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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 3, 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 9:03 a.m. on April 3, 2013 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman James B. Skelton, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator; Mr. Michael Stover, Captain, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Joseph Page, Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Thomas Delgado, Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Greg Baker, Training Manager, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Finance Officer; Ms. Sara Jantz, Director of Accounting, Finance; Ms. Brandi Baily, Principal Accountant, Finance; Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, Extension; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Debbie Kennedy, Executive Director, Wichita State University Alumni Association
Ms. Cornelia Stevens, Director, Kansas Children's Service League
Dr. Douglas Horbelt, Recipient, Doren Fredrickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award
Mr. Jack Focht, Chairman, TECH Oversight Committee
Mr. Blake Foraker, Speaker, 4-H
Ms. Jill Seiler, Speaker, 4-H
Mr. Logan McGinley, Speaker, 4-H
Ms. Shelly Hammond, Vice President of Assurance Services, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, LC*

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Daniel Syrcle, First Salem United Church of Christ.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [13-0155](#) REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2013.
All Commissioners were present.

Chairman Skelton said, "Mr. Attorney, can we take Items A, B, and C together?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Skelton said, "Are there any corrections to that of January 2nd, January 9th or January 16th minutes? Are there corrections?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion

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

VOTE

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

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

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

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

Present: 0

B [13-0167](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2013.
All Commissioners were present.

Actions on Item B were taken with Item A.

C [13-0173](#) REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2013.
All Commissioners were present.

Actions on Item C were taken with Item A.

PROCLAMATIONS

OFF AGENDA ITEM

PROCLAMATION DELCARING BLACK AND GOLD SHOCKER DAY

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chair, before we take all the proclamations, I'd like to take an off agenda item today, so I'd make a motion that we put a proclamation on the agenda to be done right now."

OFF AGENDA ITEM

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion

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

VOTE

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm excited and honored to be able to read this proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Wichita and Sedgwick County are proud to be home to Wichita State University, a higher learning institution since 1895; and

WHEREAS, when Wichita State University first opened its doors, students rode horses to class, telegraph machines were cutting-edge technology and Wichita had only been a city for about 25 years; and

WEREAS, Wichita State University is one of seven state public universities, known around the world for academic excellence, industry-focused research and one of the top outdoor sculpture collections; and

WHEREAS, Wichita State University also boasts a strong athletics program with numerous championships in baseball, bowling, volleyball, rowing, men's and women's basketball, softball, tennis, cheer, dance, track and field, and cross country, with great student athletes demonstrating a strong team spirit, a positive image and great sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita State University men's basketball team has created 'shock and awe' in the nation by playing their way into the NCAA Final Four under the leadership of Coach Gregg Marshall; and

WHEREAS, everyone can have Shocker Pride and be a part of the Shocker Nation in support of our young student athletes, as we 'Fight, Fight, Wichita, For the Black and Gold' in the Final Four tournament in Atlanta.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Skelton, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 6, 2013 as

'BLACK AND GOLD SHOCKER DAY'

in Sedgwick County, and encourage everyone to be a Shocker fan, wear your black and gold, and cheer loudly as the Wichita State Shockers 'play angry' in the NCAA Final Four.

"You don't want to go to war with the [Wichita State University] Shockers. Don't start no stuff. Won't be no stuff."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "And with us today is Debbie Kennedy with the [Wichita State University] Alumni Association and the wife of the voice of the Shockers Mike Kennedy. Welcome, Debbie."

Ms. Debbie Kennedy, Executive Director, Wichita State University Alumni Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, and on behalf of Wichita State University (WSU), we are honored to represent our fine City of Wichita, and we hope to bring home a national championship to Wichita. As we all know in the room, we are so proud of our basketball team, and we're pleased to represent our city and go to Atlanta and bring it home. So, thank you so much for the proclamation, and we have gifts for you. A 'play angry' button, so all of you can wear those, and a wheat head to show your Shocker pride. There you go. Looks good!"

Chairman Skelton said, "Oh, is that how it is? Okay!"

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chairman, just so you know, my wife Susan and I, who works at WSU, are headed to Atlanta on Friday and we'll be there rooting the Shockers on to being number one in the nation."

Ms. Kennedy said, "And be sure to come to the pep rally, or the pregame extravaganza that's going to be by the Georgia Dome, and you look like you're going to go to war with that wheat hat on. Thank you so much."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, I'd like to concur with Commissioner Norton's

comments. *If I put that hat on right now, my hair would be standing straight up for the rest of the meeting.*"

Commissioner Norton said, "You'd look like WuShock (Wichita University), that's okay."

Chairman Skelton said, "I would. So, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'm just glad I've got hair regardless. I do want to add as a point and mention in, from the County Treasurer end, the Sedgwick County Treasurer does have availability, and they can come up close, for WU Shock license tags. They cost \$35, and it goes to the Alumni Association at Wichita State University.

Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "They are available at the County Treasurer's office, and I wanted to add that to our discussion this morning, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

Ms. Kennedy said, "Do you mind if I make a point?"

Chairman Skelton said, "Sure."

Ms. Kennedy said, "Those monies go to scholarships. So, last year, we were able to give out \$44,000 worth of scholarships to our students on campus because we're driving our pride. So, yes, it goes through the Alumni Association, but then we write the checks out to our students that represent that. So those license plates represent scholarships and students getting a great education in our fine city. So, thank you so much."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "We've got a variety of tag offices around the county."

Ms. Kennedy said, "Yes, we do."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So, please think of that the next time you have to get your tags renewed."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to say that while the entire region is infected with Shocker mania right now and are really pulling for the Shocks to bring home that championship, WSU is such an important component in our culture for South Central Kansas, I just wanted to, I know the proclamation mentioned the other sports, but kind of give a shout out to the other coaching staff and to Athletic Director Eric Sexton. Jody Adams on the women's basketball team had a great year and won her first Missouri Valley Conference Tournament Championship. Volleyball team, under Chris Lamb, continues to draw great crowds. Coach Gordon Vadakin and the bowling team is nationally known. Head coach Gene Stephenson is a legacy for Wichita State [University] for all the games that he's won. And the rowing team led by head coach Calvin Cupp. So, as we focus on the basketball team, the whole Athletic Department for Wichita State University is just doing a wonderful job, and we're proud of the [Wichita State] University."

Ms. Kennedy said, "And our professors keep teaching wonderful students to go out

there and be successful. So, thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say congratulations to Wichita State and all the success they've had. The very first date that my wife and I went on was to a men's Shocker basketball game many, many years ago. In fact, even in times of war, I can't get away from my Shockers. I don't know if you remember, but back when I went to Iraq for a year, they actually sent me tapes so we could watch it on this little black and white TV that we had there to watch it there. Because, you're always connected to your hometown, and this is one of the ways people get connected, and it's very exciting for family, friends and the whole community. Congratulations."

Ms. Kennedy said, "We've got people across the nation, the world listening. They can get on the internet and listen to it, and so we've got people in Tokyo and in Malaysia that are calling and letting us know that they're listening. So, our audience is large."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Absolutely. Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Well, I really appreciate everybody coming down this morning. You know, I'm a graduate of WSU, and when I was down there, the Shocker baseball team was rated number one in the nation, and I remember how excited and proud I was to be a student there at that time. And now the basketball team is in the same, near the same, within the grasp of being the best in the nation. Okay? And that speaks loudly for this community, speaks loudly for the university, and just is a reminder to me what a great place we have and what special people are in Sedgwick County."

Ms. Kennedy said, "Yes. Absolutely."

Chairman Skelton said, "Those are my comments."

Ms. Kennedy said, "Thank you."

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

D [13-0154](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.
Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. I will read this proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are key to the state's future success, prosperity and quality of life and, while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Kansas' families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and consequently, building the foundations of communities; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as partners so that the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, by providing safe, stable and nurturing relationships for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Kansas' children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation.

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

'CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH'

"Commissioners, you've heard the proclamation. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "We have Ms. Stevens here to accept the proclamation."

Ms. Cornelia Stevens, Director, Kansas Children's Service League, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you all again for once again recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. I'd also like to thank Diana Schunn from Child Advocacy Center here, who is part of our Child Abuse Prevention Month Planning Committee. We have a group of partners in the community that work diligently every year to do what we can to raise awareness on child abuse prevention. I'm very thankful, you know, for the support that we have with that. The Kansas Children's Service League is the state chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America. So across the state, we have events that happen throughout the month of April to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month and to do more to advocate and educate the community about the importance of education.

"You all have information in front of you. We've given you some pinwheels, which is the sign from Prevent Child Abuse America. You have a pinwheel lapel pin, and I see Commissioner Norton you're wearing your pinwheel pin, thank you. So, please wear those. You have information about the event we're having this Saturday, April 6th at Sedgwick County Zoo. So, as you're wearing your black and gold for Shocker Day, please come to the Sedgwick County Zoo for Family Fun Day. We have an event from 12[00 p.m.] to 4[00 p.m.] where regular zoo admission applies, but children and families will have an opportunity to participate in a moonwalk and face painting, games, win prizes. There is a tae kwon do demonstration. There's just a lot of things that are happening that's just going to be really great fun for children and families.

"And then on April 19th, it's wear blue day, and across the state, we are encouraging people to wear blue in honor and recognition of child abuse prevention. And so, if you can wear blue wherever you are, and just promote the cause, it would be wonderful.

"We recognize that all children should be raised in healthy nurturing homes, free from abuse and neglect. And we must work to ensure that every child as an equal opportunity to grow and develop. We recognize through research that critical brain development happens before the age of five, and adverse child experiences like abuse and neglect often have lifelong consequences for the child.

"By making a commitment to strengthening families during the years from birth to five, we hope to ensure that critical brain development occurs in the critical period in a child's life. Strengthening families is the best investment that we can make for our future and we know that every dollar invested in the front end saves \$7 in the back end. In other words, investing in prevention early is less costly to society and individuals than trying to fix things later in life. The Prevent Child Abuse America has done a study, and they have found that implementing effective policies and strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect can save taxpayers \$104 billion annually. Our ability to thrive as a society depends on how well we foster the health, education and well-being of our next generations. And again, we thank you for recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, ma'am. Thank you for coming down, and definitely the children are the seed of our future, the future and thrive of society is within our children's hands."

Ms. Stevens said, "Absolutely."

Chairman Skelton said, "So God bless you for your mission, ma'am. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I often say how we treat our most vulnerable, our children and seniors, is how we define ourselves as a society. And you know, Sedgwick County has a mission to help out with the EMCU, which is the Exploited Missing Children's [Unit], we help run ICAC through a partnership, that's Internet Crimes Against Children. If you understand what's happening with child abuse and neglect in our community and with human trafficking and internet predators, children are not particularly safe in their own homes sometimes. They're cast out onto the streets because of conditions in their families, but we have an obligation to help protect them and help them and make sure they have a strong future. It makes good economics for our community, if nothing else, but it makes our civilization better. I started my journey with child abuse and neglect back in the mid [19]80s when I was on the original Child Abuse Prevention Council.

"Judge Burgess who just retired from juvenile court was on that committee with me. We learned very quickly that that issue was bigger than what we could handle, and I'm so proud that the Kansas Children Service League and Child Advocacy Center and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and so many other groups have wrapped around to take care of that issue in our community. It's sad that in today's society we have children that are neglected and abused and not cared for and get educations that are substandard. It is justice abhorrent in a community that has this much wealth, intellectual capacity and love to let that happen, so I'm very proud of what you do.

"I'm glad that Sedgwick County is a partner and that we help work on that issue, too. But it is the future of our community. It is the future of community, those children.

Commissioner Norton continued, "So thank you very much for the work you do and thank everyone here that works with children's issues, whether it's law enforcement or nonprofits for doing what you do, because it's so critically important for the future of Wichita and Sedgwick County. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Additional comments? Have we taken the vote? Okay, all right, next item."

Ms. Stevens said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you very much."

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

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

Present: 0

E [13-0196](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK.
Read by: Chairman James B. Skelton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioners, I'll now read the proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of April 1–7, 2013 is National Public Health Week, and this year's theme is 'Public Health is ROI: Save Lives, Save Money'; and

WHEREAS, one's health is affected by many things, including culture, environment, social influences, individual behaviors and access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, individuals can help control their health by being aware of certain risks, choosing a healthy diet, avoiding tobacco, maintaining an active lifestyle and receiving annual preventative check-ups; and

WHEREAS, every day, public health heroes work tirelessly to reinforce these messages and do their part to influence change; and

WHEREAS, April is National Volunteer Month and the 171 volunteers who have worked 1,155 hours in 2012 to serve the residents in our community by donating their time to support the efforts of the Sedgwick County Health Department will be recognized during National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, one of the Sedgwick County Health Department's public health heroes Dr. Doren Fredrickson, passed away in 2008 after dedicating his life to the health of the Sedgwick County community; and

WHEREAS, his legacy and that of many other health heroes, such as Dr. Horbelt, are commemorated through the Doren Fredrickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, James Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2013 as

'NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK'

in Sedgwick County, and invite Claudia Blackburn from the Sedgwick County Health Department, and Pat MacDonald and Arneatha Martin, past recipients, to come forward for the presentation of this year's award."

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you Chairman and Commissioners for the proclamation. This is National Public Health Week and for the last decade, we have used this time every year to recognize our dedicated public health professionals at the Health Department and also to thank our public health colleagues in the community, many of whom are here today to celebrate the award of the Doren Frederickson [Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award] commemoration. And so I really thank you for this opportunity. This year's theme, 'Public Health's Return on Investment, Save Lives, Saves Money', is a really good message. It reminds us that public health is interested in promoting health

so that we delay the onset of disease, and we live a high quality life for as long as possible, and not only does that just improve conditions for everybody, but it also saves money.

"It saves healthcare costs, and it's good for the bottom line of the community. The purpose of this week is to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving the health of the community and one of your props, probably lost with all the WSU stuff, is this palm card called a day in the life of public health, and it talks about the scope of public health and how public health affects your life all day long from the time you wake up and brush your teeth in the morning, when you get in your car and put your seatbelt on, to the reminders about immunizations for your children, and the importance of getting your daily dose of physical activity.

"This year, in conjunction with national volunteer month, we're taking the opportunity to thank the 171 volunteers who have committed 1,155 hours of service to the Health Department. Twenty-three of those volunteers are dentists, and if you look at the total investment from volunteers, it's \$98,217. And that is quite a bit of work that we could not do on our own. These volunteers help us with the Medical Reserve Corps. The Medical Reserve Corps is driven by volunteers, as is the Children's Dental Clinic. They help in the TB (tuberculosis) Program, and the Healthy Babies Program, and another program of ours that is volunteer driven is the Community Health Navigators Program that helps to connect people to healthcare homes. So we really, really appreciate our volunteers and are happy that we can recognize them at this time, as well."

"So we also celebrate National Public Health Week here in Sedgwick County by awarding the Doren Frederickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award to a member of our community who has demonstrated the type of passion for improving community health that Dr. Frederickson brought to the residents of our community. We're thankful today that Dr. Frederickson's parents could be here, Ron and Pat. They are, we were discussing whether they are farmers or ranchers. They're farmers and ranchers. They drove down this morning from the Osage area, so they got up early to be here, and they've been here every year since we started this award, and we are just really appreciative of them. You know, you can see when you meet them where Dr. Frederickson got his humanity from.

"Today we're honoring Dr. Douglas Horbelt with this award. Dr. Horbelt's distinctive service to this community is far greater than we have time to cover in our short time here this morning, but there are a few highlights that I would like to note.

Ms. Blackburn continued, "Dr. Horbelt started his auspicious career after receiving his Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the UT (University of Texas) Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) in 1972. He completed his post-graduate work at KU (University of Kansas) medical branch of Galveston, Texas in 1972. He completed his post-graduate work at KU School of Medicine in Wichita in 1975 and then went back to UT, at MD Anderson [Cancer Center] hospital and tumor institute in Houston in 1982 with the focus on OB/GYN (obstetrics and gynecology) oncology. He then returned to Wichita to set up his medical practice, so we won his heart when he came to Kansas, where he also became part of the teaching community at the KU School of Medicine, Wichita in the OB/GYN education Wesley Medical Center.

"He held positions ranging from professor to director to chairman and many other things in between. If, excuse me, if teaching and running programs and departments wasn't enough, Dr. Horbelt was deeply involved with research, women's health care

research, sharing his expertise through publications and writing chapters for prominent OB/GYN books. But despite his many responsibilities, he always had time for his clients. Working as an OB/GYN oncologist, he had often to give bad news to people, but his bedside manner with his clients was so good that even when he gave bad news, they still loved him. One of our public health staff, actually I've heard this story from more than one person about how he just really intervened in people's lives and helped them. But one of our public health staff credits Dr. Horbelt with saving her sister's life when her sister was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 17, not only by the medical care that he gave but also just by the strength of support that he gave to her.

"Colleagues of Dr. Horbelt report he has the ability to bring others together to get things accomplishment of the greater good, whether it was to improve residency, education, do research, or assure that those who could not afford it high quality care, especially OB/GYN care, Dr. Horbelt was interested in making sure these things happen. He was actually instrumental in establishing the maternal and infant (M and I) program at the Sedgwick County Health Department in the early [19]80s, assuring that indigent and low income women had a place to receive low cost prenatal care. For many years, he oversaw the residents that served the clients at our M and I clinic and always made sure that both the residents and clients were satisfied with their experience. As his career expanded and this responsibility was delegated to others, he remained an important part in the proceedings, and he and I had routine conversations about the contract that we had with KU, and he always made me realize how, what an asset it was for us to be able to have that relationship.

"When the maternal and infant clinic closed in early 2011, Dr. Horbelt seamlessly shifted the residents who served our patients at the health department to two federally qualified health centers who were seeing OB/GYN patients, and he wanted to make sure that the residents continued to serve those clients in their new setting. Thanks to Dr. Horbelt's devotion to doing research, improving outcomes and providing leadership, there is a brighter future available for generations yet to come in our community, and I ask you to please join me in congratulating Dr. Horbelt and presenting him with the Doren Frederickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award. Dr. Horbelt, thank you so much."

Dr. Douglas Horbelt, Recipient, Doren Fredrickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm originally from Texas, and Lyndon Johnson was, before he was President was introduced to a group of people that were his supporters, and it was a lovely and very complimentary introduction.

"And when he got up, he said he wished his mother and father had been there because his father would have enjoyed it and his mother would have believed it. Well, thank you very much. It's been a pleasure and an honor to work with the Sedgwick County Health Department, especially, I especially was honored by being able to work with Doren Frederickson. He was wonderful and he taught me organization and humanity and help in a circumstance such as this. It's talking about return on investment, an ounce of preventions worth a pound of cure, of course. My area is in gynecology and obstetrics. And over the course of the year, we were able to extend those services to around 500 people a year for 14 or 15 years. And these were people who would otherwise show up in the emergency room in labor. It's clear that adequate prenatal care is worth its weight in gold in prevention. So we were very pleased to be able to do that.

"The other thing that's interesting about this community is how we are able to get groups of different people together to work symbiotically. We have the University of

Kansas School of Medicine department of OB/GYN and its residents. We had the health department and its caregivers, and of course, we had Wesley Medical Center that supplied the hospitalization side of things. It's a unique community, and I'm proud to be part of that. I thank you all for your recognition this morning. Ron and Pat Frederickson, I thought the world of your son and think of him often. Thank you very much."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Ms. Blackburn said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

Chairman Skelton said, "Are there additional speakers? Thank you. Thank you very much for coming out. I'll recognize Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I was just going to add, I want to repeat comments I've made at every opportunity when we've had these types of discussion, particularly the 171 people who are volunteering professional and medical professionals in this community who are volunteering their time and making an effort to try and help. I want to commend each and every one which you this way. It's inadequate at this point as opposed to personally doing, so, but Mr. Chairman I wanted to include that as part of our discussion tied to this proclamation this morning. Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Absolutely. You're welcome, sir. Commissioner Norton, do you have another comment, sir?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I've spent a lot of time in my career as a County Commissioner working on public health issues. I think many people know that. I write 'A Word in EdgeWise' every week, and I've probably written over 30 articles about public health, and I want to honor Doren Frederickson for how he inspired me to think about my role as a board of health member and someone that could affect the health of the community. I still remember the early days when he was our health officer, and he would constantly whisper in my ear about the things of public health, that we needed to take care of our children, because he was a pediatric medicine provider. He was a teacher professor, and he so understood our community and the compassion that public health and the medical community could provide for the people of Sedgwick County.

"So as we honor our recipient today, we also honor the memory of Dr. Doren

Frederickson, because he inspired so many of us in public health and in elected officials offices to think about public health as a higher calling and part of what we do. You know, we often think of public works and public safety, but public health is just as important as we provide that for our community, whether it be help of oral health, or mental health, or physical health, it is everybody's business to be healthy in this community. So, we honor Dr. Frederickson today with this proclamation, and hopefully this makes a difference in our community, because public health is everybody's health. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton you're very well versed in the arena of public health, and I definitely second your comments. Further discussion? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, next item, please. Thank you, Claudia."

Commissioner Norton exited the Meeting at 9:39 a.m.

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

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

Present: 0

DONATIONS

- F [13-0140](#) DONATION OF 180 BOOKS AND A \$25 GIFT CARD TO JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH (JRBR) FROM THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP "FAITHBUILDERS", OF OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH.
Presented by: Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you just heard, a bible study group called the 'Faithbuilders' from Olivet Baptist Church here in Wichita is donating \$400 worth of books and a \$25 gift card to the Judge Riddel Boys Ranch library. The books will be age appropriate and at various reading levels for our residents and will range in variety from teen action, to adventure, to mystery. These books will significantly enhance the selection our library at the [Judge Riddel] Boys Ranch will offer to our residents, and I would recommend that you accept this donation, authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation, and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have."

Chairman Skelton said, "Are there questions by Commissioners?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<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. Ternes said, "Thank you."

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Norton

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

Present: 0

NEW BUSINESS

G [13-0208](#) RECOGNITION OF TWO SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, DEPUTY THOMAS DELGADO AND DEPUTY JOSEPH PAGE, WHO RECEIVED THE CARNEGIE AWARD.

Presented by: Sheriff Jeff Easter, Sedgwick County Sheriff.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recognize the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Deputies.

Commissioner Norton returned to the Meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Mr. Michael Stover, Captain, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sheriff Easter was planning to be here for this presentation, but his presence was required at an emergency scene early this morning. I want to take just a few minutes to talk about these two gentlemen standing in here with me. On August 31, 2011, at approximately 7:00 [a.m.] in the morning, 911 received a call of a hit and run accident at 63rd Street South and Broadway. With a description of the run vehicle last seen traveling northbound on Broadway, Deputy Thomas Delgado began searching for the vehicle, and as he approached the area of 3700 South Broadway in Wichita, he saw a huge cloud of black smoke rising into the air. As he drove closer, he saw the vehicle had struck a guardrail and had caught fire. The driver was in the vehicle with the gas pedal floored, attempting to drive away. The rear passenger side tire and rim were destroyed, and the vehicle could not move.

"The flames began to spread and engulf the entire side of the passenger side of the vehicle. Deputy Delgado made numerous attempts to motion the driver out of the vehicle, but he refused to get out. Deputy Delgado approached the vehicle several times to try and get the driver to come out of the vehicle, but he was forced back by the heat and flames. At one point, a small explosion erupted, driving Deputy Delgado back as he was trying to communicate with the driver. Deputy Joe Page heard the dispatch call and started driving towards that area thinking Deputy Delgado most likely would not need any assistance. As he neared Broadway, he heard Delgado describe the fire scene, so he rushed to assist. When he arrived at the scene, he used his fire extinguisher to knock down some of the flames as Deputy Delgado continued to attempt to pull the uncooperative driver from the vehicle.

"The flames were starting to engulf the cab of the truck when Deputy Delgado managed to cut the shoulder restraint belt from the driver. A citizen ran up to the vehicle in an attempt to help and had to be kept away due to the smoke and flames and a possible fuel tank rupture. The deputies were now dealing not only with the victim inside the truck but also trying to keep a citizen safe who was just trying to help. They continued to do all they could without thought of their own safety. The deputies managed to pull the driver out through the driver's side window moments before the cab became fully engulfed and just as the firefighters arrived on the scene. The deputies suffered smoke inhalation and were transported to a hospital emergency room for treatment and later released. The driver was also transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation and possible diabetic complications.

"If not for the swift, heroic actions of Deputies Delgado and Page, the driver would have suffered serious, if not fatal injuries. Both deputies displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when facing the possibility of great physical harm or death. They performed acts above and beyond the call of duty and demonstrated extreme bravery and courage while consciously facing imminent and personal danger. When interviewed

later, both deputies said they could not simply stand by in safety while another person died a horrible death.

"They were very much aware of the danger and even thought that perhaps all three might die if the truck exploded but they continued to work together to save a life. They have received numerous accolades and certainly well deserved recognition for their actions and most recently, as you know, they were awarded the Carnegie Hero Medal from that commission which was started in 1904 by Andrew Carnegie to recognize individuals in the United States and Canada who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

"During 2012, the hero fund awarded that medal to 81 individuals, including Deputies Delgado and Page. Since its inception, the Carnegie Hero Medal has been awarded 9,576 times. I want to say I am extremely proud to work with all the men and women of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and I'm even more honored to work with these two courageous and selfless men, Joe Page and Tom Delgado."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you very much. I would like to recognize Deputy Delgado and Page for the Carnegie Hero [Medal] award. You know, you come to work every day not knowing what you're going to face, and that in itself is, in my opinion, a definition of courage. Many dangerous types of events can unfold. You know, people could assault you. You have fires and different terrible situations you have to deal with, and it takes courage, and I appreciate your courage. You've clearly demonstrated your commitment to the safety of the citizens of Sedgwick County.

"And on behalf of the citizens of Sedgwick County, I want to applaud you and all of those that are in high stress jobs to continue to help our citizens in need when they have probably one of the worst days of their lives. So, again, I want to congratulate both of you for receiving this award, and personally, you have my highest respect. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yeah, I would like to reiterate what the Chairman says. I want to thank you both for your service and for your commitment to duty. We get excited about the Final Four basketball team and rightfully so, we have a proclamation and we're happy to do that. But then things like this come before us, we realized that people like you, you are the true heroes of our community. You're out there when we need you. You're out there when we don't think we need you day and night 24/7. We appreciate all that you do and your willingness to serve. Thank you very much."

Chairman Skelton said, "Additional comments, please."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Let's have them respond."

Chairman Skelton said, "Sure, would you gentlemen like to say a word? Absolutely."

Mr. Joseph Page, Deputy, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I know I would like to thank the Chairman and the Commissioners for acknowledgment. It was a really stressful situation, and all of the accolades that we've received since have been really honorable. So thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "You're welcome, sir. Thank you."

Mr. Thomas Delgado, Deputy, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to add we're both humbled by this. We do appreciate everybody's

acknowledgment, and thank you. We're just doing what we're supposed to do."

Chairman Skelton said, "You're welcome very much and thank you for your courage and bravery and dedication to this community. We have one more comment by Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well thank you for doing just what you're supposed to do. I know it's a life work for both of you. You serve for years, and these kind of events don't happen every day, but every time you strap on the uniform and the badge, you know that that could happen, and you're prepared for it. You understand what it means. And accolades to your family. You know, I just saw a piece on the wives of officers that every day understand that their husbands and their wives put on the uniform, put on the badge and go out into harm's way. And accolades to your family, too, for supporting you and making sure that you're safe and provided for at home while you're out on the streets protecting our community. We really appreciate them, too. And please offer that thanks to them. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just going to second my fellow Commissioners' comments. Thank you, gentlemen."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to second the comments that have been made, but just congratulate you all for your award, but also express that we understand that you represent the best in law enforcement and represent all your colleagues in the Sheriff's Department and we're appreciative of all of you and your colleagues, and especially in this particular instance. So thanks for what you've done."

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

H [13-9999](#) PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.
Presented by: Greg Baker, Training Manager, Division of Human Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recognize the certificate recipients.

Mr. Greg Baker, Training Manager, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's our pleasure this morning to recognize several Sedgwick County employees for their hard work and dedication to their career development. Each one of these employees have completed one or more of five certificates in the areas of Supervisory/Management [Development], Transitioning to Supervisor [Development], Professional Development, Diversity or MindLeaders. Each certificate has a number of required and elective classes, and obtaining any of these certificates is an accomplishment as it can be quite a lengthy process. We'd like to thank those who support the career development process, including the employees supervisors and managers. Today we are presenting certificates to the following employees: we have George Atkinson, Diversity Certificate; Raquel Berrios, Supervisory/Management Development; Latrisha Fowler-Kearney, Supervisory/Management Development; Emily Graf, Supervisory/Management Development; William Robbins, MindLeaders; and Justin Sleffel, also MindLeaders. Thank you for recognizing these individuals and congratulations to all the recipients."

Chairman Skelton said, "Absolutely. Comments by Commissioners, please? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, just to add a comment that we appreciate the extra effort and time involved in getting these certificates. We are proud of the organization we have, and it doesn't happen by accident. It happens because we have people dedicated to their jobs who are trying to improve their ability to serve, and this is recognition of that, so thank you for what you've done."

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I'm so proud of all of our staff that try to improve themselves to understand that the intellectual capital that we hold in Sedgwick County equates exactly to service to the community, and as we learn and prosper and understand our jobs better, the better we are able to provide the great service as Sedgwick County employees, so I thank you for taking that serious, taking the time and improving yourself and our ability to serve the community. Thank you very much."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. And I will concur with those words. Life is a learning experience throughout its entirety, so congratulations on your willingness to continue your intellectual and professional development. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item, please."

I [13-0182](#)

REPORT FROM THE TASKFORCE TO END CHRONIC
HOMELESSNESS (TECH) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

Presented by: Jack Focht, TECH Oversight Committee Chairman.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Jack Focht, Chairman, TECH Oversight Committee, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm a member of the [Taskforce to End Chronic Homelessness] (TECH) Oversight Committee of the, I don't know what it is, homelessness. It's hard to believe that it was 2006 when we embarked upon a study of homelessness in this community and 2008 that this group and the city council passed a plan to end chronic homelessness. We're now in year five of that plan. I'm not sure how to work this. All right, I'll do it over here. How do I make this thing go? Okay, got it. It was arrow down, I was right. We're in year five of that plan, and we are here as the Oversight Committee. I'm a representative of that committee to report to you. The 10 year plan included responsibility of a group called the Oversight Committee to report to you.

"The plan consisted of five strategies and one of those strategies was the creation of the Oversight Committee. We meet regularly and look at the plan and see how we're doing as a community. Here were some of the responsibilities that we had, development of the resource and referral center, implementation of the Housing First program, to identify emergency housing options, and lastly to identify sustainable funding sources. Well, let's look at the first one. The [United Methodist Open Door] Resource and Referral Center, the focus here, well, first of all, we got this opened about a year ago. It's a \$5.5 million project, very little government funds in it, most of it raised from the community and from individual donors or places like Spirit [AeroSystems] and Boeing [Company] and the Wichita [Community] Foundation, all kinds of people in the community came together to raise the \$5.5 million to open that. The focus was to try to get people in there so that we could move them into permanent supportive housing, taking them off of the streets.

"By the way, I've just been to Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and will be in Atlanta, and it was in Atlanta a number of years ago, Councilperson Janet Miller and I looked at the resource and referral center down there and where we got a lot of the ideas that we put into this one. The dream is that the hours of the resource and referral center would include weekends and a center that could stay open until 6[:00 p.m.] or 7[:00 p.m.] so that we could transition the people through the day through the ability to go up to the Lord's Diner and have dinner, to go out to the Union Rescue Mission for the evening or wherever it was. Funds have not been available to keep it open on the weekends or past 5[:00 p.m.] on the weekdays. We have talked to them about what would it take to expand that time period, and the answer is simple, money, just more money, about \$150[,000] to \$200,000, which doesn't appear to be on the horizon.

"The old resource and referral center, which was the [United] Methodist Open Door, which was at 3rd [Street] and Market, had the capacity for about 50; this new center has the capacity for 150. I don't know whether you've visited it or not. If you haven't, you should. But people that want to keep their clothes clean can wash them. People that want to store their clothing can have a place, excuse me, if they want to call home, they can call home. It has a lot of services. It's located in a place where the homeless can get to it.

Mr. Focht continued, "As I visited those three cities recently, I observed the homeless in their communities that were lying around on the streets. I think we have less of that than we had before we opened it. It opened a year ago. COMCARE in Wichita/ Sedgwick County, Housing First are tenants over there so that they are on site. They can be over at, what we call our clients, the homeless people...we're partnering with other agencies as the dream was to make it a one-stop center. Due to the space, clients can utilize the services provided by a number of the partner agencies that show up over there. Some of them have permanent offices up over there. Some of them move in as the case may be.

"Kansas Legal Services is there with volunteers to help them with their legal problems. Veterans Administration, Salvation Army Veterans Family [Program] supports there, Gypsy Claire who was a member of the task force and was a homeless person has the People's Net Center over, a peer support group. The Wichita Sexual Assault Center has a presence there. There is a Career Development office and the Wichita Public Library plans to join that center in the future. There have been volunteers over there teaching art classes. Now, you wouldn't think art classes would be something that the homeless would be interested in, and that's one of the fallacies about it, we forget they're just like other people. The only difference is they're homeless. Some of them have great talents, and they hosted the clients artwork in February of this year.

"GraceMed staffs a medical room over there four days a week, three hours each time. Can you imagine the amount of money that saves this community? You know where these people would ordinarily go for minor health problems that you and I call a doctor for. They would go probably to Via Christi, that's the closest and when we had the task force, we heard from the Via Christi people how many million dollars it costs them a year for people not having the capacity to just see a doctor for minor kind of things. Well, Hunter Health and GraceMed are there, and they can provide that. In addition to that, four faith groups utilize the chapel every week. That's a voluntary program. People can attend if they want to. There is no requirement.

"All right, The Housing First project, which was an interesting experiment we launched five years ago, because Housing First was not something that this community had or that very many communities had, but our utilization of all the expert reports and advice we could get. You put faith in us and launched those programs and provided the money, and thank you, to help them go on. We couldn't make it without the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County funding in this. But the Housing First is a program for chronically homeless people. That means they've got to have a disabling condition. The disabling condition can be a number of different kinds of things. One could be a diagnosable mental illness. You know, when we closed the state hospitals a number of years ago, it was under the great idea that you send these people back in the communities and the communities are prepared to deal with them, and we weren't. So we had people that were suddenly homeless with mental illness problems. They're not very employable, and there are a whole bunch of problems.

"We have substance abuse that was running wild. We've got a lot of people that physically are ill. It's been interesting as we have studied and looked at these folks over a period of time, the number of veterans that we have coming back with traumatic stress problems or developmentally disabled people, and those are folks that fit the pattern and the definition of chronically homeless people. And we added a criteria then to the Housing First program, and that was, you have to be agreeable to meet weekly with a case manager. The whole philosophy was, if you recall, the first thing somebody wants that's homeless is a home.

"They have these problems if we're going to put them in as chronically homeless people, they've got these problems, but they can't work on them if they're having to worry about where they're going to sleep tonight. And it's worked marvelously well. Here have some of the statistics on it.

"You remember we had 63 places that we were, 63 or 64, I've forgotten now, places that we dreamed about. Well, 145 people housed since March of 2009. Forty-five have left the program successfully through a variety of ways. They may have just, you can't say recovered, they may have just reached the place in life where they are able to go out on their own, they are able to get a job, they are able to maintain themselves, or they've reached the point in life where their family says, you're welcome home. Come join us again, just a variety of things. They may have reached their section eight voucher, all kinds of reasons, but they've moved on, they have successfully been through the program. Sixty-two people remain successfully housed, and 43 have been housed for over 1 year.

"I can tell you, it's not easy to get a person into that place. We first have to qualify them to see that they are chronically homeless, then fit that definition. Then we have to find them a place, and we allow, or don't allow, because allow sounds like...what it is. We have them participate in selection of their own apartment, and then we make the arrangements. We have to help supply the things that are going to go into an apartment, and we have to help train those folks, some of them, to be able to conduct themselves in their own living.

"Thirty-nine different apartment complexes...we said at the very beginning, we don't want to create a Hooterville where all of the homeless are just located in one place. So we've got 39 different apartment complexes or property owners that have been utilized. We use, they are in 10 different zip codes and 32 of those individuals are presently contributing to their own rent and/or utilities. There were some success stories in the handout you got. I won't read them all to you. I said, give me some antidotes so people can really kind of connect with a little bit. These two that I've got up here...James couldn't even sleep in his own bed. He was that different from the rest of us at that point in time, and it had reached the point where the success story for him begins with when he can get in his own bed, because the case manager and he have reached a point of trust where he will believe in the case manager, and he can trust the rest of us and it works.

"Sean is learning the importance of keeping his place clean. Sean had a stroke after he had an apartment, and it become more and more difficult for him to clean it up. Well, we do require that they keep some semblance of teenage boys or girls at home cleanliness in their apartment, and the caseworker noticed that his was going down, and it was getting worse and worse, and it was harder for him as a stroke victim to do that. So he enlisted the support of his family, the caseworker and others to get the place cleaned up, and he recognized that his, he didn't have a right to that place and that his privilege in having that place can be lost if he doesn't keep it clean, and he was served a notice of eviction if he wasn't going to keep the place clean, cleaned it up and he's cleaned it up, and he's been keeping it clean.

"And Clint got his GED (General Education Development). Now that seems like nothing for some of us, but for Clint it was a big deal. He was homeless. He didn't think he was ever going to go anywhere. Caseworker worked with him.

Mr. Focht continued, "Finally talked him into taking the GED, and he said after he passed it, that wasn't so bad, maybe I can go ahead in life and do what I want to do, which is becoming a registered nurse, and he's working towards that right now.

"Okay. Let's talk about the emergency housing, what we used to call the overflow shelter, those folks that in the winter are out walking the streets with no place to go. The advocates to end chronic homelessness have for a number of years been administering that particular program, and it was spread between the downtown churches. Last year the catholic church, and I've forgotten the name right now, give me some help...Joe's church...Holy Savior. Holy Savior took over a month of it, and that required some transportation from the people downtown out to Holy Savior out there. But anyway, AECH (Advocated to End Chronic Homelessness) had been administering that program and they turned that over to Inter-Faith Ministries in 2012. And, of course, then the executive director of that program has called it now the Warming Souls Winter Shelter.

"It's kind of a neat name and it fits really what Inter-Faith Ministries is all about. But the church will continue to cooperate. And for example, St. Paul's at 13th [Street] and Waco [Street] had a few a month; First United Methodist Church had it for a month. I went over there with my wife, when it was at my church at First Methodist, we served a meal at night. She did the work. The women that were couples did the work and the men went out and sat down and talked to the folks. These were all males, because we split the males and females up. Females stayed at the Inter-Faith [Ministries] Safe Haven house. But it was an interesting experience to sit there and talk to those guys just as you and I would sit down and talk over a cup of coffee and discover, hey, these are people that have just got some kind of problem that I could have had pretty easily if I were in their same position.

"I talked to a fellow that had a beard and looked about like Commissioner Norton's, the only difference was he was an African American, and he had had an interesting background, an interesting career. He just happened to have fallen prey to alcohol, and he got himself into difficulties, and there he was. Interesting kind of experience. So the Warming Souls [Winter] Shelter opened up on November 1st this year. First place, as I said, was a St. Paul's. It operated from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and it remained open until April 1st. It just closed. Here are the figures for what happened. Through March 20th, we don't have the final figures yet. Through March 20, 2013, there were 501 non-duplicated men served in those emergency housing places. There were 93 non-duplicated women who stayed at the shelter, and that totaled for the two of them together 11,775 bed nights. The figure exceeds last year's total. We haven't got yet the point in time count figures that were done, I think it was January 30th or something like that.

But United Way are punching those figures out and studying them and we'll have them a little later.

"When we were first studying this program or when we were studying the homelessness back, way back in 2006 to 2008, there was a program we heard of that really wasn't within our gambit of study, but we heard of this [COMCARE] SOAR (Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Outreach, Access and Recovery) program which was a program to help with outreach, and basically it's a program for people who were entitled to Social Security Insurance (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), but simply because they're homeless, they don't have a home, they don't have capacity to apply for and get the darn disability insurance.

"They're never where they're supposed to be for the bureaucratic purposes, and so the persons that were approved for the first application were pretty slow, 15 percent of them.

"We saw the study of case managers who could learn how to move people through this system and the county sent some folks to get educated, and they are now educating other people on how to work people through the Social Security Disability process. We're down now to three months is how long it takes us as an average to get people through it. Now, you probably haven't thought about what that means to us, but it means reimbursement to COMCARE for the stuff that they have paid out, \$425,000 so far this year, for medication, district service costs, that sort of thing that's incurred. They get to get it retroactively.

"All right. The last challenge we had, the last part was sustainable funding sources. When I prepared these slides, I sent them to our staff person, and I had the smiley face upside down, and she decided that it was better to replace the smiley face with our biggest challenge but it comes down to the fact that we have not yet been able to identify any source within this community that will sustain this whole program on a long-range basis. We have to depend upon you, the city, the faith community, individuals who step up. We've got wonderful volunteers that work in these programs, but the fact is, it takes a lot of money to run these kind of activities. Thank you for the opportunity of serving. By the way, if I wasn't so color blind, this would have been black this morning. It was black yesterday, but it was blue this morning, because I recognize what the color of the day would be. Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you, Jack. Yes, sir, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks, Jack, for the update. As we embarked on this several years ago, I remember I got reeled into the committee, and we said we'd meet at 7[:00 p.m.], oh, for about 6 months, and it turned into about an 18 month process to try to put all of this together, and I thank you for chairing that at the time. It's pretty gratifying to see the results. Open Door is flourishing, and I know we're going to have some funding issues along the way, but anything good comes with challenges. But Open Door is available. Inter-Faith Ministries has stepped in with winter housing. You know, Housing First has been a wide success.

"So if you look at what has happened since those early days of the consternation we had to try to solve this chronic homelessness problem, we've had some huge success stories. Have we finished the end game? Not even close. One thing we talked about over and over and over, as you take people out of the pipeline, you'd like to plug up the other end of the pipe where nobody else gets into the pipeline, but that's the difficulty.

"You can help people get housing, move on to a job, move back to their families, control their mental health or their drug addiction, but at the end of the day, there's new people coming into the pipeline that may not be chronically homeless to start out, but just because of situations, we're going to constantly deal with this. But without having a system, an integrated multi disciplinary community wide system to work on the problem, we never are going to solve it, and I'm so proud that we've got a system now where we can talk about it, we understand it, it has components that are working. They're innovative, and they're making a difference in our community.

Commissioner Norton continued, "So thanks for the report today, Jack, but thanks for all the hard work that you've put in and the committee has put in to make sure that we stay on track, that we understand this issue and that our staff and our resources can make a difference in the community. Thanks very much."

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the report, appreciate the update. I wanted to comment a little bit because the focus on the housing end, I saw some news reports, in terms of the number of young people coming out of some school data and relating to the homeless side and discussions on that end. I also have seen some news reports about how the number of folks applying for, whether it's SSI or SSDI, have reached record setting levels recently, just as we've got record setting levels of folks on food stamps, too."

"The SSDI and SSI programs, I believe, are in worse financial shape at the federal level than either Medicare or Social Security is as a whole. My question for you, Jack, is in terms of the people applying...when you said that this is, the folks have been able, and I think it was 11 percent, have been able or estimated to receive SSI. I was curious, in terms of not only the time period, in terms of getting the, being able to sign up for it, but also the overall rate of, I believe the figure was 37 percent success rate for that. If that's changed at all during this time period that you've covered, or do you have any idea on those figures?"

Mr. Focht said, "The question is really beyond my confidence, but we do have somebody with the county that does all of that, but my impression is, from the reports that we've received, they've received a very, well, they winnow it out when they make the application, they only apply for people that they think will be able to receive those things. The ability to move them through faster are those that are entitled to recovery. I don't know what the nonsuccess rate is."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, I appreciate the information. And I've had the opportunity to tour the Union Rescue Mission that's here in town, and I know the faith-based community plays an important role in this, and I think, in terms of a success rate from other communities, they play an important role going forward, and so whether it's in the faith-based communities or the secular side, this is an ongoing challenge in our environment today, and I appreciate the updated report. Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Additional comments by Commissioners, please? All right."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Norton, that this Reports/Presentations be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

Present: 0

J [13-0194](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA) CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING TO SEDGWICK COUNTY FOR THE 2011 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR).

Presented by: Chris Chronis, Chief Finance Officer (CFO).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Finance Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It certainly is a good day to be a Shocker, and it's also a good day to be a resident of Sedgwick County. We've heard this morning about the heroic efforts of our Sheriff's Deputies to keep us safe. We've heard about the excellent efforts of our Public Health employees to keep us healthy. We've heard from Mr. Focht about our efforts to reduce homelessness in the community. All of those are initiatives undertaken by Sedgwick County, by Sedgwick County government. All of those take a lot of money, and so we think that it's important that we report to our citizens how much money we are taking from them and what we are doing with it, and we think that it's important that we do that in a way that is completely transparent. That is not an easy task, because we have a very complex financial system and operating system to report on. And so producing all of our financial statements and all of the necessary disclosures and comments and analysis about the county's financial operations requires a book that is this thick.

"Today we are here to, among other things, to accept an award that Sedgwick County has been given by the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the professional organization of people like me, and that award is called the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. The GFOA, that organization, has created a program that establishes standards of performance, standard expectations of how financial information will be presented in these documents to allow citizens to, and other readers to be able to know when they look at the document exactly what the information that they are seeing represents, to be assured that that information is being presented in a consistent and completely transparent fashion and that it is being provided in a manner that allows for comparison with other governments so that you can make a determination about whether Sedgwick County is performing as well as or better or worse than other governments that produce these financial documents. The award of the certificate of excellence is something that many governments throughout the country and Canada have received. It has become fairly standard now for governments to adhere to those best practices that have been established by GFOA.

"What is unusual about Sedgwick County is that this is the 31st consecutive year that the county has received this award. And as far as I have been able to determine, there are only five governments in the entire country or Canada that have a longer sustained record of excellence in financial reporting than Sedgwick County.

Mr. Chronis continued, "The program has been in operation for many years, but there are only five governments that have adhered to those standards for more consecutive years than Sedgwick County government. In this county for 2012, that performance is largely the result of our Accounting Director, Sara Jantz, and the people who have worked for her and with her throughout the year in producing our financial management and then producing the reports on that financial management at the end of the year. I would like to ask Sara to come up to the podium to receive the award, and I would like her to introduce to you the people who have worked for her and with her to prepare the

county's financial report. So Sara, I thank you for your service. If you go up into the finance division offices, you will see a couple of walls that are pretty much covered with these kinds of awards. We're going to have to get a larger office, because we're running out of wall space."

Ms. Sara Jantz, Director of Accounting, Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to thank you for giving us this opportunity to recognize this award. This award that's about the size of a piece of paper, is the results of the dedicated work of all of our finance staff, but I do want to take a moment to recognize some of my staff that have helped us achieve this award year after year. With us today is Brandi Baily, she is our principle accountant, and Ginger Radley our accounts payable manager and Marty Hughes our revenue manager, who are both not with us today, also contributed to this award. And next year, we look forward to being here for the 32nd award for the 2012 report you'll hear about shortly, and Sarah Shaffer will be recognized for that as well. So, thank you."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "We're very, very proud of you, but you're not getting more space."

Ms. Jantz said, "No?"

Commissioner Norton said, "No. You're just going to have to stack up the awards or hang them from the ceiling, but no more space."

Ms. Jantz said, "It might become a safety hazard, though, in a little bit."

Commissioner Norton said, "You're working the deal, aren't you?"

Ms. Jantz said, "Yeah, I am."

Commissioner Norton said, "We're very proud of you. Thank you for continuing this long-term commitment to excellence in our finance division. My first year on the County Commissioner [sic], I was amazed that we had gone as long as we had at that time, and now 13 years later, you're still doing it, and we expect, now it's the expectation of the Commission that we'll get one every year, and I'm sure it is with you and your staff. So congratulations to everyone."

Ms. Jantz said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh, please."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to also add my congratulations. It's an indication of the excellence that we have at Sedgwick County and the entire finance department, and we appreciate your efforts in continuing this recognition. It's really remarkable that of all the governments in the United States that have to provide these sort of services, there are only five who have a longer continuous record of achievement than we have. That's amazing, and it's folks who are committed to being the best, doing the best, and serving the best, and so we appreciate that commitment."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. My comments would be, you know, particularly impressed with the way the county handles the budgeting process as a whole. I know, and I have been impressed by the performance of the finance department in that process. The reports that you provide are very clearly detailed and the many different aspects of different balances and I appreciate the different charts and graphs that are provided to help me understand the bigger picture. So it is with my compliments to you today and the whole team. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to second my colleague's comments. I'm also going to make a motion that we receive and file this report. I'd make the suggestion that we'd be happy to display that award in the Commission office as well as up in Finance, too, if you all are so inclined to share it. I did want to make that suggestion today, because we are proud of the achievements, and I'm glad we've had the opportunity to recognize several different departments this morning, because the financial side, there's an awful lot of information that's contained in the annual financial report, and I readily confess that I'm continuing to look my way through it.

"As a policy person who, you know, we've had discussions here as to how long we should depreciate vehicles, for instance. In the footnotes, you've got sections there, in terms of you've got to work those numbers in light of policy decisions this body makes. And so, I know occasionally that can create some challenges, so I wanted to express my appreciation this morning, sir. Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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

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

Present: 0

K [13-0195](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT IN POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING.
Presented by: Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. Chronis said, "And so this document that we just talked about is pretty thick, pretty complex. It will put you to sleep pretty fast. It is very transparent, but there is a difference between sometimes transparency and effective communication. The general citizens doesn't have the ability, if they even have the inclination, to read through all several hundred pages of this document and have a good appreciation of what Sedgwick County is doing with his or her money. And so to address that issue, Sedgwick County produces something that we refer to as the financial year in review, or in my industry it's referred to as a Popular Annual Financial Report. It is a, as you can see, a very abbreviated version of the key information that is contained in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and it is produced specifically to serve a reader, who is a layperson, who is not a public finance expert. And so in this document, you will see summarized information about the county's financial performance for the year, as well as some key indicators of our operational performance.

"This document is prepared and distributed throughout the county. You have copies in your office available for citizens to receive, and I know from talking with you that many times you're using this as a source document when you go out and make presentations to your constituents. In order to assure that governments that prepare these documents do it again in a consistent fashion and that they are providing information that is transparent and is communicating both effectively and accurately to citizens, the GFOA, Governmental Financial Officers Association, has created an award for outstanding achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting.

"And so we have received this plaque, this award, which is just like the other one, for our Popular Annual Financial Report for 2011. The report was produced largely under the efforts of Brandi Baily in the accounting department, and so I would like to ask her to come up to the podium to receive the award and to introduce to you the people who worked with her on its production. So Brandi, thank you very much for your service. And before I give the microphone to her, I should mention that this is the fifth consecutive year that Sedgwick County has received this award for this document and the seventh year that we have produced this document. So it's a fairly new report that we make available to our citizens to assure that they have a clear understanding of what Sedgwick County government is doing with their money."

Ms. Brandi Baily, Principal Accountant, Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to thank our accounting director for giving us this opportunity to prepare this report. We spend all the time working on our CAFR, and then we turn right around and we produce this report. And once we think we're done with this big document we have to put it all together in a summarized fashion. Last year we had Daniela Lujano help us, who is no longer here, and then this year we just completed the report and Sarah Shaffer has helped us on this years. And then I would also like to thank Tony Guiliano, he's the one who does all the creative work and helps us get it together so it looks nice and pretty and readable for everybody. So, thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you. Congratulations. Comments by Commissioners,

please. I would like to reiterate my comments earlier, and I am very thankful that our finance department has achieved these awards of excellence. And, you know, it is an indication of your hard work and brilliance up there.

"And, again, I think it lends a huge assistance when it comes to putting our budget together. Of course it does, naturally. We certainly don't want to forget to count all our beans and so forth. So, your accuracy and the charts and everything you provide is just outstanding. I am thoroughly impressed by it."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would add that when I have had the opportunity to make public presentations that this type of short-form document is incredibly helpful and also a starting point. I guess the question, I would like to second the Chairman's comments, too, the ability to have detailed financial information online is a tremendous asset, and something that didn't exist twenty-some years ago. The ability of finance folks to get this information out there to the public is very important, and I just wanted to thank you from the podium this morning. Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Commissioners, we still have a little bit to go. I believe a recess would be in order for five minutes. Is there any objections? Okay. Seeing no objection, this meeting stands in recess for five minutes."

The Board of County Commissioners went into recess at 10:32 a.m. and returned at 10:40 a.m.

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

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

Present: 0

L [13-0193](#) PRESENTATION OF THE 2012 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR).

Presented by: Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Chronis said, "So we have received awards now for financial reports that were produced for the 2011, the 2011 calendar and fiscal year, and now we are here to deliver to you the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2012, for the year that ended December 31st. We are, I believe, 92 days past that date and we are presenting the entire financial audited financial statements to you today. Commissioner Skelton in his comments on the last item talked about counting beans. And in fact in the public sector, there are a number of different ways of counting the beans."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's one of the things that makes our financial reporting so complex. But we are attempting to answer a variety of questions with our financial reporting. First in this presentation, I am going to give you the highlights of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that pertain to near-term financing. These are the traditional fund statements of governmental accounting, which are done on a modified accrual basis, and so they do not measure depreciation or long-term debt, they are concerned with cash inflows and outflows, and with the availability of resources to address short-term financial obligations."

"These statements are akin to your personal checkbook. Where the question that you're trying to answer when you balance your checkbook and when you look into the future is whether or not you have enough resources in your checkbook to pay the bills that you know are going to be coming due in the near future. The second way that we measure the county's financial performance is interested in looking at the county's financial position. These are referred to as entity-wide statements, and here what we are doing is producing financial statements that are very similar to those you would see from any private sector business."

"The focus of these statements is on the net worth of the organization, not so much on the availability of cash to pay short-term obligations. It's rather concerned, as I said, with net worth, and with the full and complete reporting of the assets that constitute that net worth or that help to constitute that net worth. The corollary in your personal accounting would be your checkbook, plus the value of your home, minus the amount that you owe on that home through your mortgage. That would be something similar to your net worth, and that is the kind of calculation that we're going through to produce the entity-wide financial statements."

"Finally in this presentation, I'm going to be using both sets of statements to provide some long-term trends for you. So that you can get a sense of where we've been, and where we appear to be heading with our financial system. In the public sector, our primary goal is to serve the public. It is a societal goal. It is very different than the goal of a private sector organization, which is purely and simply to make a profit. Whether the business is owned by a single person, or whether it's a corporation owned by many stockholders, the objective always is to produce a return for those owners. In public

sector, we are not so much interested in producing a financial return for our owners, for our taxpayers, rather, we exist to provide services for the people in the community who need those services. Based on what they tell us. And so what we're doing with our accounting structure and with our financial reporting is attempting to answer questions about the degree to which we were able to accomplish that goal.

"Now, turning to the near-term perspective. First, I want to show you the total governmental fund balances of Sedgwick County as of December 31, 2012. What you see on this chart shows five years of history, and the numbers on the chart represent the total fund balance for a particular fund or fund type. The chart, if you just look at it without going into detail, if you just take a glance at the chart, it looks to be pretty volatile. Everything is added up, and the top line goes up and goes down fairly dramatically. That is almost entirely because of debt proceeds, which is the gray/blue segment at the very top of this chart.

"We sell bonds from time to time to finance specific projects. At the end of the year, at December 31st, which is when this measurement is taken, some years we still have bond proceeds on hand because we have not yet completed the projects. Other years we either didn't sell any bonds at all, or we have completed the projects so we no longer have any bond proceeds on hand, or not very many bond proceeds on hand. So that volatility is driven by our capital funding program, and capital project activity, and so it is a little bit deceptive to look at this chart and get a sense of what is going on with the county's total fund balances.

"And so what I have done here is simply remove debt proceeds from the chart, and you can get a more accurate understanding, I think, of the county's fund balances. What you see here is a picture of stability. There is not very much change from year to year in the total amount of fund balance that Sedgwick County has. Starting at the bottom of this chart, the green segment, represents our general fund, fund balance. We ended the year with \$66.1 million in the general fund, and for some people who might be listening in and not familiar with the accounting structure, our general fund is the principle operating fund of the government. It is the fund that accounts for most of the public services that people receive from Sedgwick County. So we ended the year with \$66.1 million in the general fund, fund balance.

"Looking back to the left across that green segment, you can see that over the past five years, that was the low point, but the high point was only \$68.8 million. There's been very little deviation from year to year in our general fund, fund balance. Moving up the chart, the brighter, the darker blue segment represents the fund balances in our federal and state assistance funds, in common nomenclature, our grant funds. These represent balances that we have for various grant funded activities of the county where the grants haven't been used for the program activities at the end of the year.

"Again, you can see some, a fair amount of stability, but a declining trend over time. We started the five-year period with little over \$23 million of fund balance. We ended the five-year period with a little under \$19 million of fund balance in federal and state assistance funds. That is attributable to the budgetary difficulties that are being faced principally by the State of Kansas and by the federal government. They are the primary funders of this blue segment, and to the extent they have budgetary difficulties and reduce the amount of grants they ship to us, it affects our fund balances.

"The bright blue at the very top of this chart represents our debt service funds, and it has dropped more dramatically than anything on this chart, but it is a fairly small number. We started the five-year period with a little over \$11.5 million in fund balance in debt service, we ended with about, right at \$2 million of fund balance. In 2008 and 2009 the fund balances that we held were attributable to a jail expansion that a prior Commission had said they wanted us to undertake. And to do that in a prior year, before this five year window starts, the Commission had provided a specific property tax levy to pay for the debt service on the bonds that would finance that jail, and to set aside some money to buy down the size of the bond issue.

"Ultimately the Board of Commissioners elected not to produce that project, they killed that project. So in 2008 and [20]09, we had accumulated some cash to repay the debt that we planned to issue. We didn't actually issue the debt, and so the fund balances were fairly high by debt service standards. Over the subsequent three years, we have drawn down those fund balances. We've used that cash to redeem other bonds that had been issued by the county, and in doing that we were able to avoid using current property taxes from our citizens to make those debt service payments.

Mr. Chronis continued, "Looking just at the general fund we see here the same total fund balance that identified on the prior chart, and what we're doing is breaking that total fund balance down into component parts. The reddish-brown segment at the very bottom represents non-spendable fund balances. Non-spendable fund balances are liabilities that, I'm sorry, are assets that we expect to receive in the future from the jail, I'm sorry, from the (Sedgwick County) Zoo, and from the adult corrections facility to repay the general fund for loans that were made in years past to construct new facilities for those operations. There are a few other things in non-spendable resources, but that's an example. We don't yet have their repayments of those loans, and so obviously if we don't have it, we can't spend it. It is a non-spendable asset.

"The dark blue section are restricted assets of the general fund, and you don't see any dark blue in 2012, that's because of a change in our accounting practices. The dark blue in prior years represents our accrual of the portion of the sales tax that by county resolution gets transferred from the general fund to the highway program to pay for road construction activities. We changed our accounting practices in 2012 and now that money goes to the road construction fund, no longer flows through the general fund. The green segment reflects assigned fund balances. Every year when we adopt a budget, we adopt a deficit general fund budget. We do that because every year that general fund budget includes a substantial amount of contingencies. We budget those contingencies because the state budget law says that at any point in time throughout the year, unless something is budgeted, unless there is spending authority to support a transaction, we can't do that transaction.

"Well, what happened when the tornado hit in April of 1999, and we incurred well over a \$1 million in recovery activities and expenses to support recovery activities. Had we not had contingencies set aside for that, we might not have had sufficient budget authority to be able to incur those expenses, and so we would have had a conflict with state law. In most years, we don't have a Haysville tornado. And so we never know when we're actually going to spend those contingencies. In most years we don't spend those contingencies, and so we don't want to fund those contingencies with taxes we're levying in that year. We don't want to tax our citizens for an activity that we think we're probably not going to undertake.

"And so we fund those contingencies with fund balances. The green segment that you

see here is that reservation, or that assignment of fund balance to pay the subsequent year' general fund deficit in the adopted budget. The gray is unassigned fund balance. That is what some of you like to refer to as free money. That is the portion of general fund, fund balance that has no strings attached to it. And we can do pretty much whatever we want with that money. However, we have adopted a county policy that says that in the general fund our unrestricted fund balance should always be at least 20 percent of budgeted expenditures and transfers.

"What you see on this chart is that 20 percent compared to the \$66.1 million that we had as of December 31st. I'm sorry, for the \$61.5 million of unrestricted fund balance that we had as of December 31st. In fact, the 20 percent threshold is \$37.8 million. We exceeded that by \$23.8 million. We had our unrestricted fund balances in the general fund, at December 31st, equal to 32.6 percent of 2013 budgeted expenditures and transfers.

"Now, the question here is how much is too much, and my response to that as a conservative financial guy is how much risk do you want to take?

"Through the past several years, we have seen our revenues drop fairly dramatically in response to the state of the local economy, and the actions of the state government and the federal government as they respond to their budget difficulties. We have made fairly harsh and substantial reductions in some county programs, and some county services, and you'll see evidence of that later in this presentation. But the existence of substantial fund balances has mitigated that damaging effect on our citizens.

"We have not had to cut nearly as deeply because we had fund balances in excess of the 20 percent as we would have had to had we not had those fund balances. And so in my mind, this \$23 million of fund balance in excess of our 20 percent minimum target is really an insurance policy. It is what protects us, protects our citizens from the damaging effects that they might suffer in the event of unanticipated revenue shortfalls, or another tornado, or some other kind of major unanticipated event that causes the county to have to spend a bunch of money.

"One of the questions that we ask with these statements, with the near-term financing statements is whether the county's annual revenues are sufficient to pay for annual operations. Do current revenues pay for current operations? What you see on this chart is a line representing the percentage that revenues were of expenditures each year. To the extent that we are above the 100 percent mark, our revenues exceeded our expenses. To the extent that we're below that 100 percent mark, our revenues were less than our expenses. And in other words, they were not sufficient to pay for annual operations. You'll see that in most of these operations in that 10 year cycle we were below the 100 percent line, on a gap basis, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, we are running a deficit in most of the past 10 years.

"Now, why was that? In 2003 and [200]4, we were coming out of the last big downturn. And our revenues had taken a major hit. And so we were drawing down our fund balances, those reserves that I just talked about, to pay for operations. Drawing down reserves is another way of saying we're spending at a deficit. In 2008, the next, the current economic downfall started for Sedgwick County. And in 2008, we were slightly above the line. We finished the year with about one percent more revenue than expenses. But in 2009 and in years after that, we have been running a deficit because of that sharp and sudden drop in revenues that Sedgwick County has suffered. And in order to avoid minimizing the effect of that revenue shortfall on our citizens through service cuts, we have drawn down our fund balances to continue those services, and

that means that we have been running at a deficit for these four years.

"In 2012 we ended the year with revenues at 97 percent of expenses in our governmental funds. Now, when we talk to you about financial forecasting, we generally are talking to you only about funds that are supported with county property taxes. Total governmental funds that I've been talking about until now, includes everything we do, except for the Intrust Bank Arena. So it includes lots of grant-funded activities, and other things that are not expected to draw on county tax support to pay their way. What we're really focused on with most of our financial analysis and with the forecast that we give you are the property tax supported funds, because those are the ones that have the biggest financial effect on our taxpayers.

"So what we're looking at here is the same information but restricted just to the property tax funds. You see a kind of a similar picture, but it is a little bit better. In these years, in the middle of this 10 year cycle we were above that 100 percent line. But, again, the downturn hit in 2008, our revenues declined in 2009, and then starting in 2010, we were running a deficit.

Mr. Chronis continued, "You told us in one of your planning sessions that you wanted us to eliminate general fund deficits by 2013. And at the end of 2012, on a full gap basis, we were at 99 percent. We had come within one percentage point of eliminating that deficit. On a budgetary basis, which is the way we normally communicate financial information to you, we actually ended the year with a very modest surplus, as we've described to you in other presentations.

"Another question that we ask with these near-term financing statements, and I'm sorry he's not here, but I refer to this as the Ranzau chart, this is the chart where we are looking at the extent to which Sedgwick County relies on other governments to pay for its operations. We are looking at total intergovernmental revenue for all of our governmental funds as a percentage of total revenue. And for 2012, we ended the year with intergovernmental revenue making up 14 percent of all of the resources that we had to pay for county government. And you see looking across the 10 year cycle here, that the trend is downward. We are relying less on intergovernmental revenue now than we did 10 years ago.

"Another question that we ask with these statements is how flexible are the county's finances. To what extent have we forced ourselves into a corner where we're unable to pay for current operations because we have committed resources to other obligations in prior years? In other words, how much of our current budget has to be set aside to pay for debt service that was incurred because of prior years' activities? What you see on this chart is that our debt service, principle and interest, as a percentage of total expenditures ended the year right at 7 percent, \$22.5 million. This chart suggests that that is increasing over time, and in fact it is.

"Why is it increasing? Is it because we are on a debt issuance binge or is it because our revenues have declined? The answer is the latter. In 2012, we paid a total of \$22.5 million for debt service, and we had total expenditures of \$319 million in the governmental funds. In 2010, 2 years prior, when this measure shows that our debt service was just a little over 6 percent of total expenditures, our debt service was \$21.8 million, less than \$1 million below what it was in 2012, our total expenditures were \$357 million. Almost \$30 million higher than they had been in, than they were in 2012. So it's our reduction of expenditures over the past number of years rather than increasing debt service that is causing this line to rise.

"Now, is seven percent a bad number? Are we rising too much too fast? Well, there's not a single right answer to that question, but we can get an indication of an answer by looking at the county's debt policy. In the debt policy we have, as one of the ways that we measure our capacity to take on additional debt burdens, this measure, and we say in that debt policy that this measure cannot be greater than 20 percent. At 2012, at the end of 2012, we were at 7 percent. So we are well under that threshold we have established in our debt policy, and that threshold in the debt policy came from the information that we received from the credit rating agencies and similar organizations about what they consider tolerable for governments of our type. So we are well under the threshold that this would start to be considered a danger signal.

"Now I want to turn to the second way of looking at the county's financial statements, the entity-wide statements. Again, what we're interested in here is not so much cash inflows and outflows or ability to pay short-term obligations, it's what's the net worth of the organization, and is that net worth increasing or decreasing. And so what you see here is, on the left side, a bar chart that identified the total net assets of Sedgwick County for the past five years, segmented by the type of asset that it was. "The green, which represents a substantial majority each year, are capital assets, and what you're seeing here are the net value of those capital assets, so it excludes depreciation and debt that measured against those assets.

"So in 2012, we ended with \$460 million of net assets that were made up of capital assets. We had \$66 million of restricted net assets. That is cash that can only be used for one particular thing, and that thing, whatever it is, hadn't yet happened as of December 31st. So you will see that this blue segment started this five year window, pretty large, and it has shrunk. You'll see that the green started relatively small and has grown. What's going on there is that this largely consists of cash that is set aside for capital improvements. That cash might be in the form of taxes that we have reserved to pay for capital projects or debt proceeds that we sold to pay for capital projects, but haven't yet spent.

"And so you can see that over this five year period, we dropped from \$252 million of restricted assets to \$66.7 million. But the big change happened in this three year window, 2008, [200]9, and [20]10. What was going on then? We were building a new arena. We were building the Intrust Bank Arena. In 2005-2007, Sedgwick County was collecting the proceeds of a voter approved one cent sales tax that was used to build that \$190 million arena without having to incur any debt. So at the beginning of 2008, we were sitting on lots of sales tax that had not been used to build an arena. In 2008, 2009, early in 2010, we constructed that arena, and so we converted those cash assets that were restricted to capital assets, that shiny new building in downtown Wichita.

"The unrestricted net assets are the light blue at the very top, and you can see that that's been fairly stable over the years. There's been some fluctuation. We ended the year with \$88 million of unrestricted net assets. One of the things that we look at with these statements is the extent to which each function of the government pays its own way. Obviously we rely heavily on taxes to fund the government. And we expect to rely, our citizens expect us to rely heavily on taxes to pay for the government. But there also is an expectation that we are not going to tax people any more than we have to. And so, one of the things that we do is look at each function and try and determine how much of their total expenditures can be supported by their own activities and what the difference is between that and their total required expenditure that the taxpayer is going to need to cover.

"What you see on this chart is for each function, each bar represents a function of government for each function, the green represents program revenue that was generated by that function. Program revenue is user fees and grant revenue dedicated to a particular program. So, when you go into the health clinic, and pay \$15 to get a vaccination, that's a user fee. That's program revenue for the Health Department. When you ride in an ambulance to the hospital, you are going to get a bill from EMS (Emergency Medical Center). That's program revenue. That bill may be paid on your behalf by Medicaid or Medicare or an insurer. Whoever pays it, it is still program revenue, because we're receiving that revenue for that specific service that we provided for you.

"Looking at this chart, what you can see easily is that no function of government pays its own way. That's kind of what you would expect to see. The surprise to me on this chart is the answer to the question which function of government comes the closest to paying its own way?

Mr. Chronis continued, "And the answer, health and welfare. In our health and welfare activities, public Health Department, the COMCARE mental health operation, [Sedgwick County] Developmental Disabilities [Organization] operations, the Department of Aging, in those operations, in 2012, a total of \$58.6 million was spent to provide those services to our citizens and only \$12.9 million of that total had to come from taxes. So, only 22 percent of health and welfare came from general revenues, or from taxes in this community.

"The big question is with these statements is what happened to the county's financial position? Did it improve or get worse? And on this chart, what you see for the 10 years that's depicted is the percentage change in total net assets of the county that occurred in that particular year. So if you are in the red, below zero, that means that net assets dropped in that year. The blue, net assets increased in that year. And you can see that in most years net assets increase and in some years it increased pretty substantially. Now, why is that? Well, what was happening in 2005, [200]6 and [200]7. We were collecting the arena sales tax and putting it in the bank, and we hadn't yet spent it. It was a restricted asset, but a part of the net asset base.

"And so we had all the revenue coming in to our accounts, and not going out of the accounts, and so net assets increased very dramatically in those years. More recently as we've gone through the downturn and revenues have dropped more sharply than expenditures, we have had to draw on fund balances, so our net assets have declined in the past three years. But you can see that the rate of decline is improving. We've declined 3 percent in 2010, 2 percent in 2011, and 1 percent in 2012, and we expect to see a reversal of this trend in 2013.

"Another question we ask with the entity-wide statements is how liquid are we? To what extent do we have cash and investments on hand at December 31st to pay the bills that we know we're going to have to pay over the next year. And what this chart shows you is that at December 31st, we had \$4.60, in the bank for every dollar that we knew we had to pay in 2013. So we are in a very liquid position, which is a good position to be in. You can see that there's been some fluctuation over the years, but we always have been a liquid government. That is, a very good thing from a financial management point of view.

"Another question that we ask is how solvent are we? To what extent does the county

have net assets that can be used to pay our long-term obligations? So we are looking at unrestricted net assets at a percentage of total liabilities. And total liabilities include those bills that we know we are going to have to pay in the next year, plus some of our long-term liabilities, those bonds we issued for 20 years, some of which won't be paid until sometime in the 2030s. What we see here is that our solvency ratio at 2012 was 40 percent. And over the past six years, it has bounced around between 35 and 40 percent, it's been fairly constant. Prior to that period, we were bouncing around the 30 percent line. So we have been and continue to be a solvent government.

"Another question we ask, and this is, I'm sorry, he isn't here, this is the Ranzau slide number two, this is the chart that measures the county's leverage. To what extent are we financing our assets with debt? And what this chart shows is that our long-term debt divided by total assets 10 years ago was 26 percent. Now in 2012 it is 18 percent. We have dropped, and you can see it's been a fairly steady drop over that 10 year period, especially in the first 5 years. And it's been fairly constant since 2008, which is the year in which we sold the bonds to finance the NCAT facility, the National Center for Aviation Training.

"So we are not highly leveraged, and we are not increasing the amount of leverage that we're relying on to fund county assets. We're not relying increasingly on debt to provide assets for our community.

"Finally, I want to run through a few long-term trends that we see, so that you can get a sense of where we've been and perhaps a sense of what direction we're heading. First, looking at the net worth of the county. What you see on this chart is that net worth categorized according to whether it is for a governmental activity or a business activity. And the only business activity that we have is Intrust Bank Arena. Now, we used to have the Kansas Coliseum complex. And at the start of this 10 year period, this very small blue segment, is that Kansas Coliseum. In 2003 our net assets for business type activities was about \$8 million, that was the value of the Kansas Coliseum complex.

"Our net assets for governmental activities, the green, was \$315 million. Over the past 10 years, we all know that the voters approved a sales tax, we levied that sales tax, we collected it, we converted the tax revenue to a shiny new building, which is a business type asset. And so our business type assets, at 2012, stood at \$179 million. That's that \$190 million complex that has been depreciated for a couple years now. The green ended 2012 at \$436 million. So of our total \$615 million of net assets at the end of 2012, \$436 million was governmental asset. You can see that they have increased, kind of remarkably to me anyway, over the 10 year period. An indication that for the general government, financial management has been pretty effective.

"Let's look at the county's long-term trends for revenues and expenses. And you can see this information, by the way, on page G3 of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which is behind the tab called Statistics. And just as an aside, if you, and I can imagine you don't want to read through all of those many hundreds of pages of dry financial information, the Statistics section has a lot of good nuggets of information about Sedgwick County finances and operations, and so you can get answers to a lot of your questions looking at that Statistics section.

"One of those questions has to do with revenues and expenses. Are we running a deficit, are those deficits increasing or decreasing? What we're looking at here are revenues and expenses each year for the past 10 years. In 2003, blue line was slightly higher than the green line. Blue is expenses. Green is revenue. In 2003 we were

coming out of the last downturn, so we ran a slight deficit. By 2004, we had pretty completely recovered from the downturn and so we were running surpluses, and we continue to run surpluses up until 2010. When the current downturn really hit the county's financial system, and in that year, we incurred a fairly substantial deficit, you all recall that. That's when you told us you wanted the deficits eliminated by 2013, and what's happened, well, since 2010, the green line, our revenues, has been fairly constant. The blue line, expenses, has been dropped because the green line has been fairly constant, so we ended the year 2012 with revenues almost exactly equal to expenses. We achieved your goal of no deficits by 2013.

"Over this entire period of time, 10 years, our, I'm sorry, not over the entire period time, over the 5 year period, we saw our revenues drop by \$30 million, total of 9 percent. So we have collected less revenue in 2012 than we collected in 2006, in any years since 2006. So we are funding government now with less revenue than we had six years ago to fund the government. What is the source of growth of expenditures? Well, for that we look at the categories of the funds of expenditures. The green line on this chart represents general governmental expenditures.

Mr. Chronis continued, "The backroom bureaucrats if you will. It's you, me, the data processing operation of the county, all of those kinds of general services that are provided to support the government or to provide general services to the citizens. That green line has changed from \$50.2 million in 2003 to \$52.9 million in 2012. In 10 years, general government expenditures increased a total of 5 percent, half a percent each year.

"The blue line represents everything that the government does except public safety and general government. The blue line, 10 years ago, was at \$112.1 million. In 2012 the blue line was at \$122.6 million. So, about \$10 million of growth over a 10 year period for everything the county does other than public safety and general government. That's nine percent growth, less than one percent a year growth in expenditures for everything the county does besides general government and public safety.

"Public safety is the red line. In 2003, public expenditures for public safety were \$86.2 million. In 2012, they were \$134.8 million; a 10 year growth of 56 percent, 5.6 percent a year on average over that 10 year period for public safety. So, if the question is what is driving the growth of the Sedgwick County budget, the answer is public safety. Another thing that we want to look at when we look at revenues and expenditures is how are we supporting the government? What funding source are we relying on to fund those expenditures? And more importantly, whose pocket are we taking the money out of to pay for the government?

"What this chart shows you are program revenues, the green line, over 10 years, and property tax revenues, the blue line, over 10 years. Now, the philosophy behind property taxes is that it is a tax based on ability to pay; based on wealth. The premise is that in our society, we expect the people who have wealth to support the public services that are required by the people who don't have wealth and can't afford to pay for them. That's the property tax. The green, the program revenue, is premised on the notion that if you can't afford to pay for a service, you shouldn't receive that service. And so what you'll see is that in 2003, we had a rough equivalency between program revenues and property taxes to fund Sedgwick County government. But what has happened over the past 10 years?

"Well, program revenues have grown substantially less than property taxes, and that they have in fact declined dramatically over the past four years, during this downturn.

That's when our customers, who we rely on to pay for services, had been getting laid off and haven't been able to pay for those services, and when other entities that pay for those services on their behalf, Medicaid, Medicare, things of that sort have been cut. And so what we are seeing is that Sedgwick County is relying substantially less on program revenue now than as a share of the total than it did 10 years ago, and conversely, we are relying much more heavily on property tax now than we did 10 years ago. In 10 years, the gap between program revenue and property taxes, the difference between the two, has changed from plus \$1.8 million in 2003, that is program revenues exceeded property taxes by \$1.8 million, to minus \$32.6 million in 2012. So it's been a fairly dramatic shift in who is paying for this government.

"Now, I'm not about to try to apply a value judgment to that. I am simply reporting to you that it is a phenomenon we have experienced, and that has happened as a result of actions of other governments, as a result of the economy, and as a result of actions that we have taken ourselves to provide for continuity of services. Since we are relying heavily on property taxes, one of the things that, as a financial management issue we pay close attention to is the collection rate on property taxes.

"It is one thing to levy a bunch of taxes, it's another thing to collect them. Obviously you can't spend them unless you are successful in collecting them. This chart makes it appear as if our collection rate has been very volatile. There's pretty sharp deviations, changes, from year to year on this chart.

"But look at the matrix, at the axis on the left side. The total range depicted on this chart is 200 basis points, 2 percentage points. So in the peak year, the year in which we had the most successful collections of current year property taxes in 2006, we collected 96.85 percent of all taxes that were levied in that year. We collected them in the year they were levied. In the worst year, 2009, we collected 95.71 percent. So the spread from high to low is just slightly over one percentage point. So by and large, what this chart suggests is that while there have been some deviations from year to year, Sedgwick County to Sedgwick County Treasurer has been very effective in collecting the taxes that are required to fund Sedgwick County government.

"Now, the final chart that I want to look at is the county's long-term debt. And what you see here is the amount of debt that we have outstanding at the end of each year, segmented by the type of debt that was. The total debt represented by the numbers at the top of the chart. So in 2003, the end of the year, we had \$158.8 million of debt outstanding. In 2012, we had \$177.6 million of debt outstanding. What drove the increase? Well, in this period the big change happened between 2007 and 2008, when we increased in aggregate from \$144 million to \$176 million.

"What happened? In 2008, we sold \$43.8 million of bonds to finance the National Center for Aviation Training. That new facility came online, or the financing for that facility came online in 2008, and that's what drove up the total outstanding debt. The green segment on here represents the portion of debt that is backed by county property taxes, backed directly by county taxpayers. It has dropped from a little over \$97 million to a little under \$87 million.

"The blue represents debt that is backed by special assessments. Those bonds funded projects that were being provided specifically to benefit some neighborhood or some development within the community. In 2003, we had a total of \$20.5 million of special assessment debt outstanding. Now we only have \$4.3 million, a fairly dramatic reduction. Now, in part that's because of the state of the economy and the state of development activity in the community. But a more significant factor is the county's

action in 2000, long before this chart started, the action in 2000 to sell the county's sewer system to the City of Wichita. That sewer system, the expansion of that sewer system was largely financed by the issuance of special assessment debt.

"And every year prior to 2000, we had fairly sizeable bond issues to support necessary expansion of the sewer system. Well, when we sold the debt in, or sold the system in 2000, we no longer issued special assessment debt to pay for sewer expansion, but we still had to pay off the old debt. And we still were collecting the special assessments from those former customers to do that with. But that's what accounts for this drop from \$20.5 million down to \$7.9 million. That's how long it took us to redeem virtually all of the existing sewer debt that we had as of 2003. So that is the picture of the county's finances. It is a whole bunch of numbers.

"Some of you have done a commendable job of staying awake as I've presented it. It doesn't really mean anything unless it gets converted to services.

Mr. Chronis continued, "Our citizens don't expect us to do a good job of financial management, they expect us to do a good job of delivering services to them, and financial management is the vehicle that we use to do that with. What I want to conclude with is a summary, a very quick summary of some of the operating indicators to show what our citizens got for their money in 2012 from Sedgwick County government.

"And, again, all of the information that I'm presenting appears or is derived from the information that is in the statistics section at the end of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. So first, public safety, we've already said that that is the largest function of government. That's the function that is growing the most rapidly, in terms of expense, but it also is the function that we rely on perhaps more than any other as residents of Sedgwick County. We expect good public safety. And so what did we get? Well, in 2012, our Emergency Communications Center, the 911 operation, answered 1 call for service every 66 seconds throughout the entire year. Almost 1 call every minute throughout the entire year, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our Emergency Medical Service, EMS, responded to 6.5 calls for medical services every hour throughout all of 2012. The Sheriff kept us safe by housing an average of 1,442 inmates every day of the year; 1,442 bad guys kept off the streets in the custody of the Sheriff every day of the year last year on average.

"The fire department provided medical, and again the fire department only serves the unincorporated area and some of the small cities, it does not serve the City of Wichita. The Fire District [No. 1] provided 330 medical responses every month last year on average. Perhaps more importantly than that, and even more importantly than the fires that they fought, is that they taught an awful lot of kids in the community about ways to prevent fires. And a pretty clear indicator of the success of those education efforts is seen in the incidence of residential fires over the past 10 years. The number of residential fires per 100,000 residences has dropped over the last 10 years by 73 percent in the Sedgwick County Fire District. That's largely, I think, attributable to the good efforts of the Fire District, not to say, well, my job is just to put out fires, but rather to say, what can I do to keep there from being fires. They have done a very effective job, starting with kids in schools.

"COMCARE, our mental health operation, provided mental health service to nearly 12,300 of our citizens during 2012. That is 1 out of every 41 residents of Sedgwick

County. One out of 41 was a COMCARE client. The Health Department, among other things, provided 16,396 immunizations during 2012. That's an awful lot of tuberculosis and flu and other diseases that none of us want that were prevented by the Sedgwick County Health Department. Some of what we do is fun and games, and our citizens expect that of us. In 2012, the Sedgwick County Zoo saw 515,000 customers come through its gates. That's an awful lot of kids that got an experience that they wouldn't get in most other communities in this country.

"We've talked several times in this presentation about Intrust Bank Arena. But what it comes down to is not so much how much did it cost, or how much did we spend on it, it's what kind of service do we get from it, and in 2012, 349,000 people saw events at Intrust Bank Arena. Many of them were at concerts, as you see here, and by the way, this guy right up here I think is Commissioner Norton. Many of those saw concerts they would not have seen had we not had Intrust Bank Arena. Many of them saw hockey games that they wouldn't have seen.

"I was one of the fortunate ones that saw the NCAA (National College Athletics Association) women's basketball first round, and there were a number of other basketball games that I and others attended. There were a lot of family shows. All provided because Sedgwick County delivered Intrust Bank Arena to this community.

"The Public Works department, which as David wants to say, is the mother's milk of economic development, really delivered in 2012. We have 617 miles of road in the county road system. David's people improved 172 miles in 2012. One out of every 3.4 miles of road in the county's network was improved by Sedgwick County Public Works last year. That is pretty remarkable, I think. And finally, general government. You know, we don't talk about the back room operations very much, but they certainly are essential to the delivery of public services. Among our general government activities are the Elections Office, which in 2012, as it does every year, provided accurate, convenient elections for 270,000 registered voters in Sedgwick County. In summary, what Sedgwick County did in 2012 is as the County Manager likes to say, what Sedgwick County did is we delivered democracy to the front door of every resident in the county.

"Now, I want to conclude with a few random facts, just because they're interesting and probably wouldn't thought to be the case by most people if we asked them. The number of full time employees, the number of people that we pay dropped 10.9 percent from the end of 2009 to the end of 2012. We have fewer employees on the payroll today than we had 10 years ago. At the same time Sedgwick County's population, the people we serve, has increased 40 percent, almost 10 percent, so personnel down substantially, service requirements up substantially. Our debt as a percentage of personal income, and remember it is ultimately the personal income of our residents that is used to repay that debt, so our debt as a percentage personal income dropped from 1.2 percent in 2003, to .9 the percent in 2012. That's a 33 percent reduction in debt burden on our citizens in 10 years.

"Since the end of 2007, Sedgwick County's property tax rate has dropped 6 percent. Our revenues in 2012 are the lowest they've been since 2006, and yet we are providing with that lower revenue level services to an expanded population, and we are providing them at a higher level of quality and a higher level of competence than ever before. That, in summary, means that what we have delivered are fewer employees, a lower debt burden, lower taxes, a smaller government. That is precisely what many people

say they expect from government. And Sedgwick County government has delivered. I think it's time to hug a bureaucrat."

Chairman Skelton said, "Come on over here."

Mr. Chronis said, "That concludes the presentation. I'm happy to answer any questions that you have about this information, but once you have finished with your questions, I would like Shelly Hammond, who is the partner with Allen, Gibbs & Houlik [LC], our external auditor who oversees our annual audit, I would like her to come to the podium and talk to you about the results of the audit that her firm has conducted on these financial reports and on the underlying data and procedures used to produce them, so that she can give you confidence that what we have done has been done accurately and completely and thoroughly. Are there questions about the information that I've presented?"

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, at this time, if a Commissioner has questions they can be recognized. Okay, seeing no questions, let's go to Ms. Hammond's presentation and we'll see if there's comments at that point."

Ms. Shelly Hammond, Vice President of Assurance Services, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, LC, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much for having me. Thank you, Chris, for your introduction. I do also recognize that it's quarter till noon, so there may be hungry people in the room. So I will keep my comments brief, but certainly if you have questions, I would be glad to take those at the end of my presentation. I want to touch on three basic concepts today. We come in as the external audit firm, and it is our responsibility to look at the financial statements that are prepared by your finance and accounting team who you've heard earlier this morning got recognized for their excellence in financial reporting.

"It is our job to look at this book, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that Chris has alluded to, and do a variety of tests and procedures to determine if those numbers and financial statements that are prepared by your management team are fairly represented. So we're not telling you if they are good or bad numbers, we're just telling you that they are accurately prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and they are fairly presented, i.e. that you can then rely on those numbers. If you look at the first page of the financial section in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, you will find our audit opinion on those financial statements. In summary form, we are providing what's called an unmodified opinion, that is the highest level of opinion you can achieve from your external audit. And again, it is telling you exactly what I just mentioned, that we can provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements your team has prepared are free of any material misstatements. So, in other words, that you can rely on those numbers and have some confidence that those numbers are accurate and fairly represented.

"The second component that I wanted to touch on is we also report back and evaluate internal controls as it relates to the financial reporting system. And we issue a separate letter that's not in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that you all received copies of, we call it our management letter, and it has a variety of comments and suggestions in it. Some of which relate to just discussion about the fact that we prepare our audit in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. So, some of what I call some boiler plate language. But then it also has some discussion

in there, if we do have any observations as it relates to internal controls.

"And you will see that we did have one item that we reported in there this year, related to some matters we identified related to what's called the Manatron [Inc.] system, that is the tax system that the Treasurer's office uses to bill and collect property taxes. And we had some recommendations for improvements in the processes and procedures that are used related to the tax roll processing. I won't go into the details of those with you today, unless you all have questions, but just wanted to alert your attention to the fact that that is in that letter for your reference.

"The third and last component that I wanted to touch on, in addition to doing the financial audit and review of internal controls, we do what's called a compliance part of the audit. And that is required by the federal government of any entity that receives federal grant dollars, such as Sedgwick County. So our objective on that component of the audit is to evaluate whether the county is using its federal grant dollars in accordance with the requirements of those grant programs.

"So there are certain compliance requirements that must be followed by the county to ensure they are properly using those funds in accordance with the requirements that come with those funds.

"We issue a separate report on that, which you hopefully would also have a copy of. Again, our opinion on the federal compliance part of the audit is what is called an unmodified opinion. So, it's kind of like the financial opinion, it is the highest level of opinion you can achieve. So we are, again, providing assurance that the county is using those federal funds in accordance with the requirement that are outlined by those federal programs. Having said that, similar to the financial part of the audit, we did have some observations and recommendations for a couple programs for some areas that they could do improvements on a couple ways to handle some of the compliance requirements.

"Those are also outlined in that report for your reference, and, again, the management group has provided responses back to us on all of those for what actions they are going to take over the course of the next year to address those concerns. So, again, just so you know, that those are in there. So, clean bill of health, if you will, both on the financial side, internal control side and compliance side with some recommendations that the management team I know is already addressing.

"So having said that, the last thing I would say is kind of reiterating what you've already heard this morning, that your financial team does a fantastic job putting together the financial reports that you receive and certainly the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and during the audit process, it makes our job so much simpler to have things well prepared. We strive before we ever get here on site to be well coordinated and well planned with the management team, but we are very cognizant of the fact that when our staff are here on site at the county's offices doing all of our test work, we are a bit of an interruption to their day. And they are very well prepared, very patient in answering questions, very responsive to getting us all the information we need in a timely fashion. So, again, I want to thank them for their assistance in helping us get through the audit."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Thank you."

Ms. Hammond said, "Having said that, I would take any questions."

Chairman Skelton said, "Absolutely. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I have no questions. Thank you Shelly for being here today, I am going to audit the auditor just a little bit. Tell us about your company, and how many of these kind of audits you do, and what other governmental entities you may work with, because, you know, if this is the first time you've done this, and we're taking your opinion as glorified, we are not doing our due diligence. We work really hard to make sure over the years that we have a great auditor, somebody that's done it for a while, somebody that understands governmental businesses and practices and GASB, which is the Governmental Accounting [Standards Board] procedures, tell us about that so that the public knows that when you give us an audit opinion, we can pretty well trust that you have the background to be able to do that."

Ms. Hammond said, "Sure, glad to do that. First of all, you have obviously listened to me when we met before, because you know what GASB is."

Ms. Hammond continued, "So, I appreciate that very much. Allen, Gibbs and Houlik, [LC], we are a firm here in the Wichita area, we have about 115 employees. We are the largest firm in this area. I oversee our public sector practice, our governmental and non-profit practice. Our firm has been in the government industry for well over 30 years. We have a team, again, which I head up that does nothing but government practice and non-profit practice work. That is approximately 40 percent of our entire audit department practice, so it is a large segment of our practice, and it is a significant component for us, so we do specialize in that area and have a team dedicated to being specialist in that area."

"Your question was partially also who else do we do, what other entities do we do? We do the audit of, I can name a few of those off the top of my head, Sedgwick County, the City of Wichita, Wichita Public Schools, so the larger, local entities here in the area, we also work with Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas, the unified government up in the Kansas City area, Johnson County, we have worked in the past with City of Olathe, City of Overland Park and a number of other entities in between Kansas City and Wichita. So our specialty is governments, and a lot of the larger governments in Kansas, that's also our specialty, because they are usually the more complex entities with more complex operations, and again, we feel because we have been doing it for a very long time and have expertise in that area, we can hopefully bring that expertise to those larger clients. "

Commissioner Norton said, "I guess my final question is do you often, how often do you give, you give non-qualified or non-modified opinions, when have you had to give the tough news? And don't single out any organizations, but I'm sure there's a time when it doesn't work out well, or you find some things that are uncomfortable to tell a client. Does that...part of the business?"

Ms. Hammond said, "That does happen. Thankfully it does not happen a lot within our particular client base. But we have had to do that before. And again, I am not going to name any specific names or specific entities, but that does happen. And thankfully, I think with all the entities we work with, we find folks that work in government are very cognizant of when there is an issue, finding a way to make improvements and make it better, and we find that to be the case across the board. So even when we have the hard news to deliver, no matter where we go it seems there is always an interest in what can we do to make it better and make it right. But we do have those situations

happen every now and then.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I want the public to feel confident that we take seriously having an auditor in our building, and we want to hear the bad news, we are certainly glad to hear the good news, but the whole idea is to have some other eyes, some other expert look at what our staff does. Even though we have high confidence in them, it is our charge to be sure that everything runs right for the taxpayers of Sedgwick County. That’s what auditing does for us. I appreciate you being here and explaining that to the public.”

Ms. Hammond said, “Certainly.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Thank you. Additional questions by Commissioners? Okay. I would entertain a motion, please.”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ranzau exited the Meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Chairman Skelton said, “Okay, it’s been moved to receive and file. Is there any other discussion? Yes, sir.”

Mr. Chronis said, “Before you take the vote, I would like to say as I do every year, that this report is the culmination of a lot of financial activity that took place throughout 2012, and that involved the good efforts of many, many employees throughout the government. But especially of the people in the accounting department of the finance division, headed by Sara Jantz, who’ve you already met, Ginger Radley, Brandi Baily and Marty Hughes, principally. The presentation that we delivered to you today was largely the work of Troy Bruun, our Deputy CFO (Chief Financial Officer) and I am extremely grateful for his involvement with this and more generally with his involvement in Sedgwick County’s business. I’m just the pretty face, I get to stand up here and do the presentations, but they do the real work. Thank you.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Thank you. Okay. Is there any other discussion? Madam Clerk, call the vote, please.”

VOTE

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

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Norton, that this Receive and File be Received and Filed. The motion carried by

the following vote.

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

Present: 0

M [13-0026](#)

COUNTY EXTENSION QUARTERLY REPORT.
Presented by: Bev Dunning, Extension Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, Extension, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Each time that I report you know that I tell you a story, and today it's 4-H youth development story. And you have had three young people sit through this morning and listen to county government, and I am so proud of them for doing that, and they are going to visit with you today about that. And in addition to those three young people, we have Jodi Besthorn, who is our 4-H agent, she works with them directly. And so they are going to tell you each a short story about themselves, and I think you will see from what they are telling you, the results of what 4-H does for young people. So our first one that we have today, I think that is going to be Blake, is that right? Blake Foraker."

Mr. Blake Foraker, Speaker, 4-H, greeted the Commissioners and said, "All right, thank you, Bev. According to the National 4-H Council's 4-H study of positive youth development, 4-H youth are more likely to pursue future careers in science, engineering or computer technology, in addition, 4-H'ers are 3.3 times more likely to actively contribute in their community. What does this tell us about 4-H'ers? They have the drive to make a difference in themselves and their communities. Good morning. My name is Blake Foraker, I am currently a senior Halstead High School and the student body President. I have been in 4-H for 11 years.

"While I do not live in Sedgwick County, my parents chose to enroll me in a Sedgwick County 4-H program because of its outstanding involvement in local, county, and state and national activities. My 4-H journey started with me getting sick at my first 4-H meeting. It might not have been the most pleasant experience. However, today I serve as the President of the Sedgwick County 4-H Teen Council. I am a [Sedgwick] County 4-H Ambassador, and also in the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council as a National 4-H Conference Delegate. In fact I leave tomorrow at 6:00 [a.m.] to fly to D.C. for the National 4-H Conference.

"So 4-H has given me an opportunity to plan out my future. It helped me to find my passion. Did you know that by the year 2050 we'll have to feed over 2 billion more people than the current world population? A nearly 30 percent increase. Because of 4-H, I found my drive for agriculture. I have been able to be a part of many great advocating experiences through my involvement in me judging, showing livestock and attending conferences and seminars, all on both a state and national level. At such a young age, 4-H has already provided me with connections to people and relationships that will continue into both my college experience and my professional career.

"Next year I plan to pursue my undergraduate degree in animal science at Kansas State University. I then plan to go on to veterinary school, or get my master's and doctorate degree in meat science. I believe 4-H has played an immense role in helping me find this career field of interest and providing me the opportunities that prepared me for my future. With that said, I believe that 4-H is more than something materialistic. It has made me who I am. It has built a foundation for me, for bigger and greater things in my future. The Sedgwick County 4-H program has pretty much changed and molded my life in nearly every aspect.

“As it turns out, those late-night meetings and long hours spent on projects were worth it. My 4-H journey is soon coming to a close. However, the lessons I have learned are not. I will continue to advocate the 4-H program. As County Commissioners, understand that the Sedgwick County 4-H program is a superior one, going above and beyond to allow 4-H’ers opportunities to make the best better for their lives and their communities. Thank you for your continued support and your time.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Thank you.”

Ms. Jill Seiler, Speaker, 4-H, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am going to start with a quote from a fellow 4-H’er. 4-H has something for everything, that they can be involved in and passionate about and in which they can excel. Hi, I’m Jill Seiler, I am a 10 year Sedgwick County 4-H’er from the Valley Center area, and a junior in high school. My 4-H career started as many do, with club meetings, and projects for the county fair. However, I found my niche in 4-H in the leadership project.

“When I first joined 4-H, I wanted to do whatever projects my brother or sister was doing. I strive to be just like them. I can even remember dragging the dog around in the middle of the yard while my brother and sister were practicing with their show cows for the fair, because I wanted to be just like them. I soon learned though that 4-H is not about imitating someone else. It is about finding yourself. Kansas 4-H offers so many amazing opportunities to find yourself, and grow in leadership, citizenship, and life skills. It is one of the premiere 4-H programs in the nation.

“I have been very active in the Sedgwick County [4-H] Teen Council, and also for the past two years, a member of the state [Kansas] 4-H Youth Leadership Council. As part of this group, I have had the opportunity to work with some of the best and brightest of Kansas 4-H. I have also been able to attend two national 4-H events, and have had so many doors open for me. Without the support and foundation in leadership Sedgwick County 4-H has offered me, I would not have been able to be involved on the state and national level. Sedgwick County 4-H is a very strong program that supports youth in whatever they wish to achieve. Thank you for your continued support.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Thank you.”

Mr. Logan McGinley, Speaker, 4-H, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Service has always been an important part of the 4-H club program. One part of the 4-H pledge even states I pledge ‘my hand to larger service’. My name is Logan McGinley and this is my 11th year as a member of the Sunnydale 4-H Club, where I currently serve as president. I am also serving as vice president on the Sedgwick County Teen Council, and I am also serving as Sedgwick County 4-H Ambassador. Along with teaching young members about leadership with 4-H and where the organization can take them in life, 4-H also makes it clear that members should help out within the community. Participating in community service projects teaches kids about helping others and what it really means to give back to the community. The Sedgwick County Teen Council has been a part of many projects, such as painting a map of the United States on the playgrounds of [Amelia] Earhart Elementary for educational purposes. They have also collected socks, gloves and hats for the homeless, as well as preparing meals for those at homeless shelters.

“One service project that I have enjoyed was being able to go to the Union Rescue Mission with a church youth group to clean up the grounds. It was really special to me,

because I knew I was giving back to the community, and in some way I was helping those who were less fortunate. Giving back also applies within the 4-H clubs themselves. Each one of us has grown up through the 4-H program, we have all had mentors helping us along the way. Whether an older member or adult, each helped us to where we are now. Now that we are the leaders of our club, it is our responsibility to mentor the new members in the club. We will show them the importance of community service, leadership, communication and what they can do after 4-H. My goal is to inspire the next generation of 4-H'ers to be more active and more involved in the community. By doing this, in turn there will be increase of community involvement outside of 4-H. I really hope that you can see the impact that 4-H can have on communities within the county. Thank you for your time."

Commissioner Ranzau returned to the Meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

Ms. Dunning said, "Commissioners, these young folks are here to answer any questions that you might have, or I might ask, you can ask them of me, too. I think you can see their leadership skills."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have a question. I can tell you that I'm very much impressed by your articulate presentations of your commitment to 4-H and what it has meant to you and how it has helped you develop as an individual. I just want to say you are the type of young people that we are very proud of, and we just want to hope the best for you as you continue on in your education. You did a good job."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Commissioner Peterjohn, please."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to second that. Commissioner Unruh was a little quicker at the switch, so I am not going to repeat his remarks. But I wanted to thank you all for coming out this morning, too, and hopefully you can share with the other 4-H participants who weren't able to be with us today what we're doing here at county government and how it all comes together for folks of all ages here in Sedgwick County. Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes. And I do echo the comments of my colleagues and hope that the Board does continue to make 4-H programs a priority of the Extension Center."

Ms. Dunning said, "It's a very important part we have."

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Thank you."

Ms. Dunning said, "Thank you, Commissioners. Appreciate it."

Chairman Skelton said, "You bet. Have a good day."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Skelton said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Because of the time considerations, I was wondering if we might be able to postpone the Manager's presentation for a week."

Chairman Skelton said, "I am agreeable to that. Manager, would there be any issue with that?"

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It would break my heart."

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

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

Present: 0

N [12-0063](#)

PROGRAMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay, I thought so. Is there any other discussion on deferring the item for one week on Item N? If not I'll need a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to defer Item N for one week.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "I think that's a good idea. Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

- O [13-0166](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPEED ZONE ON 23RD STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 95TH STREET EAST (WEBB ROAD) AND 127TH STREET EAST (624-33,34) IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. DISTRICT 5.
Presented by: David C. Spears, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item O, a resolution that authorizes the establishment of a 45 mile per hour speed limit on 23rd Street South, which is Pawnee [Road], between 95th Street East, which is Webb [Road], and 127th Street East. This has been requested by citizens who contacted Commissioner Skelton. There is a 1.5 mile stretch that is already posted at 45 miles per hour. The other mile and a half is currently posted at 55 [miles per hour]. The resolution will authorize a 45 mile per hour speed limit for the entire 2 miles. The urbanizing nature of the area warrants the reduced speed limit through the entire stretch."

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the Chair will entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

P [13-0176](#)

AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) TO ASSUME MAINTENANCE OF K-163 NORTH OF GARDEN PLAIN AND A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING THE ROAD TO THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM. DISTRICT 3.

Presented by: David C. Spears, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer.

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

Mr. Spears said, "Item P is an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) regarding K[ansas Highway]-163, which is 295th Street West between old U.S. (United States) [Highway] 54 and new U.S. 54, this is a short section of road, approximately 1.5 miles long between the north city limits of Garden Plain and new U.S. 54. KDOT is requesting that this section of roadway be removed from the state highway system, and added to the Sedgwick County highway system. If Sedgwick County accepts the transferred route, then KDOT will pay the county a one-time lump sum payment of \$97,000 to offset the cost of future maintenance.

"We believe that KDOT's request is reasonable, and recommend that you approve the agreement, authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and adopt the resolution, which will officially assign the road to the Sedgwick County Highway System."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This road is in my district. I am very familiar with it, and the area around Garden Plain that would be impacted. Discussed it with our Director of Public Works, and I am in strong agreement with what Mr. Spears just said."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Agreement be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

Present: 0

Q

[13-0177](#)

AGREEMENT WITH THE EAGLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT 590-11, 12; THE NORTH SIDE OF 117TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 215TH STREET WEST AND 247TH STREET WEST. DISTRICT 3.

Presented by: David C. Spears, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer.

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

Mr. Spears said, "Item Q is an agreement with Eagle Drainage District regarding the drainage ditch on the north side of 117th Street North between 215th Street West and 247th Street West. This is a joint use drainage ditch, because both the county and the [Eagle] Drainage Districts have parallel easements. The Drainage District wants to grade and widen the ditch. Sedgwick County will replace the existing culverts. This is a reasonable partnering project that will enhance drainage for our road. And I recommend you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is in my district, and I am familiar with it."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Skelton said, "Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

R [13-0164](#) AGREEMENT BETWEEN SEDGWICK COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CLEARWATER FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 803-BB; ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON 135TH STREET WEST FROM DIAGONAL TO ROSS IN CLEARWATER. CIP# R-299. DISTRICT 2. Presented by: David C. Spears, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer.

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

Mr. Spears said, "Item R is an agreement with the City of Clearwater regarding the road improvement project on 135th Street West between the diagonal and 103rd Street South, which is Ross Street in Clearwater, and also including drainage improvements at the intersection of Ross Street and Tracy Avenue. Sedgwick County will be the administrator of the project. Sedgwick County will pay for design and inspection of the project. The City of Clearwater will pay for all the drainage improvements along 135th Street West and 50 percent of the drainage system improvements at the intersection of Ross [Street] and Tracy [Avenue]. That total is estimated to be \$250,000, but the final figure will be based on national quantities of work completed and the unit prices bid by the contractor. The City [of Clearwater] agrees to acquire any and all additional rights of way required within the city limits, and to relocate their utilities at their cost within the city limits. I recommend you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Spears said, "Thank you."

Chairman Skelton said, "David Spears, thank you very much, sir. We appreciate your service. Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

S [13-0216](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 28, 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 and Bids of Contracts of March 28th results in eight items for your consideration. Item 1;

1. BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS - 103rd ST. S. between HOOVER & RIDGE - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING - B448 6500 WEST 103rd ST. SOUTH

"Recommendation is to accept the low bid from King Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$532,278.95. Item 2;

2. 2013 BITUMINOUS FRICTIONAL SEAL - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING - R175 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE 2013

"Recommendation is to accept the low bid from APAC-Kansas, Inc. in the amount of \$2,029,237.00. Item 3;

3. PRE-CAST REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX AND END SECTIONS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING - PUBLIC WORKS

"Recommendation is to reject all bids that were submitted. Item 4;

4. ON CALL REMODEL - FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING -- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

"Recommendation is to accept the proposals from Encore Construction, LLC, Sky Contracting Company, Inc., and Van Asdale Construction, LLC and establish contract pricing at the rate identified above for a period of one year with two one-year options to renew. Item 5;

5. 2013 REPLACE ROOF AND HVAC ROOF TOP UNITS-EXTENSION CENTER
FUNDING-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

"Recommendation is to accept the lowest and best bid from Caro Construction Company, Inc. for a total of \$546,000.00 and establish contract pricing for lines 3 and 4 through project completion. Item 6;

6. SYLVANIA BALLASTS AND BALLAST KITS - FACILITIES
FUNDING - VARIOUS

"Recommendation is to utilize City of Wichita Contract BP340007 with Star Electric Supply [Inc.] at rates as identified above through February 28, 2014 with two one-year options to renew. Item 7;

7. PHILLIPS LIGHTS/BALLASTS AND KITS- VARIOUS
FUNDING – VARIOUS

“Recommendation is to utilize State of Kansas Contracts 12459AE with French Gerleman, 12459AC with Kriz Davis Company, 12459AA with Phillips Lighting Company, 12459AB with Stanion Wholesale Electric Company and 12459AD with Voss Lighting to expire January 31, 2014 with one one-year option to renew. Item 8;

8. DAIRY PRODUCTS -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS/COMCARE
FUNDING -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS/COMCARE

“Recommendation is to accept the overall low bid from Borden Dairy and establish contract pricing for one year with two one options to renew.

“I will be happy to answer any questions. And I recommend approve of all these items.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Okay. Is there any questions by Commissioners? Mr. Thomas, can you explain the rejection of all bids of RCB (reinforced concrete box) here? What is wrong?”

Mr. Thomas said, “Yes, sir.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Or David Spears can. Thank you.”

Mr. Thomas said, “Go ahead, David. Feel free to do so.”

Mr. Spears said, “Commissioner, they bid it by the...we asked for bids by section, each piece of pipe, and they bid it by the foot. And so it was an incorrect bid, we have to redo it.”

Chairman Skelton said, “So how many bids did we have again?”

Mr. Spears said, “How many what?”

Chairman Skelton said, “How many proposals did we have.”

Mr. Thomas said, “We had two bids, sir.”

Chairman Skelton said, “So obviously there was a miscommunication between our staff and the companies if both of the them made the same error?”

Mr. Thomas said, “No, only one made the error.”

Chairman Skelton said, “Oh, okay. All right. I see.”

Mr. Spears said, “The other bid was too high.”

Chairman Skelton said, “I understand. Okay. I see that. Okay, any other discussion?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Thomas said, "Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

CONSENT

- T** [13-0183](#) 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:
- G LEONARD ADDITION
- U** [13-0201](#) ZON2000-00062 - Extension of time to complete platting requirement for a zone change from "SF-20" Single-family Residential to "LI" Limited Industrial, generally located east of Greenwich and north of K-96. District 1.
- V** [13-0203](#) ZON2004-00069 - Extension of time to complete the platting requirement for a zone change from "SF-20" Single-Family Residential to "LI" Limited Industrial for approximately 0.6 acres located north of K-96 and east of Greenwich Road. District 1.
- W** [13-0200](#) ZON2000-00023 - Extension of time to complete platting requirement for a zone change from "RR" Rural Residential to "LI" Limited Industrial, generally located at the southeast corner of 29th Street North and Greenwich Rd. District 1.

- X** [13-0159](#) One (1) Easement for Right of Way for Sedgwick County Project 632-24-3962; Bridge on 55th Street South between Meridian and West Street. CIP# B-447. District 2.
- Y** [13-0160](#) One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 801-DD-5280; Bridge project on 151st Street West between 103rd & 119th Streets South. CIP# B-443. District 3.
- Z** [13-0161](#) One (1) Easement for Riparian Maintenance for Sedgwick County Project 803-M; Drainage maintenance at 135th Street West & Dry Creek. District 3.
- AA** [13-0162](#) One (1) Easement for Right of Way for Sedgwick County Bridge Project 646-21-1595; Bridge Project on 111th Street South between Ridge Road and Tyler. CIP# B-450. District 2.
- AB** [13-0163](#) Three (3) Easements for Right of Way, Two (2) Permanent Drainage Easements and One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 606-33; Street Improvement Project on 53rd Street North between Webb Road and Greenwich Road. CIP# R-325. District 1.
- AC** [13-0165](#) Retail Dealer's Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for the Gladiator Dash Event sponsored by Newman University, located at the Sedgwick County Park, 6511 W 21st Street North, Wichita, Kansas 67213.
- AD** [13-0142](#) Agreement with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) for a mental health therapist.
- AE** [13-0184](#) 1st Quarter 2013 Compensation Study Recommendations.
- AF** [13-0188](#) Consideration of a grant award in the amount of \$36,477.00 for the COMCARE Prepare Program for early childhood mental health.
- AG** [12-1025](#) General Bill Check Register.
- AH** [12-1026](#) General Bill Check Register.
- AI** [12-1027](#) General Bill Check Register.
- AJ** [12-1055](#) Payroll Check Register.

- AK [12-1056](#) Payroll Check Register.
- AL 13-0158 Order dated 03/07/2013 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- AM 13-0185 Order dated 03/15/2013 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- AN 13-0198 Order dated 03/21/2013 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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

Present: 0

OTHER

Chairman Skelton said, "Okay. At this time is there any 'other' to be presented? Okay, seeing none, we have no Executive Session?"

Mr. Euson said, "No Executive Session."

Chairman Skelton said, "All right. Commissioners, thank you for attending this long meeting today. It's been a good meeting and I thank the public for tuning in. At this time this meeting stands adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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APPROVED:
