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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 3, 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 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim R. Norton, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem James B. Skelton; 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; Chief Daniel Wegner, Division Chief, Sedgwick County Fire Department; Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, Sedgwick County Extension; Ms. Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Mike Elpers, Manager, IT Infrastructure; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Shawna Mobley, Chair, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition
Ms. Stacey Mann, Executive Director, YWCA
Ms. Gloria Hegge, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Newman University
Ms. Julie Linneman, Programming and Outreach Manager, Wichita Public Library*

INVOCATION: Reverend Rick Thornton, Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

A [12-0751](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

Read by: Chairman Tim Norton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

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

WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault result in widespread victimization of adults, children, and families throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, thousands of cases are reported each year in Sedgwick County, and the criminal justice system dedicates tremendous resources to arrest and prosecute perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, 10 lives were senselessly lost in Sedgwick County in 2011 as a result of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS the YWCA Women's Crisis Center, Catholic Charities Harbor House, and a diverse group of local social service agencies collaborate to assist those whose lives have been impacted by violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition will host a Final Friday Art event on October 26; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is fortunate to have dedicated professionals who are committed to reducing the incidence and impact of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October as

'DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH'

and encourage the community to join the coalition in promoting healthy, non-violent relationships for all.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the proclamation.

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 Aye
Chairman Norton Aye

Chairman Norton said, "And we have Shawna Mobley from the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition here, and several other folks that you can introduce, but it's yours. Welcome."

Ms. Shawna Mobley, Chair, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Joined with me this morning is Joyce Mahoney with Catholic Charities Harbor House, Stacey Mann with the YWCA and Karen Schmidt with Wichita Women's Initiative Network.

"We comprise the Governing Body of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, and this month we dedicate to awareness throughout our community, as you mentioned, there were ten deaths last year, and unfortunately, I believe our fifth homicide on Sunday in the county, and so we meet monthly and have for 17 years as social service providers and criminal justice representatives to try to do all that we can to reduce this. This problem hasn't decreased in 20 years that we've had mandatory arrest here, but we keep battling it, and we just hope that we can count on government officials to continue their support through prosecutors, judges, probation officers, victim advocates, and unfortunately jail space. So, we thank you, and I heard the conversation about purple has nothing to do with K-State (Kansas State University). This represents being a survivor of domestic violence, or...so that's what the purple represents."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you for being here today. You know, we talk about child abuse issues and domestic violence issues, and how they are so prevalent in parts of our society. And it is something that continues to need to be brought to light, worked on. Tell us what are some of the indicators that lead to domestic violence? I assume drug abuse is part of it, financial or economic conditions in the family. Are there key indicators or things that tell us that domestic violence is on the..."

Ms. Stacey Mann, Executive Director, YWCA, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Power and control."

Ms. Mobley said, "Go ahead."

Ms. Mann said, "Yes, you are absolutely correct, those things can, alcohol and drugs and economics can exacerbate existing problems, but the key issue around domestic violence is really one person's desire to have power and control over another. And we see that play out in extreme jealousy; it can be one of those sorts of initial red flags. Monitoring where that person is going, what they are doing, who they are seeing, what they are wearing, to that degree. And then those indicators that you talked about can just exacerbate the situation. And unfortunately, we see, I know, Catholic Charities Harbor House has the same experience, we shelter domestic violence victims and their children in our shelter and we turn anywhere from 40 to 50 women away from shelter a month, because we are so full constantly. We served over 1,700 victims of domestic violence last year in our small agency, and so we know it's something that continues to happen and we do quite a bit of education in the schools and in the community about what does a healthy relationship look like, so that folks may see those indicators early on before it is too hard to get out."

Chairman Norton said, "I also worry about the increase, as I read about veterans coming back from theater, that the increase in suicides scares me, but also the increase in domestic violence issues and divorce in that cohort group. I know that's something our community worries about."

Ms. Mann said, "Absolutely. And we work, as the coalition, we work very closely with McConnell Air Force Base, and their victim advocates in addressing those issues, because it is something very real for the veterans that are coming home who are experiencing a variety of challenges as a result of having been in theater and coming back and trying to reacclimate. So, we also provide services to those folks as well and work closely with McConnell."

Chairman Norton said, "Are there indicators that families, just two or three, that families can look for that would cause them to say, you know, you need to seek guidance, you need to do something?"

Ms. Mann said, "I would say the first is, if someone who has had regular contact with your family, a sister or mother, who is suddenly withdrawing, that would be an indicator. Extreme jealousy on the part of their husband, boyfriend, partner, that would certainly be an indicator. And any significant change in her ability to work, seek employment, and/or continue her education would also be key indicator that there may be some other problems going on in that relationship."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a person who has followed, trying to keep this community as safe as possible, this has always been a challenging area where there have been difficulties. And I know the courts are involved. I was curious if you had any data at all in terms of the number of times restraining orders have been issued, say, this year as opposed to, say, three or four years ago. Any trends in that area, that if you had any data that you could share with us this morning?"

Ms. Mann said, "I do not have specific data about the numbers of protection orders that have been filed, although I will say that in the most recent KBI, Kansas Bureau of Investigation stats, which are 2009 stats that they put out, Sedgwick County has one of the highest rates of orders of protection issued. So we have a very high rate of orders of protection, be that orders of protection from stalking, or from personal harm issued on a regular basis."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Is that adjusted for the population? I mean, we're the second most populous county in the state. Is that per thousand or, I mean, we have got to half a million people in the county."

Ms. Mann said, "It's in comparison. I will say that in comparison to Johnson County, which would be our most similar in terms of population, we're still higher than Johnson County. But I can't tell you exactly how high. I would have to look that up."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Well, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any other lights. Thank you for being here today."

Ms. Mann said, "Thank you so much. We really appreciate it."

Chairman Norton said, "We're encouraged by your work, but we're saddened that on Sunday, it appears we lost another resident from domestic violence, and it's so sad, so sad. Thank you for being here today."

Ms. Mann said, "Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

B [12-0758](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK.

Read by: Chairman Tim Norton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

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

WHEREAS, serious mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorders affect one in every four people annually; and

WHEREAS, serious mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness of the brain posing the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, misunderstandings exist about mental illness and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness; and

WHEREAS, NAMI, Newman University, COMCARE, the Robert Dole Veterans Hospital, the Mental Health Association, Breakthrough Club, Via Christi Behavioral Health, and many other Sedgwick County community organizations continue to provide treatment, support, education and advocacy to help improve the lives of individuals affected by mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 7 – 13, 2012,

'MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK'

and ask all Sedgwick County residents to increase your awareness of mental illness and promote treatment and recovery. By changing attitudes, we can change lives.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the proclamation.

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	Aye
Chairman Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "And with us today, from Newman University, is Gloria Hegge."

Ms. Gloria Hegge, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Newman University, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just by the way, I also used to be a clinical social worker at COMCARE for five years, in the 1990s. Still have fond feelings for COMCARE. And I am here representing the National Alliance for Mental Illness; I am a member of them. And on behalf of individuals in our community who live daily with the impact of mental illness in their lives, on behalf of their family members and the many mental health professionals and staff members who help meet the needs of these individuals, I thank you for approving the Mental Illness Awareness Week proclamation, and I accept this proclamation on behalf of those individuals described above.

"Serious mental illnesses have a tremendous impact on communities across the country, and no one is immune from experiencing these disorders. We know that when mental illness are diagnosed early enough and treatment is provided right away, that 70 to 90 percent of these individuals recover. And obviously it's a much lower percentage if they aren't diagnosed and treated early. We all know the struggles of securing adequate funds to ensure access to effective treatment for both children and adults with mental illness. But we know the benefits to those individuals and to our community when treatments are available. We are proud of a number of mental health services in this community that the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners has supported in recent years. Such as the development of Crisis Intervention teams, the development of the Municipal Mental Health Court System, encouraging closer work between mental health services and the judicial services and the judicial system, implementing the Mental Health First Aid Program, and development of the [18th Judicial] District Drug Court.

"I thank you for your ongoing support and interest in these concerns, and in our effort to improve life in this community for individuals who need this assistance. As the kickoff for Mental Health Awareness Week, we will be conducting our annual candlelight ceremony for mental health awareness this coming Sunday evening at Newman University at 7:00 p.m., and we invite you to attend. Dr. Jeremy Crosby, psychologist and author, will speak about working with veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). And we know that this has become a big concern over the recent gulf war issues. So, thank you very much, again, for approving the Mental Illness Awareness Week proclamation."

Chairman Norton said, "Don't run off, Gloria. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Gloria, I just want to express our appreciation for the work of NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) along with other community partners in addressing what is a significant problem in our

community.

"As the proclamation says, one in four people have a diagnosable condition. And so, our job is to provide, as the proclamation says, treatment, support, education and advocacy, there's no set solution or remedy for this particular illness that affects our community. So, we appreciate your steadfast work and resolve and helping those individuals who just need a little support, little help, and many times they can overcome their condition. But for many of us, our biggest challenge is to get our thinking straight so that we don't carry around or promote the stigma that's associated with this. So, these sort of activities, I think, help us do that. So, appreciate your work."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to second Commissioner Unruh's comments and add a little bit for a county official who is not here, but I've heard that Sheriff Hinshaw publicly state in the past that he's felt awkward, in terms of being, heading up a community insane asylum because of his role with the jail, and our efforts to try to keep this community safe through things as both drug and mental health courts have been important tools in that regard. And so, I appreciate you coming down and being able to participate, in terms of, having a broader discussion, because a lot of the folks never get involved who may have mental health challenges or problems, don't get involved with the Criminal Justice System, but for the ones that do, it is an ongoing challenge for us in the public safety realm. I think it's important to have a public discussion and public awareness on this issue. And I appreciate you coming down this morning to accept this proclamation."

Ms. Hegge said, "I agree with what you said. And thank you for your support."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any other lights. Several years ago we did a community health assessment. And as we brought together hundreds of people, professionals and community leaders around the community to talk about what were the key things that we needed to work on in the community around health. We talked about chronic disease, and diabetes, and obesity. We talked about access to healthcare, we talked about oral health, we talked about equity and social determinants of health. But, the fifth one that rose to the top of the top five was mental health. We understood that if your mental health is not solid, then many times your physical health is so affected by that. And we talk a lot about physical health, nutrition, eating right, all those things that keep us physically healthy, but we forget that we have two kinds of health, our mental health and our physical health. Mental health is so important, because when it is not good, it leads to some of these other things that we've talked about today, drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse. It is all systemic. And severe and persistent dual diagnosed mental health many times leads to all these other things. They are just symptomatic of a bigger issue in our community."

Ms. Hegge said, "May I say something regarding that? You reminded me that individuals with a serious mental illness on average live 25 years less than people without mental illness. So, as you said, the mental illness and physical illness are very much intertwined. So thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks for being here. Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "No, I just want to say I strongly agree with that, Mr."

Chairman. Thank you."

Ms. Hegge said, "Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

C [12-0762](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE BIG READ MONTH.

Read by: Chairman Tim Norton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

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

WHEREAS, reading takes us places – in our imaginations, in our lives, and as a society; and

WHEREAS, the habit of regular reading raises one's likelihood of academic and economic success, as well as stirs one's social and civic sense; and

WHEREAS, when the citizens of a community experience the same book, they have the unique opportunity to share ideas and forge new understandings together; and

WHEREAS, The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with Arts Midwest, was created to restore reading to the center of American culture; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County supports the Wichita Public Library, and its partners across the region, as they encourage all citizens to read, discuss and celebrate Francis Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" during The Big Read.

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

'THE BIG READ MONTH'

and urge all citizens to read "The Great Gatsby" and take part in the numerous related events offered throughout the area.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton 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>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton

Aye

Chairman Norton said, "And I see Julie Linneman from Wichita Public Library. And, before we start off, I am going to, oh...Aye. I'm sorry, thank you."

Commissioner Skelton said, "It's my job, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "Somebody has to keep me straight, I'm very supportive. I wanted to show you that I've got my book, Julie; I'm about halfway through it. It will be, probably, the third time I've read it in my lifetime. And people need to know, it is a great book, but it is not about Robert Redford. It is about Jay Gatsby, and a different time in American life written by F. Scott Fitzgerald. So, Julie."

Ms. Julie Linneman, Programming and Outreach Manager, Wichita Public Library, greeted the Commissioners and said, "That's right. Thank you, Commissioners, for accepting our proclamation. We are very excited to be celebrating this book. This is the first time that we've gotten six counties involved in this effort. It's really a grassroots community program. We will be having all kinds of events going on to celebrate the book. We'll have book discussions, and we want everyone to be reading the book. This Saturday is when we're going to kick it off. It will be at the Wichita Art Museum at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, where we are going to have a dance from Ballet Wichita, we're going to have jazz music from the 1920s, we'll have flappers, we'll have vocalists and a reader's theater so that people can kind of get the flavor of the book as a preview. We will be giving away, also, free copies of the book to get people jump started on reading it. This is something that we think is important. It's important to get adults reading. It sets a good example for children. We have got other libraries, bookstores, universities as partners, and anyone who would like to be a partner is still invited to do that. So thank you for supporting this effort."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, we do have some lights. But, Mr. Manager, you had something to offer here?"

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioner and said, "You said the book was about the Great Gatsby, it is really about my Aunt and Uncle Tom and Daisy."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay, whatever."

Ms. Linneman, "Yes, Tom and Daisy Buchanan are an important part of that novel."

Chairman Norton said, "They are. And it is from the viewpoint of Nick, who was a Midwesterner that tried to report on what was happening in the day. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm delighted to support the motion this morning. I'm glad to see Cindy [Cynthia] Berner Harris out here, too, from the Wichita library. I think it is important to recognize her, even if she doesn't come up to the podium. I am thinking of some of the other, when I saw this resolution coming, I thought of some of the other American novelists, and the ones that, even though I don't read quite as much fiction as I used to, I was thinking of some of the ones who,

of the greats, of the last 100 years or so, that jump out at me, and whether they are people like James Michener or people who have written both non-fiction as well as fiction like Tom Wolfe a little more recently, or immigrants who came to this country and contributed a lot. James Clavell, and I think probably the best-selling novelist, who was also an immigrant, Ayn Rand. There are some tremendous reads out there if people are interested. I am delighted to be able to support the motion this morning, and delighted that we can just urge people not to walk and read at the same time since we're having Walktober-fest and reading, we don't want any accidents."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you for being here today, Julie. And we hope that citizens will pick up a book, and if it's not The Great Gatsby, it's some book that they read, and grow their intellectual capital and their enjoyment."

Ms. Linneman said, "Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

D [12-0746](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.
Read by: Chairman Tim Norton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

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

WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern. Each year more than 3,000 Americans die, approximately 17,500 are injured, and nearly \$12 billion is incurred in property damage due to fires – many of which could have been prevented; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms, in addition to emergency planning, significantly reduce the risk of dying in a home fire; and

WHEREAS, first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County residents can also take personal responsibility to reduce their risk from fire injury and death, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2012 theme 'Have 2 Ways Out' focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice, and reminds us of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year round.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize October 7-13, 2012, as

'FIRE PREVENTION WEEK'

and urge all citizens of Sedgwick County to protect their homes and families by 'Having 2 Ways Out' and practicing their escape plans.

"You have heard the proclamation. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Unruh 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>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton

Aye

Chairman Norton said, "And we have Daniel Wegner with us today from the Fire District [No. 1]."

Chief Daniel Wegner, Division Chief, Sedgwick County Fire Department, greeted the Commissions and said, "On behalf of the men and women of Sedgwick County I would like to thank you for the proclamation and recognizing the importance of Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week is in memory of the Chicago fire that occurred in 1871 on October 9th. It wasn't until 1920 when President Woodrow Wilson wrote the first proclamation making Fire Prevention Day a national event. Since 1922, the National Fire Prevention Week has been the Sunday to Saturday that October 9th falls into.

"This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week, 'Having 2 Ways Out', is going to remind us to make sure that we have a second means of egress in our homes and offices in the event of a fire. During our fire prevention week, we're going to have many activities going on, and I would like to invite you to participate in as many of these activities as at all possible. Our largest event that we've got going on will be at the Sedgwick County Zoo, which is our Fifth Grade Adventure. It will be on October 9th, by the way. What this does is bring fifth graders in from Sedgwick County and surrounding areas and allows them to get a hands-on approach to fire prevention, and also see some displays and activities with other emergency services.

"We're also going to be having several open houses at our fire stations; our first one is going to be at Station 35 in Goddard on October 6th. And the next one will be on October 7th at Station 37 in Bel Aire, and then our last one will be at Station 33 at Maize on October 14th. All these open houses will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and these are all posted on the county website. Again, I would like to thank you for the proclamation, and recognizing the importance of Fire Prevention Week."

Chairman Norton said, "I know that our first responders, our fire folks, train very hard to put out fires. They learn all there is to learn about showing up on time and putting out fires. But their hope is they never have to do that. That prevention is worth a pound of cure. So we know that you taught prevention at all levels, and that you would rather not have to have the sirens blaring and trying to save people's lives if they can prevent it. So I think that's the whole message today. You know, I worked with Target for many, many years, and I can tell you, October was the month we sold more fire extinguishers and any kind of fire prevention items in our store than any other month. And I know it was because there was great education out in the community to tell people to check their fire alarms, get a fire extinguisher, if you have a two-story house, maybe have a ladder that you could throw out a window, all of those things that help protect you in case of a fire in your house. Thank you for coming today."

Chief Wegner said, "Absolutely."

Chairman Norton said, "Appreciate it. Yes. Thanks. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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

following vote.

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

Present: 0

NEW BUSINESS

E [12-0744](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE GREYHOUND PARK TOWER.

Presented by: William Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the agreements, related documents and resolution.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you recall that in May we made a decision to not use the Greyhound Tower for our 911 communication but to relocate someplace else that would provide more coverage. At that point in time we decided that it would be in the best interests of our customers, and for us, to sell that Greyhound Tower.

"So we have received an offer earlier in the year, and began negotiating with that party. That agreement is before you today. Since last, and we were supportive of that agreement. But, since the last meeting, since last Wednesday, we have had inquiries from two other companies that are very interested in purchasing; they indicate that they are interested in purchasing that tower also. In both cases they have provided us a preliminary estimate of what they would suggest to pay for it.

"Because of that information, it would be my recommendation today, that we don't take any action on the item today. But we proceed to do a public auction within the next three weeks or so, so that we can get the best price for that property. What the public auction also does is a much timelier way to sell the property. Our customers are clamoring to have improvements done on that tower, so they can hang a different antenna on it, and provide better customer service. So I think it is in our best interests to do that. And therefore my recommendation today is to, I guess, table indefinitely that item, and we will proceed to do a public auction."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any lights. I would entertain some conversation. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Just let me make sure I understand, Mr. Manager, if we tabled that, wouldn't we need to make a motion to proceed as an auction as an alternative, in terms of covering it. And I guess this may be a question for the County Counselor, if we procedurally, I know we don't have rules, but if it might work out better to actually have two separate motions, one to table what is before us in the agenda, and B, have a second motion to proceed with a public auction, because I didn't see that included in the material that I had. I bring the stuff out of just a procedural understanding, the best procedure for us to utilize in this case this morning."

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You can do that in one motion. I think you can defer this item, and ask that it be returned as a public auction item."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to defer Item E indefinitely and alternatively place the Greyhound Tower in public auction.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and second. Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "No comment, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. We do have a motion. Bill, if we move forward, what is the dynamic with the folks that are on that tower right now? There are several people that are engaged on the [Greyhound] Tower, and that's meaningful to them. What does the contract show as far as their longevity on the towers and everything?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I haven't examined all the contracts, but I assume that they are similar. They were all long-term, the one I examined was from Pixius, it's a long-term lease for the tower that they, we can ask them to be removed from the tower if we're going to use the tower for governmental purpose. If we sell that, that provision would go away.

"It appears as if they have the opportunity to stay on our tower, that tower, for I think clear up to 2031. And I don't believe there's an escalator in that contract."

Chairman Norton said, "One of the dilemmas, and dynamics of this is that there needs to be some upgrades to the tower to be able to hang some new generation kinds of equipment on there. Is that covered in any kind of an extension of the contract through 2031?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I don't know that."

Chairman Norton said, "I think we need to research all the dynamics of what it does to the partners that are on there, because as we move forward, we want to be sure that folks that have leased space on our tower for many years, are treated it fairly, and that we understand the dynamics and the unintended consequences to residents that live out here, out in that area, that get services from several people that lease space on that tower. So I'll vote for this, I think today, but I want to be sure that we understand all the dynamics of what happens to those that have been leasing space, and still have a lease contract that will go forward if someone else were to buy the tower."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Okay."

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion?
Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Call the next item, please."

Table item and proceed to public auction

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

Present: 0

F [12-0038](#)

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Ms. Bev Dunning, Director, Sedgwick County Extension, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is my quarterly report about your Extension education programs, in the past reports, I have told you that I am a storyteller, and usually each time I've told about a strong program that changes the lives of Sedgwick County residents. Today my story is not about one particular program, but our total Extension education program and how your 30 percent cut the past two years hurt the recipients of our educational outreach.

"A review of how the Extension service must operate according to state and federal laws established long ago, I'll share it with you, an Extension Council of 24 individuals, elected and not paid, serve in four areas of education in which we, by law, are to teach, and you are familiar with those, I think, 4-H Youth Development, Family and Consumer Sciences, Agriculture, Horticulture and Community Development. The six individuals in each of these four program areas serve as program development committee. These individuals are from all over Sedgwick County. They have their ear to the ground, and they know the needs of our community. They share concerns and needs with the Extension professional staff and their professional staff develops research-based educational programs to meet those needs.

"By law, from this Extension council of 24 individuals, each fall we invite you all to attend our annual Extension meeting. From that group of 24, an executive board of 9 individuals is elected. The law says that one member from each of those four project areas, or educational areas, must be on that board while the remaining five members can come from, at large, from the other 20 remaining council members. The Extension executive board meets monthly. They hear reports from the professional staff regarding their educational programs. They make suggestions, and they determine how resources are used. They do not take this responsibility lightly, but provide valid direction to the staff.

"With last year's 12 percent budget cut, for 2012, where we are right now, several steps were implemented, and I know some of you have asked that I keep you up to date on what we've done so that is what I'm doing. A 4-H youth agent specializing in agriculture education for youth, had retired earlier. And so the board determined to freeze that position this year because funding was not available. They saved some county funding, but also lost \$11,960 from the state that is given to each professional position along with employee benefits and support. So we not only lost county dollars, we lost state dollars. A program assistant teaching in family and consumer sciences was laid off December 31, 2011. This year, agents have not been reimbursed for out of county travel. The board determined that in-county travel reimbursement is necessary to serve our local people, the people we are to serve. This also means that no resources are used for professional development, often taught at the university or during national professional meetings, that enhances the staff's ability to keep up to date in their field of training.

"You might say that they could go at their own expense, but that's very difficult when

staff has received no salary raises for three years, including 2013. Following the resignation of the 4-H office professional, rather than hire a replacement this year, one of the following two people that were at the front desk, reception area, was moved to that position. Now during busy times folks coming through the front door must wait in line, while perhaps one lone person is busy directing a phone call, or maybe waiting on someone. The phone calls go to voicemail, and when time permits might be answered, may be answered or directed. And I would say that in busy seasons it is not unusual that we get 300 to 400 phone calls per day.

“Open season for Medicare changes begins October 15th. Bringing many seniors through our doors, for the educational information needed so they can make wise financial decisions. Many cannot stand while waiting to be served, so we have to find seating for them. The 18 percent cut for 2013 has cut us even deeper by eliminating three professional positions. You might say that we make good use of the 600 plus volunteers in our programs. But if there is not a professional staff to plan and organize and train volunteers, the volunteers are helpless, and they are soon gone.

“The board is always charged with considering core educational programs, prioritizing to hire should an opening occur, any time there is an opening, they look at the total program and determine where that opening should be filled. With budget cuts they prioritize core programs, but they determine not where to hire, but where to cut. This was a painful process, because they valued all programs, or they would not have had people teaching in each of those areas. Effective December 31 of this year, three professional positions will be gone. Remember this also cuts state funding for those three positions at \$11,960 each. For a total of \$35,880, plus the cost of benefits to Sedgwick County. The three program cuts are 4-H Youth Development in agricultural programs, because that position was frozen due to a retirement, it is now eliminated. Family and Consumer Science program, including management and household environmental education will be ended this December 31, 2012. Agriculture and natural resources and environmental education programs will end December 31, 2012. This position was important in many areas of an urban community, teaching lagoon management, well plugging, storm water management and many other areas concerning water.

“One of the papers that I have provided you this morning shows you the county funding support for the last 20 years. As you can see by this chart, funding for Extension educational programs for 2013 will be lower than any of the last 20 years. Do you not realize that operational expenses have increased in the last 20 years? On the back side of that chart is a list of those educational programs for which we can no longer provide support. We have and do take great pride in being your educational arm for this county changing people's lives and meeting needs that cannot be met by any other organization. It hurts us and it hurts you to not have this educational information available, but most of all, it hurts the people of Sedgwick County. Thank you for your time this morning. And if you have questions, I am available to reply.”

Chairman Norton said, “I don't see any lights. Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Well, Bev, thank you for the report this morning. You mentioned the Medicare program and I am looking at the front page of the document you gave me. Just at a quick glance here I don't see any changes in that program directly in the list here. Was it affected directly at all, or it is only impacted indirectly through the overall reduction?”

Ms. Dunning said, "Well, it is impacted because of the person running that program cannot be updated, you know, out of county. But the board determined that that program, the education that we do for seniors, and I believe last year we worked with 6,500 seniors. They've determined that's a core program that's important, so you see that it is not cut on this list."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask this question on the side of the document that you gave that had the county's funding portion and the history. You mentioned at the bottom for 2013, the lost state funds of almost \$42,000. I was interested in terms of having a, knowing how the overall size of the program, if you included all your funding sources whether it was state, because I know you get some state dollars, it is not nearly as much as the county has been providing."

Ms. Dunning said, "Right."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And for that matter continues to provide. As well as user fees and so on. You know, I was interested in seeing how your total budget was impacted, because when you talked about the almost \$42,000 in state funds lost, as well as the \$177,000 reduction, roughly, between 2012 and 2013, I was interested in looking at the whole number as opposed to strictly just the county portion, because the whole picture is sometimes helpful in terms of understanding when you have multiple governmental funding sources."

Ms. Dunning said, "I can provide that for you."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And user fees."

Ms. Dunning said, "And all of that information is also available through the County Clerk's Office, because we have to file it with them every year."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay."

Ms. Dunning said, "But I will be glad to provide that for you."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no other lights. Bev, I would comment, as President of the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC), we put together a minor symposium with the K-State [University Research and] Extension folks. We met about a week and a half ago, and it started a conversation statewide because many, many jurisdictions are struggling with what to do with Extension, how to fund them, how to keep their programs whole, and it is not just a Sedgwick County issue."

Ms. Dunning said, "Oh, I am aware of that."

Chairman Norton said, "It appears to be a statewide issue. And that the state and Kansas State [University] Research and Extension has entered into a conversation, we had county representatives from seven different regions of the state, and had a real open, honest..."

Ms. Dunning said, "Good."

Chairman Norton said, "...discussion about Extension and the future and how we fund it, and how Sedgwick County and the urban counties figure into that. How do we promote Extension, that has a different look than many of the rural areas. In so many it is about ag [agriculture] and 4-H, but here it is about so many other things."

Ms. Dunning said, "It has to be, yes."

Chairman Norton said, "I am very encouraged that we're having that conversation in a macro sense. It doesn't help the micro dilemma we have here in Sedgwick County, but maybe out of that discussion will come some new ideas about how to run Extension, what the missions are, how we regionalize, how we compartmentalize some things differently. We'll have follow-up meetings to that."

Ms. Dunning said, "Good."

Chairman Norton said, "And I guarantee you I am trying to be very open and honest and a good steward of what Extension does for us in that greater conversation that we're having."

Ms. Dunning said, "Good, I appreciate that."

Chairman Norton said, "I wanted to let you know that it is not a dead issue. We're talking about it as the County Association [KAC] of how that affects 105 counties."

Ms. Dunning said, "Right."

Chairman Norton said, "And all the Extension centers around."

Ms. Dunning said, "Certainly does."

Chairman Norton said, "Yes. Thank you for being here. I see no other lights. We appreciate it. I would entertain a motion to receive and file."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton 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	Aye
Chairman Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Call the next item, please."

A motion was made by Vice Chair Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Presentation(s) be Received and Filed. The motion carried by

the following vote.

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

Present: 0

G [12-0759](#) ADDITION OF 4 PART-TIME POSITIONS TO THE AUTO LICENSE STAFFING TABLE.

Presented by: Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer.

Recommended Action: Approve the request.

Ms. Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I come before you today to request a temporary change to the auto license staffing table. I propose adding four clerical part-time positions beginning immediately and through the completion of this project. As you know, we have been involved in the statewide motor vehicle system from the design testing phases and an actual go live date in May of this year. The project was delayed for over a year due to several reasons, one of the biggest ones was a data converse issue the state was having on getting the records to convert over to the new system properly.

"The State of Kansas and the Department of Revenue made the decision to release the software knowing that the counties were going to have these records that did not convert, that we were going to have to actually do on behalf of the state. We have several thousand records that did not convert due to the state's failure to convert the records, and with our current registration activity, I would like to hire these four part-time people to work on getting these records into the system so that we'll have all of the records that did not convert into the system which will streamline processes for the citizens. And I will be happy to answer any questions. I can assure you that during our slower months in December and January, we will assign additional permanent staff to work on this. But right now I just don't have the additional staff to do this."

Chairman Norton said, "Will the part time positions be 20 hours, 16 hours, or will they have the ability to work up to 40 hours?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "They are going to have the ability to work up to 40 hours, but they are capped at a 1000 by county policy."

Chairman Norton said, "So they will be part-time with the measure that they can't work over a 1000 in the year, and stay part-time, but they may not work 16 hours a week, it may be..."

Ms. Kizzire said, "It will probably be 40 a week just to get this done."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Well, okay. So we're hiring, we got to hire four people because the state is still having issues with this system?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay, so what is going on with that? I mean, I am getting calls on a regular basis from constituents that are just outraged at this. I think it is totally incompetent. What is next here? How long is this going to continue and what are the state leaders doing about it? I mean, what is happening here with this?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "Jim, I..."

Commissioner Skelton said, "How much longer is this going to go on?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "Well, unfortunately, they are going to continue to push more work down to the county level. They pushed a lot of work down to us right now. Currently, we are responsible for all title and registration processes."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay, the state's mandating that we use the system because it has to be uniform across the state. I understand that. But, it is malfunctioning and it doesn't work. People are upset. People get there at 6:00 [a.m.] in the morning, and there's a line at 6:05 a.m. That is outrageous. Our citizens deserve far better than that."

Ms. Kizzire said, "And I agree with you, Jim."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. Well, what do we need to do to fix this it? What has to happen? What is your opinion? What needs to happen right now to end this extended period of incompetence?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "Well, I do know that the Secretary of Revenue has put together a task force of treasurers from across the state, some auto dealers, some of the banking industry, they are trying to work on resolving some of these issues that we're still having."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Well, I know. And I appreciate that very much, but this is how many months now?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "We went live in May, Jim."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. I just, I'm telling you, this is a serious issue in my opinion. I am disgusted because, you know, I have, I mean, I am always the one that listens to citizens, but I am disgusted that the public is treated like this. Everybody needs this service sooner or later. And it is wrong when you have people who have jobs, professional people, and working people alike, they got to go there, and stand in line for four, six hours to get their work done, or get whatever they need done. Okay? So I don't know what we can do here as a county, but I think we should make lots of noise and tell them we're sick of it. This is outrageous, throw the whole thing out, fire who is doing it and start over. Maybe that would be faster. Those are my comments, Mr. Chairman. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Linda, can you clarify for me, now, these 6,000 records are the result of what?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "The state did not convert these records into the new system. For whatever reason on the data conversion end, which I'm not an IT (information technology) person, but the state was responsible to make sure that all of the records converted into the new system."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, but they..."

Ms. Kizzire said, "And we are not the only county, Commissioner, that has..."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Was this related to some practices prior to this that there were issues with?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "When we were shut down those few days is when they did the mass data conversion, and these were just records that did not flow over to the new system, and they don't have a mechanism to get them in, other than the individual counties being responsible to get those records in the system."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Any chance they will pay us for this work similar to how they did the overtime work?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "I honestly cannot answer that. They did pay us for the overtime work. We did receive a check from State of Kansas for that dollar amount. But I don't know about the records that did not convert. That's not been addressed with the state yet."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "It doesn't hurt to ask."

Ms. Kizzire said, "Okay. I will do so."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "These are temporary, though."

Ms. Kizzire said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Once these records are done, these positions will go away."

Ms. Kizzire said, "Yes. I am hoping so, but if they continue to put more work on us, I'm, I..."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I would like to see these positions go away when those records are done."

Ms. Kizzire said, "Okay."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "If there are other issues, then we can address those. I don't want to make it easy for stuff to get pushed down to us, but if we have to do some things I think we have to address those issues separately as they come."

Ms. Kizzire said, "Okay. I will keep you updated on their progress on these record conversion issues also."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I am supportive of this. I know you are going through a lot, and you are doing the best you can with what you've been given. I share my concerns with the concern of my colleagues, and we'll keep trying to get through this."

Ms. Kizzire said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make sure that I heard you correctly. Did you say, Linda, several thousand, or 6,000 records?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "There's probably about, 6,000 was the report that the state sent to us that they did not convert."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "For Sedgwick County only?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "Sedgwick County only."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Do you have any idea how big the statewide numbers are on this?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "Honestly, I don't know, Commissioner Peterjohn. I was more concerned about our issue with the state's non-conversion of our records."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, I know this has been a long, ongoing process from the state. I remember being up in Topeka at the time, it was Secretary of Revenue Joan Wagnon who was trying to get the charge in place that would allow the funding for this back, I'm thinking 2005 or 2006, somewhere in that time frame."

Ms. Kizzire said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So this has been a long and difficult, and even for government and software, both of which can be challenging to do an upgrade. The question I wanted to throw out to you, if we've got about 6,000 here in the county, and we're looking for four positions, which if they have got a 1000 hours, that's my calculation, that's 125 eight-hour days, or 25 weeks out of the year, in terms of doing that, if you've got 4 people, you know, how many of these records does it take, that they can process per day? Because it seems like relatively small number. Are these really difficult that it takes an extended period of time for each one?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "To begin the process, we have to check eight separate file databases in the state's legacy system. And then we have to recreate your record from start to finish, and that can be very time-consuming and very tedious. Sometimes we'll have to request microfilm from the state. They have none of their records digitally where they can email them to us, so if we have to request microfilm they have to pull the microfilm, print a copy of it and mail it to us."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, I'm also going to be supportive of the motion, but I agree with the comments of my colleagues, they've also expressed this morning, because this is a significant cost, burden and challenge, and I, let me ask you one last question. Has the County Treasurer's Association statewide taken any position relative to this, or where they are with implementation or planning to take any position going forward for the 2013 legislative session, Linda?"

Ms. Kizzire said, "Not on this specific issue. We've not had any legislative agenda item on the motor vehicle system."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. I was curious if there was, and if there was something going in that direction I would be interested in terms of what we might do for the county. And so, just an FYI (for your information) for going forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you. I just wanted to add one more thing. I find it fascinating when we have a brand new state-of-the-art system here, and then we got to return to microfilm and photocopies and mail which are by far antiquated to make this new high-tech system work. So, I mean, just think about that. You know what, the more I think about it, the more disgusted I get about it. Okay, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I think I know where my colleagues weigh in on this."

Ms. Kizzire said, "I think I do, too."

Chairman Norton said, "As President of the Kansas Association of Counties, there has been conversation that this has drug on a little while. It is a Treasurer's issue, so we haven't really weighed into it. But it is affecting a lot of counties, it is not just us. "It acerbates itself because we are a large county and we have many more people that use the Tag Office. It is interesting that you talk about seven legacy systems that you've tried to coordinate. That is the most prevailing argument for why we went to an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system and an SAP (Systems Application Programming) system years ago, because we had those same problems in Sedgwick County where all the legacy systems couldn't talk to each other. You know, we knew we were entering social security numbers at five different places in the system and none of them talked to each other to share the information. And that's exactly what needs to happen. It is a business model being used by large corporate organizations for many years. I am proud of Sedgwick County for taking that leap of faith. Costs a little money, but at the end of the day we don't have those kind problems. Because all the systems talk to each other."

Ms. Kizzire said, "That's true."

Chairman Norton said, "And now we've taken the step with the Treasurer's office, Register or Deeds, County Clerk, to integrate all of their stuff together so that one system in a platform can talk to each other. I hope that sometime the model we've done here spreads to the states, so they have that integration of technology. I agree with Commissioner Skelton, it is awful that in this day of technology that we're snail mail and all antiquated ways of communicating information is part of the system. And microfilm may be a good way to save data in a salt mine, but it's not a good way to retrieve data that you need on an ongoing basis. Do we have a motion? Have I heard a motion? At this point, I think, I don't see any other lights, so I would entertain some kind of motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the request.

Commissioner Skelton 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 *Aye*
Chairman Norton *Aye*

Ms. Kizzire said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Linda. Next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Addition to staffing Table be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

Present: 0

H [12-0773](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the

Board and Bids of Contracts of September 27th resulted in two items for your consideration this morning.

Item 1;

1. GREENWICH PLAZA ADDITION - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING - GREENWICH PLAZA DRAINAGE (SA)

Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Mies Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$46,478.30. Item 2;

2. EMC AVAMAR LEASE AGREEMENT - DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING-NETWORKING AND TELECOM

Recommendation is to accept the agreement from EMC in the amount of \$110,987.00 per year for three years for a total cost of \$332,961.00.

"I will be happy to answer questions, and I would recommend both of these items."

Chairman Norton said, "You heard the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes, just a quick question. This may be more of an IT question than a Purchasing related question. I am curious under this new agreement under Item 2 if we'll have a significant change in the capacity, in terms of storage or the amount that can be stored under this agreement?"

Mr. Thomas said, "I believe it's two terabytes of storage, sir, that will be available under this new lease agreement."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And what sort of change is that from what we've been operating on?"

Mr. Mike Elpers, Manager, IT Infrastructure, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The two terabytes is in addition to the 24 that we already have."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Oh, okay."

Mr. Elpers said, "So, this just gives us more capacity."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you very much. I plan to be supportive, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. At this point we have a motion on the floor, so I'll call the motion. Call the vote."

VOTE

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

Mr. Thomas said, "Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

CONSENT

I [12-0761](#) Authorization to hire the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department Director above the minimum.

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

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

Present: 0

J [12-0732](#) Retail Dealer's Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for Clonmel Pit Stop Grill & Flea Market; 7015 S. 183rd Street West, Viola, Kansas 67149. (On Premises)

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

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

Present: 0

K [12-0733](#) Retail Dealer's Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for Clonmel
Pit Stop Grill & Flea Market; 7015 S. 183rd Street West, Viola, Kansas
67149. (Off Premises)

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

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

Present: 0

L [12-0749](#) 911 Radio Tower Lease (Westar/Mulvane Site).

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

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

Present: 0

M [12-0764](#) Application for a Conditional Use Permit (911 Tower - Clonmel).

N **12-0750** Order dated 9/12/2012 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

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

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

Present: 0

O [11-1316](#) General Bill Check Register.

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

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

Present: 0

P [11-1269](#) Payroll Check Register.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Skelton 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>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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

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

Present: 0

OTHER

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, we are down to 'Other'. Is there anything other to come before us today? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Couple of items. First off, a quick report on the numbers that we have here in detention, in the Sheriff's custody here in Sedgwick County. And as of this morning we had 1,038 people in the main jail facility, 132 folks in Work Release and out of county were 242, and when you add in booking, all the other categories, we had a total population of 1,412. And the Sheriff had them broken down for security classifications in this manner: Maximum security, 443; medium security, 534; protective custody, 35; special housing units, 62; and minimum security, 305.

"The balance are unclassified. I think back to three years ago when we had numbers of over 1,700, so I think that's a significance to keep in mind when considered these numbers.

"On a much lighter and much more pleasant note, I'm looking forward to going out to participate in the events with Goddard's festival this weekend, Saturday, and look forward to participating in the parade and seeing a lot of old friends out there in Goddard. And I wish them all. Hope the weather for this event is much more like last Sunday then it was on Monday. But, we could use the rain either way. But as long as it doesn't rain on any parades. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, anything else to come before us today? If not, I don't see an Executive Session or a Fire [District No. 1]...do we have a Fire?"

Commissioner Skelton said, "We have a Fire."

Chairman Norton said, "Good, at this point I will recess the [Board of] County Commissioners."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into the Governing Body of the Fire District No. 1 Meeting at 10:09 a.m. and returned at 10:11 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, "Is there anything else to come before us? Mr. Counselor?"

Mr. Euson said, "No, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "Mr. Manager?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No sir."

Chairman Norton said, "In that case, we are adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED:
