and I know you did, too, Mr. Peterjohn. Commissioner Peterjohn and citizen Peterjohn attended the review, revise and refocus sessions and have attended our health care alliances. Chairman Unruh has been an active member of our steering committee. He's attended many city to city visits and the intra city visit when we had that in Wichita.

"Commissioner Norton has served on our steering committee for many years, has attended several city to city visits and is quite outspoken. I know that comes as a real shock to most of you who know Commissioner Norton, but he's quite outspoken about where the future of our community should be and where we as Visioneering Wichita and he as a member of the County Commission should help lead us. He's also helped on the city to city visit, and because of his strong personal interest in literacy, chaired our Literate Community Alliance and has been very active in the Health Care Alliance and other area of personal interest to the Commissioner. Commissioner Skelton, in his earlier life as a citizen of Wichita, an active political supporter of ours in Visioneering of Wichita as a member of the city commission. Many of you, I know, remember Kathy Sexton, probably regret her loss. The former Assistant County Manager was the chair of the Health Care Alliance, which has launched and now become the Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care and has contributed significantly to the understanding of the health care industry. When Sedgwick County had a lobbyist, that member was on, served on the Unified Legislative Agenda for many years.

"Ron Holt and Bill Buchanan have attended many meetings and many task forces and been very generous with their time, and other county organizations have been involved in the alliances. For instance, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, very active in our Racial Diversity and Opportunity Alliance, providing leadership in that area. Mr. Sorensen continued, "COMCARE has been very active, the Health Department has been active, the Sheriff's Department, Environmental Resources Department, Economic Development Department, the Housing Department, Department of Aging, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC). As you know, we had over 145 strategies in our planning document. Sedgwick County has adopted many of them as a vision partner. They've supported all six of the core foundations and 52 of the strategies, and I'd be glad to read them to you, but you would probably prefer that I move on.

"But in wrapping up, the Sedgwick County has been a very faithful supporter of Visioneering Wichita financially for every year we've been in business, and we appreciate it very much. We appreciate your active support, your active participation in our activities and the community leadership that all of you have shown in leading our community. So on behalf of the 17,000 Visioneering supporters, including our regional supporters here and our Sedgwick County supporters who are here, I want to thank you for this award."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'd like to thank everybody for coming today. I think Harvey is right. I have been involved since the very beginning. In fact, pre beginning. I can remember sitting down with Bryan Derreberry at the time of the chamber and saying that we had to have some logical, sequential way to share a vision with the community that everybody could wrap around, everybody could endorse, everybody could be a part of, everybody would have a voice and a seat at the table. And Visioneering has become that structure in our community. And I can tell you I'm proud that I'm a part of it.

"If you read any tenants of leadership, one of the first things that it will tell you about good leadership is that they share a vision. They point the way. They have a reason to exist and a way to get to the best. And Visioneering helps us all do that. And leadership doesn't have to be defined by the person elected or the person in authority. Leadership can be throughout the community, and people that are willing to step up, make a difference, take roles of responsibility and push agendas in their community, so I'm proud to be part of Visioneering and I think it's a great choice Mr. Chairman, wonderful job picking Visioneering."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. And it's an easy choice. We have other Commissioners that want to speak. Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Well I can also agree with Commissioner Norton. The message I want to send today is that I expect to see those paper weights in full utilization. [Inaudible] We've got to fix that then. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Well once again, we express our appreciation for the hard work you do on behalf of our community and wish that you will continue to keep working hard. Thank you all. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item, please."

D [11-1388](#)

RECOGNITION OF AWARD TO MARK MASTERSON NAMED CHAMPION FOR CHANGE BY THE MODELS FOR CHANGE DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT ACTION NETWORK.

Presented by: Robert Lamkey, Public Safety Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert Lamkey, Director, Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to take this opportunity to recognize someone that I think you all know that from my perspective is great to have in my organization because he does such great work for this community, and that's Mark Masterson. In 2007, with your consent, the Department of Corrections engaged with the John D. and Catharine T. MacArthur Foundation in the Disproportionate Minority Contact Network. That initial effort was to explore why children of color in our community have a disproportionate contact and what can be done about mitigating that in our community. And with that, Mark engaged with the local community to understand, to explore and to put community based mechanisms in place to mitigate that process.

"Further, he began engaging with the school system and bringing professionals in to talk to the school system about how to resolve those kinds of issues in the school. Wherever Mark goes, he tends to emerge as, and the organization tends to emerge as the model for leadership, and he has tremendous ideas on how to make good things happen for youth. In that arena, Mark was honored by his peers in this process with this award as a Champion for Change.

"There is a small video that follows that addresses this issue that we'll see in a minute. One of the things, though, as I do this and the next item, when I approached Mark in talking about this, his comment to me was, I'm just doing my job, just looking after the kids in our community. That's the important piece of this process, just doing his job in a way that he saw it and he does it very, very well. Amanda, if you can go ahead and show the video.

"Mark Masterson has been working in Juvenile Justice for Sedgwick County since 1983. He rose through the ranks and in January 1998, he was named Director of the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections. Mark has worked on Disproportionate Minority Contact, DMC issues since 1992. Mark has been instrumental in bringing focus and change in departmental practices over the past 20 years. Mark's core belief is that people can change, systems can change, and that he can be instrumental in that change.

"Mark is deserving of this recognition for his tireless dedication and commitment to improving the Juvenile Justice System for all youth. Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas is lucky to have a genuine leader in Mark Masterson. Mark uses his passion, research, and most importantly, good data to facilitate change. Mark has been a tremendous asset for all of us in the Juvenile Justice system here in Sedgwick County. He's always looking at new things. He's trying to come up with ways to make things better, and I'm not talking just about the juvenile defender system. I'm talking about the Juvenile Justice System as a whole. So he sees the entire picture. Mark has never been one to just accept the status quo. Mark lives and works in accordance with what he believes and the kids, families and citizens of Sedgwick County and Kansas all benefit from his unending commitment to them."

Mr. Lamkey said, "There you go, Mark."

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, sir."

Mr. Lamkey said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Masterson said, "Thank you."

Mr. Lamkey said, "You've earned it. "

Mr. Masterson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Mark, would you like to make a comment, please?"

Mr. Masterson said, "I'll just make a brief one. Appreciate the Commission allowing us the opportunity to accept the invitation with others that competed around the country that are doing this work to bring our stakeholders and our collaborative processes together with the challenge to address one of the most difficult issues in the Juvenile Justice System, and I can tell you, speaking at the May Flower Hotel in [Washington] D.C. about the work that we do in Sedgwick County, that we shine among communities around the state, and the people that you saw in the video and with the help of Wichita State [University] and USD (Unified School District) 259 were able to accept this challenge. They gave us a little bit of money in the beginning, and it increased each year with the accomplishments that we were able to bring to bear that have been shared with others to replicate around the country and to get up and be able to talk about Sedgwick County and to have the chance to be the best we could be, I thank you for that opportunity."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you, Mark, and we shine, as you said, as an example to others because of your leadership, and I think that you've demonstrated this capacity for leadership in large part because you're willing to listen to other experts and bring partners in and partner up with expertise out at WSU, and that is what's helped kind of bring a synergism that has always brought us to good solutions. And I would just offer a personal anecdote that when I've been at NACo (National Associations of Counties) events in Washington, D.C. And talking with folks about justice and public safety issues, when we talk about criminal justice administration in general or community corrections or we talk about juvenile justice, in particular, people across the nation know the name of Mark Masterson, and they recognize him as an expert and one who can get things done to improve the system. So you're a tremendous asset to Sedgwick County. We're glad that you're working with us as we are working for our constituents. Great job and it's a recognition well deserved, so congratulations."

Mr. Masterson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "We have another comment from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, congratulations, Mark, and to your whole organization, and everybody that supports you. So many times we hear about government employees, and you set the standard for what public service looks like, and I so honor that. We have a whole wealth of 2,800 employees that do the same

thing every day, and this recognition honors everyone, not just you, the whole organization that you work for. Way to go. Thanks."

Mr. Masterson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Mark. Bob, thank you for the presentation."

MOTION

Chairman Unruh moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item, please."

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

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

Present: 0

E [11-1429](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION DEPARTMENTAL AND INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION FOR 2011.

Presented by: Robert Lamkey, Director of Public Safety.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. Lamkey said, "As I was preparing for this for Mark, you know, it occurred to me, it's one of those ah-ha moments that I really should have more often than I do, it kind of dovetails off Mr. Norton. I'm in the position in an organization where I get to work across organizations in Sedgwick County, and everywhere I go there are people doing great work for Sedgwick County every single day. Now, occasionally, so I'm very proud of the large organization. I'm particularly proud of Public Safety as your Public Safety Director, and occasionally folks are recognized for their work by outside organizations or other agencies, and I want to take just a moment as we look back at 2011, which was a busy year for us and look forward to 2012, just to recognize some of the organizations and people who have been recognized. Some of this recognition comes from agencies. Some of these were the result of nominations of their peers. The people they work for says that person does a good job and I want them to be recognized.

"And so without further adieu, I'm just going to go down the list. If you're the person I'm talking about, if you would stand up while I'm talking about you in this process. I'm going to start with EMS (Emergency Medical Services). Scott Hadley received professional recognition with the Pinnacle Award, and the Pinnacle Conference is one of the significant EMS conferences that happens annually, as a recipient of the Emerging Leader Award. It's really for people new to executive positions or their action, behavior and work have shown promise both in developing their organization and being part of a larger EMS community in a leadership position. So Scott, where are you? Thank you, sir.

"Next is Lieutenant Tom Seyfert who was recognized in December by the American Red Cross for a Hometown Hero Award. Tom's been with Sedgwick County for ten years and one of those guys who does a great job every day.

Mr. Lamkey continued, "He had an occasion to be on call with a patient who happened to be a fairly large patient who was in a trauma situation who had stopped breathing. In partnership with other folks, Tom was the one who secured the airway. Tom was the one who secured the airway that saved that person's life. A peer submitted this to the [American] Red Cross. He was competitively recognized for this among folks who are very deserving. So Tom, where are you? Congratulations and thank you.

"Next is Lieutenant Tony Lamb. Tony is one of those guys that is kind of quiet, but he is one of the out of the box guys. He sees a problem, and he comes up with a solution. You know, things that we've been doing for a while or things that happen. After Greensburg, in which Sedgwick County had a substantial role in providing an initial response, you know, it was kind of haphazard, there was an opportunity for the Regional Homeland Security Council to create a disaster management union, to put supplies, and structures, and a trailer to get people who are trained and committed to support our own community or our region, because we're going to be called on, we're the big guys. Tony put that together.

"For years, we've been responding to the Riverfest with ambulances, and Prairie Fire [Marathon], with ambulances, hard to get an ambulance around, why can't we put

medics on bikes? More mobile, more quick, make that initial assessment and do that. Yeah, seems like a pretty good idea. Why didn't we think of it before? Tony thought of it. Tony implemented it. Tony got it going in this process. He's not a, it's not a common issue, but a radiological team. Things pass through our community along the highways, and we get some notice of those kinds of things, but if something happened in our community, how would we manage that?

"Tony thought about that. Tony put the capability together. So Tony was recognized by his organization that, the Insurance Women of Wichita who do a wonderful job every year in honoring public safety, and community folks who deliver some stuff, who deliver Good Samaritan activities in the community. So Tony was recognized by the Insurance Women of Wichita in 2011 for our paramedic of the year. The Kansas Emergency Medical Services Organization, which is the professional organization of EMS agencies in Kansas, awarded Sedgwick County the Advanced Life Support System of the Year, first time. We've been doing this for over 30 years. First time we've gotten this award.

"Part of that award is the kind of work that we do here in our community, but moreover, it's the contributions that the organization has made to EMS and the State of Kansas as a whole. So tremendous recognition. Some of you got the opportunity to attend the Business Journal Health Care Heroes event that they had, and we received EMS received the Health Care Hero award for innovation. We need to thank you all for part of this process, because it was for using the tools that you provided, the marvelous deployment system that allows us to put our resources more effectively in the community. First Watch, which allows us real time monitoring of our system's status and to some degree to get pinpoints of the health of our community pretty quickly, and TeleStaff, which removed about six hours each day of scheduling issues from the work of the captain and make their work more productively. They found them. You funded them. Thank you.

"Next is Emergency Management. Randy Duncan is not here today. He is doing some teaching, but he received professional recognition with the 2011 Presidential Citation from the U.S. Council of International Association of Emergency Managers. Randy was the past President of the organization.

"He currently chairs their legislative committee, and his work in that process in looking after the interests of Emergency Management at the local level in trying to insure that federal legislation and the processes that happen there are good for us here in Sedgwick County and across the country was significant enough that he received recognition from his professional association.

"We are part of a four state region. There are state and federal mandates that have local emergency planning committee. This is a cosmopolitan committee that includes business, transportation, media, health care, oxicom. It really started out as right to know issues for toxic materials and hazardous materials in our community, but it's really evolved into a planning entity for mitigation and information, communications, so it's a very large group of folks, 20 some odd members in this process. We are recognized by our regional federal partners as having the best large Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in the region. There are about 20 of them who qualified for that process. So we received that recognition.

"Second recognition that we received in 2011 was for the best Local Emergency Planning Committee. Well that's a partnership. That's Emergency Management, that's Communications and that's DIO, Jeff Piper specifically for presenting the information that makes it available for citizens in that process. So thank you very much, and Rick

Shellenbarger actually is our executive chair on that LEPC committee in that process.

"Emergency Communications, Alayna Moreno received the 2011 dispatcher of the year. Alayna just does a darn good job. She's been with us since 2002. She's been a dispatcher. She's taking the initiative to get training through the county programs to increase the supervisory skills so she can work in that process. She has volunteered to do training as a CTO (chief technology officer). She's done quality assurance work. She's even part of our community outreach team. She's helped make meals for Ronald McDonald House as part of that team. She's helped serve coffee to the homeless in that process. She was nominated by a peer because she does great work for us every day. Besides which, she has a good sense of humor and she likes my wife's cookies, and that's always a good thing. Thank you, Alayna.

"Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1, firefighter Bo Whelchel. Bo's been with us for four years. Again, nominated by a peer because of the excellence that he's doing in developing himself as a firefighter, the attention to detail that he has in the work that he does and the commitment that he does. Again, another specific event, administering to a patient as part of a team that had a difficult airway intervention that was required, he inserted a combitube. He provided that process which was recognized at the hospital who quite frankly said, well, who did this? Because they did such a great job at preserving that tube. But this is more than just about that. It's about being that consummate professional every single day. Bo, thank you for your service. Bo also serves as the secretary for our fire union and enjoyed the negotiation process this year. Here is young man who is committed to his organization, to his community and to his peers, and so great job, Bo. Thank you so much.

"Brian Richey was honored by the Insurance Women of Wichita for the Firefighter of the Year award. Actually Brian is our chief mechanic, he runs that operation. Under his leadership, our fleet has never been better. So he owns those vehicles in his heart. He looks after them in the manner that ensures that within the resources that he has, the Fire District [No. 1] has the best vehicles possible.

Mr. Lamkey continued, "He is hard on the firefighters who overuse them sometimes, but he's also committed to being there any time of the day when the need is there, there, and so Brian, thank you so much for your service in this process.

"The Regional Forensic Science Center has some organizational honors; the National Association of Medical Examiners Reaccreditation. I know you all have lots of discussion about accreditation, but let me tell you this, the professional standards established by name set the benchmark for excellence for medical examiner offices. And we have used those tools to help ourselves improve, and in a very real sense, it adds to the credibility of the organization when its members provide services in court and testify in that process, and so it was a significant effort to become reaccredited. So, kudos to the Forensic Science Center and all the folks that made that possible.

"We also were successful in our DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) operation. The FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) National DNA Index statistic assessment, they come in on a no-notice basis and make sure that what we're going for CODIS, which is the Combined DNA Index System, basically that's the repository of DNA information, is done in accordance with the standards that keep that system at a high fidelity, which is very, very important. We also hit a milestone this year. We had a thousand entries into the CODIS system. And that thousand entries has as a resulted in 500 hits leading to

prosecutions and arrests as part of that consequence. So we have a significant effort at maintaining that process and a significant milestone for the Forensic Science Center.

“Our Dr. Braithwaite, who is at the National EMS Professionals Physicians conference, and she's actually part of the curriculum and has been selected as at Board Chair of the International Trauma Life Support Committee, so a significant professional recognition for her skills and talents at being chair of an international body. She's also on the Steering Committee for the National EMS Cultural of Safety [Project], which is directly related to this process, which is led by the National Highway Transportation and Safety Association, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and EMS for Children. It's a three year project, and she is leading that effort.

“So we have some folks in our organization who do their jobs every day, don't expect recognition. They're like many other folks out there, doing great work every day, who happen to be recognized, and who happen to be in the position of leadership, and I'm honored to say thank you for all of those who aren't here today, but in particular, thank you to those who are for your work and your recognition.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Bob, thank you for bringing all of these awardees to our attention. You know, in the work of county government, oftentimes, speaking for myself at least, I just take for granted that we get outstanding excellence from all our departments, and after a while, you just begin to expect it and think, well, there's just nothing to it. But we know these folks work very, very hard, and I'm very pleased that they have received recognition for their outstanding work and for their contribution to what I think is a strong Sedgwick County government and our ability to provide public safety services. So, thanks for calling that to our attention, and congratulations to all of you, and we truly do appreciate your work and the excellent way that you perform your duties. We have other comments. I think first was Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I have to tell you, Bob, as I listen to this, I'm humbled to be even part of this organization. This group that you announced today inspires me to work harder at my job.

“You know, every day we've got employees that lay their lives on the line, work hard for the citizens, and I think it's a call for all of us to be as good as them, and it inspires me. You know, also attached to this is, if you look at the organizations they represent, they work hard for their accreditations, national accreditations. That means that everybody has to hitch up at the wagon and do a good job every day, because those accreditations are hard to get. Everybody has to be really good at their job, and we've seen the best of the best represented today.

“I will continue to advocate for us to get those national accreditations, because they tell a story about our organization of how we serve the community, how each individual gives the best public service they can possibly give. So I applaud all that are represented today. I had a chance to be at most of those recognition banquets or dinners or whatever to see firsthand them get the recognition from the community, and it's pretty inspiring to see what people do down in the trenches every day for the citizens of Sedgwick County. Thank you very much to all of you. That's all I have Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to second my colleague's comments but add that in the past I've had times where I had positions where I had to work odd hours, but it was never a situation where it was 24/7 type of commitment, and in times I've gone out with some of our emergency folks, it's always been at a time that's been convenient to fit into my schedule. But, I've thought about the fact that when we as Commissioners get to enjoy our Christmas Eves with our families, there's people out there from Sedgwick County Public Safety in a variety of responsibilities, as reflected by the group we have today who are willing to stand up and step up, at a time where it often isn't convenient. In fact, it's often very inconvenient, and so just take a thank you from this Commissioner."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

MOTION

Chairman Unruh moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Bob and to all of you, thank you very much. We appreciate your service. I think most of the folks want to exit the room, so we'll give them a moment to clear before we go forward. Madam Clerk, please call the next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Skelton, that this Receive and File be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

F [11-1222](#)

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A PAUL COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT ACT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,692 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE EQUIPMENT AWARDED BY THE KANSAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL .

Presented by: Dr. Timothy P. Rohrig, Director, Regional Forensic Science Center.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the grant award and authorize the director to sign award forms [progress reports and financial reconciliation documents], and establish budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request.

Dr. Timothy P. Rohrig, Director, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today is a request to accept a grant award from the National Forensic Science Improvement Act. These are dollars that are awarded to the State of Kansas and subsequently awarded to the three forensic centers within the state, that is the Sedgwick County forensic laboratory, Johnson County and also the State of Kansas. These dollars for our organization, if approved by the Commission, will be utilized to buy a single piece of forensic science equipment that will allow us to further develop and obtain evidence from one specific crime type, and this is bank robberies. I think we've all noticed recently in the papers over the last few months and years that we've seen an increase in bank robberies.

"One of the pieces of evidence that comes from those crimes are exploding dye packs. We recognize this need. We've developed a unique method to characterize the dye from these dye packs, and they have assisted in the adjudication in federal court, because most of these crimes are prosecuted at the federal level, to look at this. This request will allow us to buy this piece of equipment. Right now I'm kind of stealing it from another part of the laboratory. This allows to have a dedicated piece of instrumentation for the analysis of these dye packs and also for other examinations in our trace evidence laboratory. Just so you know, there is no match money.

"This is 100 percent pass through funds that we will use again, if approved, and we will go through the county purchasing process for that acquisition. So unless there are questions, I would recommend that you accept the grant award, authorize me to sign the various progress reports that are required to submit to the federal government and then also establish the appropriate budget authority so we can make this acquisition."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Thank you. We have a comment from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm going to be supportive of this. Over the years, we've gotten some great pieces of equipment. This will fit into the inventory that we have and help solve crimes in our community. I think the days of a rumpled trench coat and a hunch, like Columbo used to have, are over with. It's about technology, it's about equipment, it's about very smart people that know how to do forensics work. And I'm going to be very supportive of this today."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dr. Rohrig, if we did not accept this grant today, the funds that would be used for this, where would those funds go to?"

Dr. Rohrig said, "Well, they're already allocated to the State of Kansas, so if we do not

accept this, they would be either divided up or would go either to the KBI (Kansas Bureau of Investigation), the state laboratory or Johnson County's Sheriff's laboratory."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you Dr. Rohrig for coming here today and as well as meeting with me yesterday. I absolutely support what the Forensic Science Center is doing and I understand the need for this piece of equipment. In the past, however, I voted against such grants, and today I will be forced to do so do so again, not because I don't want you to have this piece of equipment, because I do. In fact, I'm prepared to use our resources, my own tax money here, today, to buy this piece of equipment. We have the resources within our county to pay for this ourselves. We simply choose not to. In the past, we've given millions [of] dollars away to businesses in this community who then leave this community. And in the future, we'll continue to give millions of dollars away. Unfortunately, every time we accept one of these grants, no matter how large or how small, we weaken America economically and we strengthen communist China. I don't think it's worth it.

"Additionally, Congressman Pompeo has said publicly that if we ever want to return a grant and make sure it's used to reduce the deficit, he would gladly introduce legislation to do so. So the argument that if we don't spend it, somebody else will simply doesn't exist. We have the ability right here on this Commission to provide for this need for our community while at the same time strengthening America and being part of the solution as opposed to part of the problem, but unfortunately, I don't believe we have the political will at this time, but I will continue to fight and hope that someday we will be able to do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Skelton said, "Well, my comments are to congratulate the doctor and his fine staff for their accomplishments. I'm in total support of this. I am agreeing with Commissioner Norton's comments and it's not about political will, in my opinion. It's about my belief on what is right. And this is the right thing to do, to support your mission and the mission of Sedgwick County and the future of America. So Mr. Chairman, those are my comments."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My comments will be tied to the fact that the choice between us today is not a choice of taking this grant or having it used to, because I do agree with all of my colleagues' comments that this is a necessary tool and it's an important tool, but I do not believe that the choice before us today is one of either accepting this grant or having this money used for deficit reduction. If that was the choice between us today, and we could actually do this, on occasion I voted against some of the grant proposals that have come before us, but with the choice we have today, this money is going to be spent. I think it's necessary for it to be spent, if it's going to be spent, I think better to have it spent here in Sedgwick County than somewhere else. That's the choice before us today, and my vote will reflect that fact. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Is there anyone else wishing to

Speak? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the grant award and authorize the director to sign award forms [progress reports and financial reconciliation documents], and establish budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Unruh said, "Dr. Rohrig, thank you."

Dr. Rohrig said, "You're welcome, sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item, please."

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

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

Present: 0

G [11-0329](#)

COUNTY EXTENSION QUARTERLY REPORT.

Presented by: Bev Dunning, Extension Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, Extension, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I come once a quarter to tell you about one of our programs, and today I want to, first of all, say thank you for your support in many ways that you've given to our program, and I think that we're doing a good job for you, and today I'm just showing you a little flyer, and I think you have that in your hands now. A 4-H emblem is the 4-H clover standing for head, heart, hands and health as you see. And if you'll look on back, you'll see where some of our community based 4-H clubs are, and I'm here to tell you about some new ones not listed on there, because this past year, even though we've had one position that's frozen due to some budget constraints, Sedgwick County program has grown by the addition of three new community based clubs, and those new clubs are Park City High Flyers, Colwich Clovers and the Country Kids. Now, the Country Kids meet down around the Haysville and Clearwater area, and they're meeting in homes right now. but these new clubs, the Park City [High Flyers] club has a diverse group of about 10 families, and those families have connected with a Park City Pride [Committee, Inc.] group, and that's a natural partner, I think, for them to do that, because the [Park City] Pride group lets the club use their facility for their meeting as well as then the project leaders that are needed and the volunteers within that club, many of them are the Pride leaders in that community. And the 4-H club then in turn does community service for the Pride group in Park City.

"And in fact, they did such a good job, I think, at the awards banquet that we had, they got second place in the county-wide award for community service for the 4-H, and that's good for a new 4-H club. The Colwich Clovers have energized their peers to be part of the 4-H club, and the club has doubled since it started a year ago. Great volunteers, support from parents, very evident. During the past year, the club won the 4-H Record Book award. Kids will complain about keeping records on their projects, but you know that's something we all to have to do the rest of our lives. You all probably have a tax return due before too long. And so that kind of helps get them started along that line.

"These life skills of setting goals, learning to develop a plan, learning to make decisions, and following through with an action plan are the skills that they'll use for the rest of their lives. Youth and adults working together and learning together is what 4-H is all about. These clubs will continue to make a difference in their communities and in Sedgwick County, and we do appreciate your support or we couldn't do this. Thank you so much. Do you have questions?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, Bev, I don't see anyone asking to speak just now, but we want to express our appreciation for your work in helping cultivate more clubs, which means more involvement by young people. We can document historically and factually that this is a very positive influence in the lives of the young people, helps them become better citizens and helps them to be the type of folks who want to get engaged in the community as they grow older and help make the, as adults make the community a better place."

Ms. Dunning said, "That's right."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you very much for your leadership, and thank you for

bringing this report to us today.”

Ms. Dunning said, “Okay. Share it with others. We're proud of it. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn.”

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item please.”

A motion was made by Chairman Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Skelton, that this Presentation(s) be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

H [12-0015](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 5, 2012.

Presented by Joe Thomas, 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 January 5th results in seven items for your consideration this morning. Item 1;

1. CHANGE ORDER #1, CUSTODIAL SERVICES -HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FUNDING -HEALTH DEPARTMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the change order in the amount of \$2,340.00 per year. Item 2;

2. CHANGE ORDER #2 - HEALTHY BABIES REMODEL -- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the change order with Bauer & Sons Construction for a deduction of \$1,254.00. Item 3;

3. ON CALL MAINTENANCE CATALOG --FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING --VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

"The recommendation is to accept the proposals from Fastenal Company and Ferguson Enterprises and establish a contract for the terms as indicated above for a period of one year with two one year options to renew. Item 4;

4. FIRE ALARM TESTING & INSPECTION--FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING --FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Absolute Protection, Inc. and establish contract pricing until January 1, 2014 with two one-year options to renew. Item 5;

5. ON-CALL MAILING SERVICES --VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
FUNDING --VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

"The recommendation is to accept the bid from Postal Presort, Inc. and establish contract pricing at the rates as indicated above for a period of one year with two one year options to renew. Item 6;

6. CUSTODIALSERVICES FOR FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER --
FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER
FUNDING --FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the proposal from HHM Facility Management for a monthly rate of \$2,175.00 and an emergency rate of \$13.95 per hour, and establish contract pricing through November 30, 2012. Item 7;

7. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE and REMOTE MONITORING ON LIEBERT
EQUIPMENT--DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING-EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT WIRELESS FEE/NETWORKING AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Emerson Network Power in the amount of \$72,267.45.

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, are there any questions or comments?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Joe. Next item, please."

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

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

Present: 0

CONSENT

- I [11-1399](#) Donation to COMCARE of Sedgwick County to be used to further programs for individuals with mental illness.

- J [11-1426](#) Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to enter into certain economic development micro-loan agreements.
- K [12-0009](#) One (1) Temporary Construction Easement, One (1) Permanent Drainage Easement and One (1) Right of Way Easement on Sedgwick County Project 803-CC; 135th Street West between 103rd Street South and 111th Street South. District 3.
- L [12-0001](#) Alterations to the Division of Human Resources Staffing Table-Transfer of Funds.
- M [12-0010](#) Retail Dealer's Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for Kansas Coliseum, LLC located at 1229 E 85th Street North; Park City, KS 67147.
- N [11-1277](#) General Bill Check Register.
- O [11-1243](#) Payroll Check Register.

P [11-1415](#)

Plat

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2011 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Southards Addition

Mr. Buchanan said, "I recommend you approve the Consent Agenda with the deferral of Item L."

Chairman Unruh said, "Deferral of Item L? All right, thank you. See, I don't know who is first. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I have some questions on Item J, and I would also like to defer that item for one week. I would be more than willing to make that motion for both [Item] J & L. I just haven't had time to ask a few questions of Mr. Chronis, and so I would like to have that time, and I don't know if there a specific time the Manager would like to defer Item L, indefinitely or a week or...?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We'll be ready in a week."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "In a week."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner, were you making a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the Consent Agenda and defer Item J and Item L until January 18, 2012.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "We have a motion and a second. Commissioner Peterjohn, did you have another comment?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "No."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, we have a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the deferrals of Item J and L. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Commissioners, before we go to the next agenda item, I would like to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed at 9:58 a.m. and returned at 9:59 a.m.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Peterjohn, did you have a comment?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, we were on the Other section, I believe."

Chairman Unruh said, "We haven't called that, I did, your light was on defer to you..."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, well I was going to..."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you. Madam Clerk, call our next item."

OTHER

Q [12-0011](#)

SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN THROUGH JANUARY 9, 2013.

Presented by: Dave Unruh, Chairman.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: List slate of nominees, and vote on each in the order listed.

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. We are on the point to elect a Chairman for next year, and so Commissioners, at this time, I would be pleased to nominate Commissioner Tim Norton as Chairman for 2012. I would further state that Tim has served as a faithful, knowledgeable Commissioner now for, this is his 12th year, I think."

Commissioner Norton said, "Starting the 12th year."

Chairman Unruh said, "And has certainly proven his ability to manage our meetings and he's fully vested in all the issues of Sedgwick County, and so I would nominate Tim as, Commissioner Norton as Chair of the County Commission."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Mr. Chairman, I'll second that nomination."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm going to nominate Commissioner Ranzau to be Chairman for next year."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I'll second that motion."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, we have a motion and a second. This gets a little confusing. Perhaps the County Counselor tells me, we have two nominees for chair and seconds for those nominees, so we'll just call the vote on each one. How is the best way to handle this, Mr. Counselor?"

Mr. Euson said, "You have a slate of nominees now, and you would vote on those in the order in which they were listed."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Thank you. Commissioner Ranzau, did you have a comment?"

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Mr. Chairman, I believe last year instead of voting on each particular one, we just voted for the person that we wanted to vote for so that no one necessarily had to vote against anyone else. Since we have no formal rules, we could do that."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Okay. We can do that. So what I will do is I will ask the Clerk to, how do we do this, I think, can we do this by voice vote?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Do it by roll call."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. We'll do this by roll call, and as you call the Commissioner's name, they can say who they are voting for. Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Mr. Ranzau</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Chairman Norton</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Tim Norton</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Commissioner Norton</i>

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Norton, congratulations."

R [12-0012](#)

SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIR PRO TEM THROUGH JANUARY 9, 2013.

Presented by: Dave Unruh, Chairman.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: List slate of nominees, and vote on each in the order listed.

Chairman Unruh said, "And now we will move to the selection of a member of our Board to serve as Pro Tem. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chairman, I will proudly nominate Jim Skeleton as Pro Tem for 2012."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. And I will second that nomination. Are there any other nominations? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to nominate Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I'll second that motion."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. We have two candidates. Is there any further discussion? Madam Clerk, I'll ask you to call the vote."

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, I think at this time, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Are we moving on to other other?"

Chairman Unruh said, "I think that's appropriate."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, this Monday is Martin Luther King [Jr.] Day, and I've got some information that I wanted to give to the community. You know, in 1963, Martin Luther King gave his I have a Dream speech. And here we talked a lot about vision today in the communities, and that speech is just as appropriate today about where our country should go and how we should end discrimination and the struggles that people have. It's just as pertinent today.

"On Saturday, January 14th, there will be a Martin Luther King March at 10[00] a.m., and it will start at the [Kansas] African American Museum in downtown. Sunday, January 15th, at 7[00] p.m., there is the annual Dr. Martin Luther King celebration at the Orpheum Theater. Monday, January 16th, at 4[00] p.m., there is the annual Martin Luther King Day service project out in the community. You can get more information from the Kansas African American Museum. And finally on Monday at noon, at the WSU (Wichita State University) Metroplex, there is the greater Wichita Ministerial League Celebration, and I have to tell you I've never missed that as a County Commissioner, and if you want to be inspired by good gospel music, a faith-oriented celebration and a group of great citizens that come together to celebrate their heritage

and their place in the community, I would urge you to stop by and enjoy. It is a great celebration of life and faith and community, and that's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "I do have one other thing."

Chairman Unruh said, "Do you want to do that now or come back to it?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I'll come back to it."

Chairman Unruh said, "I think Commissioner Peterjohn was first."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to once again present an update in terms of data concerning the number of folks in the Sheriff's custody, and that's regular weekly report that I provide, since we've got some new faces out in the audience today. I want to just repeat that context that this is data that's normally a regular part of the 'Other' section. Today the Sheriff had 1,411 people in custody, 1,084 in the main jail facility, 110 were in Work Release, we had 217 out of county, and the Sheriff has classified those folks by security for maximum security, 435; medium security, 575; minimum security, 348; and the rest are unclassified. I think that's a continuing good news, in terms of where we stand, in terms of keeping this community safe at as reasonable price as possible.

"On a second and unrelated topic, but very important to this community, County Appraiser provides data, in terms of the volume of real estate transactions that have been occurring in this community, and the 2011 data recently came out, and I think it's important for this community to have this data, because last year, according to the valid sales transactions, and the County Appraiser has to report this information to the Property Valuation Division in Topeka, which is part of the state [Kansas] Department of Revenue (KDOR), and there were 9,066 transactions, which seems like a lot of transactions in volume, but unfortunately, compared to the previous year, it was five percent less than 2010. We have 18 years worth of data now under the current system of valuating this property, and the record setting volume of these transactions occurred back in 2006 when there were 15,767 transactions to give you a context, so that's a reduction of about almost 43 percent, or you can put it another way.

"We've got 57 percent this year compared to the peak in the past. It's been on the decline every year since that point. I was hoping I would be able to report that it seems like, based on this data set, that we had reached bottom, and in one sense maybe we have. Last year, when I reported this data and this data became available, we had eight months which had set record lows during this entire data set. This year I'm trying to point out that the cup is not completely empty. That number declined, we only had five. But the overall number continued to decline, like I said, in terms of being about five percent below the volume of transactions in 2010. Hopefully with some of the good news, like the information that was shared yesterday, we will see it turn around, and I think there is a bright future for us, but as the state motto says, 'To the stars through difficulty'. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can't let this day go by without speaking a few minutes about the Britt Brown Arena and Kansas Coliseum, or Kansas Pavilion, which has been there in my district and has been there for 30 years or so. There are some good things and some bad things. First of all, let me talk about the negative part of this. There are 18 full time and part time employees who will be affected as a result of this sale and certainly our hearts and prayers go out to them during this difficult time. Anytime you lose a job, although some of them will be retained, and there will be some benefits, and they will have priority as certain positions come open here in the community, within the county, we'll help to find them jobs.

"But nevertheless, it's a difficult time for them, and I think it's important to remember that. That being said, there's a lot of concern, particularly in my district, about the future of the [Kansas] Pavilions and the Britt Brown Arena.

"I think in the long run, we will look back at this and see this as a net plus for the area, for the district and for the county. Having NIAR (National Institute for Aviation Research) as an anchor tenant, so to speak, and the arena would be good for the area, and will be a good partnership, and I look forward to having them out there. Additionally, the developer has agreed to keep open the Pavilions at least until January 1, 2016. I think there is a good likelihood that they will stay open longer than that.

"I am confident that they'll do a go job managing that, and I think over time, if we give it time to work, we may see just how ineffective and inefficient government is at running these sorts of enterprises and how much more effective the private sector is at doing it. So to my constituents who are still perhaps a little concerned, I will say simply be patient, give it some time and in the end, I think you'll be very happy with the end product, and like I say, I think we'll have a net positive in the area and in the region, and I'm looking forward to seeing what's being done. In the mean time, also, all the shows that were previously planned are still on. In fact, the Wichita RV (recreational vehicle) show starts today and goes for five days, so none of that will be affected. So I encourage you to get out there and see what's going on. Like I say, just give it some time, and I think we'll all be very happy."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Norton, you said you wanted to speak."

Commissioner Norton said, "We're going to wrap it up here. If I could have you stand up, Mr. Chairman. This is I guess my first official act, and your last official act. I'd like to present you with our Chairman's Award for your service in 2011. You know, when you have turbulence and you have tough times, you want to have somebody with their hand on the throttle that is focused, that understands where we're going, and you did that this last year. We had some tough budget concerns, some organizational change, and at every step of the way, you've had your hand on the throttle making sure we were going in the right direction and that we were going to land safely going into 2012. As the new Chair, I appreciate that, and I dedicate I will put my hand on the throttle and keep us going the same direction. Thank you, Dave Unruh."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you all very much, and I very much appreciate this award. I'll make just two quick comments. First of all, as we know here, the position of Chair is just first among equals. The Chair gets the opportunity to represent the Commission out in the community. I was honored and appreciated the opportunity to

do that as we work together to provide governance for our county. If there is something that I was proud of during this year, it would be the fact that we maintained collegiality among the Commissioners, even though we had sharp disagreement on some issues. But we were able to do that and go forward in a very professional manner.

"I'm very proud of the fact, as Commissioner Norton mentioned, that we were able to attack budget challenges in such a way to make great progress towards a balanced budget, and I'm going to thank County Manager Buchanan and actually all the department heads and staff for working very hard in making what are often painful decisions to move us towards a balanced budget. And thirdly, I'd say I'm proud of the fact that I believe we have strengthened and moved forward with our community partnerships among different municipalities and also of the different agency and representative groups in the county where we worked hard to say that we're working with you and we're working for you to make this a great place to live. So this has been my great pleasure and thank you very much. With that, Commissioners, we are adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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