

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

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

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman James B. Skelton, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy Clerk; Mr. Benjamin Breese, Appointee, Sedgwick County Grievance Board; Mr. Greg Baker, Training Coordinator, Human Resources; Mr. John L. Schlegel, Director, Planning; Mr. Roderick Harris, Children and Family Health Division Director, Health Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE; Ms. Annette Graham, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.*

### GUESTS

*Dr. Jon W. Tilton, Vice President of Professional Review and Dental Director, Delta Dental  
Mr. Dan Dillon, News Director, KFDI  
Ms. Ann Nelson, Associate Executive Director, Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation*

### INVOCATION

*Led by Pastor Rodger Thompson, NorthWest Christian Church*

### FLAG SALUTE

### ROLL CALL

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. At this time we have several proclamations to be read. Madam Clerk, call the first item."*

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

### PROCLAMATIONS

A [13-0030](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING RONALD REAGAN'S 102ND BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Skelton said, "I asked Commissioner Peterjohn to read this."*

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

PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, former President Reagan's vision of 'peace through strength' led to the end of the Cold War and the eventual demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; and*

*WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's policies created the groundwork that ultimately resulted in the removal of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain that had divided Europe since the end of World War II; and*

*WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's stirring speech calling for '...Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.' outside the Brandenburg Gate created the environment that led to the peaceful reunification of Germany; and*

*WHEREAS, known as "The Great Communicator" Ronald Reagan had a natural optimism and ability to connect with others that made him a respected and beloved figure with the American public and leaders around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, during Ronald Reagan's presidency he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government, which led to unprecedented economic expansion and employment opportunities for millions of Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's commitment to an active social agenda for the nation's children helped lower the nation's crime and drug use.*

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

*'RONALD REAGAN'S 102nd BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY'*

*on February 6th and urge Sedgwick County citizens to honor and commemorate his legacy.'*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you very much, Commissioner Peterjohn. Commissioners, you heard the proclamation, what is the will of the Board?"*

MOTION

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the proclamation*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Who do we have here to receive the proclamation?"*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, I am going to receive it today, because ten years ago today I was actually in Russia. In fact, more specifically Siberia and the region of Krasnoyarsk, and was enjoying my second full day of being a parent. I had just been to court in Siberia at that time, so this is particularly poignant and personal for this Commissioner. I would be honored to accept it this morning."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you very much, sir. Madam Clerk, call the next item."*

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

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

**Present:** 0

**B**      [13-0054](#)      PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Proclamation for National Children's [Dental] Health Month;*

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, children who have multiple cavities during their youth are also more likely to have future dental problems; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2010, our community prioritized five health issues based on the prevalence and the level of community involvement to address the issues. Oral health continues to be one of the five key community health priorities in Sedgwick County; and*

*WHEREAS, the observance of National Children's Dental Health Month focuses on preventive measures and helping kids form essential habits that will stay with them for the rest of their lives; and*

*WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Health Department Children's Dental Clinic staff screens over 18,000 youth annually to raise awareness of the importance of good oral health habits and identify emergencies; and*

*WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Health Department provides presentations and distributes 20,016 oral health kits provided by the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation to youth throughout Sedgwick County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, James B. Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2013 as*

*'NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH'*

*in Sedgwick County, and urge our citizens to set a good example for their kids by encouraging them to brush twice daily, floss regularly and visit the dentist two times a year.*

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

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

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

*VOTE*

*Commissioner Norton*

*Aye*

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Claudia, how are you? You're here to accept the proclamation, appreciate that. Thank you."

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to thank you for recognizing National Children's Dental Health Month. Tooth decay, as you have heard me say many times, is the most common cause, it is the most common disease of childhood, excuse me, and it is almost entirely preventable. It is an infectious disease. The consequences of a simple cavity for a child can result in missed school days, and other serious health problems. Research shows that dental problems when untreated leads to missed days of school, can lead to learning problems in the classroom, and behavior problems and problems with nutrition and health.

"According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment 2012 Smiles Across Kansas report, which is a survey of oral health of Kansas children, 48 percent of children have dental caries by the time they reach third grade. In South Central Kansas, which is where Sedgwick County is, that number is 58 percent. Sedgwick County school screening data from 2010-2011 showed that 18 percent of children in Sedgwick County were identified as having untreated decay. Untreated decay is defined as children having obvious untreated caries in at least one tooth. Three percent of children in Sedgwick County were identified as having swelling, abscesses, or other urgent conditions that needed care right away. By the time a student finishes high school in the United States, 80 percent have dental caries.

"So a couple of weeks ago, I was visiting a first grader who I have a very special relationship with, and I asked her how things were going, that's how we usually start our conversations, and she said seven cavities and a hole in my back tooth. Honestly. I almost burst into tears. But I didn't. And I said, um, so, you know, how are you eating? And she said, well, on the other side. And I asked her when she was going to have them filled and treated and she said, you know, in a few weeks.

Ms. Blackburn continued, "So the good news is that she had been screened and cleaned in the school the day before by one of our community health clinics, and she will receive follow-up care. So that's the good news, that our services are expanding. But the bad news is that she has a cavity for every year of her very short life, and I think we can do better.

"So at the Sedgwick County Health Department's Children's Dental Clinic, we provide free dental services for uninsured children 5 to 15 who meet eligibility requirements and the clinic works closely with school nurses throughout Sedgwick County, so it is not just USD (United Schools District) 259, it is all the school districts refer to us. And in 2012, with the generous support of 30 dentists and oral surgeons, and WSU (Wichita State University) dental hygiene students, the Children's Dental Clinic saw 542 new patients, with over 1,000 encounters. That's partly because our staff does a good job of letting people know the importance of coming back for follow-up care. When they are not in clinic, our staff of three, we have two hygienists and a dental tech, screen children in schools. Last year, 17,000 students were screened. They had a visual oral exam by our staff. Besides our dental clinic, our health educators are offering oral health education in schools, summer camps and youth programs.

*"They will target schools with the highest decay rates, using the theme of two; brushing for two minutes, brushing twice a day, and visiting the dentist twice a year. And every child that we educate receives this bag of supplies. It's got a toothbrush, I think you all have one, toothpaste, and dental floss. And the children that are in the schools that have the highest decay rate will also get a two minute timer. And this is thanks to Delta Dental of Kansas, who has made a very generous donation to the Health Department. Speaking of Delta Dental of Kansas, we are very fortunate to have Dr. John Tilton here, he is the Dental Director for Delta Dental [of Kansas]."*

*"He's been instrumental in implementing the Kansas Mission of Mercy program. This year, the Kansas Mission of Mercy, otherwise known as KMOM, will be at the Kansas Coliseum March 1st and 2nd, and during this two day period, they anticipate seeing 2,000 people. All of these seen with volunteer dentists and dental staff, and it will really help in this area to increase access to oral health for people who really need it. This year marks the 10th anniversary of KMOM. We're really thrilled that it's going to be in Wichita. We have excellent support for this program. And if you have any additional questions Dr. Tilton, I'm sure, would be happy to fill you in. So thank you for the opportunity and for recognizing [National] Children's Dental [Health] Month. I apologize for getting a little verklempt, it really touched me. Anyway, thank you, Commissioners. I would be happy to answer questions."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "We have a comment, Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, Claudia, I'm glad that you are the Director of our Health Department, because it is clear you are passionate about what you do. You help us see the need and you also help us in some way respond to the needs we have in the community. I am pleased you are able to coordinate with these great community assets that will work together to try to provide this healthcare for our youngsters and for, actually people of all ages, for their dental problems. For so many of us who had an environment where brushing your teeth was normal and you just don't think about these things, we need to be educated and reminded every now and then that there's a large number of our population who don't have all of these advantages, and we have an opportunity to help them."*

*"So I'm glad you're helping us get that done. For Dr. Tilton and his efforts with this [Kansas] Mission of Mercy, I mean, it is just outstanding work that our community can be proud of that we have folks who step up, and take the responsibility and get this done to help people. I mean, it is pretty simple. Just help people be more healthy and do better. Really pleased to hear the report, and we are happy to make the proclamation and we are proud of the folks in our community who help us make this a good community. Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I definitely would second your comments, and, you know, it is all right to get upset about that pretty unfortunate story, about a small child. What goes through my mind is what's going through the parents' mind, and, you know, just as in education and all facets of education, you know, the parents have a role and responsibility here also."*

*Ms. Blackburn said, "Absolutely."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "But, you know, when that is not present, unfortunately, and that's the facts of society, we're here to do what we can. So, those are my comments."*

*Commissioner Norton.*"

*Commissioner Norton said, "All right. Well I'd like to ask Dr. Tilton to come forward. He spent a large part of his career ministering to our area and the dental community, but the Mission of Mercy is an outgrowth that he's sponsored and worked with, and I would like to give him a chance to talk about that a little bit, because this has a rich history now of helping people not only in this community, but in other isolated communities that you have, if you could talk about that."*

*Dr. Jon W. Tilton, Vice President of Professional Review and Dental Director, Delta Dental, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Commissioner. This is our 12th event, its our 10th year. In 2003, we did an event in Garden City and one in Kansas City, Kansas. The event we tried to move around the state, we think it is a wonderful marriage of community and dental professionals working together to make a difference. I think that, well I know, actually, the people in Wichita are committed to have helped, Park City, all around our area that have helped, it is a tremendous source of pride for them to know they are doing something from their hearts to help others."*

*"We have been in Independence, Kansas; Manhattan, Kansas; Topeka, Kansas; Hutchinson, Wichita, twice now; Manhattan, and if I weren't so old I could probably remember all of them. We have treated over 21,000 people. We have given away a little over \$11 million worth of dental care and there is nobody on the payroll. This is all done with private funds, all done with true volunteer effort, and Wichita has been wonderful with goods and services, we have been able to raise about \$103,000. It takes \$140,000-\$150,000 to put this on."*

*"Kansas only has 900 practicing dentists, approximately, maybe close to 1,000. We'll have 125 here. Already have 980 volunteers registered for this event, and registration has only been open two and a half weeks. So, obviously people embrace it. We are very excited. When we threw this party 10 years ago, we didn't know where it would go. But it's obvious the people in Kansas have big hearts and they want to help. And to echo your comments, they want to help those who can't necessarily help themselves. Thank you very much."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Dr. Tilton, this really kind of a good news/bad news story, though, isn't it? The good news is, you have got a mechanism that helps people and gives uncompensated care to them when they couldn't afford it. The bad news is, they can't afford it, they don't have insurance, and they are developing chronic conditions because they haven't had care. It's kind of a good news/bad news thing."*

*Dr. Tilton said, "I agree. I think when we first started this, the intent was not to be a solution with this, the intent was to raise awareness, maybe help us seek a permanent solution. And, Commissioner, I will be honest with you, I have felt that way from day one. But having seen this event go off and all the people we have treated, I realize we are helping people that couldn't get help anywhere else, so I feel good about that. I still believe this is not a permanent solution."*

*"We need more education, we need really more avenues for folks to get care. I mean, the safety net clinics in our state are wonderful, but expanded, they are doing great things. And I think Kansas is way ahead in that sense, I suppose we could use more. But it is difficult to get people to go, it's even more difficult to get them to take their children sometimes. So, that's the frustration. And we are working very hard on*

education, even at the KMOMs, work very hard with education and so we help that will make a difference.”

Commissioner Norton said, “We are also moving towards a crisis in having enough dental professionals and dentists in general in the State of Kansas to take care of the population. Is that correct?”

Dr. Tilton said, “That is true. There are efforts on the part of Kansas Dental Association, in fact they are having a press conference tomorrow in Topeka to kind of address that situation with some loan forgiveness, if the dentist will sign up in a certain community.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thank you for all you do.”

Dr. Tilton said, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And thank you for the Mission of Mercy. We appreciate it.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Before you get away, if I could raise a point or two, you I was fortunate to attend events out of Wichita State's [University] new facility that's involved in training dental professionals, but the handout, and I think that's a positive for this community and I'm glad to see it. I hope the program, all the information I got, the program is going well, but the handout I had for your March 1st, March 2nd event said it is at the Kansas Coliseum. Do you know which pavilion building you're going to be in?”

Dr. Tilton said, “Pavilion 2,”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Pavilion 2?”

Dr. Tilton said, “Yeah, it's the one that runs parallel with Hydraulic. We were there in [20]06, and we'll fill it.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Well, I wanted to clarify that for the record, because I know there's plenty of parking out there. Wish you well on that event.”

Dr. Tilton said, “Thank you and I am glad you mentioned that. I extend a personal invitation to each of you to come out. It is really quite an experience to see 2,000 people in a building and to see people that have waited two days to get dental care. I would love to show you around. We have cookies. So, if that doesn't get you there, Tim, if that doesn't get you there I don't know what will.”

Commissioner Norton said, “It will get me there.”

Dr. Tilton said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Thank you. Appreciate that. Okay, seeing no other comments, Madam Clerk, next item.”

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

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

**Present:** 0

C      [13-0059](#)      PROCLAMATION DECLARING DAN DILLON DAY.  
Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, folks;*

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, Dan Dillon is wrapping up his career in Wichita radio after 34 years with KFDI; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Dillon has spent his career working to provide news and information, and help promote severe weather awareness to radio listeners in South Central Kansas; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Dillon has served the residents of Sedgwick County well by providing local news and weather coverage that affect lives; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Dillon has been a valuable partner to Sedgwick County, specifically the Office of Emergency Management, as the organization works with local media outlets to reach residents when severe weather or other emergencies arises; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Skelton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize*

*'DAN DILLON DAY'*

*on February 8, 2013 and urge Sedgwick County citizens to recognize and thank Dan for his dedicated public service to Sedgwick County and South Central Kansas.*

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

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the proclamation*

*Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

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

*VOTE*

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "And we have the man himself here today, Dan Dillon. How are you, sir?"*

*Mr. Dan Dillon, News Director, KFDI, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you*

*very much. You may know that I will be working in this building starting Monday, and looking forward to working with a great group of people that I know most of the Commission, Mr. Buchanan, and the people in the District Attorney's office, I have a great deal of respect for Marc Bennett and the people there. But thank you so much for this. It's a great honor, and I really enjoyed, when you said serving the people in Sedgwick County, because that was one of the things that I always considered the most important thing I did in the past 34 years. So, thank you very much. It means a lot to me."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "You are more than welcome, sir. And, again, thank you. Commissioner Norton has some comments for you."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Dan, our relationship goes back to the old KFDI ranch hand days when I was with Target, KFDI was our personality radio. And then you fast forward to the tornado in Haysville, weather guys were pretty important that night. I know you were on the scene and part of that whole thing that I had to deal with. But I appreciate your service to the community all those years. Your voice coming out over the radio is soothing to people during times of trouble and weather and we've appreciated that all these years.*

*"As I look back now, there's not too many of the ranch hands left at KFDI. I know George Lawson is here somewhere today. But I look back fondly at the days when KFDI and their voice for the community was so powerful, and hopefully it will continue to be that way, but your voice will be lost coming out over the air. We appreciate your service."*

*Mr. Dillon said, "Thank you very much. Appreciate it."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Any other comments? KFDI will still be my favorite radio station."*

*Mr. Dillon said, "Okay, well that's good to hear, thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "All right. Very fine. So we're moving on with appointments. That was our final proclamation. So, Madam Clerk, call our first item."*

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

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

**Present:** 0

## **APPOINTMENTS**

D [13-0040](#)

THE RESIGNATION OF DAVID MOFFETT (COMMISSIONER KARL PETERJOHN'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

*Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this resignation has been tendered to Commissioner Peterjohn and I recommend that the board accept it."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to make a motion that we accept the resignation, but I want to publicly thank Mr. Moffett for his service on this board. Appreciate his interest, and efforts on Sedgwick County's behalf, and I want to wish him well in the future. He's an old friend who I've had the privilege of working with many years ago, and I was glad that he was able to provide a unique perspective for this board, and I move that we accept the resignation."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to accept the resignation*

*Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item."*

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

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

**Present:** 0

E      [13-0038](#)      RESOLUTION APPOINTING BENJAMIN BREESE (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRIEVANCE BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Mr. Attorney, can we take Items E, F, and G together?"*

*Mr. Euson said, "Yes. I was actually going to recommend that. So Item E is a new appointment to the board, Benjamin Breese is the employee representative alternate. Item F, is a resolution reappointing Scott Hadley, as the alternate recommended by the County Manager. And Item G is the resolution appointing Kelly Arnold, who will also serve as the Chairman of that board automatically. So I would recommend you adopt the resolutions for Items E, F, and G."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolutions for Item E, F, and G.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "Who is present here to be sworn in? Okay, sir, Benjamin? Please approach the podium."*

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

*Mr. Benjamin Breese, Appointee, Sedgwick County Grievance Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Madam Clerk, call Item H, please. I apologize. I wanted to ask Mr. Breese if he had any comments."*

*Mr. Breese said, "No, sir."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "No, sir. Okay, fine. Madam Clerk, call the next item."*

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

**Peterjohn, that this Appointment(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

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

**Present:** 0

- F**      [13-0036](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SCOTT HADLEY (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRIEVANCE BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY COUNTY MANAGER WILLIAM BUCHANAN.  
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Action on Item F was taken with Item E.*

- G**      [13-0037](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KELLY ARNOLD (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRIEVANCE BOARD.  
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Action on Item G was taken with Item E.*

H      [13-0039](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BILL HANCOCK (COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this resolution is for a four year term, and I recommend that you adopt it."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Commissioners, you have heard..."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "Is Bill Hancock here today? Okay. We'll get him sworn in at the appropriate time. Okay, so that concludes appointments. Now we'll move to staff presentation. Call Item I."*

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

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

**Present:** 0

**PRESENTATION**

- I      [13-0022](#)      PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.  
Presented by: Greg Baker, Training Coordinator, Division of Human Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recognize the certificate recipients.

*Mr. Greg Baker, Training Coordinator, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is our pleasure this morning to recognize Sedgwick County employees for hard work and dedication to their career development by completing one or more of five certificates, in the area of Supervisory Management, Transitioning to Supervisor, Professional Development, Diversity and MindLeaders. Each of these certificates has a number of required and elective classes offered both live and online. Obtaining these certificates can be quite an accomplishment, as they can be a very lengthy process. We would like to thank those who support the career development process, including the employee supervisors and managers.*

*"Today we are presenting certificates to the following individuals: Adam Bates, Diversity, thank you; Patty Beaufort, Supervisory Management Development, thank you; Cynthia Burroughs-Ponder, Diversity, thank you; Candace Cornwell, Transitioning to Supervisor, thank you; Cayle Eerton, Professional Development, thank you; Daniel Foster, MindLeader, thank you; Krystal Gonzalez, Diversity, thank you; Tamara Hurley, Transitioning to Supervisor, Professional Development, and Diversity; Stephanie Lane, Professional Development and Diversity, thank you; and Eric Laney, Professional Development. Thank you for recognizing these individuals and congratulations to all of the recipients."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "You bet. Let's give them a hand. Congratulations on all your hard work, and your goal of furthering your education. Thank you very much. Okay. So, now moving on to planning agenda, Madam Clerk, call Item J, please."*

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- J      [13-0051](#)      DER2012-00008 - AMENDMENTS TO THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE (JULY 9, 2009, EDITION) THAT FACILITATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEWLY CREATED UNIFIED BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS INCLUDING REVISIONS TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "BUILDING PERMIT" AND "ZONING ADMINISTRATOR" (ALL DISTRICTS).

Presented by: John L. Schlegel, Director of Planning.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the recommendation and findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission ("MAPC"), approve the proposed amendments and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution.

*Mr. John L. Schlegel, Director, Planning, greeted the Commissioners and said, "What I am presenting to you this morning are amendments to the Unified Zoning Code in order to make the zoning code more consistent with the resolution that you adopted back in October, creating the unified, or consolidated Board of Zoning Appeals. You will recall that you took that action back on October 17th. That same resolution was also adopted by the Wichita City Council on November 6th, and so we now have a Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code, or as some would refer to say, the Sedgwick County-Wichita Board of Zoning Appeals. So in order to make the zoning code consistent with that action, we proposed making changes to four definitions within the zoning code. Board of Zoning Appeals is now called by its new name, rather than each respective board for each jurisdiction. Under building code, we added the reference to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Building and Trades Code. Changes to the definition for building permit, minor changes in order to reflect the change in the organization, and then under the definition for zoning administrator, we are proposing to change the zoning administrator to the planning director or his designee.*

*"And then other amendments would be under the section that deals with how to apply for a variance, also the section on how to appeal the zoning administrator's decisions when necessary, and then also the section on when the city or county may deny or withhold permits, certificates or other forms of authorization. And then one other amendment that we're proposing today, which we had not taken to the (Metropolitan Area) Planning Commission, all the other amendments that I ran through were ones that we had taken to the Planning Commission at its meeting on December 20th. One additional amendment would be to the section within the zoning code that provides for the authority for staff to make zoning adjustments. Historically that had always been required to co-signees on the letters providing for those zoning adjustments, it had always been the planning director, and then also the zoning administrator for each respect if I have respective jurisdiction.*

*"Since the, we are proposing the planning director now be the zoning administrator, it would not make, we would not therefore have two co-signees. So what we're proposing is having the planning director sign off on zoning adjustments, that the Director of the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD) also sign off. And that maintains the practice, then, of having two department heads sign off on those zoning adjustments. Staff apologizes for not having thought to bring that as an amendment to the Planning Commission. We didn't think of that until after the*

*Planning Commission meeting, but we feel it is an important change to make, so therefore, what we're recommending for today is that you adopt these amendments to the zoning code, including this additional amendment that I just outlined for you. Planning Commission reviewed all the other amendments that I mentioned at its meeting in December, and voted unanimously to approve those proposals, and there have not been any objections registered with the staff regarding any of these changes. So that's the recommendation of staff, to adopt all of these amendemnts to the Unified Zoning Code."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Staff has made their presentation. Is there any questions by Commissioners? If there's no questions, I'll entertain a motion."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the recommendation and findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission ("MAPC"), approve the proposed amendments and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. New Business, Madam Clerk, necessary item."*

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

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

**Present:** 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

K [13-0041](#)

AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL PLAINS REGIONAL HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION (CPRHCF) AND THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$208,940.00 TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT ACCESS PROGRAM.

Presented by: Roderick Harris, Children and Family Health Division Director, Sedgwick County Health Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

*Mr. Roderick Harris, Children and Family Health Division Director, Sedgwick County Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is the annual agreement with Sedgwick County and Project Access, and Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation. Sedgwick County is one of three foundational partners with Project Access. The other two being United Way and the City of Wichita, as stated, the agreement is for \$208,940, and this is a 10 percent decrease from last year, and I would like to say that Project Access has been in existence since 1999, and has served over 11,200 patients in Sedgwick County. Also some highlights that I would like to share about Project Access.*

*"Again, administered by the Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation, a non-profit affiliate of the medical society of Sedgwick County. It is a physician-led agreement, and this is, sorry, coordinating donated care by physicians, hospitals, pharmacies and other ancillary providers. Eligible participants are U.S. (United States) citizens who reside in Sedgwick County who are also uninsured and low income. And by low income, we are referring to individuals that are 200 percent federal poverty level or below. Area hospitals donate inpatient and outpatient services to Project Access, and over 50 percent of the physicians in the medical society are participate in the Project Access initiative.*

*"That is 613 physicians, and more than 770 physicians have participated since the program's inception.*

*"Also since Project Access began, it has purchased \$4.3 million in prescription medication with funding from the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, and it also has leveraged \$3.4 million in medications donated by pharmaceutical companies, and has purchased \$196,000 in durable medical equipment. For Butler County this year, Project Access will be expanding into their area in 2013 with support from Cole [Taylor] Bank, and this funding will totally support that project and this will not be supported by Sedgwick County funds.*

*"As you are aware as Board of Health members, health access is one of five priorities for Sedgwick County Health Department, and Central Plains [Regional Health Care Foundation] is the key partner in helping us meet goals for those initiatives. This agreement particularly funds numerous salaried positions, as well as paid for prescriptions and durable medical equipment. And the Sedgwick County Health Department requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve this agreement and authorize the Chair to sign it. I can answer any questions that you may have, and I also have Ann Nelson in the audience as well, the Associate Executive Director of the Sedgwick County Regional Health Care Foundation."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "You have heard staff's presentation. Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes, Roderick, you said we reduced the payment by almost \$24,000. Are you going to make up the difference?"*

*Mr. Harris said, "As far as how Project Access will make up the difference?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "In the reduction of funding."*

*Mr. Harris said, "I can have Ann come up and tell you what her plans are for covering that gap."*

*Ms. Ann Nelson, Associate Executive Director, Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation, greeted the Commissioners and said, "To address your question, Commissioner, we've implemented a fundraising campaign to identify some corporate partners that can help support Project Access, some private donors. In the meantime, the reduction was taken out of the amount of prescriptions we can provide to patients when they are enrolled."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. I would like to meet with you and talk about fundraising for that."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "I would love to do that. I will contact your office and schedule an appointment."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "You know, I will say in the past I voted against this, because I don't believe the government should be funding this, this should be in the private sector."*

*Commissioner Ranzau continued, "And you are aware of that, it is not because I don't believe this is a worthy project, because it is. I come from the medical community and I know what it does and I understand its importance. I believe it can and should be funded by the private sector."*

*"There are non-profit healthcare entities that get special tax benefits that they don't have to pay, you know, income tax, property taxes, whatever. And in return, they are supposed to have a community health assessment and address access to health care. I think they should be the primary movers and shakers in this area, because they aren't subsidized for the taxpayer in exchange for going out and addressing some of these needs. Unfortunately, I think, over time, we have increased our dependence on government for a lot of things to include health care, and I'm telling you that that has caused a change in the mindset of a lot of people in health care. Not all, but there used to be a time when taking care of the poor was, and the needy was just part of being a physician. And you didn't expect any compensation from the government, you just did it."*

*"But I know from my experience that that has changed for a lot. Not all. And I know that half of the physicians in the community are participating. That means half are not. I think that's unfortunate. I think there are plenty of agencies out there and entities that should be willing to participate in this. We do lots of things to try and address access to health care. This is a much, this is a local and much better way to address it than other things, for example, what I consider unconstitutional mandates by the federal*

government, that in the end all they do is increase the cost of health care.

*"So I like this program in principle, but I'm just convinced in the long run, it is best if the government doesn't subsidize. It really isn't a function for us to subsidize any non-profit, no matter how good it is. That's a private sector purpose. This money, in my estimation, would be better used, for example, JRBR (Judge Riddel Boys Ranch), which is a function of government and very important. Both very possible needs, but one I see as the prime responsibility of government and the other is the prime responsibility of the private sector.*

*"But nevertheless, I am going to support this because I believe we're moving in the right direction. I would like to assist in finding additional people that would support this. I will make a donation, if you're looking for fundraising, I will invest my own money in this, because I do believe it is important, and I appreciate all the work that you do. Thank you."*

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ann, the services that you help provide and administer from the medical physicians and so forth, are they reimbursed for that?"

Ms. Nelson said, "No. That care is all donated; 100 percent of the care is donated. The funding at that we're talking about from United Way, Sedgwick County and City of Wichita pays for a small staff, the infrastructure, as well as the prescription support so that when a patient is being seen by a physician, they get medication prescribed, they are able to purchase that, low-cost prescriptions. So the physicians and hospitals are not reimbursed."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Are some of the prescriptions donated and so forth? Are they all reimbursed to some level or another?"

Ms. Nelson said, "We buy generic medications when they are prescribed, and then we have a staff position that leverages donated medications on behalf of patients by the pharmaceutical companies. She assists people in applying to their donation programs."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Well, I just would like to just express, like Commissioner Ranzau, I think this is a great service to the community. I'm glad that we're doing it. I see this partly as a responsibility as the Board of Health that we support these sort of efforts, and the multiply indication of this, of the dollars that are provided in services and that are provided seems to me to be almost immeasurable when you think of \$500,000 or total funding that you have, and the amount of, the value of the services that are received, its, I just want to express appreciation to all the physicians and medical community who willingly participate and donate their time and services. And express appreciate to you and your staff for administering it in such a way that we can have this asset in our community. So thank you."

Ms. Nelson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll second the comments of

*my colleagues. I wanted to ask a question, in terms of backup information, said that people who are up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level would be able to receive benefits, for a family of four or an individual, do either of you know how much income you can have before you reach that cut-off point?"*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Gosh, I would want to go look and make sure. I think it's around \$29,000 or \$30,000. I would have to check. I don't want to misspeak. I'm sorry, I don't have that number handy."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Would that be for an individual or family of four?"*

*Ms. Nelson said, "We applied the same process to an individual, 200 percent below federal poverty level. Family of four we calculate, we have a format that we use to apply whether there is one person in the family or six people in the family. The dollar amount, gross income changes, based on the number of people in the family."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I know the state government is involved in changing how they administer the Medicaid program. And I didn't know how this might affect your program this year, and of course going into the future we've got expanded federal role, whether you want to call it the patient protection and Affordable Care Act or more better known, where I'm at, as ObamaCare. I was curious, in terms of how this might impact your program and if you had any insight, if you could share with us, in terms of how this program is likely to change going forward. Interested in having an understanding, because there is a lot of significant transitions, and I think it will affect a lot of entities, including, I suspect, Sedgwick County and other governmental bodies, too."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Well, I appreciate your question, and it is a complex answer, and it is going to look different in each state. We are asking the same question and getting that question a lot."*

*Ms. Nelson continued, "There are three key pieces to the legislation that are designed to reduce premium expenses, and to increase opportunities for access to insurance for people across the country. The first is a health insurance exchange, which will become a marketplace for people to shop online, to compare and contrast all the different insurance product models that are available to them, and they will, for certain populations, they will be eligible for subsidies. So some people who maybe can't afford insurance right now, will have subsidies that assist them in buying those, paying for those insurance premiums. I don't know what number of people in Kansas or Sedgwick County might be eligible for those subsidies, but we can get that number for you and get back to you. And another part of the legislation was health insurance cooperatives."*

*"The legislation called for a new health insurance cooperative, a new health insurance corporative, nonprofit, consumer drive cooperative to come up in each state, however, in the fiscal cliff deal, 30 of the applications that were submitted for a federal loan to start health insurance cooperatives around the country, in that fiscal cliff deal those, that funding was rescinded. And we actually help lead an initiative with Wichita Independent Business Association to apply for that federal loan. It was a loan that we were going to draw down and then pay back to the federal government so we will not have a health insurance cooperative here in Kansas."*

*"That cooperative, those cooperatives were designed to reduce premium expenses, because there's more competition in the marketplace, and add new insurance options for people in each state. We won't have one in Kansas, unless we can finalize, we're*

*pursuing alternate financing for that cooperative here in Kansas. So stay tuned on that. And then another key part of the legislation was, whether it is supported here in Kansas or not, is to expand Medicaid. And as I think you probably are aware, the Governor hasn't made a decision, I think he and his staff are researching the cost that might come to Kansas down the road.*

*"In the beginning, that expanded Medicaid program was fully funded by the federal government. Whether we will do that here in Kansas, I don't know. But a significant population of people here in Kansas, about 120,000 people, would be eligible in an expanded Medicaid environment. We may not see that here. That may not occur. So we are anticipating parts of the legislation will not impact Kansas, certainly not uninsured people here in Sedgwick County. We have 75,000 uninsured residents that live here right now. We think a significant number of them will continue to remain uninsured and there will be continue to be a need to serve them."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Seventy-five thousand in Sedgwick County?"*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Because that's, off the top of my head, that's somewhere around 15 percent of the county's population."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And, you know, Medicaid was originally supposed to be set up to handle all those programs. That's a program that's coming up on its 50th anniversary. Off the top of my head, if my math calculations are correct, and that's on top of also the Medicare program for seniors, which covers a lot of folks, too, and so, obviously, there is a great deal of change coming in the medical world, demanding on what levels the government decides to make which decisions and how it gets implemented here. I appreciate you clarifying how Project Access is operating within that environment. Thank you."*

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I have some more questions about the medication, the prescriptions you get filled."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "What sort of costs, I mean, do you get a cost reduction for that? Where are you getting your prescriptions filled?"*

*Ms. Nelson said, "I appreciate the question. We have 82 pharmacies that have agreed to fill prescriptions for us, so most of the pharmacies here in Sedgwick County*

*participate. They don't charge any dispensing fees, so that's a significant contribution from the pharmacies around the county, and we pay mostly for generics, so we keep a low cost, because we are buying generics only except for a few key name brand drugs, insulin, for example, for a diabetic, because insulin's are name brand, for those who are needing inhalers because they have breathing issues, those are name brands, but we think it is appropriate to pay for those as well, to keep people out of the emergency departments in the hospital."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "So you are basically paying the pharmacy cost for the medications; is that right?"*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Yes. We have a maximum allowable cost that's implemented with our pharmacy benefits manager, a company that we work with on contract, will not allow a pharmacy to charge over a certain dollar amount for any kind of prescription."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Is there any potential or benefit to looking with some of the hospitals who might be able to get the medication in bulk rate at a lower cost, is that even possible? Are we getting as good a deal as we can?"*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Our cost per member per month is extremely low. It is 25 percent, I believe, of the national average, so we manage this program very effectively."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I'm talking specifically about the prescriptions."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "We are not able to dispense medications. We could certainly, I would be happy to talk with the hospitals and find out if there's a way, and physician's offices maybe, to get samples. The pharmacies would have to distribute those. There is a chain of contact that you have to maintain with medications that can't be opened, we're not licensed to distribute."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I know, but I'm talking about the hospitals. The hospital couldn't be a resource for dispensing medications? I'm thinking they can buy in bulk and give you reduced cost."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "We can certainly pursue that."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I didn't know if that was an option. I've kind of asked that question, and I don't know if I have ever really gotten a good, maybe it is not feasible, but it seems to me that might be a possibility. We can talk about that more. I wanted to understand better what costs are associated with it."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "All right. Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Ann, thanks for being here today. Tell us the dollar amount of donated care since the beginning in 1999. It is pretty remarkable number."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "It is \$140 million in donated medical care by physicians, hospitals, dentists, and other ancillary providers like hospice care facilities, physical therapy."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Obviously that kind of ability to bring the capacity of our medical community to bear for those that struggle from no insurance or being*

*under-insured or not having a medical home, I think, is dramatic. I'll continue to support this. Continue to do the good work. I understand that we would rather this be in the private sector, but until the private sector steps up and takes all of the enchilada, I think we have an obligation as the Board of Health because one of our key commitments, which is access to healthcare that we'll continue to participate. I'm going to be supportive of that."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Norton moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Moved and seconded to authorize the agreement and approve the Chair to sign. Discussion of the motion? I have a question now. How do, you know, when we have, is the program right now maxed out? Is there any room for new patients?"*

*Ms. Nelson said, "There is room for new patients, depending on the subspecialty."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Neurological appointments are hard to get in for, certain other specialty areas, but we do have continued capacity in others."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "How do we identify people for this program? Where does this come from? Is there a number people can find, you know, if they are struggling?"*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Our involvement sites are the community clinics, like GraceMed, Hunter [Health Clinic], Center for Health and Wellness, E.C. Tyree [Health and Dental Clinic], Guadalupe [Clinic]. When people are receiving primary care at those clinic sites, and then the primary care provider at the clinic said I need you to see a specialist. You need the knee replaced, or I'm worried about your heart, you know, whatever that might be.*

*"Then they can get enrolled at the clinic, and we have a partnership in place with the State of Kansas, Department of Children and Families, they have eligibility staff that are co-located at all those clinics, so they help us do about 50 percent of our enrollment in Project Access. One mechanism for getting enrolled is at the clinic site. Then all of our physicians who participate can refer their own patients, or patients that they've just established a relationship with, and then people call us all day long and the medical society asking how can I get enrolled. So we help people navigate their way into our program."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "So basically, let me ask you to clarify something."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "Okay."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "People go see a doctor and get referred to the program."*

*Ms. Nelson said, "They can."*

Chairman Skelton said, "Is that the most common method of ..."

Ms. Nelson said, "It's about half and half."

Chairman Skelton said, "Half and half."

Ms. Nelson said, "About half from the clinics and half are established in physician offices already. They may lose a job, they lose their insurance, and the physician says I am going to continue my commitment to this patient, I am going to refer you to get enrolled in Project Access and count that towards my annual commitment."

Chairman Skelton said, "All right. Well, you know, I'm definitely supportive of the program. You know, I was dissatisfied...I want to be truthful here. I got some people I represent, and I know one of them would probably be dead because they receive regular cancer treatment and have for years for skin cancer. I have heard some complaints, okay, and, you know, what I would like to see is, you know, if there is room in the program, we need to put the word out there. I would like to see better visibility of this program from low income people, single people, single mothers with kids.

"I mean, because not everybody knows about it, and the people that don't know about it, suffer and they struggle, so when I call and ask for a physician list and I get told no, I am not happy about it. I shake my head. Okay? So I think there needs to be changes in that area. And I'm not, you know, the boss here, I'm making a suggestion. Okay? That's what I would like to see happen. I'm very supportive of this program, of course. I know that people rely on it. Some people rely on it to stay alive."

Ms. Nelson said, "They do."

Chairman Skelton said, "Some are kids. All right? And I know that the medical community cannot 100 percent donate this thing out, okay? Pharmaceutical issues, I mean, Richard, or Commissioner Ranzau brought some of those up. Those would be great ideas if we work on those. I am frustrated with the cost of pharmaceuticals also. Where's the philanthropy there? We don't see any. At least I don't. I think we should see more there. Okay?"

"I think pharmaceutical companies, when I hear about them, I see them as being aggressive, they're very heavy in their lobbying efforts, and the costs, they are crazy. We got patients in jail, talking about yesterday, cost \$20,000 a month for medication. Okay? So I know we have issues with that there. All right? Basically those are my comments. Any additional comments, or I am going to take the vote. I will have the Clerk call the vote. No other comments? Madam Clerk call the vote, please."

#### VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, thank you. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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

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

**Present:** 0

L [13-0049](#)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING ROADS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF K.S.A. 68-5, 103; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY LAW (2013 ROADS).

Presented by: Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The resolution that's before you is the first of what will be a series of actions that we will ask you to take during the course of this year. Should you approve all of those actions they will culminate in the issuance of general obligation debt by the county to pay for, in this case a road improvement on 135th Street West between K[ansas Highway]-42 and 71st Street South. This resolution, as I said, is the first step in the process. Specifically it authorizes us to begin the process of selling general obligation bonds to provide permanent financing for that project.*

*"It also establishes the county's right to pay the costs of that project from cash reserves, and to then reimburse those cash accounts with the proceeds of the bonds that we plan to sell later this year. The amount of bonds that we expect to sell for this project are \$3,349,500. The project is additionally funded, to be funded with sales tax to the tune of \$400,000. The project and the source of finance has been contemplated in the county's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which you adopted last year, and it is contemplated in the county's financial forecast, or financial plan.*

*"Should these bonds be issued and repaid entirely with property tax, and should that action necessitate an increase of the property tax rate, then we would estimate that that increase of property tax rate would be 5/100ths of a mill to produce the \$225,000 of annual debt service, annual principle and interest costs that would be required from this bond issue over 20 year period. We do not expect that there will be a tax increase necessitated by this. We expect that these bonds will be repaid with existing revenues that are being generated by the county at current tax rates and other levies. It will be a matter for the annual budget determination to decide exactly what source of funding will be used to repay these bonds.*

*"The statute under which this resolution is authorized requires us, should you approve it, to publish the resolution once a week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper, which in our case is The Wichita Eagle, and the second publication initiates a 90 day protest period. If, during that 90 day period, sufficient numbers of petitions are filed with the County Clerk objecting to the sale of the bonds or objecting to the resolution, then the county would not be allowed to proceed with the issuance of bonds unless the county first submits the question of the bond issuance to the voters and that action is approved in a referendum.*

*"These bonds are not subject to the statutory debt ceiling that governs Sedgwick County debt issuance. It is, however, subject to the county's debt policies, the limits we have established in that policy. Within county policy, we have measured the county's capacity to take on debt by looking at five specific statistics, and you see those listed in your agenda summary on page two. The policy says that we are not allowed to issue additional debt if at any point in time we exceed more than the*

*maximum threshold of two of those measures.*

*"At this point and for the foreseeable future we exceed one of those thresholds, but not two, therefore the issuance of these bonds falls within the tolerance that is established by the county's debt policy. The resolution was drafted by the county's bond counsel, Joe Norton, from the firm of Gilmore & Bell. He is in the room here and would be happy to answer any technical questions at that you might have about the resolution or about our authority under state law. I would be happy to answer any questions about what I have discussed with you, and if you have no questions, then I would recommend that you approve the resolution that's before you."*

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

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first question, I noticed in the backup material that someone was interested in filing a protest petition, they would have to collect valid signatures, three percent of the votes cast for the office of governor, which would have been in the 2010 election."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I assume that's pretty significant number of signatures. My guess off the top of my head, somewhere around maybe about 8,000 or so?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "4,041."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "4,041, okay, that's a lot smaller than I had anticipated. Thank you. Let me ask a question, in terms of since this is the part of the total amount of debt that we plan to issue in 2013, Chris, do you have any information how much the total amount of debt that we are looking at issuing this year as part of the financial plan and how much we're planning to redeem this year as part of the financial plan and how the figures would net out?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "We are planning to issue \$4 million, and I'm sorry, I should have anticipated the question, but I don't know how much we are planning to redeem. It is more than \$4 million, however, and our net debt outstanding should be less at the end of this year than it was last year."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That was the point I wanted to get at. That was the number I was looking for, but that does provide that broader picture, since I didn't know how many more other projects we would be dealing with on a case by case basis as opposed to looking at it as a whole when we go through the entire budget. If there are other, if you had an idea, in terms of the total amount that would be issued, that we're looking at to issue for this year, in addition to the project, do you have any ballpark figure on that?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Only the debt that is contemplated in the next resolution on your agenda for bridges. The sum of those two resolutions is \$4 million, plus a small amount for transaction costs."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That would be the entire amount?"*

Mr. Chronis said, "That would be the entirety of what we've planned for this year."

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

Chairman Skelton said, "You are welcome, sir, thank you. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That last question basically clarified, these next two items are part of the \$4 million?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I voted against that in the past. Unlike the previous item where I have seen some improvement, I haven't seen any in this. I will continue to advocate against this. Because we're basically borrowing money every year for our basic functions, and we are at a point, the last time I calculated it, the last time we did this, we are going to end up spending \$5 million in principle and interest, and we're getting \$4 million a year in road and bridgework. We can adjust our budget, and address our needs in roads and bridges without increasing taxes with existing funds. I just don't think this is a good practice. Over the years, I did some different calculations, and I don't have them with me now.

"It will cost tens of millions of dollars more than what it really has to. And I think that's money that could best be served on a variety of issues. Unfortunately this has been going on for a while, and we've kind of dug ourselves in a hole. But I think it would be worthwhile to reverse the course and go the other way because, like I said, I am convinced based on everything I've seen so far that we can address our needs with cash and not dig ourselves in debt.

"I mean, I don't understand how it is in the best interests to pay \$5 million a year and get \$4 million worth of benefit. That being said, I kind of sense where this is going, but I always like to explain my votes. Is this the point of no return, or do we have other things in the future?"

Mr. Chronis said, "No, you will have additional actions in the future."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "If I can pull some arms and legs and get some people going. All right, that clarifies it for me, thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Good grief. Thank you, just don't pull on my left toe, alright. Okay, any other questions by Commissioners?"

#### MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

#### VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	No

*Commissioner Unruh*                      *Aye*  
*Chairman Skelton*                      *Aye*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Thank you very much. Next item, please, Madam Clerk."*

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

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

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

**Present:** 0

M [13-0050](#)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO BUILD OR REPAIR EXISTING BRIDGES IN THE COUNTY UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF K.S.A. 68-1103; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY LAW (2013 BRIDGE PROJECTS).

Presented by: Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Chairman Skelton said, "Hello Chris, how are you, sir, again?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Hello again. This, as we said, this is a companion resolution to the one that you just approved. In this case, the resolution is, it pertains to bridge projects that have been included in the county's Capital Improvement Program and have been financed in that program with a combination of bonds, bond proceeds, sales taxes, and in one case some grant funds.*

*Mr. Chronis continued, "The projects at issue are a bridge on 55th Street South between Meridian [Street] and West Street, which is to be funded with \$300,000 of bond proceeds, and \$350,000 of sales tax. A bridge on 103rd Street South between Hoover [Road] and Ridge [Road], which is to be funded with \$150,000 of bond proceeds, and approximately \$244,000 of sales tax. A bridge on 107th Street South between 231st Street West and 247th Street West, which is to be funded with \$200,000 of bonds and \$700,000 of sales tax. Finally, a bridge on 239th Street West between K-42 and 103rd Street South, and that project is to be funded with \$50,000 of bond proceeds, \$200,000 of federal highway grant funds, and \$100,000 of sales tax.*

*"And I would note for the record that we have a glitch on the agenda summary that is before you, the table on page one includes a digit at the end of each of the numbers for these four projects, which causes the cost estimate to have been increased by a considerable amount of money. But to run through that, the first project, the bridge on 55th Street South, again, the cost estimate for bond funding is \$300,000, not \$3,000,001. The bridge on 103rd Street South, is \$150,000 you, not \$1,500,002. The bridge on is 107th Street South is \$200,000, not \$2,000,003. And finally, the bridge on 239th Street West is \$50,000, not \$500,004, and I apologize for that error.*

*"Once again, the total amount of bonds to issue these projects is \$700,000, and when we add the transaction costs to that, the issuance costs, the amount of bonds that you would be authorizing with the resolution is \$710,500. Once again, this resolution authorizes the county's right to fund these projects with cash, and then to reimburse those cash accounts with the proceeds of the bond sale, which we expect to conclude later on this year, and, once again, the projects are in the county's adopted Capital Improvement Program and the repayment of the bonds has been contemplated in the county's long-term financial forecast. These bonds, should they be issued we estimate will require annual debt service, annual principle and interest cost of \$47,000 for 20 years. Once again, should a tax increase be necessary to pay that amount, a tax rate of 1/100th of a mill would be required, but once again, we do not anticipate that any tax increase will be required for the bonds that we plan to sell this year.*

*"The authority under which this resolution is authorized does not require a protest period. These bonds are simply authorized as general obligation issues by Sedgwick*

County. Once again, the bonds are not subject to the statutory debt ceiling established for county governments in this state, but these bonds would be subject to the debt ceiling that is established by virtue of those five ratios that are contained in the county's debt policy, and the issuance of these bonds would not cause us to exceed the two ratios that set the limit in that policy. So under county policy, these bonds are authorized. Once again Joe Norton, our county's bond counsel from the firm of Gilmore & Bell drafted the resolution. He is in the audience and I am sure would be happy to answer any questions that you might have about it or the legalities. I'd be happy to answer any questions about what I've discussed, and if you have no questions, then I would recommend that you approve this resolution."

Chairman Skelton said, "Questions. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chris, question, the last time we issued general obligation debt was in the last year, we got a very, very low interest rate, as I recall. Do you happen to recall off the top of your head recall how low that interest rate was?"

Mr. Chronis said, "I believe it was something like 2.9 [percent]."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "2.9 percent over 20 years?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "One of the challenges we have on the flip side on the financial report is obviously we have almost no interest, in terms of cash balances, but, in terms of the interest cost, they were extremely low. Now, of course there is no guarantee what they will be when you go to the market in the future, especially since that's not going to happen for a number of months. I wanted to understand, you know, kind of the tradeoff, in terms of the time value of money, such as it is in our current financial situation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Skelton said, "You are welcome, sir. Thank you. Further comments, questions?"

#### MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

#### VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	No
Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Chairman Skelton	Aye

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

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

**Unruh, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

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

**Present:** 0

N [13-0019](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Presented by: Chris Chronis, CFO.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

*Chairman Skelton said, "Hi Chris, how are you still?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Doing well."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "And you?"*

*Chairman Skelton said, "I'm still doing well also. Thank you."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Happy to hear that. The county concluded its fiscal year, as you know, December 31st. Earlier this year, in mid-January, we delivered to you the monthly financial report showing the results for the year ending with December. Now we are presenting to you the quarterly financial report, as we do at the end of every calendar quarter. The information contained in that report, and I should point out that a hard copy of the report was delivered to you and various others at the end of last week, and it has been posted on the county's website in the financial reports section of the finance department's page on the website for anybody that might care to view it.*

*"This report contains essentially the same information, but in somewhat greater detail than the monthly report that we delivered to you in mid-January. For those of you who I know will look at the reports and compare numbers, you will find some differences. That is because at the end of the year we are going through the process of doing the final reconciliation, and preparations for the audit that has just begun, so there have been minor adjustments that were made after the monthly report was delivered to you, and before this report was concluded. These numbers, I should point out are unaudited. When we get the results of the audit, which we will deliver to you around April 1st, there may again be some changes to the numbers, although we have no reason to think that any such change would be material.*

*"The report has been prepared by the staff in the county's budget office led by David Miller, and the county's Accounting Department led by Sarah Jantz. In the audience we have Sarah and Brandy from accounting, and we have David and Pete and Lindsay from the budget office, and sitting in the back, we have Troy Bruun who prepared this presentation that I am about to deliver for you. As always, I don't do any real work, the real work is done by many others in the finance division, and I am very grateful for their work on this project and the management of the county's finances.*

*"Let me begin with this picture, with which you are very familiar, the green line on the bottom of this chart identifies the forecast that we delivered to you at your retreat in February of 2011. That forecast in 2011 suggested that we would have deficits for that year and for the next several years after that, and each year those deficits would be between \$10 [million] and \$20 million. At that point you set goals for us, one of which was to eliminate that deficit by 2013. What you see on the blue line are the results to date. In 2011, instead of having a \$13.4 million as we had forecasted in February, we*

*ended the year with a \$7.3 million deficit. In 2012, instead of having a \$16.3 million deficit, as we had projected back in February of 2011, we ended the year in our property tax supported funds with a cumulative surplus of \$1.2 million.*

*"That is the result of many hard decisions that you have made over the past several years, extreme hard work by the folks in the budget office and departments throughout this county government. We have now just under 2,800 employees, virtually every one of whom has been involved in one way or another in helping us alter this curve that we showed you in February of [20]11. And so the county staff and the county elected officials, including you, last but not least, are responsible for a very significant change in the county's financial condition, and that is a very good thing indeed. To place a little bit of perspective on that.*

*"In February of 2011, when we gave that forecast to you, the county had 3,042 employees. We had paid 3,042 employees immediately before that. At the end of 2011, the last payroll of that year, we paid 2,893 employees. So within at that year, we had reduced the workforce by that many. At the end of 2012, we paid in the last payroll of 2012, we paid 2,797 employees.*

*"And so once again, we had a reduction of staffing that occurred through the year 2012. Now, we have done two payrolls in 2013, and in the last payroll the one issued last Friday, we paid 2,784 employees. So the count of the county workforce has gone down significantly over the past several years, and continues to drop. We have not stopped, even though we've accomplished your goal of ending the deficit before 2013.*

*"This slide shows the cash position of the county at the end of each calendar quarter, going back to the start of 2008. And you've seen this chart many times before. You're familiar with the cash flow cycle that is depicted in this chart, the ups and downs in the chart. We ended the year of 2012 with \$69 million of fund balance in the county's general fund. That is about \$3 million higher fund balance than we had at the end of 2011. But you can see over the five years our ending fund balance in the general fund consistently has been between \$66 [million] and \$70 million.*

*"Our investment portfolio consists of much more than the cash that's in the general fund, it consists of all of our cash balances, and the property taxes that have been collected by the treasurer, but not yet distributed to any of the hundred other governments in Sedgwick County that levy property taxes. What you see on this chart shows the size of the green bars, shows the size of the county's investment portfolio, at the end of each calendar quarter going back to December of 2008, and you can see that our cash, the cash that we have available for investments has dropped over that appeared period of time. Most of that decrease has been because at the start of this chart, December of 2008, we were still in construction mode on Intrust Bank Arena.*

*"We still had much of the sales tax that had previously been collected to pay for that project, but it hadn't yet been spent for the project through 2009, and very early in 2010, we completed that [Intrust Bank] Arena, we spent the cash to pay for it, and that accounts for much of the draw down in cash that you see over this period of time. We ended the year 2012 with \$475 million of cash in our investment portfolio. A year earlier we had \$488.5 million, so roughly the same amount, in our portfolio at the same point in time during the calendar years. The blue line shows the county's investment returns on that portfolio, the red line show the county's adopted benchmark against which we compare county investment returns, and that is the one year treasury bill. The rate for the one year treasury bill, our benchmark, has been considerably low for this entire period.*

*"You can see that it has never exceeded 6/10ths of one percent, and in fact since reaching that level back in 2009, it has gradually dropped so that by the end of 2012, the benchmark, the one year [treasury] bill, had a yield of 16/100ths of a percent. The county's investment return denoted by the blue line was considerably higher at the beginning of this four-year period because we had invested in securities earlier than that when market rates were considerably higher than they are now, or than they have been.*

*"But as those securities have been redeemed and we have had to purchase new securities, those securities have been purchased at market rights, and so our average return has been dropping over time, as you can see on this chart. We ended the year with an average return on our investments of 25/100ths of a percent. That's roughly 50 percent, almost 50 percent better than the benchmark. Sounds good, but it's still only a quarter of a percent on \$475 million. The technical term for that, I think, is ridiculous. It is not much money. You will see the results of that on this slide, which show the key revenues in the county's property tax supported funds as of the end of the fourth quarter of 2011 and the same point in time for 2012.*

*Mr. Chronis continued, "And what we've identified on this chart are what we identify as key revenues, major funding sources for the tax supported funds, and at the bottom we identify all revenues in the property tax supported funds. So ad valorem tax, property tax is far and away the largest funding source for Sedgwick County and certainly for property tax supported funds. During the year, we ended up collecting 1.4 percent more property tax than we had collected in the prior year. You see the other key revenues here, and I won't belabor them. I will point out that on mortgage registration fees where you see a large percentage increase, that \$1.97 million increase is largely the result of two single transactions, very large refinancings of industrial facilities by two major companies in town. And that produced most of that change. Toward the bottom of the chart, you see investment income, and for 2011 on that investment portfolio that ended the year at \$488 million, I think I said, for all of 2011, we collected \$1.57 million of investment income.*

*"In 2012, it dropped even more than that. We collected \$1.25 million, \$1.25 million on an investment portfolio that ended the year at \$475 million. And so certainly investment returns are not something that we can count on, should count on and, in fact, not something that we do count on to fund the county budget. Total revenue for the property tax supported funds increased 1 percent, a little over \$2 million from 2011 to 2012. Key expenditures are shown on this chart, and these expenditures are identified categorically. That is, what we are buying with our money. Salaries and wages, county labor is the largest category of expense that we have. That dropped 8.9 percent in 2012. And that is largely a function of that reduction in the number of employees that I talked about earlier.*

*"You can see the other major expenses that we have here, some down, a few up. Total expenditures for property tax supported funds decreased 2.7 percent, more than \$6.25 million in 2012 as compared to the prior year. So putting revenues and expenditures together, you have an increase of revenue of 1 percent, a decrease of expenditures of 2.7 percent, and that is what contributed to that \$3 million increase in ending fund balance in the general fund that I identified for you earlier. We had a number of significant capital projects underway in 2012, and as you can see from this slide, all of those projects have been successfully completed, and every single one of them was completed at or below budget.*

*"So in summary, I think the points that I see in this quarterly financial report, which are essentially the same as what we've been telling you for a couple of years now, the points are, first, that financial difficulty is largely a revenue problem for us. We have reduced expenditures, and we've reduced staffing that drives those expenditures significantly over the past several years. We did not have a deficit in 2012. We accomplished that result a year earlier than the goal that you had set for us early in 2011. We do not have a deficit projected for this year, for 2013. However, looking to the future, we do see some deficits, and you'll see David Miller's financial forecast at the retreat that is scheduled for next week.*

*"And so we'll be giving you more information about that next week, but the point is that the county now is considerably smaller and more focused than it was two years ago when we presented that pretty dyer forecast to you. We still have more work to do despite the fact that we have reduced staffing by more than 10 percent over the past couple years, despite the fact that we have reduced expenditures considerably over the past couple of years, we continue to collect less revenue now than we collected several years ago.*

*"And as a result, we still have some work to do. We'll be talking to you about what we propose to do to address those problems starting with the retreat next week, and we'll be interested in hearing your thoughts about that as well. There are some items that I see on the horizon that give me some heartburn. First is the state's budget. We all know the experiment that Kansas has engaged in with the proposed elimination of income tax and the speculation about whether or not that will drive development and, if so, whether that development will cause net revenues to rise rather than drop.*

*"Nevertheless, the initial forecasts of the state officials are that state deficits are going to be fairly extreme. That's going to result, I suspect, in a state budget that does two things, among others. Number one, it reduces the amount of funding that the state provides to Sedgwick County to pay for services that have been mandated by the state. And secondly, I suspect it will cause the state to shift the responsibility for providing some services that have been provided by the state down to Sedgwick County. And so I expect that we will see negative effects both on the revenue side and on the expenditure side from the state budget. An example of that, a very early example, is Senate Bill 61 that has been introduced this session.*

*"It pertains to human trafficking, something that I think we all would love to see addressed, but the bill addresses that in a way that would cause certain juveniles to have to be housed in the county's juvenile corrections facilities, and our corrections director estimates that the annual cost of that would be about \$255,000. That is a new cost to Sedgwick County if that bill should be passed. State legislation other than the budget also is likely to have some effect on Sedgwick County's finances. As an example, Senate Bill 54 has been introduced, and it addresses professional technical services. It accomplishes, I presume, some very good things, but one of the things that it does is change the state law in a way that effectively would prohibit us from considering price when we award professional technical contracts.*

*"We're talking here about architecture contracts, engineering contracts, surveying contracts, things of that sort. Right now, we consider the qualifications of the firm, the experience of that firm in doing similar projects and the price that that firm will charge Sedgwick County taxpayers in making a determination about who is going to get the county's business. The effect of Senate Bill 54 would be to say that we have to select*

*a firm based on considerations other than price.*

*"The firm would not be allowed to tell us what their price might be until after they have been selected, and at that point, we would be allowed to negotiate with the firm, but the firm as a practical matter would have already been selected, and so they don't have much reason to negotiate. So that's a concern, and I suspect there will be other bills introduced in the legislature that will have detrimental effects on Sedgwick County finance. And finally, the local economy continues to be a concern, and I don't know why I can't get rid of that thing, but just don't look at the slide. The local economy is recovering. The recovery is slow. That is not a surprise. You've heard it elsewhere.*

*"But I'll just remind you that we have Boeing [Company], which has announced they're leaving Sedgwick County in about a year. Boeing paid Sedgwick County well over \$1 million of property tax in 2011. Once they leave and those buildings are empty, there will be some property tax revenue collected from them, most likely, but it certainly won't be as much as has been collected. And so that's a concern. Of greater concern is the 2,000 employees that have been working in those facilities. What will those people do and what effect will their joblessness have on Sedgwick County's economy? Mr. Chronis continued, "Similarly, we have Hawker Beechcraft [Corporation] that is coming out of bankruptcy right now, and they will come out of bankruptcy as a different, smaller company.*

*"They have reduced their employment as a part of their bankruptcy proceedings. We don't know what's going to happen with their future employment, but that is a concern. Lots of local companies supply Boeing and Hawker Beechcraft and other major aviation companies, and so there is an effect that's far larger than just the two companies that make the headlines, and the effects on those companies will have on some impact on Sedgwick County finances, and so we'll be paying close attention to that as we go forward. That is the extent of the presentation that I'd like to make to you today. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have about it. Once again, the work in preparing the quarterly financial report was done by the good folks in the accounting and budget departments. This presentation was prepared by Troy Bruun, our Deputy CFO (Chief Financial Officer), and I'm very grateful for their support."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, Chris. You know, it has taken a lot of sacrifice to bring this ship out to a balanced budget, but it's necessary, and I want to commend the Manager and all the staff and the people that did the work to make it happen. You know, the reduction of nearly 10 percent of our workforce is necessary for this organization to remain healthy. It's not something that's desirable. But we have to stay above the red line. One question I have for you is, where do we put investments that, as you see, we don't get a ridiculous rate of return or ridiculous risk?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Where does the revenue go?"*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, no, I mean what else is there? What choices do we have other than tolerating this, as you said, ridiculous rate of return?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "We don't have any choice. State law specifies what securities we are allowed to invest in, and quite appropriately, we are restricted to very safe securities, and because they're very safe, they provide low returns."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Well, I think, you know, would you agree that the general state of the economy is what's leading to the low rates of return on many financial*

*instruments?”*

*Mr. Chronis said, “That requires more expertise than I have to be able to answer it.”*

*Chairman Skelton said, “Well, it could be. It certainly could be?”*

*Mr. Chronis said, “Yes.”*

*Chairman Skelton said, “You know, I think that’s just a reflection of the economy of our state and our country. I agree with you that, you know, the state has the potential to hit us with more unfunded mandates, and that puts us backwards on our position when we have a balanced budget and we have done all the work and we have made sacrifices to do such, and then we have people that are not part of this organization coming in and telling us how to run it. You know, we made this part of our platform. We’ve talked to these people, and they know. We have asked them to stay out of our business.*

*“You know, too many things like you have mentioned, the Hawker [Beechcraft Company] and Boeing issues, the local workforce. It’s unknown at this time. And certainly we could have less revenue next year and have to go through another round of cuts.”*

*Mr. Chronis said, “Yes.”*

*Chairman Skelton said, “Is that a possibility?”*

*Mr. Chronis said, “It’s a possibility.”*

*Chairman Skelton said, “So you could agree with that?”*

*Mr. Chronis said, “Yes.”*

*Chairman Skelton said, “All right. So those are my comments. There’s a couple more. Commissioner Peterjohn.”*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chris, on the employee numbers that you gave early in the presentation, in terms of total employment, basically the last numbers I had gotten before your presentation this morning indicated we had a little bit less than 200 part-time people out of the total employment that we had. Has that ratio at all changed since February 2011 and the numbers that you gave, or is it pretty much the same ratio between full and part-time on these numbers?”*

*Mr. Chronis said, “I believe it’s about the same, but I don’t have the details.”*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Okay.”*

*Mr. Chronis said, “All I looked at here to produce these were the number of people that we paid. I don’t know whether we paid them for full-time work or for part-time work.”*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, “And, in terms of part-timers, if this wouldn’t include the folks who last year were working for very brief periods of time for the Election Commissioners office to put on the election?”*

Mr. Chronis said, "No."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Even among the part-time people?"

Mr. Chronis said, "As I said, these were employee counts at a point in time. In each case, I believe it was the last payroll issued in each calendar year, and so at that point in time, we wouldn't have those poll workers on the payroll."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well I appreciate that, because I know the feds (federal government) have changed the rules, and in some cases forced us to include people who are working maybe just for one day."

Mr. Chronis said, "Sure."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "As county employees even though their basic role, or maybe two days, they worked on the primary and they worked on the general election, and that was it. Let me go on to page five in your presentation, in terms of revenues. Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "There was kind of a paradox for me. In looking at the second item, back-taxes, your figures showed a 20.6 percent percentage change, an increase of about half a million dollars, but penalty and interest on back taxes actually dropped 28.6 percent. I was just curious if there was any explanation you might have for that paradox."

Mr. Chronis said, "I believe the explanation has to do with the timing of deposits, and I'm hoping maybe somebody else remembers this more precisely than I do. But I believe in 2011 the number was inflated to a certain extent by back taxes that should have been created to 2010 but were posted after the books had been closed for 2010, and so that decrease is somewhat misleading, I believe."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask. I was interested, we had a modest increase in sales tax, but the motor vehicle tax was down a little bit year over year, and that would be a harbinger to me that maybe the economy wasn't quite as strong if the car side of the equation is smaller in 2012 than it was in 2011. Was there any other factor that might have affected the motor vehicle tax receipts, why it would have been smaller in 2012?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Motor vehicle taxes are based on property tax rates from the prior year, and they're based on average rates for a particular locale. And so to the extent that property tax rate in the prior year decreased from the year before that, we would see that reflected in motor vehicle taxes in the following year. And so, what you see here, I believe, is the manifestation of the county's property tax rate cut from 2010."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. That's a good point, and I'm glad you made it. I point out the fact that on this chart, paradoxically, the prisoner housing fee, the fact that it was down less is actually, in a sense, good news."

Mr. Chronis said, "It is."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Because of our..."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's absolutely right."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "...our challenge. And I would just segue off your final comments, in terms of items of future concern. I continue to be concerned about federal mandates and the impact that that's going to have on Sedgwick County. I think in some areas it's already happening, whether it's in the health insurance we offer to employees or other areas.

"That can be a challenge for us, I believe, going forward, and frankly, the worldwide economic slowdown. I would hasten to add that while we have Sedgwick County's unemployment a good deal less than the federal national average, we still have the goal of trying to get under the Kansas average. I appreciate the challenges that we face, in terms of some of the details, in terms of some of our local employers, but I appreciate this information, and I think it generally for the most part is good news for Sedgwick County. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes sir, thank you. Commissioner Norton, please."

Commissioner Norton said, "Chris, maybe we can have this conversation some other time, but tell me about the investment portfolio. It's around \$500,000, somewhere in there?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Million. \$500 million."

Commissioner Norton said, "\$500 million. How do we add to the principle on that? Do we make contributions in certain years, or is it just a static number that's been that way for...?"

Mr. Chronis said, "It's not a static number. As you can see from the slide, the green bars represent the size of the portfolio, and as the county's cash and the amount of undistributed property taxes changes over time, so does the size of the county's investment portfolio. It is nothing more than."

Commissioner Norton said, "Money in, money out?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yeah. It's cash that we are sitting on that we don't expect to spend for the duration of the investment."

Commissioner Norton said, "So there is no actual dollar amount of principle? It is only the money that flows in and out of the county?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct. It changes every month."

Commissioner Norton said, "And while the stock market in general has done pretty well in this last year, up over 14,000, the things that we can put our money into have not done so well; is that right?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct. As I said, we are restricted by state law in the securities that are available to us, and those securities generally are federal securities, either guaranteed by the federal government or issued by federal agencies. Our county investment policy further restricts us in the interest of safety. We don't want to lose principle, and so we are willing to sacrifice return in order to assure that we are not going to lose money on our investments."

*Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have, Mr. Chair."*

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

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chris, I just want to make a comment that the slide on page two, I think, is a clear indication of some hard work done by all of our staff and all of our departments to help us reach a goal that we set some time back. That did not come without a great deal of effort and some sacrifice actually. So that is really great news for us. I don't know what the projection is. I guess we'll find out next week, the projection for going forward, whether we maintain a balanced budget or what the challenge we face going forward, but it's likely we could still face some more cuts in either a number of employees or services provided or some other sort of action to keep our budget balanced; is that..."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "...our revenues are not increasing?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Our revenues are static. We are projecting very slow growth, as you will see over the next several years. But that growth is from a base, a current level that as I said earlier is less than we were collecting a number of years ago. And so it's going to be a long time before we get back to that level. Our expenditures, the factors that drive our expenditures continue to increase, and so something has to be adjusted to achieve balance."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, it would be much easier, I guess, to try to manage that and predict it if we had some certainty on what was going to happen in our state capitol as far as some of the actions that are taken. And I don't know if this likely could have a financial impact, but you talked, I think, about SB (Senate Bill) 54, and our awarding of contracts that we can't...what problem is trying to be solved by that? I don't quite understand the rationale."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "I think you'd have to talk to the legislature to address that. A very big sigh of relief."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "I guess we won't go there today then. Thank you. That's all I have."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Of course, you know, we still have the challenges of not only keeping this organization healthy, is how do we, we still have needs here, like the [Judge Riddle] Boys Ranch, Mental Health Pod. We always are talking about law enforcement training. So I see this and I do agree the challenge will continue for quite some time. Commissioner Peterjohn, you have another comment?"*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Chronis said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Okay. We are probably about six, seven items away from the end of the meeting and that concludes the Consent Agenda. Should we drive forward or is there a desire for a five minute recess? What's the will of the Commission?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "A recess is fine with me."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. At this time, this Board stands in recess for five minutes."

The Board of County Commissioners went into recess at 10:58 a.m. and returned 11:05 a.m.

Chairman Skelton said, "This meeting is called back to order. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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

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

**Present:** 0

O [13-0045](#)

COMCARE CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT EXPANSION.

Presented by: Marilyn Cook, LSCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve budget authority to reallocate existing positions within COMCARE's budget in order to staff the Crisis Stabilization Unit for a client capacity expansion.

*Ms. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "COMCARE currently operates a four bed Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) to address the needs of individuals who are in acute psychiatric crisis. The Crisis Stabilization Unit, or CSU, provides a safe and structured environment and stabilization services 24 hours a day. The four bed facility is located at the 1720 East Morris, includes a living area, dining area, rest room, three bedrooms and laundry facilities. Clients in an acute psychiatric crisis can stay in the program for up to 48 hours, but currently the average is about 36 hours. This level of care is much less restrictive and less expensive than more costly options such as the local or state hospitals, psychiatric hospitals or the jail. As a result of having approximately 200, a little over 200 law enforcement officers trained in Crisis Intervention Team, or CIT, in our community, we've experienced a 68 percent increase in client referrals to the crisis and SCOAP (Sedgwick County Offenders Assessments Program) programs from law enforcement officers. By expanding the Crisis Stabilization Unit, we will have an increased capacity to accept more individuals who are in an acute crisis where their symptoms can be stabilized without having to send them to those more expensive and restrictive care options.*

*"We wish to expand the CSU program from 4 beds to 12 beds, and in order to do this, we'll need some modifications to the current space, including adding a sprinkler system and a shower to the existing space. Those modifications are in today's Consent Agenda, in the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) request. We anticipate revenues from the services will exceed expenses from this expansion, and although expanding the number of positions to staff the unit represents an increase to the personnel cost for the program, it doesn't represent an increase to COMCARE's overall budget, because the department is requesting to rearrange and reposition currently budgeted positions from within other COMCARE programs and not add positions to the overall staffing table.*

*"Therefore, this item is requesting your approval and budget authority to rearrange existing positions within COMCARE in order to staff the unit for the expanded capacity. The unit has run close to capacity this past year. Last month alone, 23 individuals were hospitalized due to a lack of beds in that unit or staffing in the unit.*

*Ms. Cook continued, "John, who is a manager of the program, is here with me this morning, and he told me even this morning someone was discharged from the unit a little bit earlier because there were two people waiting to get in for that bed, and they're going to have to make some decisions about which one to choose for that bed.*

*"The expansion will also allow for individuals to remain up to five days in cases where more time is needed to stabilize them. We believe this program has been a valuable one for the community, and has had a positive impact on the overall census of the local jail and the psychiatric inpatient units. I do want to share a comment from a recent crisis stabilization consumer who has had serious suicide attempts in the past and who was jailed in 2010 for aggravated assault charges, and he said, whenever I*

*find myself in a highly anxious and agitated state, it's comforting to me to have a place where I can go where I'm taken as I am, my fears and anxiety are treated as being actual problems, and I don't feel judged.*

*"The Crisis Stabilization Unit has been that kind of place for me where I feel safe and receive the kind of individual attention I need to build the skills to cope with whatever crisis I'm experiencing. This dovetails with the other COMCARE services I've received to create a near seamless follow-up to my care and a support network that I find invaluable. So I thought it was very well articulated. Our recommendation is that we recommend you approve the budget authority to reallocate existing positions within the budget in order to staff the crisis stabilization unit for client capacity expansion."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Questions by the Commissioners? Karl Peterjohn, Commissioner, sir."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Backup information indicates that our current facility is operating at 1720 East Morris, which in my recollection, that's part of the juvenile facility complex. Is that correct?"*

*Ms. Cook said, "It is close to it. It is the facility that JIAC (Juvenile Intake & Assessment Center) used to be in. So it's an older facility in the same neighborhood."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'm going to ask you, if we approve this today, would we be expanding it at that location or somewhere else?"*

*Ms. Cook said, "We would be expanding at that location. And we have a very good relationship with the landlord there. We're currently paying only \$6.53 a square foot lease, and the landlord is very aware of the use of this property and is in support of us making this expansion."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."*

*Ms. Cook said, "You're welcome."*

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

*Commissioner Norton said, "How many officers now out on the street have the ability to assess clients that might go to jail?"*

*Ms. Cook said, "The CIT officers? A little over 200 have been trained. There's another training that's scheduled, it's either in April or May, but we've kind of slowed that down a little bit despite the fact it's a very valuable education for those officers to have, but the as a result of it is what we want them to do. We want them to come to facilities such as our crisis program and the SCOAP program rather than bringing people to the jail or to the emergency room. So, you know, it's a fine balance that we've got there."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I think this shows that the time has come. The program is fully mature now. You've got 200 plus officers on the street, and their mission is to be able to assess these individuals and not incarcerate them as the only opportunity to take care of them but to put them in alternate programs, and one of*

*those is the Crisis Stabilization Units.”*

*Ms. Cook said, “Right.”*

*Commissioner Norton said, “And we’re under capacity there to handle the kind of capacity that the officers have now to make those determinations and have alternative solutions; is that correct?”*

*Ms. Cook said, “It’s correct. In fact, Commissioner Norton, every day our crisis staff, the late night shift, compare the people that were booked into the jail that are open COMCARE clients, and that used to be a long page of individuals, and the one I looked at this morning had two individuals on it, so it clearly is working the way that it’s been planned.”*

*Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I’m going to be very supportive of this. I think it’s part of just its time has come in a fully mature system that we have now. It doesn’t surprise me that we need more capacity for those alternative programs, because now we’re assessing people in a much different manner, and we’ve got a pretty rich group of officers out there that have been through the training. You know, when you had your initial groups of 10, 20 officers, it wasn’t that meaningful in the community.*

*“When you have 200 patrol folks that are interfacing with these clients and these folks that are going to go into the Criminal Justice System, it only makes sense that now we need more capacity on the other side, and so I’m going to be very supportive of that today. I think it’s money well spent, and I know there are some revenue streams that will help offset some of the costs. I think it’s a win-win situation for us in this criminal justice continuum that we try to do.”*

*Ms. Cook said, “Thank you.”*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Norton moved to approve budget authority to reallocate existing positions within COMCARE’s budget in order to staff the Crisis Stabilization Unit for a client capacity expansion.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Commissioner Skelton said, “Okay. The motion and second to take the recommended action. Discussion of the motion will continue. Commissioner Unruh.”*

*Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. Marilyn from 4 to 12 beds sounds like a large expansion, but can you give me some information on how the number of beds we have compares to other communities that have this similar type of program?”*

*Ms. Cook said, “Yeah. Actually, we were going to initially go to make the jump to 16 beds, but then we thought that was a little bit, a big jump. We have compared ourselves to the Topeka area, and I have this here, if I can locate it. And currently we have less than one crisis bed per 100,000, so it’s .8 actually right now with the expansion, we’ll be able to have 2.4 beds per 100,000. And if you compare that to Shawnee County or Topeka, they have currently 9.5 crisis stabilization beds per 100,000 in their community. So we’re a little bit behind.”*

Commissioner Unruh said, "Relative, they have about four times the capacity, if we're two and their nine. So I think it's clear that we have a demand in our community for this. We can effectively respond to the needs of our community and those with mental health issues and effectively with this type of program. As Commissioner Norton mentioned, this is one of the ways that we can control our numbers of folks that we keep detained. We can provide a better level of service specific for their need, and we're certainly not out of bounds in our capacity compared to other communities, so I'm pleased to support this initiative, and I think that it will be a good asset for the community."

Ms. Cook said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Well, I certainly agree with especially something Commissioner Norton said about the law enforcement continuum. I agree that, you know, mental health needs to be a larger component of that continuum. We need to increase the capacity of mental health when it comes to the treatment of disorders. Obviously a mental health pod in the jail would be a huge step in that direction also, but so is this step, and that's what basically the reason I'm supporting it. Okay, any other comments or questions? We do have a motion on the table to approve staff's recommended action. Madam Clerk, take the vote."

VOTE

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

Ms. Cook said, "Thank you."

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

P [13-0043](#)

SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO SIGN APPLICATIONS, REPORTS, PLANS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES (KDADS).

Presented by: Annette Graham, LSCSW, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the signature authority and authorize the Chairman to sign.

*Ms. Annette Graham, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Annually the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services requires each of the 11 area agencies on aging in the State of Kansas to submit evidence as to who in the organization's governing body is authorized to sign documents on the organization's behalf. This is a notarized affidavit of the chairperson of the governing board which identifies persons by their names and titles and/or positions who have been authored by the governing body to sign documents on behalf of the organization. This is done annually. It's just a formal piece of business that we bring before you every year, and every year we have a change that requires us to do this. So I would request that you authorize the Chairman to sign and would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Is there any discussion? Yes, Commissioner Peterjohn."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the signature authority and authorize the Chairman to sign.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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

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

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

**Present:** 0

Q [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, "This is the monthly report to you about the Criminal Justice System and the number of people involved. The average daily population of December 2012 versus 2011 is shown on this sheet. Booking was up by one person, but you can see that the detention facility, Work Release and out of county all were down significantly for the comparison from December of this year compared to last year.*

*Mr. Buchanan continued, "In our system, we have municipal inmates only, and you can see that 118 came from the City of Wichita, 9.9 [percent] of those in our whole system are from municipality holds only.*

*"Booking and releases, you'll see that the bookings in 2012 are down. You'll see that the year-to-date bookings are down. You'll see that the releases are all, we expect would also be down, and the year-to-date releases are down. This is a direct, the booking numbers are down. That means there's less people going into the system, a direct result of the local police department changing their processes. And rather than bringing them to the jail, they are issuing citations and issuing appearance to show up in court. And that has reduced the number of people in the system. Average length of stay, you can see the average length of stay in booking in 2012 are up. Year-to-date bookings are up. Housing days are up. Year-to-dates are up. Combined are up, and year-to-date combined are up. That may be somewhat alarming, but it's predictable.*

*"We've gotten people out of jail that probably didn't belong. We have the bad guys who need to be in jail in there, and so they're going to stay longer. It also has to do with, and we'll get to it later, delays in the court process. Defense attorneys are asking for delays, and the longer they ask for delays, the longer the person stays in jail. I'll show you a slide here that tells that. The trends, this is the year end trend. This is the last month, and so we see that in 2012, when we ended the year, the average population for the Sedgwick County Jail Work Release, out of county, booking and detention were 1,444. You'll note that that's less than, less than what we had in the system in 2005. And so that's remarkable work, slow, steady, slogging through the mud every day, working on how to make sure the right people, the people that we are afraid of are in the jail, not the people that we're mad at, and those programs we heard about a decade or so ago have in place and are working.*

*"The trends, this is for the month, you can see the month today trends, and then you can see where we were in December of 2012. Those of us who are paying attention know that in January of 2013 those numbers are up, and that's a direct result of several police actions about DUI (Driving Under the Influence) stops and DUI setups, and so the numbers you'll see next month are a little higher than that. But the trend continues. The adult supervision snapshot, you'll see the numbers are down, and that's just because there's fewer people in the jail and fewer people in the system, which is good. Others, the adult supervision snapshot for others, you can see that they, too, are down. One, our [Wichita] Drug Court: Diversion, recall that that, that's the second one on the list, they had an RFP (Request for Proposal), and so they had a hiccup in the system for a while, and now next month's numbers will be better because they're back doing the kinds of services that they had been previously doing.*

*"This is a brand new slide. We thought it would be helpful to get the sense of what's going on in the juvenile system. We had a spike in October and November, and so we thought maybe it was important to start watching that. You can see that in 2012 the [Juvenile] Intake and Assessment (Center) numbers are down. And again, that's because of the process that the police use rather than taking, oftentimes the contacts are less, and that would reflect on that. Juvenile Detention Facilities, they continue down as are residential facilities. Home Based Supervision is down slightly. And the Weekend Alternative Detention Program, we started this in 2011. This is an alternative for the judges to send juveniles to our facilities for six hours a day on Saturdays and Sundays. And they're in programs and groups. But this is rather than keep them there all week. Put them back in the home if the home is stabilized and they're detained on the weekends as part of their punishment and rehabilitation.*

*"That has reduced the number of full-time people in our system from 67 to 60 in 2011. And again, another program to cut the, reduce the number of folks in the system. BICE (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement) holds remain constant from month to month, and you can see what they are this month. The felony inmates again remain pretty constant from month to month, 129 sentenced to felony time in the Sheriff's custody, and that's 10 percent of the population. Long-term inmates, and this is the one we do quarterly for you, and this has a lot to do with the length of stay. You will see these are the people who have been there a year or longer.*

*"In January, there were 83 people. You can see that the charges, you can see where the housing was, and the status is that 50 folks have been in jail awaiting trial. This is the delays that are caused in the court system, and this is the delays that are caused mostly by defense attorneys asking for more time. And that's a process and a number that we need to look at, continue to look at, because that could be adjusted in a more favorable way, I think. But more study obviously needs to occur there.*

*"And so we have the initiatives, the Data Committee and the Systems Planning Committee. At the last CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council) meeting, committee members have been assigned to those committees.*

*"The Data Committee is the Chief Information Officer, someone from the Sheriff's office representing the police department, City of Wichita, representatives from the DA (District Attorney) and from Public Safety. And those are the five members who were approved in the last meeting. In the systems planning, again, its Public Safety Director, Chief Judge, Executive Director of COMCARE, representative from the Sheriff's office and DA's office. The Mental Health Committee, we're still dealing with that membership and that will be dealt with at the next meeting if there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer."*

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

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Or try to."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "I believe Commissioner Norton was first here."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Bill, one of the issues that we continue to talk about for four or five years is the number of public defenders. I continue to raise that question, because that has to do with slow court times and continuances and not enough capacity to have public defenders involved. Are we looking at that through the Criminal*

*Justice Coordinating Council or is that just kind of a moot issue right now?"*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "I'm not aware that anybody is taking a look at it from the CJCC side. It's something that we certainly can do and present that information to CJCC and I'd be happy to do that."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Well, both of the studies that we did years ago, and even Dr. Inesco, when she was here, talked about the number of public defenders and the capacity they have to keep things moving through the courts and not ask for continuances. And I guess I would just challenge us to think through that. I'm not on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, but I would urge us to have that conversation to continue to think about is that clogging up the system a little bit."*

*Commissioner Norton continued, "If you look at that many people staying in because their sentencing hadn't been done for a long period of time, surely we could move it, some of those through the court system quicker if we had a little more capacity in the public defender system. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe I just read those reports wrong, but it seemed like that was one of the things that kept coming to the forefront. So, that's all I have, Mr. Chair."*

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

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This report has provided so much disaggregated data, and when we started this process and when I joined the CJCC, a lot of this information just wasn't available at that time, and I feel so much more comfortable, in terms of understanding it. Let me just clarify one point on slide 14, Mr. Manager, we had three categories under status commitment, retrial and commitments in pretrial. Would it be safe to assume that the commitments in pretrial are a combination of both and then the pretrial and commitment side are distinct and separate. How do those numbers, I want to understand how those three categories may or may not overlap."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "It's my understanding that the commitments in pretrial, one is, the same person has been committed but is also in another trial."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. All right. I very much appreciate that clarification because these are remarkable numbers, and I think it says a great deal about everyone who is working, both the folks across the street with the City of Wichita as well as the other municipalities in this county in addition to obviously a lot of hard work by county staff. These numbers are also remarkable in my view in the sense that this is occurring at a time when the state has increased their penalties for DUI's and so on, and I was very much concerned that we would be seeing an uptick driven by the state due to that change in state law. So, I want to point that out to my colleagues, because even though there is a lot of work that remains to be done, we do need to understand the significant accomplishments that are reflected within this report. Thank you, sir."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Mr. Chairman, if it would please you, if you would look at the screen on page eight, one of the joys of doing this job is to torture Commissioner Peterjohn just a little bit, the number today is 1,375."*

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

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager, I think now would*

*be a good time for me to give a brief comment about a smart justice symposium that I attended last Thursday and Friday with our leaders in public safety, our Public Safety Director, Chad VonAhnen, and our Community Corrections Director Mark Masterson, District Attorney Mark Bennett, and the Chief Administrative Judge James Fleetwood. I think it's, I name those names just to emphasize the fact that one of the things that makes us successful in Sedgwick County in trying to control our incarcerated population and apply smart justice is the fact that we have the main folks involved in the administration of justice working together with a common purpose of trying to be smart in our administration of justice.*

*"That concept of smart justice has a certain definition or guideline. It says its evidence based, data driven, accountable, and results in public safety.*

*"It works to the benefit of the community in that we still are maintaining good justice supervision, but we're also doing it such a way that's most efficient and economical as far as the budget is concerned, but also it's the most rehabilitative and helpful to the offender when that is possible. So our alternative to incarceration that has helped control our population here is the right response. We can probably, I'm sure we can always do more and do better, but we are actually leaders in the nation as far as how far we've gone, the cooperation we have and the results we've achieved.*

*"So it's really congratulations to the CJCC and all of our leadership in public safety in creating this benefit here in Sedgwick County, and we actually are becoming somewhat of a standard when compared to what other communities are doing. I'm proud of what we're doing. We can continue to do more, and we haven't given up. We're going to keep working at it, and we'll continue to do a good job of public safety for our citizens. Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Okay. I would entertain a motion to receive and file."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, I'll make that motion, and also just as a little feedback to the Manager, I very much appreciate the juvenile information addition to this report. I think it's a real positive. And if you can produce numbers like this, Mr. Manager, you can steal my thunder every day of the week. I'll make that motion to receive and file."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "I have nothing to do with those numbers."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Skelton*                      *Aye*

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

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

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

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

**Present:** 0

R [13-0061](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 31, 2013.

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

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

*Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Meeting of the Boards of Bids and Contracts of January 31st results in five items that we would like for you to consider this morning. Item 1;*

1. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES for WATERSHED STUDIES -- PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING -- D26 SPRING CREEK DRAINAGE STUDY and D27 WEST BRANCH CHISHOLM CREEK DRAINAGES

*"The recommendation is to accept the low proposal for Project A, which is a Spring Creek Basin, from Water Resources Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$153,600.00 and the proposal for Project B, which is the West Branch of Chisholm Creek, from AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. in the amount of \$174,850.00. Item 2;*

2. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE and REMOTE MONITORING ON LIEBERT EQUIPMENT --DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS FUNDING-EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS/DIO

*"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Emerson Network Power in the amount of \$72,714.61 per year for 3 years, for a contract total of \$218,143.83. Item 3;*

3. ANNUAL SOFTWARE & EQUIPMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT -- FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER FUNDING-TOXICOLOGY/CRIMINALISTICS

*"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Agilent Technologies in the amount of \$82,861.92. Item 4;*

4. UPGRADE TO FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM -- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUNDING-EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

*"The recommendation is to accept the proposal from Ka-Comm in the amount of \$112,881.00. Item 5;*

5. ON-CALL HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SERVICES (HVAC) --FACILITIES DEPARTMENT FUNDING -- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

*"The recommendation is to accept the proposals from P&E Commercial Services and Professional Mechanical Contractors, and establish contract pricing for one year with two one year options to renew.*

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

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, these items do not appear to be in your agenda*

*book, nor do they appear to be in mine. What I would recommend we do is we'll go make copies of this real quickly. If you will do the Consent Agenda and go through 'Other', we'll be back as soon as we make these copies."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. I think that would be fine."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman? I was going to make a motion. I have no problem approving Item 1, which it was in my backup. I don't know if it was in everyone else's. I just had one item. I have no problem approving that one right now, and then we can do Consent [Agenda]."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Pardon me, sir? Did you make a motion?"*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I was going to make a motion that we approve Item 1 and suggest that we could go ahead and take up some other items."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir. Okay, there is a motion to approve Item 1 and then wait until the Manager returns with the rest of the items. Is there a second?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts for Item 1.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. All right, we will continue with the Consent Agenda, which the Manager is not here to present. So with that being said, 'Other', is there other at this time? Commissioner Peterjohn? No, no, sir?"*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I had...that light was on from earlier."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Mr. Chair, I think we can approve the Consent Agenda, can't we?"*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Well, we can approve the Consent Agenda. Are there any questions on the Consent Agenda?"*

**CONSENT**

- S**      [13-0042](#)      Renewal Affiliation Agreement with the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas.
- T**      [13-0048](#)      Amendment to the 2013 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to include expanding the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) to Twelve Beds.
- U**      [13-0046](#)      CUP2004-60 (Associated with ZON2004-68) - Extension of time to complete platting requirement for a Commercial CUP and zone change from SF-20 Single-family Residential ("SF-20") to LC Limited Commercial ("LC"); generally located on the southeast corner of 31st Street South and Rock Road. (District 5).
- V**      [13-0047](#)      CUP2006-46 (Associated with ZON2006-45) - Extension of time to complete platting requirement for a zone change from SF-20 Single-family Residential ("SF-20") to LC Limited Commercial ("LC"); generally located on the northwest corner of 21st Street North and 159th Street East. (District 1).
- W**      [12-1052](#)      Payroll Check Register.
- X**      [12-1019](#)      General Bill Check Register.
- Y**      [12-1018](#)      General Bill Check Register.
- Z**      [12-1017](#)      General Bill Check Register.
- AA**      **13-0055**      Order dated 01/24/2013 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

*VOTE*

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

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

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

**Present:** 0

**OTHER**

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Okay. 'Other' at this time? Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Just a note to the public. Next Tuesday we'll be in a retreat. It's our yearly retreat where we talk about strategic planning for the year, the financials, kind of the directions we want to give staff and the budget deliberations that they'll be working on, and that starts at 10:30 [a.m.] next Tuesday, and we'll go for a couple, three hours to make sure that we have a strong idea of what we want to do in 2013 and for the 2014 budget. That's all I had."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Very fine. Yes, sir. Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I was just going to add that that will be, I believe at the Ark Valley Lodge."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And it's open to the public. Just to make that aware for anyone with an interest in additional information on the county's financial situation."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Very well said. Yes, sir. Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to make an announcement, something I'm real proud of as being on the Board of Directors for WATC (Wichita Area Technical College). The placement rate for the 2012 graduates of WATC was 97 percent. And since the county is, and citizens of Sedgwick County are invested in WATC and it would be encouraging for folks to know that WATC is providing good value for our community investment, and folks that go there for training or retraining are finding employment or placement in higher education. So it's good news from WATC."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Okay. Seeing no other 'Other', Mr. Thomas, can you please pick up where you left off on the consent, on the board of bids, please?"*

*Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. We'll start with Item 2;*

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COMMUNICATIONS

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*"I'll be happy to answer any of these questions."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir. Thank you very much. I appreciate that. Manager, you can move fast when you want to."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "That's what we do."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "I've seen that. All right, thank you. Yes, sir. Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me ask a question on Item 5, just so I understand what we're being asked to approve. It appears we're going to approve the proposals from two of the bidders. Can you clarify for me which ones, how we're going to split up between these two bids that are a little bit different, in terms of what they're charging, but in which case why we're going with two instead of just one."*

*Mr. Thomas said, "Because of the number of times that maybe we have issues in the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Services) and due to the limited manpower that we have, it was thought necessary to have two vendors so that if we're scheduling, if we have scheduling conflicts or something comes up with several emergencies at one time or several issues that we have choices that we can pick from between these two vendors. And I believe that was the main reason."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner, if it may help, we've done this in the past, and we think we need two of them because with all 140 some buildings, you can't guarantee that the system will go down in a consecutive pattern. Oftentimes simultaneous things happen, so you need more than one contractor."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Thank you."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Any other questions?"*

MOTION

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts for Items 2-5.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

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

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

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Well, that will bring us back to the end of the agenda. Commissioner Norton, do you have something to say under 'Other'?"*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I do, and it really relates to the Board of Bids and Contracts, I apologize. I would like to apologize that I didn't catch that I didn't have all the documentation. I usually go through my agenda with a fine tooth comb before I get to the bench, and I was surprised today that I had one page out of five, and I'm a little embarrassed, because I try to do my due diligence and make sure I understand what's coming before us before it gets here. So I just think it's important the public knows that that's a tough pill to swallow that we have to run around and find that documentation when I should have recognized it and told staff ahead of time."*

*Mr. Buchanan said, "If I may, Commissioner, thank you but that's really a staff error and we take full responsibility for it. We should have included it in the agenda packet and did not."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Well, but I believe in inspect what you expect, and if I didn't look at it ahead of time and see that those pages weren't there, staff, you know, yeah, they have to accept their responsibility, but I'm a little embarrassed that I didn't catch that."*

*Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Thank you, Commissioner. I can agree with that, also. Is there any other comments for our agenda meeting? Seeing no other comments, this meeting stands adjourned."*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.*

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ATTEST:

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*Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk*