

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

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 April 10, 2019 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David T. Dennis, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner Peter F. Meitzner; Commissioner Michael B. O'Donnell II; Commissioner Lacey D. Cruse; Commissioner James M. Howell; Mr. Thomas Stolz, County Manager; Mr. Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Assistant County Manager of Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Project Services and County Engineer; Mr. Richard Durham, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Lynda Baker, Deputy County Clerk.*

### **GUESTS**

*Mr. Lonny Wright, 1721 South Lulu Street, Wichita  
Ms. Rachel Banning, Junior League of Wichita*

### **INVOCATION: Moment of Silence**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."*

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I have one individual signed up on Public Agenda this morning, our good friend, Lonny Wright. Welcome."*

*Mr. Lonny Wright, 1721 South Lulu Street, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am voting every day for the zoo, and I'm real proud that we're remaining in second place, and it's easy for everyone to vote. I want to apologize to Commissioner Jim Howell for my conduct yesterday after the staff meeting. I attacked you, I yelled, I assaulted you, I wouldn't let you talk. I was totally out of hand, and I apologize."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Lonny. Thank you. Commissioner Howell."  
Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to comment back. Number one, I appreciate you, Lonny, very much. I know you are deeply, deeply committed to the things you care about, and you're a very passionate person, and you're a good friend, and I accept your apology, and I want to work together with you on these issues you care so much about, so let's do that. Let's collaborate with kindness and respect. I would love to do that with you anytime. I'll take you out to lunch. I think I owe you again, so it's my turn, I believe. So we'll talk to you some more about that*

*later, but thank you for the apology very much. I appreciate it."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Alright."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you all. Those of you that don't know Lonny as well as the rest of us do, he is probably the number one most engaged citizen in our community, and we sincerely appreciate him coming, and we do listen to what Lonny has to say, because he is so engaged. Thanks again for being here."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "At this time, I don't have anyone else signed up on Public Agenda, but if anyone else would like to speak on Public Agenda, now would be an opportunity. Seeing no one, Madam Clerk, next item."*

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- A**     [19-278](#)            REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2019.  
All Commissioners were Present.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioners, everyone has had a chance to review the minutes of March 20, 2019. All Commissioners were present at that time."*

#### **MOTION**

*Chairman Dennis moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2019.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

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

#### **VOTE**

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."*  
**Approved**

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

- B**     [19-265](#)            PROCLAMATION DECLARING TRASH BAG HANDBAG WEEK.  
Read by: Chairman David T. Dennis or his designee.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much. This morning I have asked*

*Commissioner Cruse to read the proclamation."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you, Chairman:*

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, Public Law 100-29, enacted by Congress in 1987, designated the month of April as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month"; and*

*WHEREAS, there were 256 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect and 1,585 children in the Wichita region removed from their homes in 2018 [by the Kansas Department of Children and Families with the assistance of law enforcement;] and*

*WHEREAS, the average length of stay in an out of home placement for children in foster care in the Wichita region is 21 months with as many as 8 different placements during this period; and*

*WHEREAS, respecting the privacy and dignity of child abuse victims during removals is important to the safety and well-being of the children; every child has the right to a more humane experience in foster care, and that starts by providing them with luggage to pack their belongings in instead of trash bags; and*

*WHEREAS, the efforts of Trash bag Handbag organized by the Junior League of Wichita provide agencies with new luggage cases for use during removals and provide for a more dignified private removal and relocation; and*

*WHEREAS, everyone should know that many children throughout our county and state are in need of a loving home.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Chairman David T. Dennis, and the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize April 8 – 12, 2019 as*

**TRASH BAG HANDBAG WEEK**

*in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens become more aware of child abuse prevention and intervention efforts and support the work of local law enforcement and community agencies that is vital to alleviating the suffering of children in need and promote a safe, nurturing and healthy environment for all of our children.*

*Ms. Rachel Banning, Junior League of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Cruse moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

*Commissioner O'Donnell II           Aye*  
*Commissioner Cruse                   Aye*

Commissioner Howell       Aye  
Commissioner Meitzner       Aye  
Chairman Dennis            Aye

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 076-2019.

Chairman Dennis said, "Well, welcome."

Ms. Banning said, "Thank you. On behalf of the Junior League of Wichita and Kids in Care, we thank you for proclaiming this week as Trash Bag Handbag Week. Most of us would agree that it takes a village to raise a child, and the 708 members in our league are proud that Sedgwick County is part of our village. As you may know, the state of our child welfare system is grim.

Ms. Banning continued, "We have kids who were sleeping in offices, being moved five to eight times during their placement. Kids are sent out of Sedgwick County for placement in foster care, and some of our kids are missing. Our case managers, our social workers, they're overworked and have little in the way of infrastructure to support their work, and thus are unable to affect our families. Some of this is the blame of the state, some say it's the parents' fault, others blame it on just the system in general. But no matter who we point at, this is all of us, this is our village. These are our children.

"The state is not going to solve this problem, our village is. Our ambassadors, Commissioner Cruse and numerous other ambassadors across the county are committed to helping these children and agencies support our village to create a safe and stable nurturing environment. Strong families build strong communities. These bags are just one tiny act of awareness compared to the strife that some of our children face. Although most of us don't love carrying these bags, they break, they're flimsy, they're a constant reminder of what our children's fragility is about. We're proud to show our children that we care about them and appreciate your support. Thank you."

Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you, Rachel. I just want to say real fast, I've been carrying this around, and I went into the Wichita Bar Association yesterday, and I'm walking in, and it's so loud, and you know, I mean, can you imagine what our children are going through eight different times on average, you know. Filling this up, and imagine how many sacks that it would take, right, if you had some stuff. Or imagine what you have to leave behind because it doesn't fit in the bag. So thank you so much for what you do. I got a donation of \$20 yesterday, so I'll continue to get some more money, hopefully, in this effort. But I did reach out to our Treasurer, Linda Kizzire. She reached out to her team downstairs on the first floor, and so they are rocking the blue bags, and I hope that we can get some more people involved, so thank you so much for what you do. I see you have some more in the audience, so if anybody else wants a blue bag, you need to take it."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you for what you do for our children here in this community. We sincerely appreciate it. As Commissioner Cruse said, there are some extra bags out here in the audience, if anyone would like to have a bag, and is there a button in each one of them yet? Okay, very good. So, thank you for what you do, and I hope we get the community support behind this. Thanks for being here today. Madam Clerk, next item."

**Adopted**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- C     [19-282](#)           RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SHANTI LEIKER (COMMISSIONER JIM HOWELL'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Howell."*

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

MOTION

*Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 077-2019.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "The individual is not here, so next item, please."*

**Adopted**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- D     [19-293](#)           REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2019.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "You don't look like Joe Thomas."*

*Mr. Rick Durham, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Correct, and thank you for noticing. The regular Board of Bids and Contracts on April 4th results in three items for your approval.*

1. ROAD IMPROVEMENT-- PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING -- R175 PREVENTIVEMX-16+

*"I recommend that you approve the bid from Dustrol, Inc. in the amount of*

\$551,632.29.

2. TELESCOPING STEEL SIGN POSTS -- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING -- PUBLIC WORKS

*"I recommend you approve the bid from J & A Traffic Products for an initial purchase of \$23,185 and establish contract pricing for one (1) year with two (2) one (1) year options to renew.*

3. CHAIN LINK FENCING FOR ANDALE YARD/ON-CALL FENCING  
CONTRACT -- PUBLIC WORKS/VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS  
FUNDING -- ANDALE YARD

*"I recommend you approve the low bid for the Andale Yard Fence Project from Kansas Fence Co., Inc. in the amount of \$28,841 and accept the overall low bid from Reddi Fence LLC dba Aero Fence for on-call services and establish contract pricing for two (2) years with three (3) one (1) year options to renew.*

*Mr. Durham said, "I recommend that you approve all these items, and I would attempt to answer any questions you may have."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Any questions for Rick? Seeing none."*

**MOTION**

*Chairman Dennis moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Next item, please."*

**Approved**

**CONSENT**

*Mr. Thomas Stolz, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Recommend approval of Items E through H on the Consent Agenda today."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."*

**MOTION**

*Chairman Dennis moved to approve Consent Agenda Items Echo (E) through Hotel*

(H).

Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II	Aye
Commissioner Cruse	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Meitzner	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

- E**     [19-276](#)     Agreement of Use of Coleman Parking for The Honore Adversis Foundation Fundraising Event.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- F**     [19-275](#)     Order dated 03/19/2019 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- G**     [19-294](#)     General Bill Check Register for March 27, 2019 - April 2, 2019.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- H**     [19-295](#)     Payroll Check Register for the March 30, 2019 payroll certification.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Pepoon."

Mr. Michael Pepoon, Interim County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Two bills that we are very interested in have been enrolled and are on the Governor's desk and awaiting signature. One, Senate Bill 130, which has our election language that allows people to vote at any polling place at an election on Election Day. We anticipate that being signed very shortly. Then House Bill 2084, which is a bill that will add some needed funds to our 911 operations. Both Elora Forshee and our Election Commissioner have been very involved in these two bills.

"I was talking with Senator McGinn yesterday, and I think we have some exciting things coming up with regard to behavioral health issues for the county that we'll be talking about later, but I think this fall, she mentioned that the entire Ways and Means Committee and Appropriations Committee will be doing a bus tour around the state, and they're spending a night in Wichita, and they're allotting, I think, at least an hour and a half, two hours for the county to present any of their issues to these two entire budget committee. So, that's going to be good news to hopefully move some of those issues forward."

Chairman Dennis said, "Super. Any questions for Mr. Pepoon?"



*Commissioner Cruse said, "Is that on the calendar yet?"*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "It's supposed to be. She thought it was either going to be around the first week of September..."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Okay."*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "...is when that's going to be. We're hoping to meet with some people in our delegation prior to that to help the presentation and help formulate ours."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Okay."*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "But the date isn't set."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Let me know when it is."*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "Will do."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Any other questions for Mr. Pepoon? First of all, I want to thank the legislature and our Governor for Senate Bill 129 and 130. Those are important as they make it much more convenient for our citizens here in Sedgwick County to be able to vote.*

*Chairman Dennis continued, "Once that this is in effect and we have everything perfected with all the rules and regulations and make it happen, you can go to any polling place on Election Day, and be able to cast your ballot instead of having to go to your home precinct, so I think that that's great benefit to our citizens. The other one, if someone votes by absentee ballot, what they're able to do, if they forget to sign it or we don't recognize the signature, our Election Office will call you up and have you come in and correct that so your vote can count, so both those are great bills. We appreciate it very much.*

*"I am excited that we're going to hear more about behavioral health. That is at the top of our agenda, to make sure that we can take care of those that need it and care the most, so I appreciate that. So far, we didn't get our nuisance abatement through this year, but we'll go back and try that again next year. Maybe they'll understand that we are not trying to take over the world, that we just need to abate nuisances once in a while. So overall, it's been very good. Any other questions on Legislative Agenda?"*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "I don't have a question, Chairman, but I do want to say last night when I went to go hear Governor Kelly speak, she was very complimentary of our Election Commissioner, and I just want to make sure that we recognize Tabitha for all the work that she did on that. So I just want to make sure that she knows that Governor Kelly gave her a big shout out last night at the town hall meeting at Curtis Middle School."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Good, thank you. Okay, I see nothing else on Legislative Issues. Next item, please."*

## **OTHER**

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioners, does anyone have anything to say during*

*Other today? Commissioner Meitzner."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Mr. Chairman, just a brief announcement. The owners of the new AAA baseball team are in town, and the officials from the league, from the AAA league are also in town, and tomorrow there's a ceremonial setting. They call it the setting of home plate will be done tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at the stadium, and so that traditionally says and then everything is built around it, but I guess it's a tradition in baseball on new stadiums. So the officials are going to be here in town. That's at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow at Lawrence Dumont or whatever the stadium is going to be called, the Michael O'Donnell memorial stadium."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "I'm very excited about it."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Commissioner O'Donnell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Well I was just going to say, just kind of highlight again the tire collection event that's going to be next week at the south yard, there at 4701 South West Street. David, is it Thursday, Friday and Saturday? Or just Friday and Saturday?"*

*Mr. David Spears, Assistant County Manager of Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Project Services and County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I think its Thursday, Friday and Saturday."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Right. Starting at 9:00 a.m.? So anyway, very cool event."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Commissioner Cruse."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "I just have two things. Thank you, Chairman. We have the Renaissance Festival coming up at our Sedgwick County Park this weekend, so if you haven't been out there lately, go out. It is an incredible park, and you can check out all the work that was just done for the paths, so that's kind of cool, but the Renaissance Festival is also really cool. Thank you, Tania, for coming to my Citizen's Advisory Board and helping me with that. We had a really great turnout, so I just want to thank you for going the extra mile after hours to help me make sure that ran smoothly. I appreciate it."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Once again I want to remind everyone to get out your cell phones, your computers, your iPads, everything that you've got and vote for the Sedgwick County Zoo for the number one attraction. I don't have anything else. We do not have an Executive Session today that I know of. Is any Commissioners or anyone else have anything that needs to come before the board today?"*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.*