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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim R. Norton, with the following present: Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Shawne Boyd, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Robert Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Annette Graham, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.

GUEST

*Ms. Linda Holmquist, Quarters at Cambridge
Dr. Ron Brown, Wichita Health Information Exchange
Dr. John Rosell, Wichita Health Information Exchange
Mr. Wayne Chambers, Co-Chair, Visioneering Wichita
Ms. Sommer Keplar, Co-Chair, Visioneering Wichita
Mr. A.J. Boleski, General Manager, Intrust Bank Arena*

INVOCATION

Observed by a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Chairman Jim Skelton

Present 4 - Commissioner Karl Peterjohn, Commissioner Richard Ranzau, Chairman Tim Norton and Vice Chair Dave Unruh

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [12-0905](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2012.
All Commissioners were present.

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, you have two sets of meeting minutes before you, September 12th, September 19th and I think we can take those in one motion. I would entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12th and September 19th.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

B [12-0906](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2012.
All Commissioners were present.

Action on Item B was taken with Item A.

PROCLAMATIONS

C [12-0903](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH THANK YOU DAY.

Read by: Chairman Tim Norton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, I have the following proclamation to read into the record;

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public health organizations around the country are celebrating National Public Health Thank You Day. This eighth annual celebration honors local public health heroes for leading daily efforts to make Sedgwick County healthier; and

WHEREAS, the Quarters at Cambridge are a pioneer in the community for being the first to decide to adopt a policy for all of their apartment units to be smoke free in an effort to prevent fire and injury, save money on cleaning and maintenance costs and protect residents from the dangers of secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Health Information Exchange is provider-led and committed to providing functional, secure information at the point of care to improve the health of the residents in the community by allowing vital health data to be shared; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2012, as

'NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH THANK YOU DAY'

in Sedgwick County and gratefully acknowledge the dedication of these awardees for leading the way to protect and improve the health of Sedgwick County's residents.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "And with us today is Claudia Blackburn. Claudia."

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Welcome back. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It is my pleasure to accept the proclamation for National Public Health Thank You Day on behalf of the Sedgwick County Health Department. And as board of health members, I'm sure you will be excited to join with me as we recognize and thank a few of our public health leaders in the community. On the Monday before Thanksgiving, leading public health organizations take time to recognize dedicated public health professionals who strengthen the health of our community and protect us from public health threats. They educate our residents on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, preparing for public health emergencies, and keeping our children healthy.

"Here in Sedgwick County, we are privileged to have many partners who collaborate with us to join their time and resources with ours to make progress on significant public health priorities. National Public Health [Thank You] Day provides us with an opportunity to extend our much deserved gratitude to those who demonstrate exemplary public health service through the past year. Public health is benefited from a partnership with Quarters at Cambridge because of their bold step in becoming the first apartment complex in Wichita to voluntarily adopt a smoke-free policy. That was back in July of 2008. The Quarters at Cambridge has led their assistance and lessons learned to the Tobacco-Free Wichita Coalition, as they try to educate other multi-unit dwelling property managers in our community on the benefits of becoming a smoke-free facility. They share their adoptive policy, they have attended Tobacco-Free Wichita Coalition meetings and serve as a resource to our complexes.

"The assistance to the Tobacco-Free Wichita has been a catalyst in the community for our complexes to become smoke-free. Currently we have 12 out of 241 apartment complexes that have adopted smoke-free policies.

"The benefits of public health, of course, comes from the prevention of secondhand smoke that would ordinarily pass through walls, plumbing, electrical outlets, and ventilation systems causing non-smoking residents who live adjacent to smokers to be affected. The Quarters at Cambridge realized not only health impacts, but in their decision to become smoke-free, also the economic benefits from reduced cleaning costs, reduced maintenance costs and also the potential threats for fire are reduced. So I would like to invite Linda Holmquist, who is the property manager for Quarters at Cambridge, up to say a few words. Linda."

Ms. Linda Holmquist, Quarters at Cambridge, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to say thank you on behalf of the Quarters at Cambridge to Claudia Blackburn, Sedgwick County Health Department and the Sedgwick County Commissioners for this award today. We are quite pleased and honored to receive this recognition. To give you a little background, in the spring of 2008, we conducted a survey of our residents which was vital in the process of making a decision concerning smoking at the Quarters [at Cambridge]. Our decision then to go smoke-free in July, 2008 included the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, extra costs of renovating these units, the alarming number of apartment fires in a Wichita and the overwhelmingly positive response for non-smoking policies from our residents. We estimate that we now save \$1,500 to \$1,700 per unit in labor and materials when doing a make ready on a vacant unit.

"Labor costs 50 percent higher and materials 75-80 percent higher in units where the resident had smoked. It would take maintenance twice as long to turn and make in

one of these units. As is common now, many of our residents first found the Quarters at Cambridge on the internet. Advertising through the internet and print now that we are a smoke-free community has been a factor in the person's decision to apply with us. I am happy to report as of today the best benefit of all, the Quarters at Cambridge has not experienced any apartment fires. The implementation of this policy has served us well over the past 4.5 years, and I thank you for this recognition today."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. What is your occupancy rate compared to other apartments. Have you seen significant wavering in that, at all?"

Ms. Holmquist said, "We've always, it is a very nice community, we've always stayed quite full. I think it has garnered a few extra people. People oftentimes comment, that that's why they come here, that we are smoke-free."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you for being here today."

Ms. Holmquist said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Appreciate it."

Ms. Blackburn said, "And Linda, I'd would like to present you with this plaque."

Ms. Holmquist said, "Thank you so much!"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Thank you for all your work."

Ms. Holmquist said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Claudia, before you go on, Commissioner Peterjohn has a comment."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is more of a question, or an update from you, Claudia, because we haven't talked about it. From a public health point of view, I know in the past we have had a whole group of medical professionals, I know we have some here in the audience with us this morning, but quite a few who volunteer to help, and I know when we had the H1N1 (Influenza A), flu vaccination arrangement and helping out. And when I'm thinking about national public health, I was thinking about the volunteers within our medical community who were helpful in it that regard. The recognition today, they ought to get mentioned in their efforts, this Commissioner very much appreciates. And I'm thinking this as part of, in my view this is part of National Public Health Thank You. If there's anything you want to add to that thought or comments, I wanted to express my appreciation publically."

Ms. Blackburn said, "I'd be happy to prepare a letter that you all can send to the Medical Reserve Corps, that's sort of our organized...of course we have lots of providers that help when we have a crisis, but we have some that are enrolled in the Medical Reserve Corps. That's a nice gesture, maybe something in the medical society newsletter."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That's an excellent idea."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I would support the Chairman signing that letter and would happy to put my John Hancock on it, too."

Ms. Blackburn said, "All right. The next group that I would like to recognize is the Wichita Health Information Exchange board, and I am not going to say that 15 times, I am going to say the WHIE, because that's what their, sort of, their nickname. They started in 2009, with the purpose of establishing health information exchange in the Wichita area that would be part of the statewide health information exchange. And the WHIE is provider-led community health information exchange, committed to providing functional, secure patient information at the point of care. All of this is about helping the providers have all the information needed to make the best decision about care when they're trying to provide care to patients.

"As a founder of the Kansas Health Information Network, the WHIE works collaboratively to make sure the development and sustainability of highly functional health information exchange and across not only the South Central Region of Kansas, but also the entire State of Kansas. WHIE is guided by one singular principle, healthcare providers working cooperatively to improve patient care. Development of the WHIE and the statewide [Kansas] Health Information [Network] exchange, which is known as KHIN, was no easy task. Through the persistence of the board of directors, and I can tell you that the, this board really has a vision for Kansas, and they have worked hard to make that vision come true, much work was done to create the Kansas Health Information Network and shape policy of the Kansas Health Insurance Exchange.

"The WHIE has included public health in its original board structure because of the value it places on improving the health of the community through population-based health. And in the audience today we have John Rusell, who's the Director of Medical Society of Sedgwick County and Allen Laramore, who's the, he is the computer guy, and Dr. Brown is the chair of the board, and he is going to say a few words, if you would come up, Dr. Brown."

Dr. Brown, Wichita Health Information Exchange, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I will try not to be terribly repetitive, but it gets confusing with WHIE and we, and WHIE and WEE, et cetera. Thank you, Commissioners and Claudia, for this recognition. While we've come a long way since 2009 we recognize that we still have a lot of work to accomplish. Creation of the Wichita Health Information Exchange, and ultimately Kansas Health Information Network, was motivated by local healthcare providers committed to sharing patient clinical data in a highly secure, coordinated fashion to improve the quality of care of Sedgwick County residents.

"Ultimately our goal is to provide secure access to comprehensive patient information at the point of care, regardless of the provider. We learned early in the process that the building of a functional health information exchange is as much about building relationships as it is about the technology. The Sedgwick County Health Department has been a vital member of our team from the very beginning. After 18 months of preparation, the WHIE went live this summer as Kansas' two largest hospitals, Wesley and Via Christi, were the first two organizations to share live patient data. Since then there are approximately 100,000 patient records. Almost 3,000 Kansas healthcare

providers have signed up to access the exchange.

“The public is recognizing the value of allowing trusted providers to access their information in order to deliver efficient and effective care. Today less than one percent have opted out of having their information shared. Public health has already begun to benefit as staff can now access some medical records for disease investigation purposes. The epidemiologist does not have to call and request that a record be faxed to the health department for review. It speeds up the process, which allows earlier intervention to stop the spread of disease. As more providers enroll, the WHIE will help facilitate dialogue among participants regarding priorities for use of available data.

“For example, the providers might want to know how they, as a medical community, are doing on diabetes management, or on tobacco use identification and counseling. We look forward to working with the Sedgwick County Health Department, because public health is at the table and trusted relationships exist. Community data sharing based on collective priorities will occur. Thank you again for this recognition, and we look forward to sharing more progress with you in the future. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you.”

Ms. Blackburn said, “Commissioners, thank you very much, that concludes our presentation. We will be sure and acknowledge the MRC (Medical Research Center) as well.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you, Claudia. And before we move off of this last item, it was three or four years ago that they brought together the first group to start talking about emergency medical records and how do we as a community bring that together with all of the rules and regulations of the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) laws, but how do we advance that in our community. Chairman Norton continued, “I have to give the medical society and the group that was brought together kudos, because that move gets off the static position that we were in and moving this forward in the community, and today we can celebrate that, and much of the work that moved on to the state level started with that jewel that we had here in Sedgwick County. So we should all be proud that today we’re closer to having a fully functional health information exchange statewide because of the hard work of the medical society and those early partners. I would ask Dr. Rosell if he would maybe comment on some of those early partners that weren’t recognized today because I know that, Dr. Joe Davidson was part of that original group, Hugh Tappan with Wesley was there, but there were others I know, John.”

Dr. John Rosell, Wichita Health Information Exchange, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Commissioner, you are exactly right. We have some heroes in the community that go unsung as it relates to this issue, and saw early on the value of being able to share information in a very secure way to benefit the patient care. Dr. Joe Davidson, for example, the executives at both Via Christi and Wesley Medical Centers were extremely instrumental. Without their support and participation we never would have taken a first step out of the gate. So the combination of physicians and hospitals and a variety of other healthcare providers working in coordination were really instrumental in being able to get this movement started, not just in our community, but really, I think it’s going to be beneficial to the state. Currently the Kansas Health Information Network is the only statewide provider-driven health information exchange in the country. And it’s really been seen as really a model. So, we’re excited about continuing the progress you mentioned.”

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you for being here today, John. Okay, I see nothing else, Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

RETIREMENTS

D [12-0917](#) PRESENTATION OF A RETIREMENT CLOCK TO DODY COLIN.
Presented by: Shawne Boyd, Human Resources Director.

Dody Colin, Administrative Assistant, Sheriff's Office, will retire December 1, 2012 after 22 years of service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Present the clock.

Ms. Shawne Boyd, Director, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As previously mentioned this is an exciting day for one of our county employees as we are all here, along with the employees' family members, to recognize a long-term commitment of one of our county employees, Dody Colin, who's currently an administrative assistant with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, is retiring December 1st after 22 years of service. While we're all excited for her and wish her well in her transition, we very much appreciate the contributions that she's made, and not only to this organization but also to the community and she will be missed. So, if you want to go ahead and come up, please."

Chairman Norton said, "You can stand right next to me here. Dody was hired September 24, 1990. She received her EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) license in the fall of 1977 and began her Emergency [Medical] Service career working for metropolitan ambulance and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) from 1980 to 1985. Then she went to work for 911 when it was with the City of Wichita, and worked three years before the county took it over. Dody's parents live in Haysville, and have been married for 63 years, and I know your parents. Dody is married, has...and they talk about you, by the way."

Ms. Dody Colin, Administrative Assistant, Sheriff's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am sure it's all good."

Chairman Norton said, "It is all good. Dody is married, three sons and seven grandchildren. Fun facts related to 1990 when Dody joined the county, Nelson Mandela released from prison after 27 years in South Africa. Number one song on Dody's hire date was Release Me by Wilson Phillips. Best film Oscar winner was Dances with Wolves. The cost of a gallon of gas was, and this is not an error, \$1.16, and the minimum wage \$3.80 per hour. Let's congratulate Dody for her years of service to the county, and we do have a clock for you. It is a Waterford crystal clock, you have to put your glasses on, we all need those. Although you are not going to want to tell time now that you are retired and all, but this is a memento for your..."

Ms. Colin said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Years of service and a certificate. We congratulate you on your years of service, 22 years of with Sedgwick County, from the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners and citizens of Sedgwick County. Congratulations."

Ms. Colin said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "We will offer you a chance to speak."

Ms. Colin said, "Well, I know there are a couple of people in here that are a little nervous about what I am going to say. I want to thank the Commissioners, my family and friends. As he said, I got my EMT license in the fall of 1977 from Friends University. Thus began my emergency services career. And now I'm standing here to say good-bye. It's been great. I've had a wonderful time and many opportunities. I do want to state that we were all born into a family. Then as we grow older we create our own families. But in emergency services, we have families. We are more than just co-workers, we're family. I've been blessed to be a part of three families; EMS, 911, and the Sheriff's Office. So, as I leave, being a mom, being a grandma, I have to charge you with taking care of my family, all of them. I love them, and I want you to take care of them. Do you understand? I want to thank you. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Dody. I feel like I should go sit in the corner and ponder what you just said. Thank you for your years of service, and we'll remember your words of wisdom to us. Thank you. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

NEW BUSINESS

E [12-0914](#)

VISIONEERING WICHITA 2012 FUNDING.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the payment to Visioneering.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have budgeted for 2013, \$40,000 for our funding to be continued to be partners for Visioneering [Wichita]. We were one of the founding, original founding partners of Visioneering, some years ago, and Visioneering has since then engaged with 17,000 folks currently with nine different strategic alliances. It seems to me that when you can engage citizens in conversations and actions to improve your community, you are in fact strengthening the democratic process, you are having citizens participate in defining what the community's going to be like in the future. And that seems to me to be all good things.

"We budget this money, we have come to you each year for, to tender an agreement with Visioneering to release the funds for them, and I recommend that we do that today. We do have with us several people, Sommer Keplar and Wayne Chambers, who are both the co-chairs of Visioneering, and Suzie Ahlstrand, who has in the past staffed Visioneering. So if there's any real questions about the functions of the work or activities, they are the experts and I am sure they would be happy to answer any questions. I have nothing further. Mr. Chairman, I recommend you approve the funding for Visioneering for 2013."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I'd offered up to Wayne and Sommer if they would like to make some comments first, before we move to any kind of action. Welcome, Wayne. I would like to say I've been involved with Visioneering since the very beginning, maybe even before the beginning and have been very actively involved with their leadership groups, the priority project, and other initiatives they've had, including several of the alliances. So, Wayne, I will turn it over to you."

Mr. Wayne Chambers, Co-Chair, Visioneering Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Standing with me, Sommer Keplar. Sommer and I are volunteers to the Visioneering program and we also co-chair the program. Manager Buchanan mentioned Suzie, Suzie Ahlstrand is in the audience and we appreciate her leadership through the Chamber of Commerce for Visioneering. And with her is Renee Anderson who is Suzie's assistance, and is basically the glue that keeps Visioneering together. We appreciate your work as well, Renee. We want to express our thanks, Sommer and I want to express our thanks to you, Mr. Chairman and the County Commissioners for allowing us to come forward today to speak briefly about Visioneering. It is a pleasure and an honor, and it actually is our first time to speak about Visioneering before you. Sommer and I will tag team our remarks, I will give you a quick overview of Visioneering, just to remind people where Visioneering came from, and then Sommer will speak more specifically to the agenda item that is before you today.

"When Visioneering came together in 2004, the data that we had on our community showed that our region was becoming less competitive with a number of other markets, more specifically Kansas City, Omaha, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa. We were losing people, particularly young people, per capita income was declining, new business startups were on the decline. In general, there was a number of issues that were servicing, that as a community, there was some recognition that we ought to address. What happened in that process, there was a choice made by the community to address some of those issues as they thought appropriate. In the formative stages

of Visioneering, more than 17,000 citizens came forward and said it was important to take some action. Many of them got involved on those particular issues that they wanted to be involved in through a first ever regional planning process.

“From your comments came a 20-year broad-based plan in the areas of economic development, education, quality of life, government, infrastructure, and private sector leadership. The benchmarks that came out of that were focused on job growth, per capita personal income, education, family stability, downtown development, racial diversity, opportunity, and harmony and the private leadership. During the nine years since that time we have made progress. I think it is fair to say that we have recognized the progress not that we thought we might, but we have made significant progress in several of the areas.

“Sommer and I, and Visioneering in general, realize that as a region we should be responsible for our own future and some of our own successes, irrespective of the difficulty going, being faced on a national basis. It is in our opinion and part of Visioneering charter to address some of the issues and deal with them on a regional and local basis. What I would like to do now is to allow Sommer to make a few comments more specifically to the agenda item.”

Ms. Sommer Keplar, Co-Chair, Visioneering “Thank you, Wayne, and thank you, Commissioners, for your time this morning. We do have some handouts with us here today on the chronological order of some of the things that Visioneering has accomplished the last years, as well as updated our current information on the Priority Project. As Wayne mentioned, we’ve laid a strong foundation through Visioneering to continue the work that’s already been happening. And one of the ways that’s happening is through the Priority Project that was citizen engagement to identify the top three priorities for the next three years. Which is something that we’ve had the opportunity to brief you on, each of you, over the past several weeks. The Priority Project is a joint venture between Visioneering, Wichita Downtown Development Corporation and Young Professionals of Wichita. Over the past several years, members of our community, the volunteers within Visioneering have traveled to other communities on our city to city visits and identified what’s helping those cities succeed. One of the things that has helped those cities succeed is their laser focus on key priorities in a short-term time frame to help them achieve long-term goals. And those are the very cities that we’re competing against for people and for jobs.

“Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita gave Visioneering its charge about one year ago to identify the top three most important priorities for the next three years, and to get those done. Like I said, the process identifies short-term priorities that will lead us to very long-term gains for our community. So this year we have accomplished what was asked. Through an organizational and citizen engagement process, three priorities were identified. The first being diversify the local economy by keeping industries already here and recruiting new jobs in new industries, the second, increase the number of people in the region who advanced their post high school education through degree completion, recertification, or certification or retraining opportunities. And the third is develop more downtown Wichita activities for individuals and families of all ages. There were five other priorities that were identified, and we will be keeping focus on those as well. Yet our laser focus will remain on these top three priorities that were identified by the citizens within our community and our region.

“So what do we as Visioneering going to do differently? There are a few things here that we are sharing with you today. The first is we’re reshaping our steering council within

Visioneering so that we will have subject matter experts who can help provide resources, whether those are financial or through knowledge or networks to help move our three priorities forward. We're also going to use the expertise of our volunteer base to advocate for or influence a more rapid response, again, to the top three priorities. Ms. Keplar continued, "And we will be coordinating with other entities to help move these three priorities forward, and an example of that being the leadership council, that was recently created, which has an overlap in two of the areas of both jobs and education.

"We need your help as an elected body and as individual elected officials. We ask for you to lend your expertise and your knowledge to help sharpen our competitive edge as a community. And your financial support has in the past, and again for the future, will be used to stretch your dollars to align and mobilize citizens in our community for additional resources. An example of this recently is a grant that we received for the priority project through the John F. and James L. Knight Foundation that helped make that piece of citizen engagement possible. As an early and strong supporter of Visioneering, you as County Commissioners have launched an amazing and strong volunteer citizen energy dedicated to moving our community and our region forward, and to achieve our community goals. And this is certainly going to continue. Wayne and I stand here today knowing that we have an incredible community and we have potential to continuously focus on activities that can make a difference in progressing our community forward, to help keep jobs and to help keep people in our community.

"Visioneering sources the energy to help our alliances do the work as they are the true community volunteers. We need to continuously perpetuate this notion to keep this going for the future, so that we can continue our work, not only on the three priorities that we have as our short-term focus, but on our key benchmarks and everything included in that long-term focus for Visioneering, to help support those long-term gains. So we thank you for your support, and respectfully ask for your continued support for Visioneering so we can continue to use this strong force of volunteers to help move our community forward. And help keep us working together. So thank you again for your time, your leadership and your support, as our elected officials, and Wayne and I are here and happy to answer any questions that you may have of us."

Chairman Norton said, "Sommer, we did have some questions and I'll kick it off. Both of you are from private industry, and aren't paid staff or anything, how did you get involved? What drove you to Visioneering? We'll start with Wayne, age before beauty."

Mr. Chambers said, "You know, my company moved downtown in [20]08, and one of the things that we wanted to do, Commissioner, was get them involved in the community. So we reached out to a chamber basically at the time and said how can we get involved? And the interesting thing about it is that was one of the three alliances in Visioneering had to do with technology. We are a technology firm, so we got involved with that technology alliance, and actually have revitalized it and are doing some great work with the community colleges, in terms of internships and summer job programs and things like that. So, the interest for us to move the community forward and to be a part of that movement, and for my company, anyway, it had to do with the technology piece."

Ms. Keplar said, "My involvement actually started through Young Professionals of Wichita. I am not from the Wichita area, but shortly after starting my career here after a couple years in the education area, I decided that Wichita really is an incredible place and so I wanted to find that involvement to help continue to grow and prosper the

community. And through Young Professionals of Wichita I was invited to participate in the recreation alliance, that's part of Visioneering. So my involvement was involved in it that particular focus area. And at the start of the year had the opportunity to join Wayne as co-chairs of Visioneering.

"And for me it's about a fatigue in seeing peers leave the community, because there is not an opportunity through jobs, and because we have so much opportunity to continuously develop this sense of quality of place. Also to help keep individuals my age, and even younger in our community so we can continue to have a citizen base that builds upon the already devoted and committed citizenry that we have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sommer, you mentioned a couple things I have a couple questions about. I would like to get a little more information if I could. First of all, the leadership council, you mentioned that. Could you tell me who all is on the leadership council?"

Ms. Keplar said, "I am actually going to defer that question to Wayne. I don't myself sit on the leadership council. So I'm going to ask Wayne to respond to that."

Mr. Chambers said, "Commissioner, actually the leadership council is a fairly new venture initiated by the Chamber of Commerce. There are approximately 90-plus individuals that are involved in the leadership council, and we've had only one meeting, if I recall, and haven't really yet scheduled the next meeting in terms of, as far as who is on it, I can't say specifically who all might be involved. But there's over 90 people involved in that, business leaders and local community leaders."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Is there a way to get a list of who is on that council?"

Mr. Chambers said, "Sure. Absolutely, yeah, we'll provide that to you."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, thank you. The next question is, you talked about the priority project. I've been trying to get the data from the priority project, I've made several requests and I haven't been successful. I have gotten some of the data, but I would like to get all of the data to include surrounding candidates and the remarks that were made, the original raw data that this is based upon, I wondered if either one of you could help me get that data."

Ms. Keplar said, "We'll certainly take that as an action item today, I just saw Renee writing, so we'll take that as an action item today, absolutely, for you."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Wayne and Sommer, I sure appreciate getting a chance to visit with you, and appreciate your effort to contribute in this effort. As a person who moved here from out of state, and became a Kansan by choice, Sommer, I'm just, let me first ask you, since you and I have that in common, where did you move here from?"

Mr. Chambers said, "I am from Sioux Falls, South Dakota."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Really?"

Mr. Chambers said, "Yep, northerner by heart."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "We had a former congressman from here who was born in South Dakota."

Mr. Chambers said, "Excellent."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "You're not alone coming down here from there. I was curious, you mentioned Young Professionals [of Wichita]. Is Young Professionals part of the chamber? Can you go into that in more details?"

Mr. Chambers said, "Young Professionals is part of a chamber. They are self funded through their membership and through their corporate investments. They have their own membership base and their own mission. So, they are held within the chamber, but they function pretty much as their own organization with their own goals, their own focus area and their own action teams and volunteer base to get their work done."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, so they kind of count on the chamber for more administrative support and, or do they have a separate board, I guess I should say, from the chamber?"

Mr. Chambers said, "They do have a separate board, yes, and they have representation from their board on the chamber board. And they also have representation on our steering committee."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Appreciate it. Because I have, in the past, we've had presentations talking about, and if my memory is correct, I believe it was nine areas where Visioneering was working to try and improve certain aspects, was as part of a 20 year plan put together, and I continue to want to have more information provided. The sheet that was handed out as part of this, I was interested, because if I remember correctly, one of the items listed here under 2008, talked about trying to approve having children from birth to five years old are prepared to enter school ready to learn. One of the criteria, one of the concerns I've had, in terms of going forward on this is trying to have information, in terms of how that criteria was working, how we were doing, and updating these goals especially since the economy took such a dramatic downturn in 2008-2009 time frame.

"The question I would like to throw out is, is there specific information as far as how we've done against the original benchmarks? Because I was one of the citizens, at the very beginning they talked about 1,250 people attending community meetings. I remember going to a meeting and I know I raised some issues. I don't remember anything really happening from them and I'm not sure if I would qualify as having been a person who was involved in one of the focus group, but I was interested, in terms of if there's some benchmarks that have been put in place, if there was an update on the criteria? I think it was nine, nine broad areas, but if there's anything specifically you can provide, I'd sure appreciate your comments."

Mr. Chambers said, "Commissioner, and we appreciate those comments as well. Actually we do have some information. The information was generated by Jeremy Hill at WSU (Wichita State University). I think one of the things that we have been, from Visioneering's point of view, one of the things that we probably not have been as

aggressive and as forward-thinking as we should have is being able to providing that information to those funding partners that we have for Visioneering.

"We have some of that information. It starts back in the [20]02, [20]03. [20]04 time frame when Visioneering originally got started. And some of the more recent information I saw as late as yesterday, which brings it up to 2009. I think Sommer and I would be willing to commit to you as an action item, and any of the Commission, to meet with you one on one or get it to you collectively and you go through that information so you have it at hand."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I am interested in updating it, because with the economic challenges, we've had some of the trends haven't gone in the right direction the last few years, I think it is important, and if there are some items that have been met, we could scratch off the list I think it's important to do so. But let's get, there is an old management dictum, that if, what gets measured, gets managed. And I'm concerned because, you know, when I see comments about having legislative agendas provided, well we do legislative agendas, and this gets into another legislative agenda isn't a major accomplishment, and frankly I'm frustrated with, on city to city visits, I don't know about Omaha, Nebraska, and I believe that's Douglas County, Suzie may correct me if I'm wrong on Douglas County, but the largest county in Nebraska. But I have a sneaking suspicion, and I haven't looked at the data, that there is a good chance that the population growth in Sedgwick County has exceeded both in percentage and absolute number terms the growth in the largest county in Nebraska and I know you all are meeting there.

"I know for a fact, in terms of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as a city to city visit, I had a lot of problems with that, because it is a city that in 1980 was significantly larger than the City of Wichita and today it is significantly smaller than the City of Wichita, so I'm hoping that we go to places where we have a more positive, you know, we're struggling to move forward. And I say this because one of the challenges with this item, we have as a Commission approved the sustainability grant, and there is a whole sustainability group operating through REAP (Regional Economic Area Partnership) going forward which is trying to put together in the planning process, a plan for the future, in addition, we have a comprehensive plan group that's going together and I'm concerned about duplication of effort and interaction between different groups and I'd appreciate your comment on who is actually going to have leadership on this and how this is going to work out if we go ahead and approve this item, Visioneering continues as it has these last couple years, and we go ahead with these other entities. I would be interested in any thoughts that you might have on other, the possible duplication of efforts. At least in my view, I think it is a duplication of effort that we have with this effort and the other two that I just mentioned."

Ms. Keplar said, "Visioneering, one of the great strengths of Visioneering is that it's a place for collaboration and communication. And so absolutely that's been very much at the forefront of our thought processes, particularly as we've gone on the priority project journey this year, that we ensure that whatever we're doing is in complete tandem with anything else going on in the community, so that we don't utilize the same resources for, exactly your point of the duplication of efforts. So Visioneering has stepped up and said we'll be this point of collaboration, this hub of information so that we understand the other things going on in the community, so that we leverage these resources rather than creating duplication of where our resources are going."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Appreciate that. Let me state, I still have the concern. Let me ask a slightly different question. You mentioned, one of the focuses you had was more downtown activities as a priority."

Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "One of the tough decisions this Commission made earlier this year was when we approved a budget for 2013 we cut \$10,000 out of funding that we had provided for many years for the Wichita River Festival, and that obviously would be an activity that I think does a great job of bringing more people downtown."

"As the economist in me says, we've got tradeoffs. You know, if you spend x amount of money for item a, you can't spend x amount of money for item b. The funding you requested is four times larger than what they had. Would you have any suggestions or thoughts for this Commissioner, in terms of how we prioritize between those two entities? And let me throw in a third entity. The item c I'll throw in is the largest tourist attraction to this community, Sedgwick County Zoo, and we dramatically reduced the funding for it in the budget that was approved for 2013. So, we've got tough decisions to make up here. Any thoughts you have, in terms of how we should prioritize it from your perspective, I would certainly like to hear."

Mr. Chambers said, "Commissioner, certainly understand the difficulties that you face when you prioritize a limited amount of resources. I don't know how to stand here and suggest to you that you, or pretend to give guidance on how you might allocate your resources, because I don't think we have enough information. I know that Visioneering has a very small budget in which the county plays a very fairly significant role in supporting that budget, along with the city and along with the chamber and private sector. We get a lot done, I think, from the Visioneering standpoint. We are able to leverage the amount of money that we do get into volunteers and we write for grants, we get a lot of activity from the volunteer community through the alliances. And we're actually able to take a small amount of money, small amount of resource and leverage that up, in some cases in multiples."

"In the technology alliance, for example, we require no funding from Visioneering, it's all volunteer work. We're working with the colleges and workforce alliance, trying to determine what the curriculum should be to create a career path for a technology student coming out of school. That's all on us. We are happy to do it, but it is under the umbrella of Visioneering. The funding that we get for Visioneering goes mostly for administrative work, to help us set meetings, schedule meetings and do stuff like that. So, all I can speak to is what we're able to do with the money we get for Visioneering, I am not sure about the zoo or the River Festival and stuff like that, unfortunately."

Chairman Norton said, "As that all, Commissioner? Before I turn it over to Commissioner Unruh, I worked on Visioneering for many years as I've said before, and I see it as a place where citizens have been able to have their voice. Many times we have many entities that try to take leadership roles, but to be able to get grassroots support, citizens on alliances, citizens showing up for town hall meetings, citizens volunteering to be private sector leaders, I think is critically important to this. There are four entities that I think are very critical to the movement of Sedgwick County, City of Wichita and the region forward, and that's Visioneering, GWEDC (Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition), the New Leadership Council, because that's led by Charlie Chandler and Jeff Turner and many private sector leaders, and then public leadership, and we have some ability to lead and to advance our community along with our partners not only in the small cities, but City of Wichita to make our region the

best it can be.

"I've found over the years, I've learned an immense amount of information about our community from Visioneering, because they attack things like low infant birth weight, and college graduation rate, and divorce rates, and those things that by themselves may not affect our community dramatically, but in it composite, in an aggregate, they are all very important to the balance of what creates civilization, is what I call it, and the civilization we want to build in our community. So I am going to be supportive today. I don't see that the problem with other groups working on regional kinds of issues, infrastructure issues. Obviously the sustainability group has been a, the planning, their effort is different than Visioneering and GWEDC. They're working on infrastructure, which has to do water, and housing, and transportation and those things that are very baseline in a region and how do we think about those things for the next 30, 40, 50 years. They don't necessarily tie directly to Visioneering or GWEDC, but they are the baseline, the foundation for a lot of things that will grow out of these.

"And truthfully the comprehensive plan in that planning is going to be very important to the growth of the community. That's talking about where communities grow, what the zoning is going to look like, where the better uses of property will be, all of those kinds of things, and we do that as a comprehensive plan every 10 to 15 years through the planning department. I don't see those as being mutually exclusive or not being tied together in some way and not able to duplicate each other. So, I'm going to be supportive of our continued support of Visioneering. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, first of all, Sommer and Wayne, I want to tell you that I appreciate you taking the time to be here today. I know you both have jobs that require your presence and your efforts, so to come here today and speak to us is appreciated by this Commission. I also appreciate your leadership on Visioneering. I believe that it has matured since it's beginning to the point where it has a greater focus and we can have a greater impact on our community. One of the great effects and benefits that we get is that in getting so many of our citizens involved, and being able to understand the different priorities of individuals in the community, I truly believe it not only helps us focus and move our community forward, but it also helps develop a community personality and helps us develop a sense of pride as we talk about our community. Throughout the time of Visioneering I know that we've discovered that oftentimes we have a lower opinion of ourselves than those outside our community. Visioneering is a way to help us understand that this is really a great place to live. We have a lot of great assets. There's much we can do to make us better.

"Visioneering brings folks together to help create a plan that makes that happen. Much of what happens in Visioneering, I realize, is somewhat hard to quantify, but it does help, I think, develop a purpose and a passion among the citizens who really want to make this better. But there are three things that I can identify that has come out of Visioneering that are critically important and have had a profound effect on our South Central Kansas region. One of those, specifically for the city is the organization, the young professionals of Wichita that Sommer's involved in, you know, we really have to make a high priority of doing the things and being involved in activities that lets our young people know this is a good place to live, that they have value to the community, their ideas are good, we want them here, not only for their expertise and their energy, but just the vitality they bring.

"So, anything we do to help let our young folks, young professionals know, we want them to be leaders, a good thing. So that's one thing that's very good.

Commissioner Unruh continued, "Second thing, I think, that's been critically important that has grown out of Visioneering is the Unified Legislative Agenda. And when we bring so many components of our community together to say these are the highlights, these are the things we think is going to make our community stronger both economically and culturally and education, we agree on that, we try to advance that at our state legislature. It is a very positive thing and I think it has had a big effect on the community.

"And the third thing that's come out of it is the city to city visits. I believe that by going outside of our own little area of activity, to see what other cities are doing, is really helpful to us to understand what our potential is. And we don't always come back with specifics to-do this, but it educates the people who go on what's possible. And the City of Pittsburgh was mentioned by Commissioner Peterjohn, and although they kind of hit the wall when the steel industry left town, they've rebounded in a significant way. It is a beautiful city, and they've kind of changed who they are, and it is a community from which we can learn a lot of great lessons. So, those three things specifically, beside the community engagement, I believe are important. Visioneering's helped bring that, you all are in leadership now and I want to encourage you to continue that progress. So, I am a supporter of Visioneering."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the payment to Visioneering.

Chairman Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We do have a couple lights. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I just want to make a few comments here. I share some of the same concerns of my fellow Commissioner that this is duplication, or triplication in a lot of areas, particularly the priority projects. First of all I'll say, I think if you look at the priorities and the goals of Visioneering when they first started, I think they've got largely ineffective, addressing those issues, and I think they will continue to be ineffective as well for a variety of reasons. But nevertheless, if you look at the priority projects, it's going to take three years, just like the sustainable development project, it's going to take three years, we have the comprehensive plan it's going to take three years.

"You will be addressing much of the same issues, because many of the same people are involved in all these initiatives. So we have quite easily, at least triplicate efforts here. But beyond that, if you look at the priority project and the priorities that were identified, these are the same priorities that have been identified for decades, and because you have the same people involved, you get the same priorities just packaged in a different package. I would argue we are already addressing these three priorities and therefore we don't gain anything but continuing to fund the Visioneering process. I am not opposed to them continuing it, but our economic situation that we have today, I mean, is this the best place to put money into an effort that's being duplicated and triplicated when we have other needs here at the county, and we're already addressing the priorities that have been identified.

"For example, downtown development. Well, we've put hundreds of millions of dollars as a county into downtown, to include the [Intrust Bank] Arena, Exploration Place, the [Sedgwick County] Zoo, and we bought the old Coleman building, we've done a variety of things, and we'll continue to do so. As far as education, we're addressing that through NCAT (National Center for Aviation Training) and WATC (Wichita Area Technical College) which we have built and are funding millions, you know, spending millions of dollars a year on that. As far as jobs and industry, you know, we spent \$300 million a year on GWEDC, as well as millions of dollars a year in incentives in an effort to attempt and to try and address that issue. So, I think we're already addressing these issues, and nothing new was identified. So, we're addressing the issues, putting millions of dollars already on these priorities, we have other efforts that are going to do much of the same thing. So I don't see that this as helpful, particularly in this climate to spend the \$40,000 on Visioneering.

"There again, if they want to continue, that's fine, but I think it should be funded privately. We have other areas that we can give, or use the money for, and I guess in light of that, I'll make a substitute motion that we not approve this funding, but instead direct the money for the Sedgwick County Zoo. Because they are our number one attraction, and I think they could, that money, I firmly believe, would serve our community better than giving it to Visioneering. Because we'll lose nothing, but by not giving Visioneering the money, it will continue on. All of these efforts we'll continue to spend hundreds of millions of dollars in each of these priorities. We are already funding the comprehensive plan initiative, and we're supporting sustainable development. All of these things will continue to be addressed. But we'll help out the local Zoo, which I think is a priority, should be a priority for this funding and so that's the motion I will make."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to not approve the \$40,000 funding to Visioneering and direct \$40,000 to the Sedgwick County Zoo.

Commissioner Peterjohn second.

Chairman Norton said, "Motion and a second. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. I'd change the priority mix a little bit, but I appreciate the idea. My suggestion, I was sitting here thinking about it, and Commissioner Ranzau made the point, and I think it is important when we talk about diversifying our local economy, that's been a goal since the 1960's and [19]70s, and there's some community leaders that could talk in detail about that. But we do, Sedgwick County right now for GWEDC is spending \$300,000 a year on that subject. And when you look at roughly \$1 million a year that we are spending on NCAT operations and WATC, in terms of for post high school education of a non-higher education side, that's important, but I hasten to add what wasn't mentioned, is we've got a dedicated 1.5 mills that's a little over \$7 million that goes to Wichita State University, that's an important part of our budget and our budget operations and spending, too.

Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "And when we talk about developing more downtown activities, I mean my thought had been, thinking about the comments and discussion we had here, you know, if I was the Commissioner instead of a Commissioner, my thinking is I would like to see us restore \$5,000 a year to the River Festival in lieu of what we're spending here, spend \$25,000 for the Zoo. I can live with \$10,000 to continue Visioneering with the idea that we get these measurements in place, we provide these measurements to the partners, we really manage, and if we can't directly affect the outcomes because of bigger criteria that go way beyond the county or other government's role in this, at least we measure where we are and have an idea where we are at.

"Because I look at some of these things, I don't really think that, in terms of children being prepared for entering school today we've improved over the last five years since 2008, or four years depending on where you had it, so, you know, in my perfect, in my world, in terms of allocating this \$40,000, I'd like to reallocate it to the Zoo, and also some to River Festival and have a smaller allocation for Visioneering. But I want to have some discussion about this, because I think it is an important topic, and I think this allocation would do more to meet the criteria we talked about and that the priority project outlined here than I think just reapproving the same amount that we approved last year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, we have a motion on the floor. I am not going to be supportive of that. Today we're dealing with whether we should support Visioneering. We've already had the conversation during the budget as to where we would place our priorities and that budget was codified last August, and I am ready to move forward. But we'll have to deal with the substitute motion first. So Madam Clerk, call the vote."

Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Madam Clerk, I know that the Chairman called the vote, but does this substitute motion include the \$40,000 for the Zoo? I mean, that's a part of the motion?"

Ms. Lee said, "Correct, Commissioner. The substitute motion is to not approve funding to Visioneering and direct \$40,000 to Sedgwick County Zoo."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Well I would never, ever, ever vote against Sedgwick County Zoo. I love the Zoo. But on this motion I vote no."

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Now that is a decline, a tie is a decline of the motion, so we'll

move to the original motion, and would you read that motion.”

Ms. Lee said, “The original motion is to approve the payment to Visioneering.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. Commissioner Ranzau.”

Commissioner Ranzau said, “I just wanted to respond to Commissioner Peterjohn. I am willing to look at other option beyond what I suggested, but that depends on the number of votes we can get, so...”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Well, I can count to three and I don't see where I get to three with my motion from the comments that I have heard from my colleagues, so I am not going to delay the process in that regard. But having said this, Mr. Chairman, I suspect we are not going to get three votes for anything this morning. I'd suggest just for the purpose of moving ahead with things that we defer this item for a week. I don't know of any time constraint that the Manager, if there's any reason that we would have a constraint that we could wait until we would be in a position to have all five Commissioners present and able to vote on this item.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, I'm willing to go ahead and vote on the motion. If it ends up in a deadlock, we can bring it back at another time. We don't necessarily have to defer it, just put it on another agenda. At this point I will go ahead and call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “That would decline the motion, so at this point we can bring it back at some point, it doesn't necessarily defer it, but it can come back at a another time before the end of the year. I think that's the action that we'll end up with today, and we'll have conversations at staff or among ourselves as to what we want to do as a Commission. Thank you for being here today, Wayne and Sommer, we appreciate the hard work you put in as volunteers in our community.”

Ms. Keplar said, “Thank you.”

Mr. Chambers said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Unruh, seconded by Chairman Norton, that this Presentation(s) be Approved. The motion failed by the following vote.

No: 2 - Commissioner Peterjohn and Commissioner Ranzau

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

Aye: 2 - Chairman Norton and Vice Chair Unruh

Present: 0

F [12-0894](#) ISLAND ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF CLEARWATER.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Make a finding that the proposed annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other incorporated city located in Sedgwick County; approve the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is one of our island annexations, which is a consent type of annexation, where the land owner is not adjacent to an existing city, and they have to come to the city to request the annexation. The city then has to file a resolution with you requesting you make a determination whether the proposed annexation will hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or of any other city in Sedgwick County. We received that resolution from Clearwater for these two parcels. This is in a group of, in an area that you have seen several times over the last five to six, seven years. There's been a number of annexations.

"Every time there is an island annexation, the city cannot unilaterally annex off that island, they have to come back to you. So, this is another Clearwater island annexation. I've got a larger area map I can show. For now, this is one of the parcels, 13500 West 87th Street, Clearwater, I mean, 87th Street South, about a mile north of Clearwater. The other one in the same area as well, it's 8301 South 135th Street West. We have an MAPD (Metropolitan Area Planning Department) report that reviewed this. They made a recommendation that you make the finding that this will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or of any other city and therefore allow Clearwater to move forward with the annexation. We can provide you additional information if you have any questions. We have a representative of the city available as well. So unless you have questions, I would make the recommendation that make the appropriate finding, or essentially take the recommended action, make the finding and approve the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no lights. This particular item is in my district. I have had no calls, no declining comments."

MOTION

Chairman Norton moved to make a finding that the proposed annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other incorporated city located in Sedgwick County; approve the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I will acknowledge that Kent Brown, the City Administrator of Clearwater is here today. Kent, we pretty well got through that pretty fast, so I think you're okay. Unless you have some comments, we'll move on. Thanks for being here today. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

G [12-0913](#)

RESOLUTION NOTIFYING THE CITY OF ANDOVER TO ANNEX PART OF 159TH ST. E BETWEEN KELLOGG AND CENTRAL.

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

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

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Parnacott said, "This is a resolution that we are proposing, when we have a situation where a city has annexed up to the side of a road but has not annexed the roadway itself, we are allowed under state statute to notify the city and then they are required to annex the roadway where we have a map up on the screen that shows in green the area that we are going to request Andover to annex. It is the east half, basically, of 159th Street East from Kellogg up to Central. City of Wichita has already annexed their half of the road on the west side. So we can provide additional information if you have questions about this, but this is just getting us out of the middle, so to speak, and allowing the city of Andover and Wichita to take title to the right-of-way. So unless you have any questions, I would ask you to approve the resolution, authorize the Chairman to sign and then will send a copy of that resolution to the city so they can complete the annexation."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I do have some comments. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bob, let me ask you, the explanations I've received in the past have left me a little confused, in terms of does the county have the authority in a case where the city annexed up to a roadway that we can force them to annex the roadway, particularly in light of the fact that this is a municipality that is not inside the boundaries of Sedgwick County, to the best of my knowledge."

Mr. Parnacott said, "The statute does not limit our ability to tell cities to annex only to cities that are inside the city, or inside the boundaries of Sedgwick County. So we do have the authority to direct a city that is adjoining but in another county to annex that roadway, yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Have we done so in the past?"

Mr. Parnacott said, "We have not done that in the past."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask the Director of Public Works, how many roads that we have that are, would be similar to this inside Sedgwick County at the moment? It doesn't have to be limited to the City of Andover, it can be any of the other municipalities, whether they are inside Sedgwick County, on the border, we have two municipalities that are on the border, or in this case, Andover is the only municipality I can think of that's actually on the county line."

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We do have a map here today, that I can show you that shows all of those area throughout the county if you would like to see that."

Chairman Norton said, "I asked David to bring that today. I would prefer, if we could, to

go ahead and resolve this one issue that's an agenda item, then give Dave some time to articulate where we have other issues, if that's okay with everybody. Is that okay?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That's fine. I can see the chart over here, and..."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't know that right now it is germane. We need to deal with one issue and come back and talk about the other. So, unless there's any heartburn, I would entertain a motion, but Commissioner Unruh you had your light on, are you through?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'm through."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to give a little background. I have been working on this with the City of Wichita and Andover for at least 15 months to tell them of the, of a problem that we thought was going to develop in light of the fact that this road goes directly between Andover, and it was left under county responsibility. But a new stoplight was going in on Kellogg, [United States] 54 highway and 159th Street, which would create a lot more traffic on 159th [Street], a lot more wear and tear on the road. And it was a situation where one of those communities needed to annex the road and take it out of county control, because by statute, should not be our responsibility.

"So we had discussions with both the City of Wichita officials and City of Andover officials and asked them if they could kind of work out an agreement where they would assume responsibility of this road and make plans to bring it up to urban standards. And over the course of discussions, back and forth, and talking about the details and the financial responsibility of that, it ends up the City of Wichita did what they were required to do, which was annex to the center line. Now we're just asking Andover to complete the annexation of the road, as they are required to do by statute, and I think they are aware from our conversation from a few months ago that this was going to be the precipitating action. We would eventually get to this point if they didn't go ahead and take it. This would just provide us notification to do according to statute. It needs to be done so the road can be maintained and they can create a plan for the future traffic that's going to be increasing on that mile of road. Just so the Commissioners know, it's not, we've been working on it for quite some time, trying to come to some sort of agreement, and this is the final step in getting that accomplished."

Chairman Norton said, "I would entertain a motion at this point, Commissioner Unruh, if you would like to make that."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "I would like to remind the public that we have taken a very suggestive manner in which we've asked people, other jurisdictions to take over roads, we have not been prescriptive, but as we've been suggestive for, as you describe it for 18 months or 15 months, now we are being prescriptive. We've taken the attitude that

we should be suggestive in taking over these roads, but we're a little more prescriptive today. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would remind everyone particularly for the public, we've been prescriptive, as you've described it, or basically making requests, I don't know if Mr. Spears can remember the exact date of the letter he sent out, but I believe it was sometime in 2010, which went to all the municipalities on this, and that would go back a lot more than 18 months. So we've made requests, I think we've made repeated requests. And some of the municipalities have responded in acquiring, bringing some of the roads into the system, but it is an area we continue to struggle. I think it is worthy of public discussion, and I plan to be supportive of this motion this morning, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no other lights, so Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Before we move to the next item, I would like to offer Dave Spears just a moment to kind of update us on where we have other points of conflict and roads shared by multiple jurisdictions. Hopefully we can get a camera on that."

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Spears said, "I don't know if you can see the map all right or not. I can say we have, we either meet or talk on the phone to all the communities, we tried that and been doing that since the statute was passed. This map shows, if you can see the highlighted areas around the city, which have been annexed, where they have annexed a property, but the highlighted area is a road where they have not annexed, so there are 35 miles remaining in the City of Wichita. 35 miles that they should annex they have not. County wide there's about 52.5 [miles]. That sounds like a lot of miles and it is, but I do want to say that they have annexed several over the years, so it is not something they haven't done.

"I think they tried to do it in a manner that makes sense to them. In other words, there are some of these pieces that have been, could be in the middle of the mile, and it really sometimes doesn't make a lot of sense for them to annex that if, you know, the county has road on each side of that. But that's where we are at now. The other areas shown on there, the question was asked, you can see the extra highlighted areas with the little markers on there shows where there is a road that there's two different cities, a city on each side of the road. And that's what the other ones are marked there, so there are several situations like that."

Chairman Norton said, "I would think, now that you have got the map that really discloses those areas of conflict, that maybe we need in a workshop, Mr. Manager, have a conversation about how do we start to prioritize those other places. Particularly where there is a conflict between the county and two other jurisdictions. It's one thing to be the county in one jurisdiction, but where you've got clearly two other jurisdictions

that have ownership of the road and we're still maintaining it, it doesn't make sense."

Mr. Spears said, "Right. And, you know, there's other things besides engineering that come into play here. For example, if there is an accident on the road. A lot of times in the middle of the night, we all get a phone call, and, say a sign is down, a stop sign is down. Well whose is it? I have told our folks, I said if we get the call, go out and put the stop sign up. Monday we'll worry about whose sign it is. Things like that. Then also, which jurisdiction goes and works the accident, the Sheriff, one of the cities, or what? So it's all a confusion to people."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dave, let me just clarify for this, of the areas where we have problems with this, are there bridges involved as well as roads? Do you have an idea in the number..."

Mr. Spears said, "Yes. If the bridges are on the road, it applies to the bridge also. Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "The question I have is, you mentioned the mileage that we're talking about. I was thinking of the number of bridges in the context of total number of miles we have responsibility for in the county and total number of bridges in the county, because on a percentage basis, it is a significant number, in my opinion."

Mr. Spears said, "Yes. I do not know that number, Commissioner."

Chairman Norton said, "Any other questions of David? Thanks Dave. I think we'll try to deal with that at a workshop or staff meeting and try to get some new information on how we move forward. It seems to me, though, that a few years ago, before even the state statute was changed, there was over 100 miles of conflicting roads, is that correct?"

Mr. Spears said, "I believe that's right."

Chairman Norton said, "Yeah. So, we're down to what, 51 now? So, we've significantly taken some off the roads."

Mr. Spears said, "Correct."

Chairman Norton said, "But we still have work to do."

Mr. Spears said, "Correct."

Chairman Norton said, "Alright. Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, next item."

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

H [12-0867](#)

QUARTERLY INTRUST BANK ARENA REPORT.

Presented by: Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here this morning to present to you the third quarter, 2012, Intrust Bank Arena report, and give you some sense of the third quarter, year over year of 2012. As you recall, these are the areas that we discussed as part of this report. Moving right into the SMG agreement, the quarterly reports, we talk about ticket sales, community affairs and financial summary. As you can see from this slide, in third quarter 2012 we had two events, two performances for a total of 6,635 in attendance, 6,093 tickets sold, \$189,094 [gross ticket sales], average attendance per performance 3,318. In 2012, July and August were months with no events. Last year, 2011, that happened a bit earlier in the year. Always during the summer months, and that fluctuates between May and August. It is a tough time for these types of facilities, because touring acts are just not touring many years during that time or they're playing outside venues.

"Third quarter 2012 versus third quarter 2011, ticket sales, you see down at the bottom line on this, is that there were 45,481 less tickets, 27,014 less tickets sold, less attendance 45,481; 27,014 less tickets sold for a gross ticket sales difference of negative \$789,536. Year-to-date through September report, we have had 56 performances, gross ticket sales, \$6,100,134 and that does not include the Winter Jam event which had at the door donations, handled by the event promoter; average attendance for performance, 4,586.

"Moving into community affairs then, the net employee wages and benefits, \$606,507 [sic] for the third quarter, year to date, \$1,921,801. Third quarter, number of community groups volunteering in concession stands, 11. Those groups were paid \$4,638 and spending with Sedgwick County/Kansas Companies during the third quarter, \$214,158, seven arena presentations or arena tours, and five local events or activities during the third quarter. Year-to-date, total number of groups volunteering in concession stands, 143. Again, I would remind you, some of those groupings, many of those groups are recurring, those are not separate, distinctive separate entities. \$271,137 has been paid to those groups. Business spending with Kansas/Sedgwick County Companies, \$1,406,631. There have been 19 arena presentations, or arena tours, 15 local events and activities. You see on this slide that the arena employees and the arena organization, A. J. [Boleski] and his folks, were actively involved in the community through ticket donations, employee volunteer efforts or marquee usages.

Mr. Holt continued, "Moving into the financial summary then, the third quarter financial summary you will see that our net building income is \$577,590 in the red, and that is indicative of, again, one concert, one sporting event, and five other events during that time, so a slow period this year third quarter. Third quarter 2012, over 2011, again, you see the bottom line numbers there, all are less this year than last year for this third quarter. The difference in gross income, or difference in other operating income was to the positive for this third quarter over last year, \$88,903. However, in total gross

income, that was a negative number, \$283,346 difference.

“Again, difference in operating expenses was less, or more, if you will, this year than last year, \$25,061, about even. And the net building income, then, \$308,407 less. Year-to-date through September financial summary, with all of those red numbers during the year, however, year-to-date, the arena net building income is sitting at a positive, \$175,684, and a pretty active October, November, December event calendar. So this year is, A. J. and his folks, we are all certain we’re going to outperform last year when we get to the bottom line. Arena event parking, and event [transit] services; again, the parking numbers continue to operate on the basis that we’re not required to pay the city anything for the those parking assets, use of those parking assets.

“The event, arena event transit services, July through September over 1,399 riders; year-to-date January through September, 15,470. Moving into the arena [sales] tax reserves, at the end of September we had \$11,490,192 in reserves. And you see the activities happened in the third quarter from revenues coming in and expenditures going out during that time period. Might just mention that we did this report, we put this report together to be presented the second Wednesday in November, and because of no meetings, we’re here on the fourth Wednesday. I just wanted to mention that there are a number of other events that are on the calendar that are not showing up here. We have a significant number of hockey games between now and next March, in addition to the event you see there. We also have been announced Kid Rock concert in February, [AMSOIL] Arenacross in February and Disney on Ice in March. So, a significant number of events on the calendar through the rest of this year as well as starting into 2013. That’s the end of the report. I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have and might just mention again that A.J. Boleski, the General Manager is here, if you have any questions of him.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ron, and I’ll throw this out to A.J., too, do we think we are going to have more events and do we have projections through fourth quarter, I know it’s always tricky looking forward, but since we’ve got a good idea of what events will occur between now and December 31st, how we look overall, in terms of number of events for 2012 compared to 2011?”

Mr. A.J. Boleski, General Manager, Intrust Bank Arena, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As far as looking ahead to our fourth quarter, obviously we’re most of the way through that already, you know we’ve had a lot of big events. The Oklahoma City Thunder game was a huge event for us, set a new attendance record and should become an annual tradition in Wichita, we hope. So that game, in addition to that, we had Aerosmith, and Batman Live, and Carrie Underwood. And then our December, we’re going to close very strong as well with Eric Church, should be very close to sold out, if not we’re going to be very full that night, and then also Tran Siberian Orchestra coming up next week and then the Wichita State [University] games.

“Overall, for events as far as concerts this year, we’re going to end up with about 17 versus, I think we had 13 last year. So from a concert perspective, we are up four events this year versus last. So that answers your question there. Then as far as a total number of events we would expect, I don’t have those numbers off the top of my head, but we would expect them to be improved in 2012 versus [20]11.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Let me ask you this. I don’t know if it’s possible at all. I

went to the, had a great time at the [Oklahoma City] Thunder basketball game. Oklahoma City Thunder preseason NBA (National Basketball Association) basketball game. I don't know if we go forward with this, any chance we could make it a regular game as opposed to just a preseason game? I don't know if that ever happens, but I throw that out as, boy the building was full from my view of the seats, and I was sitting on the upper level."

Mr. Boleski said, "The answer is we would love to do that, but I don't see the teams doing that. They earn quite a bit of revenue hosting the games in their own buildings. They do the exhibition games this year, they had two off-site outside of Oklahoma City, one being in Wichita, one in Tulsa. And they do that kind of as a marketing effort outreach to outlying communities that are going to support that team throughout the season. They had a great experience here. They loved it, but I don't see them ever playing a regular season game here."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, well, appreciate it. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Any other questions of A.J. If I don't see any other questions, I would entertain a motion to receive and file."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Holt said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Ron. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

I [12-0868](#)

AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ANDALE FOR DELIVERY OF USDA
COMMODITIES.

Presented by: Annette Graham, LSCSW, Director, Sedgwick County
Department on Aging.

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

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Sedgwick County Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This contract allows for the distribution of the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) donated commodities to the City of Andale. The Emergency Food Assistance Program is available to anyone who meets income guidelines. It has been successful in helping low income persons meet nutritional needs. Community agencies are available within the City of Wichita and a few organizations are available outside the city limits to coordinate the distribution of commodities. Our responsibility as a department is to coordinate volunteer pickup of the commodities, report, do the reports and compile and submit monthly reports to the Kansas Department for Children and Families.

"We have already brought before you 10 other contracts with the other cities. This is the final one to bring before you. No additional funds are requested. Mileage is granted for the volunteers and is reimbursed from Kansas Department of Children and Family services. The current Emergency Food Assistance Program availability is in the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 in Public Law 112-55. So this is a new contract with a new provider, it is the City of Andale.

"Prior to this, we had been working with St. Joseph church. There were some issues with that and the Department of Children and Families advised us that to stay with them, policies and regulations to stay in compliance, we needed to find a different community provider. The City of Andale stepped up to the plate and agreed to do this, and everybody is satisfied with this arrangement, and we work with other cities in the rural areas, so there is a good model to show for this. So I would recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign and we'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, you have the presentation before you. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Annette, I understand the reimbursement in the fact the county won't be, that there should be no financial cost to the county in property tax funds or grant funds from my reading of the background information on that. Is that correct?"

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, that is correct."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, do you have a ballpark idea, in terms of what the gross reimbursement is likely to be at all, in terms of for the volunteers?"

Ms. Graham said, "For the mileage? I do not have that information. I think it's pretty minimal because it's just done out of the city, and then the individuals come and pick up the commodities there."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Do you have any idea how many people would be likely

to utilize this program?"

Ms. Graham said, "Again, I don't have that information with me, but I can certainly give you that information for how many used that last year in the Andale area."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Now, I was curious, since this was a new one, I understand it might be kind of an estimate. Are we discontinuing the service at all? I mean, is this a switch from some other location to Andale?"

Ms. Graham said, "No. It was in Andale prior. So it isn't a switch in location. It's just a switch in the provider organization."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay."

Ms. Graham said, "Yes."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

J [12-0897](#)

FIVE AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

Presented by: Annette Graham, LSCSW, Director, Sedgwick County Department on Aging.

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

Ms. Graham said, "The county has had agreement with most of these contractors for over 14 years. These contractors provide services that promote accessibility, health and safety for persons with physical disabilities of all ages. This enables them to remain independent in the community. A total of 4,121 persons with physical disabilities were served in 2011 through our contract agreement with the mill levy funds. These funds are included in the 2013 budget adopted on August 5, 2012. Ms. Graham continued, "The funding recommends before you were approved by the Advisory Council on Aging on October 10, 2012.

"So this funding is for a total of \$288,291. And the programs that are contracted with are Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation for their Posture Seating Program at \$116,272; again Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation for the Therapy Program of \$36,233; senior services incorporated of Wichita for their Meals on Wheels Programs for individuals with physical disabilities of \$64,650; Catholic Charities for their Adult Day Program for individuals with physical disabilities of \$36,750; and the Independent Living Resource Center for their Flex Funding Home Modification Program of \$34,386. This action will benefit the well-being of individuals with physical disabilities, various ages in Sedgwick County, help them remain in their homes and in the community. I would request that you approve the agreement, authorize the Chairman to sign and would be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no questions. So at this point, you've heard the presentation, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Ms. Graham said, "Thank you."

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

K [12-0063](#)

PROGRAMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. Buchanan said, "This is our monthly review of the criminal justice system. We talk about the existing programs. You can see that these numbers from October of 2012 to 2011 are down slightly. There's no significant difference to cause us any concern in these numbers. Again, you'll see the municipal inmates on municipal charges only compromise of 11 percent of the population. The City of Wichita makes up 86 percent of those municipal inmates, so a big client in that respect. Bookings and releases are down. As bookings go down, you would expect releases to go down also, but again, there's no significant difference in these numbers.

"The average length of stay is something that we're looking at carefully during this month and I think it is going to be a topic for discussion at the CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council). You can see there are some, at least for October, the booking numbers were up slightly, and housing numbers are up slightly. That's not a good trend. We know that length of stay often is the drive. Since bookings are down, the length of stay then is the driver that keeps people in jail and keeps the numbers at a level that perhaps they shouldn't be.

"In terms of trends, we see that now we're getting close to the year, there's only two months left in the year, and the trend line at 1,462 of the first 10 months continues a steady decline from the peak of 2009. In the monthly chart, you can continue to see that that continues to go down 1,457 in October. Those of you that have been paying attention to the numbers, this month, today's numbers, 1,344, has been below 1,400 for much of the month of November. The Adult Supervision snapshot, again, no significant differences or trends. Corrections, Day Reporting, about the same. [Corrections] Adult Intense Supervision [Programs] is about the same, up slightly, but there's no, none of these numbers would cause you to pause and say, what's going on.

"On the other hand, in this Adult Supervision of other funded, you'll notice next to the bottom, Wichita DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Diversion did cause us a pause to look at that. What occurred there was they had a contract with the provider to provide some of the service. That contract expired, and it took them several weeks to get a new contract, or renew the contract, so there was no service provided for a couple weeks. That's why that number is down, but they're back on it and numbers are going up. BICE (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement) holds continue to be 39 on October 31st, 2.8 percent of the population. Felony inmates, 143 sentenced to felony time in the Sheriff's custody, and that's 10.2 percent of the population. That's for felony DUI, felony habitual violators, someone who constantly drives on a suspended license, and felony commitments.

"As you will recall in September of this year, the CJCC created three sub work groups. One is Data Workgroup, Systems Planning Subcommittee and Mental Health Subcommittee. Those committees will be stood up this week with numbers. Judge Fleetwood is going to appoint numbers to those committees. You'll notice we took out the One-Stop-Shop, and that's because that program has evolved into way beyond CJCC, what CJCC was thinking about. Tim Kaufman and COMCARE folks are working with neighborhood groups in the City of Wichita to think about a different approach to that problem. So this has been removed from the CJCC's area of influence back to Human Services and Tim Kaufman. So, if you have any questions, I'd be happy to try to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any questions. Any questions of the Manager?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you."

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

L [12-0916](#)

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SEDGWICK COUNTY AND THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REMOVE GUARDRAIL ON VARIOUS STRUCTURES ON THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM AS PART OF THE HIGH RISK RURAL ROADS PROGRAM. CIP# R-329. VARIOUS DISTRICTS.
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 L is an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) which provides federal funds to help Sedgwick County eliminate some unnecessary or obsolete guardrails on up to 20 structures in the county. These locations were selected by Public Works and submitted to KDOT for approval. The maximum cost of the project will not exceed \$400,000 as provided in the agreement with KDOT, and they will supply 90 percent of the funds. Therefore, Sedgwick County shares should not exceed \$40,000. This project is in a plan review at this time, and it should be let and constructed within the first half of 2013. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dave, would this be funded by bonds or by sales tax or some other means?"

Mr. Spears said, "It would be sales tax."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay."

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

Chairman Norton said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

M [12-0915](#)

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SEDGWICK COUNTY, THE CITY OF WICHITA AND THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE I-235/US-54/US-400/KELLOGG AVE INTERCHANGE AND RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST STREET INTERCHANGE. CIP# R-334. 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, "In Item M, we are asking your approval of a three party agreement with KDOT and the City of Wichita for construction of the I-235 and U.S. (United States Highway) 54 interchange project. This is one of the major transportation projects for South Central Kansas and in the T[ransportation]-Works program. KDOT has been working on designs for a four phase long-term program to completely rebuild the interchange. This agreement is for construction of the first phase commonly referred to by KDOT as the red phase. The red phase will include the following improvements: an elevated one lane flyover ramp connecting northbound I[nterstate] -235 to westbound U.S. 54; a two-lane flyover ramp from southbound I-235 to eastbound U.S. 54; the removed of the loop ramps in the southwest and northeast quadrants of the interchange; the reconstruction of the loop ramp in the southeast quadrant, that's eastbound U.S. 54 to northbound I-235; a reconfiguration of the eastbound Kellogg ramp to West Street that will also accommodate the two ramps that access eastbound U.S. 54 from I-235; the addition of auxiliary lanes on southbound to northbound I-235 between U.S. 54 and Central [Street]."

"Construction of the red phrase is estimated to cost \$116 million. Sedgwick County has committed to provide 10 percent of the construction cost, which is \$11.6 million. KDOT plans to let the project in late 2015. The county CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) is allocated local funding in the amounts of \$4 million in 2016, \$4 million in 2017, and \$3.6 million in 2018 to fund the project. We have negotiated with KDOT, and they have agreed to apply 100 percent of our, by our I mean Sedgwick County's, federal fund allocations through the project. KDOT currently estimates that federal funding from the county will be \$3.1 million per year. The CIP shows that the balance of the local share will be funded with bonds in the amount of \$2.3 million."

Mr. Spears continued, "The entire project is on the KDOT system, designed right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, bidding and project administration will all be handled by KDOT. Wichita is a party to the agreement because the entire project is in their corporate limits and there are regulatory requirements and project coordination requirements they must adhere to. The city council approved the agreement on November 20th. We recommend your approval of the agreement."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dave, would you go into how much money is the City of Wichita putting into this project?"

Mr. Spears said, "They've not put in any in this construction phase, but they have put in money, and I couldn't tell you how much, prior to this on the many studies that were done and I think they are also paying for part of the design with KDOT."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask you this, this is the number one priority within the KDOT, within our region, and I think it's about 18 or 19 county region for KDOT for improving this, and it's a very dangerous intersection, with some problems, particularly, I think, with some of the overpasses, to improve that. But my recollection was, was when the state came up and prioritized the items, this was number one on the list."

Mr. Spears said, "I believe it was number one. But there were a lot of projects on Kellogg that were also high, but I believe this one was the number one interchange at any rate."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, because the reason I was asking about the city's financial contribution, I wasn't aware that the city was making any financial contribution, that Sedgwick County was going to pick up the entire cost. We've tried to be a good corporate citizen, but when this came up earlier in our discussion, I had a lot of problems with the fact that basically Sedgwick County was going to pick up a City of Wichita project, and the city had other priorities, in terms of what they would like to see going forward, and I voted against it when it came up earlier on, and so if the City of Wichita is contributing a significant amount of money on this project, I would certainly like to know about it, because that's news to me. Do you have any sort of a dollar figure?"

Mr. Spears said, "No. This money would have already been contributed prior to now. It has nothing to do with, they're not contributing any for the construction, but I think they have contributed prior to this to keep the project on the forefront."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Well, I had several problems, in terms of one Commission obligating a future Commission, and because we're talking about basically an agreement that's going to obligate spending in 2016, 2017 and 2018, and even those of us who have just been reelected. There is no guarantee it will be around for certainly the latter two years of that even if we serve out our next full term, and that was a problem for me."

"Let me ask you this, Dave, in terms of this project. I don't know if you have an overall estimate of what your Public Works budget will be in 2016, but how big a percentage would be \$4 million, which would be the amount in the first two years per year of your total, you know, estimated budget going out that far?"
"It would be a significant percentage, I would presume."

Mr. Spears said, "That would be a hard question to answer. I think right now you're looking at our sales tax is about \$12 million a year, and then bonding is probably another \$4 million a year, plus or minus, so that's \$16 million, so if you're looking at \$4 million here, that would be, what, about 25 percent."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Is there property tax funding that you're getting, too?"

Mr. Spears said, "No. That's not for projects. That's for operating fund. I wasn't talking about the operating fund. I was just talking about projects."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask you this way in the broader sense, if you looked at the entire Public Works budget, what's the Public Works budget for 2013?"

Mr. Spears said, "Just round off to \$10 million for the operating budget."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "\$10 million?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes and then for projects in the CIP, I'm going to say around \$16 million total."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So about \$26 million?"

Mr. Spears said, "If you're looking at everything, but that includes, you know that's..."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So \$4 million out of \$26 [million], just to assume for my discussion purposes, \$4 million out of \$26 is about roughly, about 15 or 16 percent of the total budget, and that's looking at not just the project end. I mean, if I limit it to the project end, you're talking 25 percent. That's one of the reasons why I had problems with this becoming the fact that I don't know how we ended up with this arrangement. Maybe one of the other Commissioners can clarify this for the record, in terms of why we're going to fully fund this project, but that was the reason I voted against it earlier, and that's why I have continued to have heartburn with this project.

"I agree it's needed. I believe it's the number one project that KDOTs has identified for this area. I think it's the number one project within Sedgwick County, and the fact that the City of Wichita going forward, basically Sedgwick County is going to pick up the entire tab, I don't really, I have concerns about it, because I don't see why the City of Wichita shouldn't be involved in a project that's entirely within their corporate limits, that is this large, it's this comprehensive. So, you know, I had problems when this first came up. I continue to have problems with it, and I state this for the record. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say I share some of the same concerns as my colleague. Certainly this is a worthy project, but we need to look at how this is being funded. I think we are setting the dangerous precedent going forward for the county that I would ask my colleagues to consider. You know, back on Item G, we asked Andover to annex part of a road because by statute it's their requirement to take care of that road, and we're incurring costs. We talked about in other parts of the county we're incurring costs that we shouldn't be incurring. Commissioner Ranzau continued, "Well, I believe in this particular instance, we are incurring a cost of nearly \$12 million that we don't need to.

"Certainly this particular project falls within the purview of the state and the City of Wichita. There are revenue streams available to the City of Wichita to pay for this, but instead we're subjugating our needs as a county for these years to the tune of nearly \$12 million, and to the point that we're actually going to have to borrow money to cover this cost. I'll reiterate the taxpayers of this county have already been taxed, and there are revenue streams adequate to pay for this and not required to borrow money. Another concern is, this is phase one of phase four, and we've asked this question and not got a straight answer is, will it create the expectation in the future that we do the

same going forward? And if so, that could have a significant financial impact on the county. So, I have problems with the funding mechanism with this particular project.

"I believe there is a better way to do it, a smarter way to do it, more fiscally sound way to do it. I'll also say that with respect to T-Works, I guess I have a problem that the state would actually require us to come up with a matching fund anyway. The reason that these T-Works funding projects are being funded by sales tax have been levied by all of Kansas to include those in Sedgwick County. The reason being, that way the state doesn't have to borrow money, which makes sense. But now through this mechanism now the taxpayers of Sedgwick County are going to have to borrow money to help pay for this. It kind of strikes me as something similar to what the federal government does to the state. They tax us, they take it, and then they make us negotiate to get it back.

"I, quite frankly, think that we've been taxed for these particular projects, they ought to pay for the project in full. I don't think any local entity should have to do a match. It's our taxes to begin with. The taxpayers of the community have been taxed so they can avoid having to borrow money at the state level. By doing this, you know, now we're going to put ourselves in a position that we're going to end up borrowing money. I think that's unfortunate. I think there is a better way to do it. I guess basically I don't believe the City of Wichita or Sedgwick County should have to match this money. But if they are, it doesn't make sense for us to do it and subjugate our responsibilities in the future that we have to meet when there are revenue streams available for the City of Wichita to address this need. So, I wanted that on the record, as well. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, it would be good if we just had the project and it was paid for by state funds, but that's not the way the program has been working for the last many, many years. I don't know how long they've always required local matches, but I think we need to remember that this project is not, was not in consideration as a stand-alone project. This is part of a long-range plan where we are going to get this intersection improved, Webb [Road] and Kellogg improved and Greenwich [Road] and Kellogg improved. And the city folks talked to us, and they said, well, in order to get this done and make it the least complicated, will you all do a matching share for the [I-]235 and [U.S.] 54 project, and we will then do Webb and Greenwich Road and we will not ask your participation. And so that's kind of the way this evolved as far as my recollection goes, and it seemed like an equitable distribution among the different governments that will benefit all the citizens of Sedgwick County and all the citizens of South Central Kansas.

"I mean, they're high traffic roads. Everybody uses it. We're County Commissioners, part of our responsibility is to help with this type of infrastructure needs. And in my opinion, this was an equitable way to share the responsibility for the matching funds in order to accomplish these projects ongoing. And I happen to live on the east side of the county, so you know, I'm eager to get Webb and Greenwich intersections fixed, but they're not quite as high of a priority as the one out at 235. So, this is the way the progression is laid out. This is the way the partners have agreed to accomplish these projects. It will benefit all citizens of Sedgwick County, and I'm going to continue to be approving of it. That's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question for Mr. Spears, because I appreciate Commissioner Unruh's remarks and his list of other projects, but one project I don't remember hearing him mention was the Zoo Boulevard exit off I-235. I believe it's a two movement, and the engineering studies indicated a four movement, so we end up with, I think it's called in technical engineering terms, a half access approach. And I believe the price tag for that intersection upgrade the city is planning to do is \$52 million for \$26 million of movement. Am I correct in my recollection on that, Dave, or is it another number?"

Mr. Spears said, "They actually had a bid letting on that, and Dondlinger [and Sons Construction Company] was the low bid. It came in at \$23 million, just a little over \$23 million."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "For the entire project?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Oh, okay, well, that's good news as a taxpayer for the City of Wichita. That's good news for it to come in a good deal lower, but \$23 million could cover the cost of, cover the cost of this project and a lot more, and this project, I know, is it receiving any state KDOT money, or is it strictly funded by the City of Wichita?"

Mr. Spears said, "I'm not certain on that. I do not know the answer to that question."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, I think it's safe to say that if not all of it, certainly most of the funding for that is going to be coming out of the City of Wichita. And since this seems to be a project that was a much higher priority than I-235 and Kellogg, and it has me scratching my head, in terms of priorities, in terms of what it's going to do for traffic patterns, and in fact, it's only going to handle two movements and not four. And so you're not going to be able to go off of 13th Street and proceed north, and you're not going to be able to come off of I-235 coming south and get on to 13th Street southbound with the proposal that they're going ahead with. This is one of the reasons I had heartburn on this issue, and it's one of the reasons why I voted against it earlier. Mr. Chairman, I think this is another case where I think we're going to be deadlocked 2-2 again. I don't know if this matter is time critical in any way, but Mr. Spears, if we delayed this issue for a week, would that be a problem from that contract end since I think we may end up with a 2-2 vote?"

Mr. Spears said, "No."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Well, I throw that out as a suggestion or we can just go ahead and vote on it, and if it fails on the 2-2 vote, we'll come back on it again later. But I think just for process and procedure, it might be better to just delay this, defer this item for a week. But that's a suggestion."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Mr. Chairman, I just want to get on the record, in light of my colleague's response here about Webb and Greenwich, that evidently a deal has been made that they'll do that and we'll do this, I'll say that this is the first time I've ever heard about that if that's the case. Which is very troubling, if other colleagues

have heard of this or were involved in this and I've never heard of it until today. I would have liked to have known about it, seen the numbers. How much it's going to cost to do Webb and Greenwich. If I had known there was a deal in the works and some other financial considerations, perhaps my opinion would be different, but I'm not aware of this situation. I'm not aware, I have no facts and information on this, so I'm not sure where this is coming from, but I'd be happy to get some information in the future to help me understand what's going on here. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought this was part of our discussion when we talked about this and approved the concept that we mentioned Webb and Greenwich. I mean, this is certainly not confidential information or anything. I think they already have some conceptual drawings done, and this is not, I mean, I thought this was just part of our discussion. Am I wrong?"

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I hadn't made any comments. I'm the Chairman of the WAMPO, the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. I had a chance to meet with the Jerry Younger's, whose the Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and we had many conversations about this, and we brought it back to the Commission. I think we talked about it in a workshop or staff meeting several times. We also talked at the bench when we authorized this. I don't know where people don't understand where we came to this. It was very clear that the Secretary of Transportation and their group were going to require a local match, not just a Sedgwick County, but all over the state. Johnson County had already accepted their local match agreements.

"Wyandotte County had. Many other counties had. And when we had the discussions here through WAMPO and through my Chairmanship, it became obvious to me that we are full participants in transportation planning, not just in the rural areas, but in the confines of Sedgwick County border to border. This was a huge project. As I went to all the charrettes around the region, it did bubble up as either the highest priority or one of the highest priorities in our region.

"And I felt because of the regional significance, its Sedgwick County significance, its Wichita significance to the people of Sedgwick County that if we were going to sponsor and help match a program, that we wouldn't water ourselves down, that we could put our seal on one big project, the number one project and negotiate with Jerry Younger's and the City of Wichita for them to take all the other items that bubbled up in those charrettes, and the City of Wichita would fund them and Sedgwick County would take one project, put our money into it, very similar to what we did years ago with Maize [Road] and Tyler [Road].

"We put money into that. We committed just to those projects and those were done, and we had a local match, and Sedgwick County participated. So it has come before us. All of those meetings are open record meetings. We've talked about it at WAMPO several times. We've also talked about it here at staff meetings. I don't know that there was any formal agreement until it was brought to the bench and we said that we would fund the \$11.1 million. I'm going to be supportive of a motion, whether it passes today or not. So, Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, I'll say this has been a while since we first talked about it the first time. How long ago was that? I don't know. It was last year, was it, or no, it was a long time ago, and I could, if I'm mistaken, then I'll stand corrected, but I

don't remember hearing about this particular deal. We talked about 13th [Street] and a variety of things, but if it was mentioned, then I'll stand corrected. But I do remember that the original item that we voted on however many months ago, the first time I heard about it was eight days before it was at our Commission meeting.

"Now I know there were lots of talks going on, lots of open meetings, but all of the Commissioners can't be at every single meeting, and I was disappointed then that I wasn't briefed ahead of time on this, and whether or not this Webb and Greenwich, I still don't think I ever heard anything about it. But nevertheless, you know, I expect if a deal like this is going to be made, we should be brought in a lot sooner than eight days beforehand and understand what's going on and get the facts and figures, but nevertheless, it's been a while, so, that's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "If I might, Commissioner Peterjohn, before I switch it over to you, there was four major intersections or conflict points in our county that have been in the conversation for many, many years. The 235 and Kellogg interchange; the 13th or 25th Street interchange, which has to do with Central Avenue, also that kind of corridor; K[ansas highway]-96, [Kansas highway] 254, [Interstate] 135, and 235, Mixmaster, as I call it, was in that conversation; and then 235, I mean, Kellogg at Greenwich and Webb Road. Those four were the big projects that we looked at. And 96, 254 and 135, and 235 interchange, as bad as it is, has had some minimal repairs recently, but that didn't rise to the level of Kellogg and 235.

"So, we've had those ongoing discussions. In fact, I've been part of them for six or seven years as to how all of us figure those out, because they're so critical to the movement of traffic in our community. And at one point, 135, 235, 35 [Street] and 47th Street corridor was in that five big projects, and we've knocked that one off. So there is a continuing conversation about all of those, and I think the county, in my opinion, should be in that conversation, because they affect the citizens that we represent in a huge manner. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the dialogue on this. The more information we can get out on it, I'm going to be hopeful. I appreciate the news that Mr. Spears provided, in terms of that bid letting on the Zoo Boulevard, 13th Street half access off of I-235 project coming in at roughly half of what I believe it had been originally projected. I'm going to express the hope and optimism that when the bid comes out on this project, because I think eventually it's going to be approved and we're going to move forward on it, based on our past votes, that maybe the bid will come in equally at roughly the 50 percent level instead of having the \$116 million project overall, we're talking about maybe something in the neighborhood of around \$60 million.

Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "That's my optimistic expression I'm going to state here. But if we do that, I want to try and make clear for where we are going forward, in terms of our commitment here is just for this first phase, and there are several other phases that go past it. I want to have a continuing dialogue, because when the city undertakes significant projects that are, in fact, going to impact the amount of traffic that occurs at I-235 and Kellogg with the changes they're going to have at I-235 and proceed on their own, and this is a significant and substantial project. I think it's incumbent to have all of this information out on the table and have a clear public discussion, and I think eventually when we go forward the county's commitment, as I view it, is for this project, and this phase on it alone. It is not an extended agreement for the entire project, which will wait another day, and perhaps another Commission

when we get around to it. Thank you."

MOTION

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

Chairman Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Spears said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, David. Okay, we'll move onto the next item. Please call the next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Unruh, seconded by Chairman Norton, that this Agreement be Failed. The motion carried by the following vote.

No: 2 - Commissioner Peterjohn and Commissioner Ranzau

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

Aye: 2 - Chairman Norton and Vice Chair Unruh

Present: 0

N [12-0933](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of November 20th results in two items for your consideration. Item 1;

1. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (A/E) EMS POST 9 -- FACILITIES DEPARTMENT FUNDING – CIP

The recommendation is to accept the low proposal from Kraybill Architect in the amount of \$59,500. Item 2;

2. MAIL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES - DIO MAILROOM FUNDING –MAILROOM

The recommendation is to accept the quote from Pitney Bowes at a rate of \$1,040 per month for 60 months or a total of \$62,400.

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

Chairman Norton said, "Any questions of Joe? I would entertain a motion."

MOTION

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

Chairman Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

CONSENT

- O** [12-0895](#) Quit claim deeds transferring property ownership from Sedgwick County, Kansas to Sedgwick County Fire District Number One.
- P** [12-0893](#) Quit claim deed transferring property ownership in the name of Sedgwick County, Kansas.
- Q** [12-0892](#) A resolution to authorize destruction of Sheriff Inmate medical records DISP 2012-147 2005.
- R** [12-0891](#) A resolution to authorize destruction of Division of Information and Operations Records (DISP 2012-148 DIO-Mail Room 2007-2009).
- S** [12-0899](#) A resolution to authorize destruction of COMCARE Records (DISP 2012-144 Comcare 1997-2008).
- T** [12-0900](#) A resolution to authorize destruction of Sheriff records DISP 2012-149 Sheriff 1991-2010.
- U** [12-0901](#) A resolution to authorize destruction of Register of Deeds sales validation questionnaires (DISP 2012-150 RoD 2004 and prior).
- V** [12-0911](#) Professional Services Agreement with James Vincent, Ph.D and Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization.
- W** [11-1324](#) General Bill Check Register.

X [11-1273](#) Payroll Check Register.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "And we do have a Fire District [Number one] Meeting, so before we get to 'Other', I will recess the Board of County Commissioners."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed at 11:15 a.m. and returned at 11:16 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, "And we're on to 'Other'. Is there any other items to come before us today? Commissioner Peterjohn."

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

Absent: 1 - Chairman Skelton

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

Present: 0

OTHER

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a quick update on the numbers, the Managers provided an update, in terms of how the population has come down in November, and I think back four years ago when the numbers were over 1,700 average population per day. And the number today in terms of in the Sheriff's custody is 1,344 with 1,064 in the main jail facility, 117 Work Release, total out of county of 163. And I would hasten to add that with that out of county number, if we eliminated the folks who were felony inmates who have been convicted of their crimes and are serving their felony sentences in the Sedgwick County Jail, they were in the state Department of Corrections, and you added the folks, the 39 illegal immigrants who have, who are here and who are part of the jail population, those 39, if you add them together, and that's 182, which is more than the out of county jail population today.

"And if that was the case, the savings for the taxpayers here in Sedgwick County would be significant and considerable, and I provide that as part of our ongoing discussion, because despite this good news and the fact that we're basically down to levels, that could go back as far as the data of the Manager provided, in fact today's is well below the monthly average. The Sheriff has classified the prisoners in the following way: we have 439, maximum security prisoners; 471, medium security; 36, in protective custody; 48, in special housing units, and minimum security is 307. So the composition I think is important for people to understand where we stand in our ongoing challenges with the jail population.

"I want to wish the [Wichita State University] Shockers well, in terms of their game tonight with Tulsa, because it's going to be quite a, I know that, I'm glad to see that rivalry has resumed. Many years, we hadn't had it, but I think the Shockers are off to a great season, and women Shockers had a win last night, too. That's all I've got today, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, and native son Danny Manning is the coach of the Tulsa Hurricanes. So, that should be an interesting evening to watch."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, we've worked hard to bring Danny Manning under the basketball court down here in Wichita. I'm glad it's finally occurring tonight."

Chairman Norton said, "Right. Okay, anything else to come before us? Okay, if not, we are adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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APPROVED:
