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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 1, 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, May 1, 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. Richard Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Col. Daniel Bardezbain, Undersheriff; Mr. Mark Masterson, Sedgwick County Department of Corrections; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Mr. Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk; Mr. Robert Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds; Mr. Troy Bruun, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Penny Poland, Director, Fleet Management; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Jill Bailey, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Mr. Barry Carroll, Chairperson of Bike/Walk Alliance and Bike Wichita Committee Member
Ms. Susie Santo, President and CEO, Go Wichita
Ms. Mary Dean, Appointee, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board
Mr. Jeffrey Debarmo, Treasurer, Grant Township
Ms. Andree Sisco, Appointee, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging
Mr. Clifford Koehn, Appointee, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging
Mr. Jeffrey Debarmo, Treasurer, Grant Township*

INVOCATION: Pastor Brent Warkentin, First Mennonite Brethren.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Norton was absent.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [13-0268](#) REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2013.
All Commissioners were present.

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioners, I'm going to suggest we take Item A and B together. Both are consideration of minutes where all Commissioners were present. Is there a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2013 and April 10, 2013.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. At this time I would like to recognize Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau. How are you? Thank you for coming to the meeting. We also have school board member and Oaklawn Improvement District member Andree Sisco present this morning. So welcome, thank you both for coming. Next item, Madam Clerk."

B [13-0269](#) REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2013.
All Commissioners were present.

Action on Item B taken with Item A.

PROCLAMATIONS

C [13-0217](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING BIKE WICHITA MONTH.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. I will be happy to read this proclamation. And it says:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Health and Wellness Coalition of Wichita is dedicated to promoting physical activity and good nutrition for every generation living in the Greater Wichita Area and Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, our health is affected by many things, including culture, environment, social influences, individual behaviors and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of most Americans, and today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling as an environmentally friendly form of transportation, an excellent form of physical fitness, and a means to quality family recreation; and

WHEREAS, the education of cyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita bicycle clubs, businesses, and independent cyclists throughout our community support the implementation of the Wichita Master Bike Plan.

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

'BIKE WICHITA MONTH'

and encourage the use of bicycles, as well as education about the ways to safely share the roads and walkways.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Proclamation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Ranzau</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

Commissioner Unruh Aye
Chairman Skelton Aye

Chairman Skelton said, "Next item. Oh, I'm sorry, I do apologize. Barry, how are you, sir?"

Mr. Barry Carroll, Chairperson of Bike/Walk Alliance and Bike Wichita Committee Member, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good morning, everyone."

Chairman Skelton said, "I'm getting used to being Chairman. I do want to recognize you."

Mr. Carroll said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you for coming this morning."

Mr. Carroll said, "I'm also a member of an organization called Bike/Walk Wichita, which is a biking and walking advocacy group. I want to thank you for acknowledging May as Bike Month, and question: Could bicycles provide one of the answers to better health and a better world? I would like to share some interesting, what I think are interesting, bike-related comments with you.

"An average person will lose 13 pounds their first year of riding to work just three times a week. Ten bicycles can fit in one parking space. Each mile of cycling saves \$1 in health costs. While bicyclists don't damage roads, they do pay taxes to maintain them. Bike infrastructure is cheaper than any other form of transportation improvement. "Bicycling reduces traffic congestion and that makes commuting easier for motorists. Biking improves our health and offsets the negative effects of inactivity, which causes 5.3 million deaths annually.

"In summary, bicycling is great for health, good for our community, and a cost effective solution to many of our societal and environmental issues. I hope you and others will consider commuting by bicycle to work at least once a week. Again, thank you for supporting Bike Month, and I encourage our citizens in Sedgwick County and Kansas to share the road. And enjoy our t-shirts."

Chairman Skelton said, "Absolutely. Thank you."

Mr. Carroll said, "And, thank you very much."

Chairman Skelton said, "They are yellow, too. So that will bring about some visibility on the road. Okay, we have a comment here. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes. Well, thank you for the shirt, and would you take a minute, Barry, and just talk about a little bit in terms of riders using helmets, and that aspect of bicycle safety. Because we have too many accidents in this county that don't involve bicycles, but unfortunately sometimes there are ones that do. And anything we can do to mitigate them, and especially for young people, I would appreciate if you would mention that this morning, please."

Mr. Carroll said, "Be glad to. I agree with you. I would strongly encourage children and adults to wear bicycle helmets. I've had some, unfortunately have had some crashes, and bicycle helmets work. And this month, in Bike Month, we're going to have helmet

giveaways at over 40 area schools. We have, I think the Patterson Law Group is giving away some helmets as well. Secondly, I think it's important for bicyclists to be safe on the road, that we wear visible colors, that we obey the same traffic laws that motorists use; and in some ways I think there's a perception that cycling maybe isn't as safe as it is, but here in Wichita with our wide streets, flat streets, very few hills, it is a very safe place to ride.

"There are a lot of people who commute to work, and we have over 60 miles of bike paths which there are no cars on those paths, they are multi-use paths in our community, and we are building more all the time. So it is just a great way to get out and get some exercise. You know, when you are an adult, you are back on a bike, and you feel like you're 12 years old all over again. So I really support safety and we're going to do our share to get bike helmets to kids in our county."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Barry, I want to just take a moment to thank you for your participation in the Link 4 Life Run. You and a couple of your compadres lead those races so that the runners don't get lost. That's a great community service. So it's another good thing you can do while you're on a bicycle. The only thing that is a little intimidating is that after that 5K race and then a one mile race and three quarter mile race, where you guys are leading, I overheard you talking about you were going to ride to Belle Plain and back yet on Saturday. That makes me think I don't want to get on a bike if you guys do that."

Mr. Carroll said, "Well, just a little aside, I celebrated my 66th birthday on Saturday, and my friends insisted that we rode 66 miles. So we did. So it is just fun, and it is more fun to do as a group. Get your friends out there, and just go for it."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well I hope you had a tail wind."

Mr. Carroll said, "We always have wind, it seems like."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, thank you."

Mr. Carroll said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you very much, appreciate it. Okay, I appreciate that clarification. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

D [13-0218](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING POLICE WEEK.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. It pleases me to read the proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1962, the United States Congress first passed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 of each year as 'Peace Officers Memorial Day,' honoring Federal, State and local officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, and the corresponding week as 'Police Week;' and

WHEREAS, over the years, devoted law enforcement officers of America have courageously sacrificed their personal safety, while working on behalf of the people; and

WHEREAS, because of their steadfast efforts to enforce our laws, we as citizens can enjoy a system of peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County desires to honor the valor, service and dedication of, not only its own Sheriff's deputies, but peace officers everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, James Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2013 as

'POLICE WEEK'

in Sedgwick County, and call upon our citizens to show their sincere appreciation for the many law enforcement officers of Sedgwick County, past and present, and their legacy of humble dedicated service to the community.

"Commission, you have heard the proclamation, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Proclamation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</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> |

Col. Daniel Bardezbain, Undersheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My thanks to you and the rest of the Commission for this proclamation on behalf of the men and women of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. We appreciate this, and we appreciate the fact that citizens are thankful for our service and they let us know that. You mentioned in the proclamation that we want to remember all officers, those present and those past, particularly those of our members that are named on the memorial across the street. We ask that during this week that people do visit that memorial and see the Sedgwick County Sheriff's officers that have lost their lives in the lined of duty, along with Wichita police officers and officers from other departments within Sedgwick County. It is an honor for us to serve the community, it is also a privilege, and it is something that those of us who wear this badge, we take this honor, we don't take it lightly, and we are glad to be able to provide the service to the citizens. Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, sir. Are there comments by Commissioners, Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Well, Undersheriff, we appreciate you being here today. It is clear by recent events, both nationally and locally, that you all provide a valuable, necessary service to our community and our society and we appreciate that oftentimes you all are at risk, and that you do that because you love our community and you want to serve our folks. So this proclamation that we made today is done with utmost sincerity and we want to thank you."

Col. Bardezbain said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes sir, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes, Danny, could you take a minute and talk about, because we have got an important annual observation coming up later on this month over at the memorial. If you could kind of put that on the record, at least help get the message out for the public, because that is a beautiful memorial over there. It's very poignant and I think it speaks well for this community to commemorate these folks, whether they were with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's office, Wichita Police Department, or with any of the other police departments here in Sedgwick County. I'm a little shaky, but I believe there is a Clearwater officer that was lost at one point who was memorialized over there, too.

"Hopefully I am not missing anyone else, but I do know we have an event coming up later on this month, and I think it's important for the community to understand this, and appreciate the fact that there is going to be that recognition later on in May."

Mr. Bardezbain said, "Yes, sir. There is one other, it is a Derby officer is also memorialized there as well. And when I walked up here, I thought, okay, we have several of these ceremonies coming up. We have the state, of course, there's the national and our local, and..."

Unknown audience member said, "May 11th."

Mr. Bardezbain said, "May 11th, thank you. I was trying to remember our date here locally. But is May 11th that we'll have our memorial service at the Law Enforcement Memorial there at Central [Avenue] and Main [Street], and the public is invited. It's a moving ceremony. A lot of the family members of officers whose names are on that wall are present, along with their co-workers, and it is always open to the public. Again,

I would invite anyone that would like to attend.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Okay, thank you. Thank you for coming today, sir.”

Mr. Bardezbain said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Madam Clerk, next item.”

E [13-0221](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' WEEK.
Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Skelton said, "It pleases me to read this proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1984, then-President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187 creating 'National Correctional Officers' Week.' The first full week in May has since been recognized as National Correctional Officers' Week to honor the work of correctional officers and correctional personnel nationwide; and

WHEREAS, because of their dedication, these individuals serve our community quietly by taking on the very difficult and dangerous jobs of corrections officers; and

WHEREAS, we could not operate the Adult Detention Facilities, Juvenile Detention Facilities and Community Corrections Programs without the hard work performed each day by our corrections officers; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County, Kansas is pleased to join in celebrating Correctional Officers' Week, recognizing these men and women who serve so faithfully.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, James Skelton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2013 as

'CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' WEEK'

in Sedgwick County, and encourage all citizens to honor and show sincere appreciation for the correctional officers who make it possible to keep the detention and correctional facilities safe each day.

"Commissioners, you have heard the proclamation, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Proclamation.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</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. And here is Mark Masterson. Hello, sir."

Mr. Mark Masterson, Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And Undersheriff Bardez Bain."

Chairman Skelton said, "And the Undersheriff."

Mr. Masterson said, "Commissioners and Chairman, on behalf of the Correctional Officers in Sedgwick County, I want to thank you for recognizing their hard work, where the rubber meets the road in operating these facilities is with our Corrections Officers, where other places may have snow days or weekends, and evenings and overnights. Our Correctional Officers are always there, work varied schedules, and appreciate your recognition of them."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir, thank you."

Col. Bardez Bain said, "I want to reiterate what you read in the proclamation, that these people are here 24 hours a day, and they aren't recognized. They are behind the scenes. People see the officers in the cars on the streets and that's where they think law enforcement is. Well, those officers arrest people, but then somebody has to take care of them. And the men and women of the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility are those people, they are the unsung heroes no one knows about. They know there is a jail there, but they don't think about what goes on inside that jail. It is a big job, and men and women of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office step up and do that job, and they do it well. So thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Indeed, I appreciate those comments, sir. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was going to save this for a little bit later, but I am going to mention it now because it seems timely. Within the last week, just a few days ago, in fact, we graduated a class of 19 new Detention deputies, and had a badge ceremony, where they were, for completing, I believe, 11 weeks worth of work. And Undersheriff Bardez Bain, if I'm off on that, please correct me, and I think it was important to recognize the men and women who had completed this class, and the challenges they faced, and the training they had gone through. Let me rephrase that. Rigorous training that they had gone through to reach this position and some of them may be in this position for a relatively short period of time. Many may turn it into a career. But the service they are going to provide, not only 24 hours a day, but during holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, those folks are operating not only 24 hours a day, but during every day of the week. So I think it's important to have this recognition so I'm happy to vote for this proclamation this morning, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir. Thank you. Okay. So we need to vote, correct?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "We have voted on this."

Chairman Skelton said, "We have voted. Is there any additional comments? All right. Thank you, then, for coming out"

Mr. Masterson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "You bet. Okay, at this time I am going to have Commissioner Unruh read Item F. Please, sir."

F [13-0231](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation to read for your consideration:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the travel industry ranks as the 3rd largest industry in Kansas and is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, visitors to the Wichita MSA contribute \$712 million in economic activity each year, generating nearly \$69 million in tax revenue for city, county, and state governments, providing employment for 11,240 people in the Wichita MSA, and creating a payroll of \$177 million; and

WHEREAS, leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the United States, spurs countless benefits to travelers' creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity, relationships and wellness; and

WHEREAS, business travel serves as a catalyst that moves the national economy forward through meetings, conventions and events, which are core business functions that help companies strengthen business relationships, align and educate employees and customers, and reward business performance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that James Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 4–12, 2013 as

'NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK'

and encourage the people of Sedgwick County to join in this special observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you very much, Commissioner. Commission, you have heard the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Proclamation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Ranzau</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

Commissioner Unruh Aye
Chairman Skelton Aye

Ms. Susie Santo, President and CEO, Go Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am happy to accept this proclamation on behalf of the Go Wichita team; many of them are here this morning, and the entire travel and tourism industry. We may be an industry that's all about fun, but we are also an industry that is very serious about being an economic driver to this community. As the proclamation just stated, most recent data suggests that in 2011, leisure visitors spent \$712 million in our community. And whether they come for leisure or business, they stay in our hotels, they dine in our restaurants, and they shop in our businesses, and they pay taxes that support local, county and state government which we all benefit from.

"Next week, communities across the U.S. will be celebrating National Travel and Tourism Week, and right here in Wichita on Tuesday, we will be hosting a Roll On in to Wichita for Lunch for our taxi cab drivers, as many times they are the first and the last impression for our guests. So it is our way of saying thank you to them. And on Wednesday, we will be hosting a luncheon at the Mosley Street Melodrama that we can celebrate the impact that travel and tourism has made on our community. So thank you so much for this."

Chairman Skelton said, "You are quite welcome. And we have a comment by Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Susie, we are happy that you're here today with some of your staff. I know that you have a good staff, they're working hard to promote our community. And I am happy that you've underscored the economic benefit and impact that tourism has in our community, but one of the really important things, I think, is that we really have a wonderful place to live and work and play, right here, and if you can get folks who maybe are not familiar with Wichita and Sedgwick County to come and visit us and experience that, I think it is a great thing, so you all are accomplishing that, and the more people that know about us, well we're just happy, because we think it is great. Appreciate your efforts."

Ms. Santo said, "Thank you so much. I appreciate all of your support."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you for coming this morning."

Ms. Santo said, "Thank you."

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

G [13-0290](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MENTAL HEALTH MONTH.

Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Skelton said, "I've asked Commissioner Peterjohn to read this proclamation, sir."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me begin this proclamation with:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, COMCARE of Sedgwick County is proud to continue its tradition by providing mental health awareness in May during Mental Health Month. This year our message of wellness and recovery calls attention to a journey of healing and transformation, enabling a person with a mental health problem to live a meaningful life in our community while striving to achieve his or her full potential; and

WHEREAS, mental health recovery is about living well. Health factors including one's physical, emotional, social, occupational, intellectual, financial, environmental, and spiritual well-being are factors that directly affect one's physical and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, mental illness affects 1 in 4 people every day and many people with psychiatric diagnoses are living full and satisfying lives. Early detection, diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems greatly increase the likelihood of restored health; and

WHEREAS, wellness is an ongoing process and recovery is courageous work that takes consistent effort, but its rewards are endlessly fulfilling.

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

'MENTAL HEALTH MONTH'

and call upon all government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Sedgwick County to pledge to promote wellness for people with mental and substance use disorders by motivating individuals to take action, seek treatment early, and work toward improved quality of life. Healthy individuals and health communities are essential elements of any strong and vibrant society."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the Proclamation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to thank all of you Commissioners for the proclamation, but also probably more importantly, for the support that you provide to COMCARE staff and to the individuals in our community that do struggle each day with mental health and substance abuse disorders. While May is Mental Health Month, we need to understand that sound mental health is critical to our overall well being, as said in the proclamation, every day of the year. I was fortunate to have gone recently to our national conference, and we learned a lot about the operations and where our field is headed, but we also learned a lot about mental illness, even though we have been in the field for a long time.

"One of the speakers was Patrick Kennedy. He had a morning plenary where he talked about his own substance use problems, and his experiences in treatment, and the impact that had on him and on his very famous family. He, after 16 years in Congress, is now doing what he can to promote and advance brain research. So was a very powerful speaker, but he also spoke about his uncle, President John Kennedy, who passed legislation in 1963, called the Community Mental Health Act. It was through that act, it was a last piece of legislation, one of the last pieces that he signed before his death in 1963, but that act allowed community mental health centers all over the United States to be formed, which has made a tremendous difference in terms of getting care in the community.

"At the conference we also heard from a surgeon, Dr. Gawande, speak on how much the whole field of health is changing. We know that. We're hearing about that almost every day. He told us there were 13,600 ways our bodies and minds can fail; 13,600 ways, with approximately 4,000 medical procedures, over 6,000 available drugs, and hundreds of behavioral health therapies being used every day to address those mind and body failures.

"In fact, it is a little frightening that he said that the knowledge available from science at this point in 2013 has exceeded our abilities to handle it all. During the last 50 to 60 years, around the 1950s, it was possible for a medical provider to have a good handle on what science told us about disease and illness, and to be able to treat people fairly independently. We have gone from an average of 2.5 providers to 15.5 providers needed to treat the many conditions that individuals bring to healthcare providers each day. One of the resulting dilemmas with that, as many of us know, is they often don't communicate well with each other.

"I broke my arm in November and I try to think about all the providers that helped me, from the emergency department to the person who put the splint on, to the person who put the cast on, to the OT (Occupational Therapist) that helped me rehab my hand. So it is true, we have a lot of people involved and providers involved in healthcare. With all

the news on the terrible tragedies that have occurred at Virginia Tech, at Aurora, in Tucson, and most recently in Newtown, it is now clear to us that behavioral health issues are critical to maintaining public safety as well. Discussions on mental health are in the public domain more frequently these days than they ever have been, and they should be in that public discussion.

"We're coming to see that the brain is also an organ, and that there are more and more efforts in our field to go do what they are calling reconnect the head to the body when looking at overall health and well being, and you will see us in this next couple of years do more integration with primary care as a result of that. HHS (Health and Human Services) Secretary Sebelius also spoke at the conference and she talked about how many Americans see mental health issues as social problems.

"And to be fair, our field has recognized that to gain and maintain progress and recovery for individuals, we have to attend to and intervene in all the needs in their lives, such as work, safe, affordable and secure housing, medical conditions, and the results of their behaviors that can lead to involvement with the criminal justice system. So that's led many people to see mental health as a social problem or issue, but in reality they really are public health issues, and we need to treat them that way. Today more than ever before, people are receiving mental health treatment in the community rather than the hospital, as they have in the past. Seeing someone in emotional distress is more common than witnessing someone having a heart attack. And it is for this reason that our center and for clinicians and providers all over the United States to provide education called Mental Health First Aid. Like a first aid class taught by the American Red Cross, Mental Health First Aid provides the public with a better basic understanding of the signs and the symptoms of many of the mental illnesses and mental health problems that people face. They teach people how to approach individuals who are in distress, and most importantly, they help individuals in the public to help those in emotional crisis rather than fear and isolate them.

"Despite all of our efforts, there is still a tremendous amount of stigma related to mental illness. But in reality, mental health treatment, especially early treatment, is really prevention in a sense, if the symptoms are treated early. We wouldn't think of waiting until someone had a stroke or heart attack before educating them on the effects of smoking and poor diet and lack of exercise on those diseases, yet people hesitate to talk about mental health issues and to seek treatment when they are first experiencing those symptoms.

"Each year 100,000 young Americans will have their first episode of psychosis, and unlike heart disease, we don't have a statin drug that's going to prevent that from happening. Ninety percent of the people of those 100,000 who have their first psychotic episode will be helped by a medication, 80 percent of them will go on to have at least one other episode. So, early intervention is the key to preventing these episodes. We said before in previous years, but I would like to say it again, that half of all the mental illnesses begin and the symptoms begin by age 14, 75 percent by age 24. Yet people are still waiting and struggling with these symptoms almost 10 years on average before getting help.

"This delay in seeking services is often associated with a stigma that is associated with getting help. Many public personalities like Patrick Kennedy, like Carrie Fisher,

Patty Duke and others have spoken very publicly about their illnesses and treatment that really helps to reduce stigma as well. Several years ago, Glen Close did a series of public health announcements to help normalize the need for help. I am going to show you one of those, if we can get this to work. Oh, they are going to do it for me, great. This was done a couple years ago, so the stat then was one in six have a mental illness, but now it's one in four. It's a 30-second PSA (Public Service Announcement), Ron Howard produced it. But it is powerful.

FAILED VISUAL PRESENTATION

"We had trouble with the fire wall this morning, so it might...it appears to be down again. Okay. Basically it is filmed in Grand Central Station, and you see people who have diagnoses with shirts on saying what their diagnosis is, and then the scene changes, and those individuals end up in their normal every day clothes saying they are just people surrounding us who are struggling. Can we go to the next, can I...I did want to show you that what we are doing, we take every chance we can, every opportunity we can at COMCARE to help educate the public about mental illness, try to do what we can to reduce stigma.

"This is an ad in the Wichita Business Journal recently, saying would you guess that I suffer from depression. So we tried to talk about the fact that, mental illness can happen to anyone. Regardless of their job category, their professional level, educational level, or personal situations, and talk about the need to seek help when you are experiencing some problems. And then the second one has a young lady on it talking about the fact that mental illness does not discriminate. It is not specific to personality types, or socio-economic factors or fitness level or diet. It can occur with anyone.

"In ending, I would like to thank you again for the support that you offer COMCARE and those in the community who are struggling every day with these disorders that really do complicate their lives. I would also like for the public to know that COMCARE continues to offer those Mental Health First Aid Classes to anyone that is interested. The course is 12 hours. There is an eight hour class one day, and four hours the next day. So it's done over a day and a half, and COMCARE's large conference room at 635 North Main. Due to the size of the room, the class is limited to 50 participants. We just finished the April course, but we will be offering the next class June 6th and 7th and then again on July 18th and 19th. Anyone interested in registering for the class can call (316) 660-1100. We have already trained over 550 individuals in this community about mental illness and the signs and symptoms and the simple things they can do to help. With that, I would ask if you have any questions."

Chairman Skelton said, "Absolutely, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Marilyn, I will not going to ask you about getting into the details of the 13,600 different ways, but the resolution we just adopted included substance abuse, and I viewed substance abuse as, for people who were struggling with mental health issues, that this can serve as an amplifier or maybe even an accelerant in a way. And I'd appreciate you talking about it.

Because when we're saying one in four, I mean, we've got almost roughly half a million people here in Sedgwick County. One in four would be 125,000 people, and that's an awful lot of folks.

"I mean, even to bring it down to scale, just a little bit, Sedgwick County, we've got a little less than 2,600 full-time employees. One in four out of that would be a little bit over 600. So I'd appreciate your thoughts and comments on that aspect, on the substance abuse portion, because that is certainly, I think, an important factor that's part of this resolution and needs to be part of the broader discussion."

Ms. Cook said, "Well, Commissioner, it is one of the reasons we changed the name of our field to behavioral health. We used to kind of separate those two fields and say there is addiction treatment and then there's mental health treatment, and now we call it behavioral health, because it encompasses both substance use disorders and mental illnesses that are diagnosed. So it does include all of those disorders, many individuals struggle with what we call co-occurring disorders, where they have a mental illness, or symptoms of a mental illness, and then either don't take medication, or to help them cope with whatever symptoms they are experiencing, they rely on substances to help with that. So we call this behavioral health disorders now. I point out there are four of you on the dais now."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That is bringing the number down."

Ms. Cook said, "When you look at a group, I am not insinuating one of you have a mental illness, but I'm just saying, in a group of four of you like that, it is very common for at least one of you to have something diagnosable."

Chairman Skelton said, "Are you talking about these four people in front of us?"

Ms. Cook said, "I am, I was."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. I see. Clarification, great. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Marilyn, I appreciate your presentation, and your explanation about the language of behavioral health as compared to the other, as an umbrella category. I just wanted to compliment you on the implementation of these training classes. It seems to me that a big issue in trying to deal with mental health in our community is on the one hand, the stigma issue, but on the other hand, just an awareness, a sensitivity to it. I am just certain that there's many, many families who might have children who have symptoms of depression, or obsessive compulsive disorder or some other mild disorder, and they don't recognize it, don't understand what it is. So in light of the fact we have such a high percentage of folks with those behavioral health issues that can be successfully treated, I think that the education component is really important, and critical. So I just want to thank you for initiating that program. I think it will be helpful in our community."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

Ms. Cook said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Marilyn thanks for coming down today."

Ms. Cook said, "You are very welcome."

Chairman Skelton said, "Appreciate that. Okay. We'll ask Madam Clerk to call the next item, please."

APPOINTMENTS

H [13-0278](#) ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SHERRI LUTHE (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Next item, please."

I [13-0259](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARY DEAN (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</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. It's the Clerk himself. How are you sir?"

Mr. Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good Morning,"

Chairman Skelton said, "Good Morning."

Mr. Arnold said, "If you would stand here, and raise your right hand, I'll swear you in. Just say 'I do' when I finish. I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, so help me God."

Ms. Mary Dean, Appointee, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Ms. Dean said, "I would really like to thank Commissioner Richard Ranzau for appointing me and giving me this opportunity to serve on the advisory board. I can relate to that because of issues that I dealt with, with panic attacks and anxiety attacks, and because I was forced to do something about it, I would encourage people that have issues with mental illness or whatever, to please do something about it, and don't be ashamed of it, because there is a stigma when it comes to mental illness."

"So as the lady who I will be serving with, she is the chair of this board, I agree with everything that she says, that early treatment is the best thing for people who have mental illness. So, again, I thank this opportunity to serve on this board. So thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Commissioner, do you have a comment?
Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Sure, first of all, I want to thank Sherri Luthe for her previous service on this Board. And I want to thank you, Mary, for your willingness to serve on this board. And recognize and thank Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau for being here today as well."

Ms. Dean said, "Thank you."

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

J [13-0280](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM DIANE GAGE (ELECTED GRANT TOWNSHIP TREASURER) FROM THE GRANT TOWNSHIP TREASURER POSITION.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have received this resignation, and I would ask that you accept it."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Mr. Clerk. Oh, next item, I appologize."

K [13-0279](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEFFREY DEGARMO (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S APPOINTMENT) AS TREASURER OF GRANT TOWNSHIP DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF DIANE GAGE.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we have prepared this resolution for a term to expire in January of 2017, and I recommend you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</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. Kelly, please take it away, sir."

Mr. Arnold said, "I do solemnly swear I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Grant Township Treasurer, so help me God."

Mr. Jeffrey Debarmo, Treasurer, Grant Township, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Debarmo said, "Well, I don't have any eloquent acceptance speech here, but I just want to say I will be glad to fulfill the office here and carry out our duties as dictated. Thank you very much."

Chairman Skelton said, "Congratulations. Thank you. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I just want to say thank you for your willingness to serve. I appreciate it. You come highly recommended by a lot of people, so I'm sure you will do a great job."

Mr. Debarmo said, "Thank you very much."

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

L [13-0257](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM DR. RYAN ALEXANDER (APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION) FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, you have received this resignation request, at this time I would ask that you accept it."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Next item."

M [13-0256](#) RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CATHY FEEMSTER (COMMISSIONER KARL PETERJOHN'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this reappointment is for a four year term, and the resolution is in proper order. I would I ask that you adopt it."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Okay. I don't think she's here this morning. We'll just take the next item."

N [13-0270](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREE SISCO (CHAIRMAN JAMES B. SKELTON'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this item is a companion to Item O, and I would ask that you take them at the same time. Item O is also an appointment to the Advisory Council on Aging, which is Commissioner Peterjohn's appointment. And it's Clifford Koehn, so we've prepared resolutions for both of these. They are slightly different terms because one is filling a vacancy and the other is a full four year term. But I would I recommend that you adopt the resolutions for Items N and O."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Thank you. The Chairman will entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution for Item N and Item O.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</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, I recognize the Clerk, Kelly Arnold."

Mr. Arnold said, "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, so help me God."

Ms. Andree Sisco, Appointee, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do. I am thrilled to be on the Advisory Council for the [of] Aging. I think that the seniors which have come to help me today be recognized show wonderful educational to us, the younger generation coming in, and I've always supported them and have felt like I've been a senior for almost 20 years now. But I just turned to be a senior, so I am just thrilled to have this opportunity. Thank you very much."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "You are welcome. Thank you Okay. One, we have one more."

Mr. Arnold said, "I do solemnly swear I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, so help me God."

Mr. Clifford Koehn, Appointee, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Koehn said, "I want to take this opportunity to thank the Commission for allowing me to serve. This is one of these deals that you get into that you volunteer and then you find out what's in it. But I'm sure it is going to be fine. Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir, congratulations. Okay. That concludes appointments. We'll move to New Business. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

- O [13-0283](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLIFFORD KOEHN (COMMISSIONER KARL PETERJOHN'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Action on Item O taken with Item N.

NEW BUSINESS

P [13-0250](#)

SETTING OF A HEARING DATE FOR THE DE-ANNEXATION
HEARING FOR THE CITY OF VALLEY CENTER.

Presented by: Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the notice of hearing.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In May 2005, Valley Center annexed several subdivisions, including Ranchos Del Rios, and the Ranchos Del Rios 2nd Additions. You were required to have a post annexation hearing which you held in August of 2010. You continued that hearing, and made a finding eventually in October of 2010 that the city had not provided certain services that were required to be provided as part of their service plan. That gave the city two and a half years to provide those services.

"At the end of the two and a half years if the landowners felt the services were still not being provided, they could petition you for another hearing. We have received that petition on April 23rd, we reviewed the petition, we believe it is sufficient to cause you to be required to set a hearing date for June 5th where you will hear testimony from the city and the landowners as to whether or not the city has provided the services required during that two and a half year period. So we have a notice of hearing prepared. We would recommend you approve the hearing date, and we'll mail it out by certified mail as required by the statute. If you have any questions, I can go into more detail."

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the notice of hearing

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Skelton said, "It's been moved and seconded, is there any discussion of the motion? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Bob, from looking at this map it looks like all the parcels in this area, except for five, are going to request being de-annexed, am I correct in that?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "That is correct. We had five of the landowners either did not sign the petition at all, or only one of multiple landowners signed and the statute requires the majority of the owners for each parcel sign for the petition to be effective."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Could you help me out, so the area on the west of the map would remain in the City of Valley Center, and the parcels that are in pink would also remain in the City of Valley Center, if we approve the de-annexation, correct?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Let me ask you, you've got a number of streets that are there. Some of which are adjacent to those five parcels, then there are some

that are not. What happens to the streets?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "I think we would look to the annexation ordinance itself to see if the streets were included as part of that annexation ordinance. And then we would determine whether they were subject to de-annexation as well. If that was determined to be the case, then when you ordered a de-annexation, presumably you would de-annex the roads as well."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I would like to really have that clarified and understand that clearly before we proceed."

Mr. Parnacott said, "We'll have that clarified by the June 5th date."

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir, thank you. Any other discussion of the motion? Madam Clerk, please call the vote."

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

Mr. Parnacott said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "You are welcome, sir. Next item."

Q [13-0252](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,997,281 FOR THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADULT OFFENDER PROGRAMS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Presented by: Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections.

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

Mr. Masterson said, "Community Corrections is a state mandated program in the Adult Corrections system. Its purpose is to provide intensive community-based supervision programs to punish felony offenders in the community instead of sending them to prison. These programs are valuable to offenders and to the state. They provide offenders the chance to avoid prison under strict conditions set by the court, while they maintain employment, pay taxes, pay restitution to crime victims, and continue to support their families. Community Corrections is state funded through an annual grant process administered by the Kansas Department of Corrections. In order to continue to receive grant funds, an annual plan must be submitted on or before each March 1st. The comprehensive plan for state fiscal year [20]14 is before you today. It reflects continuation of the existing programs. The programs are the Adult Intensive Supervision Program and the Adult Residential Facility.

"Within each program, staff members provide close supervision and services to assist offenders in gaining and maintaining employment, accessing treatment and training, and they provide regular drug testing and testing for use of alcohol. We serve an average daily population of approximately 1,500 individuals. Sedgwick County currently receives just under \$4 million from the state to provide Community Corrections. For fiscal year [20]14, we were instructed to provide no growth budgets for either program, as well as actual cost budgets needed to sustain current service levels. A budget scenario with this information for the [Adult] Residential and [Adult] Intensive Supervision programs is contained in the plan. The request for the residential center is in the amount of \$1,199,452, and for Intensive Supervision, \$2,797,829. There's a funding gap reflected in these documents between the no-growth planning allocation and the actual cost budgets. Each year we attempt to make up the difference with other funds, including income from clients that pay fees for our services, other grants such as the [Edward] Byrne [Memorial Justice Assistance] Grants and the Justice Assistance Grants that we are able to obtain and county funding. And then some county funding.

"As you know the legislature is still in session and this plan will be modified to fit the actual grant allocation we are awarded sometime in June. We stand a good chance of receiving additional state funds due to passage of House Bill 2170, known as the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. The bill has been signed by Governor Brownback, but the recommended funding is pending adoption of the state budget. The plan contains a great deal of data we use in managing our programs. The most troubling data is the high rate of probation failures here compared to the state total. In Sedgwick County, the rate was 55 percent, compared to 34 percent statewide. Failures for arrests for new felony crimes and new misdemeanor crimes while on probation are significantly higher here than in the rest of the state.

"We've worked closely with Wichita State University, and our advisory boards, to understand the data. Contributing factors include assignment of very high risk offenders to our program that could have been sent to prison under sentencing guidelines. In fact, the presumption under sentencing guidelines was that they go to prison and the court has done a departure allowing them to remain in the community. Another factor is loss of bed capacity at our residential center which occurred in 2011. Previously those high risk offenders were sent directly to the residential program by the court.

"When we reduced that capacity from 120 beds down to 65 beds, we presume that more of those individuals would be sent to prison because that facility was not available. In fact, the number went up that were sent to us in field services where they actually reside in the community. Thereby risk was increased in our community, and more of those individuals, they are the ones that are responsible for the increase in probation failures for being arrested for new crimes while they were on probation.

"Higher unemployment, that's been the case here for several years, but it is improving. And the opportunity in an urban area to have higher concentration of individuals that are under supervision of the court. The plan contains strategies we are working on to address these issues. The most promising is a proposal to administer a uniform individualized risk assessment earlier in the court process. This is something we're working on with the District Court. The potential benefit is identifying these individuals who can be successful in the community on probation from those that present too much risk to continue to commit crimes if granted probation.

"On a more positive note, the plan contains the results of a three year study of recidivism of individuals completing our program. The results show no arrests, no further arrests for 89 percent of the individuals at one year post-completion of probation, 81 percent after two years, and 72 percent with no further arrests after three years. So of the 443 individuals completing the probation program in 2009, 320 had not been arrested again in either the city or the county in three years. The Community Corrections Advisory Board participated in development of the plan, and approved it at their meeting on April 11th. It is their recommendation as well as mine that you approve it. I will be happy to answer questions."

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mark, appreciate the presentation. When you mentioned the legislature and legislative action, if they come up with a different number than what we're considering today, will you come back with as different number or how will that be handled?"

Mr. Masterson said, "We will receive whatever our allocation is, and then whatever instructions there are if it's another application to apply if additional funding is appropriated due to passage of House Bill 2170. We would put together a separate application, which I expect will be the process and we would bring that back for approval because we'll have to compete for those dollars."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, I appreciate that clarification. In our current year,

the funding of just under \$4 million, how is that different from our current year funding at this point?"

Mr. Masterson said, "That is our current year funding."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So, we're basically, its flat and level."

Mr. Masterson said, "That's the no growth funding for the state grant portion of the means to pay for this program. We will go on and the Byrne Grant process and Justice Assistance Grant process, have just now been announced, as we do every year, we will try to secure as many of those dollars to apply to these programs as possible."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes sir, thank you. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mark, I appreciate the great work you do in our Community Corrections system. I mean, it is, I know our Commissioners know, but anybody watching I would want them to know that you are a recognized national expert in this area for the plans that have been I am completed here, that have been successful, and have reduced recidivism. So, we are proud of the work you are doing."

"There comes a point where we are maxed out. I mean, it would seem like, we can't do any more. So we have got a no growth budget, we have an average daily population of 1,500. What is next? I mean, are we required to take folks that the courts assign to us in this program, and if you don't have more folks on your payroll, if you don't have the resources? How does that work?"

Mr. Masterson said, "We have studied all of those questions. We have been in a shrinkage mode for several years. The answer is, yes, we have to accept and provide services at the level that we are able to for anyone that the District Courts assign to us. So we have no choice in that regard. As we've shrunk resources, we've used data to focus the programs that we provide in a way that best serves public safety, and, but to say that services have not been compromised, have not been reduced with the shrinkage, have not been impacted, the truth is that they have. Services are less intensive, the intensity of services for those that are high risk to reoffend have become more restricted."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So the net result though is that there is a depreciation of public safety."

Mr. Masterson said, "There is an increase in the numbers of individuals that are reoffending, and for those that are reoffending for having been arrested for new crimes, so, yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, appreciate the hard work you do in trying to be creative and help us provide public safety here in Sedgwick County. Thank you."

Mr. Masterson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, are there any additional questions? Is there a motion on the table?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

Mr. Masterson said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Next item, please."

R [13-0271](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND USE OF MONEY FROM THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FUND PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 28-115a.

Presented by: Bill Meek, Register of Deeds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you a resolution, and in accordance with K.S.A. (Kansas Statutes Annotated) 28-115a, might help if I put my glasses on, I have determined the balance of the Register of Deeds technology fund at the end of 2012 calendar year is greater than \$50,000, and that \$200,000 is not needed in my office for technology purposes. K.S.A. 28-115[a] therefore provides the Board with the authority to transfer those funds from the Register of Deeds technology fund to the county fund to be used by other county offices for equipment or technological services related to land or property records filed or maintained by the county. Recommended action is that you approve the resolution."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Meek, how many times have you come before this Commission to basically provide funds from this fund, and we've done this process now. Because this is not the first time, and I'm thinking it goes back a ways. I was curious, if you happened to have a running total, not just this year's money, but how much total has been transferred since you have been the Register of Deeds."

Mr. Meek said, "We started in 2003. I missed one year, and I think we probably have given you \$3.5 [million]-\$4.5 million, somewhere around there. I can't remember off the top of my head."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I know a lot of the upgrades that have occurred here have been due to those transfers. So, thank you."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, Mr. Honorable Register of Deeds, this is always a fun occasion, when you come before us and transfer money into the general fund. We appreciate that. But, you know, elected officials, it's always better when we work in harmony with one another, and with cooperation, and I am real proud to say that you, along with our other elected officials in our building here, all work together in good harmony. This is an example of it. Appreciate that you have focused on being efficient and productive, and that you can provide the citizens of Sedgwick County with this bit of revenue. So, thanks for your good work."

Mr. Meeks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Is there any other discussion? Can I get a motion, please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</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. Next item."

S [13-0281](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Presented by: Chris Chronis, CFO.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Troy Bruun, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My pleasure to be here this morning to give you an update on the county's finances as of the end of the first quarter 2013. You should all have received the quarterly report yesterday. I'm sure you spent your evening reading it. Before I get started I would like to thank the people that put this report together. We have some new faces in budget, our interim Budget Director Lindsay Rousseau and her staff, Brandon McGuire, Kyle Carr, Kelli Grant, Anna Meyerhoff and our newest budget analyst/CFO (Chief Financial Officer) Chris Chronis. This time he can't say he didn't do anything, he actually participated. And the accounting staff led by Director Sara Jantz, Brandi Baily, Sarah Shaffer, and Ginger Radley. Thank you all very much.

"This first slide shows revenues in the property tax supported funds. Back in 2008, in the first quarter, the county received a little over \$100 million in revenue. The first quarter in 2013 we received \$93.5 million, a drop of \$7.3 million. And I am showing you net revenues. Because I know you read the report last night and it showed that property tax supported fund revenues increased. I am not showing transfers, I am just showing you the net revenues. So, by taking out transfers, the counties revenue actually dipped a couple hundred thousand from the first quarter last year.

"It's not a surprise, but it does appear that we have hit the bottom and we have a slow improvement in our finances, according to the first quarter over the last five years. Expenditures, they dipped from last year, they're down to \$49 million in the first quarter compared to five years ago, where they were \$50.8 million in the first quarter. Again, these are net expenditures in the property tax supported funds.

"I don't usually show you grant funds in the quarterly financial report. But I thought it was a good idea this time. You can see that at the end of the first quarter 2013, revenues in the grant supported funds, or grant funds, was \$15.7 million. In 2008, it was \$20.2 million. You see the bump in 2011, you might recall the federal government in their Recovery Act, we got a lot of funds, they were, after we spent the money, then they reimbursed us, so we received that money in 2011. That's kind of an abnormality; I don't see that coming back anytime soon. So we have dropped \$4.5 million since 2008 in the grant funds in revenue. Expenditures, the same story, back in 2008, we spent \$20.4 million in the first quarter. First quarter of 2013, we're down to \$17.1 [million]. You can see we spent those Recovery Act funds in 2010, were we spending \$23 million in the first quarter and we were reimbursed in 2011.

"Switching back to property tax supported funds, some of the key revenues, these numbers include transfers, so this will match your quarterly report. Ad valorem taxes down about .7 percent or nearly half a million dollars in the first quarter. It's kind of nice to see sales and use tax up 3.2 percent compared to the first quarter last year. Gaming revenues up 29 percent. Prisoner housing fees, which is good to see that declining, it's down 7.3 percent. Investment income down 50 percent. We have less

money to invest, and we're earning less on it. So overall, including transfers, revenues for the first quarter, and property tax supported funds are up a little over a million dollars.

"Expenditures in property tax supported funds, including transfers; the first quarter overall, they are up 1.5 percent, mainly due to the transfers out. That was up 54 percent. That includes a \$500,000 transfer for flood control. Nearly \$600,000 for Sedgwick County Park. ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) improvements of \$370,000. This also includes the sales tax transfer from the general fund to the highway fund of \$3.4 million. Also included in the transfers is nearly \$1 million for Extension for their capital improvements, and an additional building maintenance transfer of \$380,000.

"You can see we had 2.5 percent salary pool in 2013, although salaries increased .5 percent. Our benefits increased 1.4 percent. Pension, KPERs (Kansas Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan) and KP&F (Kansas Police and Fireman's Retirement System) increased 6.7 percent. Contractual services down 10 percent, and commodities are up 25 percent, and I kind of wondered why that was. I went back to 2008 and looked at commodities through the first quarter. Well 2012 was abnormally low, 2013 is the second lowest amount spent since 2008.

"My guess is at the end of 2011, people stocked up on their budget, cause they knew their 2012 budget was going to be less, and there was less, they didn't need the items to buy in the first quarter of 2012. Graphically, just showing revenues up 1.2 percent, and property tax supported funds and expenditures up 1.5 [percent].

"Switching to the grant funds, again, key revenues, intergovernmental revenue. Revenue we get from the federal government, state and other local governments, down nearly \$1 million compared to last year at the end of the first quarter. Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver Funds are down 14 percent. That may be, which we didn't change how we do business, it may be now that we have KanCare and we had three different entities to bill, there appears to be a backlog in the billing. This is budgetary basis, we don't count those funds until we actually receive them. So we're going to be watching that one closely.

"I have to find one that increased the most. I don't know if that's good or bad. But concealed weapon permits up 112 percent over the first quarter of last year. And offender registration fees up 14 percent. Overall, all revenues in the grant funds are down 10.6 percent compared to the first quarter last year, and 23.8 percent compared to 2011.

"Expenditures, these folks also were included in the 2.5 percent pay pool, although wages are down 2.3 percent in the first quarter, benefits as well, down 1.6 [percent]. Pension, though, is still up, 4.1 [percent] because of the increases in KPERs and KP&F. The same issue with commodities that I saw. Commodities in 2012 were abnormally low. In 2013, is in the grant fund, is again, the second lowest year since 2008. Just for everyone's knowledge, there is no debt service in the grant funds. That remains at zero. Expenditures in the grant funds dipped 7.9 percent compared to the first quarter of last year. So revenues, overall, not counting transfers in or out, revenues are down, expenditures are down.

"To please the accountants, I had to have one gap based slide. And this shows total fund balance in the general fund. We ended the first quarter 2013 with \$93 million in

fund balance. This is not all cash, but it is a nice illustration of the cash flow cycle of the county. We are receiving more money in the first half of the year, and we're spending more money than we receive in the second half of the year. You can see I've highlighted the first quarter in red, 2009, we had \$92 million and it's stayed relatively constant throughout this five year period.

"Investment portfolio, we ended the first quarter of 2013 with \$237.7 million invested. That's down from \$247 last year. We are earning 46 basis points of interest on that money. Last year it was 58. Significant capital projects, just an update. As you know the Sheriff's Squad Room is complete. It came in under budget. The south restroom at Sedgwick County Park is also complete. A drainage project in Greenwich Plaza is complete. The highway preventive maintenance of 2012 is 99 percent committed, and the new radio system, the expansion and conversion to digital, is estimated to be completed this fall. We have committed \$10.8 million of the \$22 million project.

"So, just to wrap this up, the key points, our financial difficulties, or stagnation is caused by revenues. Our revenues continue to fall. We have no deficit projected for 2013. The county is smaller, more focused, deficits return to our financial forecast beginning in 2014. Just a little set up for you as you begin your budget hearings on Wednesday, May 15th.

"Items of concern to me is that state and federal programs may begin looking to local funds to fill that gap. So I showed you the grant funds today in the dramatic decrease in revenue in those grant funds. So just an item to keep in mind. Also, how the state budget is going to end up. Additional state legislation, and our local economy. I showed you that the sales tax was up 3.2 percent. That's a glimmer of hope in our revenues and property tax funds appear to have bottomed out in 2011. And now they are slightly increasing. Be happy to answer any questions, if you don't have any, I think the Manager would like to say a few words."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, thank you. Is there any questions at this time? Okay, I would recognize the Manager."

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Troy helped put this into perspective, in context of our budget hearings which are May 14th, beginning May 15th, in two weeks. The growth and evaluation has been slow, but what we did hear from yesterday is projected of some 4,000 new jobs over the next year, WSU (Wichita State University) projected, it is less than what was hoped for, the projection earlier was around 5[000]. But 4,000 new jobs is better than a poke in the eye. So there continues to be a glimmer of hope.

"I would remind us that over the past two years, we have reduced the budget by \$19.6 million. \$9.3 [million] in the 2013 budget, and \$10.3 [million] in the 2012 budget. And in February, at your retreat, we talked about, again, three specific goals, if you will, walking orders for us. Make sure we had maintained our financial integrity, a balanced budget, and we will do that for 2014. To keep government focused, continue to look for shared services, and ways in which to maximize service to the public, and we are exploring some pretty exciting things in a couple areas, which we will be able to talk about in a month or so. And be clear and concise about what we do. We need to make sure you and I understand clearly what the state's role is and what our local role is, so that as Troy indicated, as the state and the federal government continue to shrink the dollars for grants, these mandatory services or these optional services to us and whose responsibility really has it been when giving us the grant, where they ask us

to do the work, and now asking us to do the work without money. We need to be really clear about that.

“Again, your hearings begin on the 15th. And we will go through the budget process together. We will not, as staff, will not knee jerk, the information we have heard today will not cause us to do that, nor should it cause you to do it. As usual, we will go through this process in a thoughtful, careful manner, over beginning in May and ending first week or so of August. So lots of work before us, and budget folks have already started. Please notice the color of Lindsay's hair. I don't think it will turn gray by August, but we're starting to work on it. Thank you, Commissioners.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Is that what happened to your hair, sir?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “No, it's been lots of brilliant County Commissioners.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Are we still looking at the vicinity of a \$3 million reduction again this year? Has that changed?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “We have, Lindsey has produced eight different financial plans for us, financial forecasts. We have not settled on one that we're comfortable with, so, it's someplace between \$2 and \$6 million.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Oh, okay. All right, thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Manager, when we get into this process these have been public events that people can attend. And I think that's important for folks to know. And, I don't know, in terms of getting this information made available to both the media and the public I certainly want to have that included. I guess the other question I would throw out to you, you mentioned the numbers on it, but one of the big changes has been the number of people who are employed by the county. If you could kind of give a quick summary of what has happened on the number of employees. Because that's where the rubber meets the road for a lot of people. It's been where the challenge comes in, because the employees contribute so much, but it's certainly a big part of our budget challenge, too.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “A couple years ago, we had a little in excess of 3,000 full-time employees equivalent. I think the current is somewhere around 2,680, somewhere around there. So we're certainly down in 300 some folks.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Okay. Any other questions? Okay.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Receive and file.”

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Skelton said, “Okay, it's been moved and seconded to receive and file. And we'll discuss the motion, and I'll recognize you again, sir.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Did I get a second?"

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, I'm sorry I didn't, I missed that. There are several things that jumped out at me, and I sure appreciate the hard work of the folks in the Finance Department. There's a lot of useful information here, and some of it comes in in ways that are sometimes a little bit unexpected and surprising in terms of this savings that the Manager pointed out. When I looked at the expenditures for benefits, health and dental and other benefits for employees, seeing that number and the very, very modest increase that was entailed was significant to me. I guess probably the biggest surprise to me was, even though it's a very tiny budget item, was the revenue the county received in concealed weapons permits. And this is, having a 112 percent increase first quarter of 2013 over 2012, and I don't think the amount being charged has changed in the last year. If it has, maybe someone can correct me on that, but that is a reflection that has relatively little to do with finance per se, but it's interesting how we sometimes pick up things in the finance area that involve other parts of county government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Any other comments or discussion of the motion? Madam Clerk, call the vote."

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

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

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

T [13-0233](#)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE
SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF SEDGWICK COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Bill, do you have anything to say on this one?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "You have in front of you the proposed rules of operation that you have worked on for the last couple months. We had a thorough discussion about this yesterday. The County Counselor has provided you a copy of the changes that you requested at yesterday's meeting, and I would recommend you adopt the rules."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, well, a Chair doesn't usually make motions, but I will in this case, as the one who is going to be the center of all this, so to speak."

MOTION

Chairman Skelton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Skelton said, "It's been moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. Discussion? Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be supportive of this motion today. There is one thing that's been put in here that I've been advocating for for a while, and that is the opportunity for constituents to show up at the day of the meeting and say something, sign up and say something, if they so desire so they don't have to sign up a week or nine days earlier. I've had that complaint by many constituents, and I know some of the smaller cities operate that way. I want to say thanks for the Chairman for being willing to accommodate that request. We'll try it and see how it works, and I appreciate it, and I'll be supportive of this."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you very much, sir. Additional comments? Questions? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate all my colleagues' willingness to work on some of the questions and concerns I had on the language, and I haven't looked at, made sure every nuance since we had the meeting yesterday, but basically it looks like we are going to be codifying ourselves to operate like other legislative bodies do, and I know the Kansas House [of Representatives] and Kansas Senate, they regularly adopt rules at the beginning of their legislative sessions, and our action today, I'd see us following in a sense in that model even though the particulars of our rules will be different. I'd like the public to understand I agree with Commissioner Ranzau's comments, but also point out the fact that we've got a sunset provision on this, so that the next, when we reorganize the next time, the rules will come back before us at that point."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir. Thank you. My comment is I appreciate the work everybody has done. I appreciate staff's extreme hard work in research and dedication

and to my colleagues for adopting these rules to allow for the implementation of parliamentary procedure. So, I don't see any other comments, and I ask the Clerk to call the vote, please."

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</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, thank you. Next item."

U [12-0063](#)

PROGRAMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Buchanan said, "Here it is the monthly report on the existing programs. You'll see that these numbers are, as the trend has been, down, booking is stable from last year, March of last year. The Detention Facility's booking number is down from March of last year. Work Release is down slightly, and significantly down is out of county housing. The number of municipal inmates remains about the same month to month, and that's a pretty good sign. We've added a new slide. This is a slide that shows the municipal inmate hours, and this is just for the City of Wichita. If you recall, in 2008, when we instituted it, you'll see that the hours in January of 2008 were around 197,798 hours a month.

"If you recall, when we instituted the jail fees, there was lots of criticism. There was even a lawsuit, people that thought this was an outrageous way in which to do business. We approached this problem, this issue not as a revenue generator, but in fact, as a way, an economic means to control, and to control who uses and how the jail is being used. No longer do we have people in that jail that we're still mad at.

"Remember the guy that was in the jail for several hours because he was kayaking in the river illegally? That doesn't happen any longer. You can see that in January [20]13 that number is down to 92,000 hours. That's a drop of 100,000 hours of inmate time over the period.

"Here's a fancy slide. This slide is, I don't know what happened to it, but on your handout, it shows the municipal inmate charges, and you'll see that the charges, this would be slide 6, goes from \$400,000 to about \$200,000, so a drop of about \$200,000 a month. Bookings, you can see the bookings remain down, and fewer people apparently arrested, or less people coming into the jail, so the year-to-date bookings are down and concurrently releases would be down, also.

"Average length of stay. We continue to monitor that. You can see that that continues to be an issue that drives the jail, and it's a function of several things, one of which that we have, the people that need to be in jail, still in jail. That's not bad. As long as we're pretty stable, if these numbers stabilize, we'll be okay. If they start increasing, we're going to be concerned. This is the trends for the year. It still is only three months of trend for 2013, so it doesn't tell us much. It doesn't tell as much as this chart. You can see that we're still down, that in March of 2013, it was the fifth lowest month ever, and that is a really good thing.

"Adult Supervision, we continue to use Adult Supervision in ways to keep people out of the jail. We've reduced day reporting. That was intentional. Pretrial Services is down a little bit. That's because less people are being booked. Adult Intense Supervision is down a little bit. And Adult Corrections, continue to use that program, the [Adult] Residential program. District Attorney Diversion is up. Back on track with that.

"SCOAP (Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program) is up a little bit, and the Sedgwick County Drug Court is slightly up. So those programs, along with the other funded programs, continue to work in ways in which to keep people out of jail. The

mental health court in the city is up, and you can see the Drug Court Diversion is down, but Drug Court Probation is up. Probation is down slightly in the city. DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Diversion is down. The 19th [sic] Judicial District Probation is down.

“Juvenile system has stabilized. [COMCARE] Intake and Assessment Center, there is less people being taken there. That's a good thing, less crime being committed. Juvenile Detention Facilities (JDF) at capacity, where it should be. Juvenile Residential Facility is stabilized, as is home supervision, and Weekend Alternative [to Detention] Program was down a little this month. BICE (Bureau of Immigration and Customer Enforcement) holds remain the same, as they have been, in the same range. And felony inmates remain the same range they have always been. And that's the end.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Okay, thank you. Are there questions, comments by Commissioners? Otherwise, I'll entertain a motion to receive and file.”

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Skelton said, “Thank you.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Manager, thank you very much, Next item please.”

V [13-0304](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 25, 2013.

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

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of April 25th results in seven items I would like to present to you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. Item 1;

1. ROCK SALT - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING - R175 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE 2013

"Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Hutchinson Salt Company, Inc. for an initial purchase of \$41,890.00 and to establish contract pricing for one year with two, one year options to renew. Item 2;

2. 2013 NOVA CHIP OVERLAYS (R175-B) - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING - R175 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE 2013

"Recommendation is to accept the low bid from APAC-Kansas, Inc., Shears Division in the amount of \$2,413,576.00. Item 3;

3. LARGE INTERMEDIATE FOUR DOOR SEDANS -- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING -- LARGE INTERMEDIATE FOUR DOOR SEDAN

"Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Ed Bozarth Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$72,636.12. Item 4;

4. VEHICLES -- MANAGEMENT
2013 DODGE CHARGER POLICE PACKAGE

"Recommendation is to accept the lowest responsible bid from Davis-Moore Automotive, Inc., in the amount of \$81,818.55. Item 5;

5. UPGRADE TO 911 CAD SYSTEM -- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING-E911 EQUIPMENT RESERVE and 911 TELEPHONE TAX

"Recommendation is to accept the quote from Northrop Grumman IT in the amount of \$93,544.00. Item 6;

6. LIVERY SERVICES - SEDGWICK COUNTY REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER
FUNDING - SEDGWICK COUNTY REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER

"Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Preferred Mortuary Services and establish contract pricing and execute a two year contract with three, one year options to renew. Item 7;

7. ON-CALL CARPET SERVICES - FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING -- VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

"Recommendation is to accept the bids from National Flooring, Inc. and Harry Street Carpet and establish contract pricing for one year with two, one year options to renew.

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Quick question on Item 3 and 4. I noticed both vehicle purchases for the county, but I noticed, there is an awful lot of car dealers in this community, and I noticed only two responsive bids. Any comments on both Items 3 as well as Item 4? Any comment, in terms of why we don't have more responses from more of the car dealers in this community?"

Mr. Thomas said, "The majority of the responses, Commissioner, from those that didn't bid or provided an actual no bid was that this was such a competitive market that they chose not to participate at this time for these two items."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I had a question also on Item 3, and I understand the competitive nature of the market. If car sales are up, well, they are happy to sell more to a retail customer. But there's \$4,000 difference in the bid. Are we getting the same car, getting the same vehicle?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Exact same vehicle. Well, I'm sorry. This [Item] 3 is not, [Item] 4 was; 3 were two different vehicles. I think the Ed Bozarth had quoted an Impala. And I'm really not sure on Davis Moore, but I thought it might have, I'll check on that and let you know. Maybe Penny has that information."

Ms. Penny Poland, Director, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Davis Moore bid a Charger, so it was not a good comparison. It was an Impala to a Charger."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Did we ask for a Chevrolet?"

Ms. Poland said, "No. Our specs, we just asked for a large intermediate, so it opened it up to any vendor who wanted to bid."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Well, thank you. That explains it. Just a substantial difference in the bid. All right, thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Those are pretty broad parameters when you're putting out a bid for a car, is a large intermediate sedan. So it could be anything the dealer chooses to use to respond to? Okay, all right. Additional comments? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I have kind of a follow-up on Commissioner Unruh's comments and my own. I just want to clarify for the record that this wasn't brand specific on Items 3 or 4, in terms of it wasn't limited to a General Motors product or a Ford product or a Chrysler product. It was a large intermediate in the case of, I believe, Item 3, but Item 4 may have been maker specific."

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "But I just want to clarify on Item 4, because Commissioner Unruh's point, in terms of the wide difference in the two bids, and that's just, that's rather remarkable."

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes. Item 3 was, the specs were opened up so we got more competitive offerings, whereas Item 4 was very specific with the 2013 Dodge Charger."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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

CONSENT

- W [13-0301](#) Setting of a public hearing date for the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- X [13-0258](#) A resolution to adopt the records retention and disposition schedule endorsed by the state records board for use in retaining and disposing the records of the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging.
- Y [13-0267](#) Agreement with The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Wichita, Kansas, Inc.
- Z [13-0272](#) Plat
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2012 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:
- HAGEMEISTER ADDITION
- AA [12-1058](#) Payroll Check Register.

- AB** [12-1030](#) General Bill Check Register.
- AC** [12-1031](#) General Bill Check Register.
- AD** **13-0266** Order dated 4/11/13 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

AE 13-0285 Order dated 4/19/2013 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

Chairman Skelton said, "Manager, we have consent items."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes. I was just stunned there, for a minute."

Chairman Skelton said, "I'm helping, sir."

Mr. Buchanan said, "You have a Consent Agenda before you, and I would recommend you approve it, please."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir. Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Skelton said, "It's been moved and seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda. Is there are comments, and I would recognize Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes, in here is an agreement between the county and the Young Man Christian's Association, YMCA, for a triathlon this month here, and as a former triathlete, whenever these come up, I'm very appreciative of the efforts, and I think it speaks well for this community. We talk a lot about fitness and health and having events like this are outstanding, and I remember the good ole days when I was actually in a position to compete in those type of events. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, so I will be supporting the Consent Agenda this morning."

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Mr. Chairman, I want to point out that Item W is, we're setting a public hearing date for the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Plan hearing which will occur on May 22nd at the BOCC (Board of County Commissioners) meeting for anyone out there who may be interested in speaking."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes sir, correct. Any other discussion? Madam Clerk, call the vote, please."

VOTE

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| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Absent</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> |

OTHER

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. That brings us to other. Is there other items today? I'll recognize Commissioners for any other items. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last week I had the opportunity to attend a planning meeting, and I believe we've got another planning meeting. There's been a lot of talk about involvement in various organizations that are going to be involved in planning. There is a meeting later on this afternoon, and I wanted to mention that. I also wanted to mention, we had a whole bunch of appointments earlier today, but we have a very important board where the appointments were made that didn't get mentioned, and since it involved a number of folks who are, some of whom are well known in the community and had prominent positions in the community, we've got the Sedgwick County Technical Education and Training Authority board members that had expired terms, and since none of those 11 appointees were reappointed by the County Manager, I thought it was important that the folks who were reappointed, like Lyndon Wells and John Dekker, Cindy Hoover and Matt Leary, Jim Walters, Jeff Turner and Kim Shank, who were reappointed by the County Manager for nine of the, they're part of the nine appointments that the Manager makes to this 11 member board.

"They deserve recognition, because this board with the oversight and responsibility for technical education and training, NCAT (National Center for Aviation Training) and WATC (Wichita Area Technical College), this is a significant position. These folks have a budget, we're talking about, I mean, we have people on advisory boards who make recommendations and then it comes before us.

"These folks actually get to where the rubber meets the road. They have budgets that are in seven figures. The county contributes, I think, close to \$1 million a year, plus we pick up the principle and interest costs for the facilities out there, so I think that the folks who were reappointed and serving on these boards deserve public recognition, and even though the Commission doesn't make that appointment, I think it's important that they get credit for their community service on this board and that this ought to occur at a public meeting at a public time, so I bring it up this morning in that regard.

"I would also point out the fact that while the legislature isn't finished and they're going to come back, the very important revenue estimating side of the equation has come out, and there is a, Kansas Legislative Research Department has issued a document with revised revenue figures, and they are, while there are still many challenges at the state level going forward, at the baseline economy in this state, I think is doing well. So, I think it's important that folks keep an eye on that as the legislators from Sedgwick County and the rest of the state troop back to Topeka for their wrap up session later on this month. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir. Thank you. Are there other comments today? Seeing none, we have no Executive Session, and is there any other business to come before the Board, Manager?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, sir."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Is there any other business? Hearing no other business, this meeting will stand adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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