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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, July 18, 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; Mr. Robert Hinshaw, Sheriff; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire District No. 1; Ms. Annette Graham, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Sedgwick County Health Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Pete Giroux, Principle Analyst, Budget; Mr. David Miller, Director, Budget; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Debbie Gann, Vice President, Corporate Communications and Administration;
Councilman Mr. Pete Meitzner, Wichita City Councilman
Mr. Dave Sanford, Chief Executive Officer, GraceMed Health Clinic Inc.*

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Kurt Henson, Haysville Christian Church

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Norton said, "And before we move on to the next item, I would like to recognize we've got some elected officials in our audience today. I see Mayor Gregory, Mayor Bergquist, Councilman Clendenin and [Councilman] Meitzner, and Senator Kelsey. So, thanks for joining us today. We appreciate it. Next item."

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

PROCLAMATIONS

A [12-0582](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEDGWICK COUNTY LAW CAMP DAYS.

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, approximately 150 youth between the ages of 11 and 15 will attend the 17th Annual Sedgwick County Law Camp July 17-20, 2012 at Lake Afton Park; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Law Camp is to create a partnership between law enforcement and youth by providing a positive experience using law enforcement and guard personnel as role models to build self-esteem, confidence and trust; and

WHEREAS, several youth will be assigned to mentors who will keep track of the activity schedule. The mentors will operate in teams of two, consisting of one deputy and one soldier from the Kansas Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Law Camp is a partnership involving more than 28 public and private organizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim July 17–20, 2012 as

'SEDGWICK COUNTY LAW CAMP DAYS'

in recognition of this effort to involve our youth in alternatives to crime and violence.

"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

<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>

Chairman Norton said, "And Sheriff Hinshaw is here to accept the proclamation. Sheriff."

Mr. Robert Hinshaw, Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You know when Law Camp, the idea, was first thought of by Sheriff Hill back in 1995, I was privileged to be the one to make it a reality for the first time. Even out at the camp yesterday, when I went out there talking to Lieutenant Colonel Smith, who was also there from day one, we even chatted about the idea of who knew it would last for 17 years. It's bigger and better than ever. I think it's also a good example of private-public partnerships. It started out with just the National Guard and the Sheriff's office, and now we have the Wichita Crime Commission, Koch Industries and the Boy Scouts that also support us in this endeavor.

Sheriff Hinshaw continued, "Some of the typical things you would see at any camp we do, fishing, wall climbing, canoeing, but again, trying to build confidence and self-esteem and showing alternatives. We also have presentations on gang awareness and also financial responsibility.

"Here over the last few years, we've actually started doing surveys at the beginning of camp, at the end of camp, and we've seen an increase in good attitudes from the youth of our community of anywhere from seven to nine percent on feeling safe in their community, believing that their community cares about them, that law enforcement is there to help them, and, perhaps most important, they start feeling they can make a difference in their community. So I appreciate your support of this program, and on behalf of all the hot and sweaty campers out at Law Camp right now, I'll get this delivered to them. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Okay, I don't see any other comments. Thank you, Sheriff, for being here today and for promoting Law Camp. 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, Vice Chair Skelton, Chairman Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

NEW BUSINESS

B [12-0559](#) RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT FOR TORNADO RECOVERY BY SPIRIT AEROSYSTEMS.

Presented by: Debbie Gann, Vice President, Corporate Communications and Administration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Chairman Norton said, "Welcome, Debbie."

Ms. Debbie Gann, Vice President, Corporate Communications and Administration, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today representing Spirit AeroSystems CEO (Chief Executive Officer) Jeff Turner and the almost 11,000 employees that work at our Spirit [AeroSystems] plant here in Wichita. And really appreciate you letting me take just a few minutes this morning to express our appreciation for the outstanding support we received from the county following the April 14th tornado that hit our plant and the surrounding community. From the moment the tornado hit, Sedgwick County was there with an offer of support, you know, from our perspective, we believe that begins at the top, so we appreciate the leadership on the County Commission. I know several of you reached out to see what we needed, and we certainly appreciate that.

"While we had contact with many of your agencies over the course of the weeks that have transpired since the tornado, I'm here today really to honor two in particular for their service, and that is the Sheriff's Department and Sedgwick County Fire [District No. 1]. The Sheriff's Department was on the scene, first responder, almost as soon as we knew that we had been hit, as we began to go through our buildings to make sure that our team was all safe and accounted for. Having them there at the outset was very reassuring. But I can tell you the value that they provided to us in the days immediately following the tornado was immeasurable.

"They provided perimeter control and kept the sight-seers out of our immediate area. And what that enabled us to do was to haul out 17 football field's worth of trash and debris so that we could clear the area and bring all of our employees back to work just a week later. Absolutely outstanding, could not have done it without them. So I would like to ask Sheriff Hinshaw to come up. I have just a small token of our appreciation. "This is something that our CEO, Jeff Turner, put together. We call it a storm trooper award, very small, but we want to know how much we appreciate your support. Thank you very much."

Sheriff Hinshaw said, "As Sheriff, it's my privilege to accept this on behalf of all the women and men of the Sheriff's office. Because I am privileged to lead an outstanding professional group of personnel and all I can do is echo what she has said is, the deputies of the Sheriff's office, I think, did an outstanding job, and I'll make sure this is where they can enjoy it as well. Thank you."

Ms. Gann said, "The other organization we heard from very early on was the Sedgwick County Fire Department. They also reached out and said, hey, if you need anything, you let us know. Well, a few days into our recovery, we did need their help. A fire started on top of our manufacturing process facility, and that building is critical to our ability to process parts and make deliveries to our customers. So, we asked for their help, they responded, as did the Wichita Fire Department. The fire was put out quickly. We had no interruption to our recovery, and we were able to continue to get everything restored back. So I would like to ask Fire Chief Curmode to come up and please

accept our thanks. Thank you very much."

Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire District No. 1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of men and women of Sedgwick Fire District [No.] 1, again I was at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center), but again my staff, I would like to recognize them today, Deputy Chief Craig Leu, Fire Marshall Tavis Leake, Division Chief Dan Wegner, and Captain Greg Harlan. They led the program out at Spirit in Oaklawn area, working in partnership with the Sheriff and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) and Emergency Management, and again we would like to thank Wichita Fire Department for assisting us on that fire. So again, it is our honor and privilege to have Spirit in our Fire District [No. 1], and we will continue to serve as well as we can. Thank you very much."

Ms. Gann said, "So finally I would just like to say, in the times of crisis, people pull together and help each other, and that has exactly been our experience throughout this whole tornado. This is a partnership, and we could not have recovered as quickly as we did without you, so again, just thank you very much."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Deb, for coming today, and please send our regards to Jeff Turner for the awards for two of our first responder groups. You know, we know how important first responders are in those critical times, and you know, this isn't my first rodeo on tornadoes. So, as we went through the process, I've often said that early coordination, early planning, networking and knowing who your partners are, and who you can depend on, is so very important, and we've got highly trained, highly skilled folks in the Sheriff's Department, our Fire Department, our EMS division, our 911 division that make these critical times seem almost seamless."

"If you've been in the EOC, you would have seen that that night, people working together, already understanding each other, what the protocol should be, how do we communicate to the public, it is a pretty amazing system that we have. And I'm just as proud of them as Spirit is and Jeff is. We know when those incidents happen that there's kind of a bifurcated caring. There is the caring for the residents and their safety and the community, but business has to go on, too. And I learned that in Haysville with Norland Plastics [Co.], knocked out of business, 350 employees, almost kind of the same scale for Haysville, and critically important to get them back in business. Chairman Norton continued, "I think it's miraculous that within seven days you're back into production, you're delivering, you didn't miss a beat, and that tells you a lot about 11,000 employees. Not only the community wrapping around you, but how good that business model is and how people know how to rally to do the right thing within the confines of their business, so we're just as proud of Spirit."

"And I'd like to compliment Dave Unruh and Jim Skeleton. At the time, most of it happened in Jim's district. He had a residential area totally destroyed. He had to spend a lot of time down there, and Dave stepped up to make sure that we had contact every day, at every minute with our folks in aviation and aerospace to make sure that there was a connection if they needed anything, and that was very important during that time to have somebody that thought only about keeping connected with folks that needed help. So with that, I do have a couple of comments. Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also would second your comments, sir. Debbie, thanks for coming out this morning. I appreciate your recognition of the Sheriff's and Fire Departments. They have my gratitude also. I was particularly impressed by the speed at which your company seemed to recover with the

reconstruction of those buildings down there on South Oliver. I was just absolutely impressed how fast you guys got those, you know, appeared to be back in order from the outside at least. But you in getting your whole plant back to work and working with myself and the rest of the Commission and the public on Oliver. So, those are my comments. Thank you for coming out."

Ms. Gann said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to second my colleague's comments. Not only, I want to add a little bit, because I know from Spirit's end, you all are on a very ambitious ramp up, in terms of production. And just having seen the damage when we were able to, a group of elected officials were able to tour the facility, it was just remarkable, in terms of how fast the turnaround was able to occur, and I've noticed, we've talked about a lot of county departments. I want to make sure that Emergency Management, when I came in the Sunday after the storm, went in very early in the morning, and was surprised at frankly how quiet things were because the plant had been worked and the people who were actually doing things were out in the field, and it was surprisingly very quiet and under control, but it was a long-term process in terms of recovery.

"We talked a little bit obviously, and the Fire [District No. 1] and Sheriff's office have done important work, but I want to, I see Randy Duncan in the back with Emergency Management and obviously the EMS folks. I'm glad the EMS folks weren't needed out at Spirit, but I'm glad they were available if they had been. And the folks in Emergency Communications are important, but in the long-term, we had a lot of county employees who worked overtime. And I'm going to mention also Public Works, because when you mentioned how much debris was pulled out of there, we had a tremendous amount of just storm damage, and whether it was trees, whether it was insulation, whether it was roofing material, whether it was, I, literally I saw an I-beam wrapped around a tree, and that will stay with me for the rest of my life. So this was a broad based effort, and I want to publicly take this time to commend each and every one of the county employees that were involved in this very challenging situation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Debbie, we just want to express our appreciation for you being here today to tell us thanks for good work. You and Mr. Turner didn't have to come here to recognize our effort, we're going to try to do a good job, all of our departments, no matter what the situation. But it means a lot to our partnership that you've recognized our effort, and we're thankful for that, and we are very pleased that your 11,000 employees were able to get back to work in a hurry. It's good for our region, good for your company, and we just thank you for the strong effort that everyone at Boeing [Company] made to make that happen, pardon me, Spirit."

Ms. Gann said, "Thank you. Hopefully we won't need you for another tornado for a while."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, at this point, I would entertain a motion to receive and file."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to receive and file.

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>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

C [12-0580](#)

REPORT ON THE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE STUDY.

Presented by: Councilman Pete Meitzner, Wichita City Councilmember.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Take such action as the Board of County Commissioners Deems Appropriate.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Norton said, "And I see Pete. He's moving that way, okay. I thought we insulted you. You were going towards the door."

Mr. Pete Meitzner, Wichita City Councilmen, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm a full-time citizen and part-time city council member across the street. I'm here before you to discuss merging the city and county into one government...oh wait..."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Cool."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'm sorry. Did you say something about fluoridation?"

Mr. Meitzner said, "Its good thing the media is not here. Anyway, again, passenger rail has been discussed before for years. When I helped take this position at the city council, one of the pains that we had experienced in this community was things like losing the Boeing tournament, things like that, and as a business person and economic person, my obligation is to hopefully try to avoid losing things and also be ready when there's opportunites, which is part of all of our roles in the community. We got word that, historically, that passenger rail was being discussed on a national scene to expand and to expand services. And so my fellow council member, James Clendenin and I, we kind of said, well, let's go kick the tires and let's make sure that we're not losing opportunity.

"I'm not a rail person. I have no rail background other than what I've accumulated here recently. But just this first slide here shows you that, just an aerial map of why Union Station, the use of that, and why Wichita, the landscape has changed a little bit. And so if we can go to the next slide. Am I in charge of this? I guess I am. All right, tell me. Technical advisor, can I go back? Well, I'll go to the next one. What we found, if you look at this map, we were informed that there is a service gap.

"We had heard that Texas was, had some large desire to connect to the northern routes. If you see, if you look all the way from St. Louis to Los Angeles, there is a gap of no services. It's our version of a Mason Dixon line, so to speak, and there is a logical service of Amtrak service today that goes from San Antonio up through the Dallas/Fort Worth area, into Oklahoma City. So we heard that Texas was being very aggressive in wanting to connect somehow to the northern routes other than going clear over through Arkansas. I'm trying to go back to, how do I go back with this? Sorry about that, everybody. Can I get some technical, there we go. All right.

"We further understood national [United States Department of] Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood in his April 6th, he has a newsletter that he puts out, he published this, and the hard lines or the current Amtrak rails in the local regional area, and as you see, there is a dotted line right there. So currently in the discussion on a national level is the dotted line from Oklahoma City coming north through Wichita to connect to that route that's currently in service today or going east to Tulsa, over to

Joplin up to Kansas City. So, this isn't made up by us as a region. This is ongoing as a national scale right now in the discussion.

"So with that, we took the approach that, are we ready, and is there an economic reason? Is there a business reason? Is there a commerce reason why we should be involved in this game? Other than the fact that we have people that want to ride the train, which has a great romance to it, and I respect that highly, but we took the approach of looking into it. So what we found is that, as I said before, the landscape has changed. When this was looked at before with the history, I know Senator Kelsey's been involved in the history and others have been, Wichita three years ago wasn't as ready to handle this as it is now. Old town is more mature; 20,000 people live and work there. The arena is across the street. It's a small wedge shot from the train station to hit it. We've got [Wichita] Downtown Development Corporation has a plan that they're executing on. As a matter of fact, the head of the game is Jeff Fluhr, I've engaged him on is Wichita, are we ready to do this.

"So, yes was what the answer was in Wichita. And you have a copy of the eight page slide, or eight page presentation that we did in April up in Kansas City at a regional rail conference in early April to try to convince this Midwest region that Wichita was ready. So it was kind of a sales pitch of why Wichita could do it, you know, the students, and the universities, geographical and all of those things. And you have a copy of that presentation there.

"We also found that the landscape has changed because of the passenger ridership is on an increase nationwide, and you have a copy of an Amtrak newsletter. Their news release that's dated April 11th, shows their ridership is at new record highs and things like that. But on the second page, I ask you to refer to the highlighted area that says, 'The highest percentage hike in the Central United States is a 10.6 percent increase in ridership on the Heartland Flyer (Oklahoma City-Fort Worth.)', which is the Oklahoma City to Fort Worth section. So what we have is the landscape changing in that way. And then finally, we also found that another critical component that's different than just a few years ago is technology.

"The people in Oklahoma and those at Amtrak that I've talked to have said that what's happening in the Midwest is what has been going on, commuter rail services on the coast has been going on for years, and some of us have probably ridden it if you've traveled and worked on either coast, that's for transportation regions. But we're finding out in the Midwest, because of the technology changes, I-pads, et cetera, there is a theory that productive hours are now a big part of why business people are now utilizing in the Midwest. Just a few years ago, or just two years ago, I got a Blackberry, and a Blackberry is now like a fax machine versus the I-pad and all the other things that you have and the G[eneration]4's, G[eneration]5's, [inaudible], but what I'm saying is, so we talked to be people, and yes, Wichita to Topeka, Amtrak has told us in every state when they have a service from the largest city in the state to the state capitol, that is the largest ridership. I've talked to people that have to do work in Topeka, especially during the session. I mean, for them to, there are security reasons. You're not supposed to text and drive.

"And some people, some companies are even using no cell phone use while you're driving. And so, there is some regional use impacts that would benefit us from a commerce perspective. There's also, you know, you have the aging population, fuel

prices, and students, and all of those things that are pretty logical is why. So, we also, then we have, finally we have the timing. Texas is involved in a study right now. You have to, from what we understand, and I've spoken with KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) about this extensively, and probably the Senator understand this as well, that you need to have these studies, environmental studies, economic impact studies and things like that.

"If it's a multi-state study, it gets recognized by the Federal Rail[road Administration] association. And when you have those studies on file, it's similar to like having 45th Street South ready to go as a project. And I'm not a big fan of, 'shovel ready talk', but when you have that on file, those studies are good for 10 years, and so it allows us to, if we apply for grants or not, the theory of grants is another whole discussion, but there is a TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant. There's federal transportation dollars that are sitting there that they're sending out to various projects. Right now, if they said, hey, Kansas, would you like some federal, we would like to expand that, we can't even raise our hand because we don't have the study done.

"So Texas is already in the early part of that. Texas has given Oklahoma a subcontract. Oklahoma is involved with the Texas study as a subcontractor for Texas, and so we are in Wichita and in our community, we are trying to encourage KDOT to just join Texas as part of the study so we are on file and then we can find out exactly what it would cost from a large scale, and we would be good for ten years, and we would be able to do that. Right now, we can't raise our hand, and we can't be in the game unless we do that, the way we understand it.

"So my purpose here is to ask if you, as a county, would like to join the city, join the [Wichita Area] Downtown Development Corporation, join REAP (Regional Economic Area Partnership), join WAMPO (Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) and join our Sedgwick County Association of Cities in providing a letter of encouragement, a letter of endorsement to the Kansas Department of Transportation and to the governor to encourage them to join the Texas study to help, basically, preserve our opportunity. That's all I want. I want to make sure that if we want to play in this game, this is the efforts we need to preserve the opportunity to do this. So with that, I stand for questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Pete, for being here today. I think, you know, the rail study is important to the infrastructure. I know WAMPO dealt with this. I'm the Chairman of WAMPO, and we have talked about this extensively. This is an opportunity for us to at least be in the conversation, as I understand it."

Councilman Meitzner said, "Correct."

Chairman Norton said, "And I agree, many of us grew up in an age where you could still ride a train, and eat on a train and sleep on a train, and there was plenty of passenger service. That's kind of waned over the years, and we don't necessarily want to idealize train travel, but there is a business case for it today. That it is commerce, that the ability to travel and to do business at the same time appeals to a lot of people. Not only that, but it's affordable kind of transportation that links cities and communities together. I know I have a son in Chicago, and he's taken the train to Newton several times to get home instead of flying, and it is very affordable for him, and it's very convenient once he gets here. So with that, we do have some other comments, but I'm glad you came today and we can have the conversation. So, Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Councilman, I'm certainly supportive of additional research. First question that comes to my mind, however, is when I was on the city council three years or so ago, we had, we looked into this issue, and I remember that the rate of return was just horrible. I mean, is there any indication that that's changing as far as a cost benefit analysis is going?"

Councilman Meitzner said, "That's a good question."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you."

Councilman Meitzner said, "The short answer is, yes. Again, it has changed. Some of the preliminary studies that I had access to before, no disrespect to those putting the study together, but adding two taxi cabs is not really an economic impact on train service, things like that that help go into the formula. Things like the productive hours was not even included in those kind of studies.

"So part of the study that we would join with Texas would include the economic impact, and we've also engaged WSU (Wichita State University), if they would want to also support what their economic impact studies, the City of Emporia, obviously Newton and all the cities along the way. Our position in a way, Commissioner, is that, you know, and we're the largest city in the state, and we're the second largest county in the state, and you know, Wichita needs to take a leadership role."

Commissioner Skelton said, "I appreciate that, and again, I am very supportive of additional research. I plan to vote or support a letter of, to be part of the team that would look into that and support the study. But however, I don't know if this information is available, but who is going to be on the hook for infrastructure? I mean, is the railroad going to build the tracks, is the feds (federal government)? Is the city going to have a build a railroad terminal? Do you know any of those details?"

Councilman Meitzner said, "Well, we have the easement for the railroad at the original train station. That would still be there no matter what happens to the Cox [Communications] building. There will still be that. As Jeff and I have talked, and even not that we would be probably the three in morning route, but if you've ever used the Newton route, you park in the parking lot, and you know, you get a coke from a vending machine. At 2:00 [a.m.] in the morning in Wichita on a Friday and Saturday night, that's when the coffee shops and that are still going up. So we can handle it from that perspective.

"If the cost comes in that's exorbitant, you know, Wichita can't, we're not going to, I'm not going to ask you and Wichita to pay for it all. That would be a state initiative. If the state, the governor, the secretary, KDOT, and state legislature feel they don't want to fund it, then that's, I'll respect that and honor that. And if it goes to Tulsa and Joplin, then we should not be, if we choose not to play in the game, then we have no reason to complain about, well, how come Oklahoma is doing all of this or how come Texas is doing all of that. So, that's my..."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. Well, certainly I understand that, and there's a lot of considerations. You mentioned one of them that was a huge consideration, about what time the train comes through Wichita. But, again, we'll just, I'll be on board with your request today, and we'll follow up with additional questions, sir. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Councilman Meitzner and Councilman Clendenin, I'm very appreciative of both of you coming down here today to talk on the issue. Because my recollection is similar to Commissioner Skelton's when we had this discussion about three years ago, there were a whole bunch of questions and Commissioner Skelton alluded to some of them. Some of those are on my list, plus a much longer list. I'm going to frankly recommend, there is a lot more information we need, I think, before we're able to proceed today. And three years ago, we had a joint meeting that involved not only the city and county folks, but to my recollection, there were some legislators there, too."

"Because as you mentioned Councilman, the state role is certainly significant, and I know there are states out there looking at this. California is looking at spending, I believe, \$68 billion, b with a boy billion, for a high speed rail route between San Francisco and Los Angeles."

Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "And you know, the background information we had on this item this morning until I got these right at the meeting, we really didn't have much to work with, and I've got a whole bunch of questions, and I'd really like to recommend to my colleagues that we have a joint workshop, bring in some folks who would be involved, including the state folks, it may be a little tricky scheduling this time of year because of the upcoming elections, but I think there are a whole bunch of important questions that need to be asked, because when we brought this, when this issue came up about three years ago, there was talk about rail service coming in the middle of the night, and we were told, if you guys don't do it right away, the train service will go through Tulsa and Joplin. Of course, that hasn't happened."

"When I look at this map on the screen, I can see here, in terms of regional service, you alluded to the fact that the high transportation, the points between, say, the largest city and the state capitol is a service point. Well, on this map, Houston is a much bigger market than we are, and there is no direct service to Austin. In fact it looks like going kind of equivalent, if we have the same sort of system they have in Texas, you would have to get to Topeka via Kansas City the way they have it structured here. And Dallas is a huge market. Houston is a huge market. I'm frankly surprised knowing how congested both Houston and the [Houston George] Bush [Intercontinental] Airports are in Houston, and DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth) [International Airport], and [Texas] Love [Field Airport] are in Dallas, that there is no direct service between Dallas and Houston."

"So, there is a whole host of questions I'd have. And I'd like to recommend to my colleagues that as opposed to approving this today, in fact, I'd be happy to make a motion that, if one is necessary, that basically we set up a public workshop and we can go through a whole host of these questions in detail. Because we do have a long agenda here today, and we could discuss this, hopefully get additional information, get the material that was provided to us three years ago, and see how in any way that significant information has changed or not. Because, as a kid, I grew up in Columbus, Ohio, and they had a wonderful rail museum that included everything from interurban cars to steam locomotives. And in my international business experience, I actually got a chance to ride on the bullet trains in Japan, Shinkansen. And it was quite a memorable experience traveling at over 150 miles per hour on high speed rail."

"But it was also very expensive, and as the Japanese told me they've been struggling with it because it's been a money loser over there in their country. So the devil is in the details, and I'm uncomfortable with proceeding forward at this point until we can get some of the important questions that I think need to be answered. So, if we go ahead and vote on this motion as it's before us today, my vote today will reflect that fact. But I think it would be much better to have a workshop and try and iron out some of the details and get more information, because, of course, the two councilmen here today weren't on the council three years ago and didn't have the opportunity to get the information we had at that time."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pete, thanks for coming by today, I have some of those same concerns."

Councilman Meitzner said, "Sure."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "You know, I asked a couple times for some additional information. This is the first information I received, and it's not, if there is a study in the past, I want to have a copy of that, and if something has changed, I want to know what. My understanding is initially you weren't necessarily supportive of this, but now maybe you're more supportive. I'd like to have all the data that has changed your mind or may have changed, you know. I am concerned about Amtrak in general. When it was first sold to the public, it was said to support itself, and of course it's not. And when we would talk about if it's affordable, I mean, it's affordable because it's subsidized. And so, I'd like to know more history of how it's affected other communities as far as costs and subsidies, and all that sorts of stuff, to make sure we're not going down another road that's just not going to be another opportunity to squeeze the taxpayers for a small percentage of people who want to ride. I'm not opposed to passenger train, but I would prefer that it sustain itself, not so sure that this can, but I need more details. And this doesn't give me enough information really to base..."

Councilman Meitzner said, "Well, I have a copy, it's a 40 page contract, of the Texas contract that they have right now. I have a copy of the consultant's that's doing the study for Texas, and it addresses things like the DFW area. That's why Texas is doing it, they're expanding for Dallas into Austin, and so there's a lot of expansion that Texas is doing. And Texas is not waiting on us to make a decision. Texas has allowed, they said, yeah, you can join just like Oklahoma did as a subcontractor. So that's why it has a little bit of a timing issue that may, but again, that's going to be between the, the ultimate decision will be with KDOT, and the secretary, and the governor, and legislative people. And I think that we thought they may want to be encouraged to know that the business community and people like Mayor Marcey is here from Goddard, Sedgwick County Association of Cities, the cities that are in your county are for it. Again, just to help preserve our position, preserve our interest and not ignore it."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "You say it's a time factor. How soon or what is that time?"

Councilman Meitzner said, "Well, there's a series of events that are happening. There is a Gantt chart again in this same document I have, and it's about October time frame. If we join by October or so, then we're part of it, if...September, October. If we

don't, then we can try to do our own study as a State of Kansas, but it will be much different than joining Texas, who kind of takes a leadership role in some of these things."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Do we have any idea what the cost would be to join their study?"

Councilman Meitzner said, "KDOT has that information and they're looking further into it. They gave a price quote, but I'm not authorized to negotiate the price on behalf of the state."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, I know, but what price quote did they..."

Councilman Meitzner said, "I'd rather not quote, because what they said, I gave to KDOT, we gave it to KDOT, and they're digesting it. Because some of the stuff has already been done that these people would not need to do from past, so there's a negotiated price there that that's what they negotiate."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. Well, I would be happy to take a look at all of the information."

Councilman Meitzner said, "Sure. I understand."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Councilman Meitzner, your request today is, you're not asking us to commit to financial resources..."

Councilman Meitzner said, "Right."

Commissioner Unruh said, "You're just asking us to say if we want to join the consortium of local governments and agencies who say we think the state ought to at least be part of the study. And it's up to the governor and legislature to finally make that decision. So our decision is whether or not we think Kansas should be included in this transportation opportunity."

Councilman Meitzner said, "Right."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And there really are no more details at this point; is that correct?"

Councilman Meitzner said, "There's a history, you can go to the KDOT website, there is a history of previous studies. And you know, I saw one where Wichita wanted two stations, one in Oaklawn and one in Nomar [International Plaza]. Well, you know, today that just doesn't quite make sense when we've got this building downtown. We don't need two stops. We need one stop in our opinion. So there is some outdated stuff."

Commissioner Skelton said, "[Inaudible] South Wichita, or you know, south Sedgwick County."

Councilman Meitzner said, "And of course in Jim Skeleton's district for sure."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, it seems to me to be a reasonable thing to join with our other partners in this agency just to simply say we support the state finding out more information."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We have a motion and a second. We do have some other comments. I'm going to be supportive of this. I think it's a conversation that we need to have in our community. If we're going to be a full-fledged regional power, we can't let these kind of things slip away from us. The truth is, we're all wanting and clamoring for more information. Some of the studies are a little older, don't have the new information, don't engage the new technology, and certainly don't deal with the infrastructure that's already been put together coming out of Texas into Oklahoma, which has changed the dynamic of connectivity.

"So if we want more information, we want the newest information available that links us in a manner along the corridor that's trying to be created. So, I'm going to be supportive. It doesn't commit us to any monetary expenditure right now.

"Most of that will come out of the state if they so elect to move forward on this. Interestingly enough, I just had a conversation with [Interim Kansas] Transportation Secretary Mike King, and he's very interested in understanding more about this. He's really new on the job, but he understands this is part of transportation infrastructure, and we need more information of how we connect with our partners to the north and our partners to the south, and we're kind of the missing link, and are we going to engage or not. With that, we do have another couple of comments. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately, I'm not as sanguine as my colleagues who made the motion before us this morning, because I think this is a classic case of ready, fire, aim. And I think there is whole host of information that we need to get before we take this vote. And frankly, every one of the states that are looking at expanding rail service, the driving factor is the state, where they're located, the local input, whether it's city or county certainly plays an important role and Sedgwick County needs to be involved wherever we might or might not proceed. But the idea that we're going to buy off on this at this point in time when we don't know how much the study is going to cost, we don't have an idea of who's going to pay for it, it is not something I can support at this time. So my vote today will reflect that fact. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I share the same concerns. To say it's not going to commit us to spending money, well, we're going to ask the state to spend some money, and no one can even tell us how much money it's going to be, and we have no data, nothing to make the decision on, we don't have copies of the old studies. You know, it's clear to me, you know, and if this goes forward, and I think that's clearly the intent, it's going to cost the taxpayers a lot of money. It's going to require a lot of subsidies. Some of the same players that involved in downtown in all of the hotel subsidies and all the other subsidies going on are going to push this, and we're going to have more subsidies despite what, I mean, that's the intent clearly.

"And the fact that we're going to make a decision here based on basically no information given to us indicates to me that, certainly, that decision has already been made behind the scenes and we're going to proceed forward, and I don't think that's the right way to do. We've got to have more information before we ask the state to spend taxpayer dollars, at least have a cost estimate and understand all the issues involved here. I'm very disappointed in how this is being handled. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm going to repeat my plea to my colleagues, since obviously I think there's three votes here to pass this as to why we should not hold a public workshop, get these details discussed and resolved, and then we can bring this motion back in front of the Commission at a later date and have input. I mean, I think it's real positive we've got at least one state legislator here today, but I know it would be a lot more helpful for me as an elected official to have input from the South Central [Kansas] Legislative delegation that would be impacted."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So I'm just going to make a plea to you, you know, what's wrong with proceeding, getting more information and not acting in haste?"

Chairman Norton said, "We do have a motion. I have one final comment. I take a little umbrage with the statement 'behind the scenes', I don't know where that conversation comes from, but every conversation I've had about rail has been in a public meeting, either WAMPO or here at the bench. I don't understand that kind of comment. I'm going to be supportive of this, because I think it is exactly what you're asking for, is the ability to get more information about whether this is even pertinent conversation, and I don't think it's wrong to go out and urge the state to at least think about this conversation and whether we should be part of it, if it has a place in Kansas, if rail is important to the transportation system that we have."

"Obviously we have always thought of transportation in Kansas as roads, but maybe there's a new day where we think a little differently and the connectivity with other states and other communities. So from my perspective, none of this has been done behind the scenes. We're doing it in public right now. We're having a rich conversation about it. So I'm going to be supportive today to move forward and at least send a letter of endorsement and encouragement to the state to think about what they want to do with rail service through our community and through the state. Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "I appreciate those comments, Mr. Chairman. I would second those comments and add that what my vote would be for is for the state, I would support the state should it decide to collect the additional information necessary to make this decision. So, you know, I'm not going to try to add anything more than that, sir. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I see no other lights. At this point we have a motion and a second. With no other discussion, Madam Clerk, 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>

Commissioner Skelton Aye
Chairman Norton Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Thank you, Pete, for coming today, we appreciate it. And we appreciate the other elected officials that stopped by with interest. Thanks."

Councilman Meitzner said, "And I recognize that Mayor Emil from Park City is here as well, and they did that, and thank you, the Mayor from Goddard is here. So, appreciate it. Thank you."

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

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

No: 2 - Commissioner Peterjohn and Commissioner Ranzau

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Skelton, Chairman Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

D [12-0546](#) CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,643 FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY NEW FREEDOM TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM .

Presented by: Annette Graham, LSCSW, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant.

Ms. Annette Graham, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a one-year renewal of a federal New Freedom Section 5317 grant and would provide continuing operating assistance for specialized transportation that exceeds the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to access health care for low income persons with disabilities in the urbanized area. This urbanized area includes Wichita, Bel Aire, Derby, Goddard, Haysville, Kechi, Maize, Park City and Valley Center. This funding has been received since 2008. The current grant application would start October 1, 2013 and end September 30, 2013. The grant amount is \$73,643, the match amount is \$73,643 for a total source of \$147,286. And what this does is provide for same day medical transportation for low income seniors and people with disabilities. It provides that service that exceeds the ADA requirements and what that means for this program is that it is same day, because that's not available otherwise. It exceeds the boundaries of the City of Wichita to go to those urbanized areas and it provides for extended hours of services, and it is door to door. It does also allow to exceed the weight lift requirements for ADA, which is 600 pounds, this will go up to 800 pounds for those in motorized vehicles and with weight issues.

"Over the course of the grant period that we have been operating this program, 58 percent of the rides have been in the urbanized area, so that means the ride starts in the urbanized area and brings that individual into the City of Wichita for medical care services. What we found over the years is this was a big unmet need for people to be able to access same day medical care. So if they had a medical issue and needed to get to the doctor or to medical treatment and didn't have transportation, they could access this service. So it really did have a major impact. It was a big boost to services, and it did cut down on the inappropriate use of ambulances and the emergency services that otherwise were utilized when people found no other access to transportation. So I would request that you approve the application and, if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and would be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any question right...Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thanks, Annette, for coming here today. Now, obviously, I'm going to vote against this federal grant as I've done the others. I think we could come up with \$73,000 ourselves to do this. But that being said, I wish the Manager was here, but one of the concerns I think we at least need to kind of think about is we're facing the possibility of sequestration at the federal level here, I think, in August, which puts certain federal programs off limits, I think Medicare and Medicaid, but it would force significant reductions in federal spending. And seems to me grant programs like this and some of the others would be some of the things that would presumably have to go away. Perhaps we need to talk to some of our federal legislators to get a clear picture of this. But I guess what I'm getting at is we need to at least be taking a look at, I think, within the departments, the grant program that we're

getting.

"I know our policy is that if grant programs go away, then the positions go away. But I suspect that there are probably some we that would want to fund ourselves if they did.

Commissioner Ranzau continued, "I think at least prioritizing them, or taking a look at, I know we're in the middle of the budget, we don't have a whole lot of time now, but I think some thought or consideration should be given, at least at the department levels, of all the grants they have, that if they went away, would we truly get rid of those or would we want to try and fund some of those here. I think that's something to consider, because, you know, one of the things with these federal grants is it makes us dependent upon the federal government and it puts us at their whim, so to speak. And we've not gone through sequestration before, and who knows what will happen and what the outcome will be. It could be very significant and drastic and affect us and, I think having a little forethought on that may be beneficial to us to at least have a tentative game plan on how we're going to deal with some of this stuff. I just wanted to throw that out. I'm sure this will pass, and that's fine, but I do think that's something we need to take into consideration. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Annette, if we accept this grant, is there any requirement for additional counties' property tax funds to accept this grant?"

Ms. Graham said, "No. The match that is included here really is a soft match. It is leveraging the existing services that we provide, so the money in the mill levy that funds the current transportation services we provide really is leveraged as matched to bring in these additional dollars through this grant."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "The concern I had with it and with this grant, this is going to fund, with county spending a little less than \$75,000 a year and the grant itself for a little bit less than \$73,643, I believe is what's in there, in the data in front of me, per year, that's going to fund about 5,000 one-way trips."

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, that's correct. It is an average cost of \$29.45 per ride, and how those rides are reimbursed to our providers that we contract with, we use seven different vendors, and it is reimbursed on a rate of, a mileage rate that's really like a range of miles, like 0 to 10 miles is a certain amount, 11 to 20 is a certain. It averages close to \$1.50 per mile, which transportation is an expensive service to provide. It does include a lot of the costs for the providers. The average cost for a private pay ride would be \$65. What we have found is \$65 for private pay, and then extra costs per mile. So it is a very expensive service."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well I, that's exactly the point. I appreciate your bringing those figures out, because when we talked about this was a concern I had, because, you know, almost \$30 per ride. When I talk with most folks, they said, well, isn't there some way where we can have a less costly option, and anything that you can provide me, in terms of understanding why the figure is so high would be very helpful."

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, I can provide you some additional information."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, if there is anything you can add this morning, for the public side of it, because that's why I'm struggling with this issue this morning."

Ms. Graham said, "Well, the information, like I said, that I have on the, for private pay, for instance, one of our private providers charges \$60 one way plus mileage outside of others.

"So for instance, a one-way trip would be, let's see, what do I have, and for those it's \$2.50 a mile is what they charge for some of the providers that we contacted. They have a base rate, and then if it's outside the City of Wichita, they have an additional mileage rate, which is \$2.50. And I believe for a taxi its \$2 a mile, or \$2.20 a mile after you pay the initial fee when you get in the door. Then it's \$2.20 a mile."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask you this. Is there requirements because of ADA or anything in terms of these vehicles that there's an extra cost on that end, or is it some other factor? Or is ADA not a factor?"

Ms. Graham said, "For the private providers?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "For whoever is going to provide this service?"

Ms. Graham said, "Well, there would be insurance costs, overhead costs, the mileage costs, the driver, the staff costs, so there's a lot of different costs that go into that rather than just the cost of the gasoline is my understanding."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, you've heard the presentation. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Annette. We're on to the next item, and I believe we've kind of gotten them backwards, [Item] E and [Item] F, so we need to switch those. I'm going to ask the Clerk to call Item F first and come back to Item E if that's okay with everyone."

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

No: 2 - Commissioner Peterjohn and Commissioner Ranzau

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Skelton, Chairman Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

E [12-0464](#)

APPROVAL OF EIGHT CONTRACTS FOR LEVEL I CLIENT
ASSESSMENT REFERRAL AND EVALUATION (CARE)
ASSESSORS.

Presented by: Annette Graham, LSCSW, Executive Director, Central
Plains Area Agency on Aging.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the CARE assessor contracts and
authorize the Chairman to sign.

Ms. Graham said, "Back in 1995, the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging (CPAAA) began operating the Client Assessment Referral and Evaluation (CARE) Program. Since then, we have continually provided that program. This is a program that's mandated under statute that any individual in the State of Kansas seeking nursing facility placement has to have a CARE assessment done. CPAAA is responsible for coordinating timely and accurate completion of all nursing home pre-assessments in our coverage area, which is Sedgwick, Butler, and Harvey Counties, in accordance with the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services agreement and state and federal laws that cover this.

"Customers and their caregivers are provided information about in-home services at the time of the assessment, and some choose to remain in their home with services. This program currently maintains a division rate of 24.3 percent in our service area, which is higher than the statewide average of 22.9. The agreement before you establishes the rate that the CPAAA is reimbursed for each assessment and which covers the expenses for three full-time employees that cover the coordination and oversight in reporting requirements of this program. Last year we averaged about 210 CARE assessments each and every month. The program is fully funded through reimbursement from the state. They have established the rate unit cost of \$186.56 for each community based assessment and \$88.53 for each hospital based assessment. There are no financial obligations for the county.

"The service provider agreement starts July 1, 2012, and goes to December 31, 2012 with a month-to-month after that through the end of June. The reason it is a six month with month-to-month follow up is because this service would be significantly altered when the KanCare program would starts. It will be rolled into some of the other services. So with the anticipate KanCare starts January 1, they only establish that date through the end of December but with month-to-month in case it does not start on time with that January 1st start date. So with that, I would request that you approve the CARE service provider agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign and would be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, you have the presentation before you. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the CARE Service Provider Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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>

Chairman Norton said, "Now we'll move back to Item E to get it in the right order. So Madam Clerk, call Item E."

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

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

Present: 0

F [12-0565](#) APPROVAL OF SFY 2013 CLIENT ASSESSMENT REFERRAL EVALUATION (CARE) PART A, LEVEL 1 CARE SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES (KDADS).

Presented by: Annette Graham, LSCSW, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the CARE Service Provider Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Ms. Graham said, "With the history that Central Plains Area Agency on Aging has provided the CARE program since 1995, which does including the assessments, the information referral, the date of collection and probably placing in a long-term CARE facilities for persons seeking nursing home placements in Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick Counties. With the information that's provided and referrals made but our assessors, we have successfully helped individuals remain in the community at that time of assessment. Before you, you have eight contracts. These are with professional individuals including social workers and nurses, all with several years of experience providing assessments, information and referral for older adults. They provide functional assessments for people over the age of 18 seeking nursing home placement, including those individuals diagnosed with a mental illness or developmental disability or intellectual disability. All assessors are required to have six hours of CARE or training, which is provided through the state. The contract amount for Level 1 assessments, that it is reimbursed to these contractors, is \$35 per assessment plus the mileage.

"The contract period is for the one-year time period, July 1st through June 30th. We do have the option, of course, we have to continue to keep them on but they are only provided work when there is work, so there is no requirement or guarantee of any number of assessments that they would do. So we do have eight CARE assessors, and they, that we would be contracting with, They are Vivian Batt, Cynthia Chavez, Gayle Cloud, Terresia Dubois, Julie Olivas, Nola Stucky, Aileen Vaughn, and Delpha Vincent. So, with that I would request that you approve the CARE assessor contracts, authorize the Chairman to sign and be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "We have the presentation in front of us. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the CARE assessor contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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>

Commissioner Skelton *Aye*
Chairman Norton *Aye*

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

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

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

Present: 0

G [12-0540](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 TO THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA), ON BEHALF OF GRACEMED HEALTH CLINIC, TO BUILD A NEW SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER AT JARDINE MIDDLE SCHOOL, LOCATED IN WICHITA, KANSAS, FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Presented by: Claudia Blackburn, Health Director, Sedgwick County Health Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this Request.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Sedgwick County Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Sedgwick County Health Department's mission as you know is to prevent disease, promote wellness and protect the public from health threats. We accomplish this through delivering the 10 essential public health services to our residents, and one of those services is helping people access healthcare. We are not in the business of providing medical homes to people, but we do recognize that without having access to a medical home or healthcare home, we see a difference in health status. So it's really important that people have something that they can identify as their primary care provider.

"So we work with our community partners, especially the community health clinics, to expand the capacity of safety net for healthcare in Sedgwick County. Today before you is an opportunity to act as a sponsor or administrative agency for a school-based clinic on behalf of GraceMed [Health] Clinic [Inc.]. And I'd like to introduce Dave Sanford, he is the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) from GraceMed. You all know him, you met him during our briefings. We have been collaborating with GraceMed; GraceMed is a federally qualified health center since 1998.

"And the school based clinic that would be constructed as a result of this grant, should it be awarded, would be at USD (Unified School District) 259's Jardine Middle School, which is located in southeast Sedgwick County in Commissioner Skeleton's district.

"The funding being applied for is \$500,000 from the health services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). It is for a school-based health care capital grant. The grant requires GraceMed to contribute an additional \$467,000 in matching funds to pay for the construction, and they agree to do this as well as paying Sedgwick County 1.75 percent administrative fee or indirect cost, which amounts to \$8,600, and that fee is out of their budget. It's not from the federal grant. The grant runs for a two-year period from December 1st of this year through November 30, 2014. This application is one of four that is being submitted by GraceMed for school-based health care capital grants.

"The other three sites that they're applying for are West High [School], which is in Commissioner Norton's district, that grant will be sponsored by USD 259. Oaklawn, which is sponsored by the Derby school, USD 260, that is located also in Commissioner Skelton's district. Then there's one, South High [School] that is sponsored by GraceMed, that's located in Commissioner Norton's district. And all of

these schools draw from underserved communities where a high percentage of the children are covered by Medicaid, which really helps GraceMed because they see all comers and they get an enhanced care rate, an enhanced fee for Medicaid clients that helps to pay for those clients that don't have insurance. These clinics will not only serve the children that attend the schools in that area but also their families and anybody in the community who chooses that as their healthcare source. Jardine is located at 3550 Ross Parkway. It targets over 27,000 people living in 8 census tracts that are adjacent to the clinic; 24 percent of those live at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, and 27 percent of the population in that area are children.

"The plan is to build a 4,500 square foot clinic with 6 exam rooms and 1 dental operatory for a dental hygienist. There will be 3,100 new patients served at this site by two healthcare providers. There will be a full range of medical and healthcare services including dental screenings, cleanings, sealants, all the things that a dental hygienist can do, and there will be 8 full-time employees at the site. During the construction phase, there will be 8.3 construction FTE's (full-time employees) that will go on during the project. So that's some of how the community will be impacted economically.

"Commissioners, we have provided this kind of sponsorship for GraceMed before. We did it in 2010. We applied for the same kind of grant to build a clinic at Cloud Elementary School, that is in Commissioner Ranzau's district, it was then Commissioner Park's district. We were one of three such applications on behalf of GraceMed, and they were all funded, which was, is just unprecedented. GraceMed continues to address many of the healthcare access needs and goals identified by the Health Department and the community, and we're thankful for the work that they do. And I recommend that you approve the grant application and authorize the chair to sign any related documents. Dave and I are here to answer any questions that you may have. You've all been briefed, so I hope that we've answered most of your questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Claudia. I think you've answered a lot of them. I have a couple of comments, and then I'm going to pass it over to Commissioner Skelton.

Chairman Norton continued, "When we did our [Wichita/Sedgwick County] Community Health Assessment [Project], one of the things that came out of that, one of the four pillars was access to health care in our community. We saw that as a need, that there were gaps, and that even though we have a very, very rich medical community with trauma units and providers and specialty care, that there are still many people not served by a medical home and that as we embarked on that and thought about it, as the local Board of Health, we had several conversations and assemblies about access to healthcare.

"And out of that grew the idea that promoting and helping our federally qualified health centers to grow, to create more access points and capacity out in the community was important. Quite a few years ago, Commissioner Unruh and I traveled to Jacksonville, Florida and saw their federally qualified health center system, and I think they had six in their community. Now they're a little larger, but at the time, we had one. And one of the things we embarked on was making sure that we create an environment where federally qualified health centers could survive, could grow, could build capacity and serve that population. And there is an economic value to that, because it does keep certain populations healthier, but it also keeps them out of the emergency rooms, keeps them out of our EMS vehicles, being transported on emergency kind of things when it's really just looking for healthcare. So, this access is very important. It's

underserved areas. I understand certainly South High and West High's population bases, they are very underserved medically.

"In fact, the south side in many cases is underserved, and this will start to fill a gap. I find it interesting that there is a partnership with schools where facilities are used and capacity is used without building new freestanding buildings but to use facilities where people already gather where the underserved already are there, and I think that's important. And the model is working. This isn't the first school-based facility we've got. We've got several around the county and the city area already, and they worked very, very well. So I'm going to be supportive today, and with that, I'll turn it over to Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you. Well, my question is, okay, this is in Jardine, now, is this open to all students? Are there other students that can use this? Who else would be qualified to us that clinic?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "It's really open to anybody that chooses to use it. Is that correct, Dave?"

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay, well..."

Ms. Blackburn said, "But the nice thing about it is that, you know, when your child is sick or you need to take your child to the doctor, you usually have to go to school, pick the child up, go to the doctor, bring them back to the school. Here, the parents do have to be present, except for the dental services, but they can go to the school and be there and then go back to work."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. Will this clinic be open all year or just during the school year?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "It's all year..."

Commissioner Skelton said, "All year long."

Ms. Blackburn said, "...and extended hours, I believe, are planned."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. Okay, so how do we support ongoing operations in the future here?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "I'm going to call on Dave."

Mr. Dave Sanford, Chief Executive Officer, GraceMed Health Clinic Inc., greeted the Commissioners and said, "The wonderful thing about the business plan of a federally qualified health center is once we have the capital invest of building and equipment, the clinic itself is self-sustaining from an operational basis. And what myself and our management team do very diligently to make sure that our payer mix is at least 50 percent with patients with some form of reimbursement, which may be Medicare, Medicaid, Healthwave or private insurance. And that helps us offset the cost of care for people that are uninsured that are self-pay on a sliding fee scale. And so our experience with the three existing school-based clinics plus the one we're currently building at Dodge Elementary in west Wichita is that those clinics are self-sustaining once they are established."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Very good. I appreciate that, sir. So, maybe you can add to why Jardine? What is the driving factor here? I mean, I pretty much would like this for the record, appreciate it."

Mr. Sanford said, "When you look at the lay of the land when it comes to our healthcare delivery system in Sedgwick County and Wichita, almost all of, particularly the private offices are far east, far west. Quite honestly, when you get south of Kellogg, there are very few access points for healthcare, and so all four, I guess you could exclude west to some extent, but the other three applications are really focusing on either the south or southeast part of our geographic area, because those are the areas that we have identified demographically that have the highest percentage of low income residents and the lowest percentage of healthcare providers that are available to provide service."

Commissioner Skelton said, "All right. I appreciate that. Thank you for your time and effort here, definitely supporting this and the location of Jardine. You know, one thing I would like to add, there are a tremendous amount of people without transportation over there. So this is definitely going to be a win-win for the neighborhood. The fact that you brought up, the fact is that there are very few services south of Kellogg and in that area, and this is going to fill a huge gap in my opinion. I'm very supportive of this, Mr. Chairman. Those are my comments. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dave, I appreciate you coming down here. I appreciate your discussion with us in the past. When you brought this in front of us, and I'm thinking that it's been a while, I believe, in fact, our discussion actually occurred just before the U.S. (United States) Supreme Court came out with their announcement concerning what I believe the official title is the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which I believe is a gross misnomer, I think ObamaCare is a more accurate description. You mentioned a business plan that included a measurement, in terms of operational funding. How long is that for, in terms of your expectation on the funding side for operational expenditures?"

Mr. Sanford said, "Well even with the advent of KanCare, at the State of Kansas level, and with the implementation of those elements of the [Patient Protection and] Affordable Care Act that were declared constitutional, it really will not have an impact on our current business model, in terms of the reimbursement we receive for services. There may be some things added above and beyond the current business model that we have, but it will not threaten or change any of the current reimbursement structure that goes through, particularly, state and Medicaid."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well let me ask you this, because there has been talk about the fact whether the states will get involved or not. In fact, some governors have said they won't. Governor Brownback has said he wants to put the issue off until after the November election. Is your business plan dependent upon what the state does, in terms of whether they move forward regarding Medicaid or any of what would be commonly called ObamaCare related provision, in's terms of funding?"

Mr. Sanford said, "It really does not. The Affordable Care Act basically proposed an expansion of Medicaid, not necessarily a retraction of Medicaid, and in the governor's KanCare proposal, basically, the folks that are currently covered by Medicaid and children under Healthwave, there will be no change in criteria or eligibility for those

programs. In fact, our perspective, as a primary care clinic, is there will be a lot more focus through the managed care companies on preventive healthcare, hopefully down the road to eliminate some of those chronic disease states and those emergency room visits that too often are experienced here by people that live in our county. So bottom line is our business plan will move forward. There may be a few changes with KanCare as we sign contracts as providers within each managed care organization's contract. But we're really looking for actually more support from those managed care companies to really have an impact on preventive care."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, I appreciate that answer, because I'm struggling with the fact that because your plan appears to depend upon KanCare, Healthwave and Medicaid as part of the funding source, one of the big problems with ObamaCare is, when they passed it, they basically jammed 10 years worth of, they front loaded the benefits, I'm sorry, they front loaded the revenue and stretched out the costs in such a way so that we're going to reach a fiscal cliff after a few years once the program gets underway. And I'm concerned about the fact that what we have maybe, in the long run if the business plan doesn't work out, the operational funds that you're counting on will be unsustainable, and we could get in a situation where...federal government is very good at doing what I like to call a pump and dump. They offer a federal grant and they pump up the spending.

"Now, if it's strictly on infrastructure and you put up a building or build a facility, that's one thing, but if you pump up spending and then you dump the responsibility and cut back, and that's what the current plan is at the federal level to reduce the amount of funding out there after a few years, and it's either going to land on somebody, and whether it's the state, whether it's the county or someone else, that's a major concern for me going forward, and when I look at this program, that is an issue I'm struggling with this item this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dave thanks for coming today. I have a couple of questions for you, and then I have something for Claudia. So you're applying for four different places?"

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "So that \$2 million from the federal government, but you're going to raise about \$2 million locally."

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "That's correct. Okay, I have a question for Claudia, and you may have said this. Now this \$500,000, all of these \$500,000 actually comes from the ObamaCare?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "It comes from the Affordable Care Act, yes, through HRSA."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. Well, obviously I'm concerned any time the federal government gives us money for things like this, because I think this should be a local deal. If we can raise \$2 million, I think that's the best way to do it and maybe you build

two clinics instead of four. I also have the problem of the model of putting these things in the schools. I guess if the models work and your intent is to associate more healthcare with more government entities, I suppose that works. But I would like to associate it with more private entities and have them separate from government facilities. But nevertheless, my biggest concern is this is actually part of ObamaCare, part of the health [Patient Protection and Affordable] Care Act. Now, I've been reading, I have the Supreme Court decision here. I've been reading it. It's quite lengthy.

"It was held unconstitutional under the commerce clause, but constitutional under the power to tax. That being said, I believe that's a flaw of judgment in and of itself. It's very interesting some of the things that are being said here. Particularly Justice Ginsburg opinion is, I would encourage everyone to read it. Some of the things she said are appalling. But nevertheless, the fight against this treacherous piece of legislation is not over. In fact that at least 15 states have said that they're going to refuse to implement it to include Kansas. This Commission has a legislative agenda item which encourages, 'that recognizes the significant cost of business and the negative impact this legislation has on job creation. We encourage the state to utilize all options and available resources to oppose the implementation of this law.'

"And I stand by that legislative agenda item, because it will have a significant cost to business. Part of the insidious nature of legislation is the free stuff comes early before the election. We get the free money today, and the costs come later. The biggest tax increase in the history of this nation is coming. We have encouraged the state to oppose implementation of this law. Well, how can we on the one hand encourage the state to oppose this law while we participate it and basically give it passive approval by accepting this grant today? We're enabling the behavior of the current administration, they try and entice us or bribe us by saying, hey, this is great here's some free money, isn't this all good, knowing full well that the significant negative impacts are yet to be felt upon this country and this community.

Commissioner Ranzau continued, "So, this is an opportunity for us to go beyond talking the talk. It's an opportunity to walk the walk and say no, we'll turn this down, because we know in the long run the ObamaCare is not good for this country, and we can raise money, \$2 million, \$3 million, \$4 million, of our own community dollars and will pay for it ourselves and not tie us down and not support this piece legislation, and quite frankly not to speak out of both sides of our mouth. I'm going to oppose this, and I'm going to join Governor Brownback and the rest of the other governors to continue to fight against this clearly unconstitutional piece of legislation. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Claudia, this is pass-through funds. We, we're not...it doesn't impact our mill levy or our budget any other way, I mean, we get minor administrative fee."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "It's money coming in, going out..."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "...to a community agency, GraceMed, who has asked us just to assist them in acquiring this so that they can, as their mission is to provide health services to our community. This is a way for them to expand and launch their services to folks who have less resources to seek health care otherwise. The business plan says that this will not require funding from the county or even any more particular federal money in the future, because itself supporting; is that correct?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I mean, you've got a business plan that breaks you even."

Ms. Blackburn said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I appreciate the comments about the dangers of federal activity, but I mean, this seems to me like this is a reasonable and right thing for our community to do, and I will be supportive of the request. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to want to state for the record that I'm in agreement with Commissioner Ranzau's assessment concerning the recent U.S. (United States) Supreme Court decision concerning ObamaCare and also I take to heart his comments concerning our legislative agenda and the position this Commission has taken and that it's going to be a significant factor and reflecting in my vote this morning. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no other lights. I obviously am going to be supportive of this. I've known Dave Sanford for many years. We've worked together on a lot of health access issues and many other issues, and I think that he runs a wonderful organization, that it does affect people's lives, it is about the good for the people that I serve on the south side. I guess I see the conversation differently.

"There are, I can't even guess how many federally qualified health centers or look-alikes there are around the country, and they help in the system that we are trying to provide for our community. And I'd like to say it's as simple as we could raise \$2 million, but I think that money will make sure that the mission of GraceMed will continue to serve the public at the highest level, and I'm going to be very supportive of this today. At this point, Commissioners, we've heard the presentation, I see no other lights. I would entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this Request.

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>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Skelton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Ms. Blackburn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Thank you, Dave, for being here also. Appreciate it. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

This matter was Approved

No: 2 - Commissioner Peterjohn and Commissioner Ranzau

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Skelton, Chairman Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

H [12-0567](#) PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA) DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD TO SEDGWICK COUNTY FOR THE 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET.

Presented by: Chris Chronis, CFO.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The next item on your agenda will be the presentation by the Manager of his recommended budget for 2013 for next year. But before we get to that, I wanted to take a few minutes to tell you about an acknowledgment of excellence that the county has received for the current years budget. A budget document is intended to serve four purposes. First and most obviously it provides a financial plan for the county going forward. It identifies what sources of revenue we expect to use to fund the government and it identifies what we expect to do with that revenue, what services we expect to provide. Secondly it provides an operational plan. It identifies what our goals are, and how we intend to accomplish those goals, and what kind of resources we're going to use to accomplish those goals. Third, it is a financial plan. It identifies over the long term what implications the current budget will have on the county's financial condition and on its future tax rates. And finally, the budget document is a communications device. It is the way you as the governing body of Sedgwick County convey to your constituents your plans for this county government for the following year.

"A good budget document does each of those things excellently, it does it, it makes those communications clearly and concisely in ways that are easily understood. There are very few budgets that actually accomplish those objectives. Sedgwick County is one of those. In recognition of the complexity of putting together a good budget, a couple of decades ago, the Professional Association for Public Finance, the Government Finance Officers Association created a program through which they identify best practices for budget documents and provide recognition to those select few governments which achieve those best practices. Sedgwick County has received the award for distinguished budget presentation now 28 consecutive years. One of the longest strings of excellence in the entire country.

"This year, in recognition of that, we have received this rather handsome plaque. This year this award is the result of a very excellent budget staff, and I believe they're all standing behind me. And I'm going to embarrass them, I'm going to do something a little bit out of the ordinary, and call them up here individually, because this has been an extraordinarily difficult period the past several years, putting together the budget and putting together the recommended budget that you're going to be receiving very soon. They have gone way above normal expectations in accomplishing all of your objectives and achieving your goals that you have established for the county, and in providing service to you, to the County Manager, to me, and to the constituency of our community. So I would like first to call up Pete Giroux. Pete is a senior budget analyst who has worked with us for almost ten years?"

Mr. Pete Giroux, Principle Analyst, Budget, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Ten plus."

Mr. Chronis said, "A little over ten years. He came to us after a distinguished career in the United States Air Force, where he was involved first as a pilot, and then as an

administrator involved in the base closure exercises, and has excellent management skills, excellent analytical skills, and has certainly provided value to us over the past ten years as the senior budget analyst. Next I would like to call up Jill Tinsley. Jill is a budget analyst for us who came to us from Wichita State University (WSU). She received her master's degree in public administration from the Hugo Wall School [of Urban and Public Affairs], served with us as a management intern and did such a good job that we didn't want to let her go away, so we hired her as a budget analyst. She has worked for us ever since, and done extremely good service for us. Next, we have Ann Bradley. Ann also came to us from the master's program at the Hugo Wall School. And she has worked for us relatively little, I think this is her second...a relatively short period, shall we say. I'm sorry. But she has done extremely valuable service to us, given how little she has done for us.

"Next we have Lindsay Rousseau. Lindsay came to us, I believe, two years ago from the state division of legislative post-audit [Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit]. Lindsay is not a WSU graduate, rather she is a graduate of Kansas University. She has a law degree. I believe she has a master's degree as well, no, she does not have a master's degree, but she's good anyway. And we are extremely lucky to have her. I need to be especially nice to her, because she provides chocolate and she is the budget analyst for the finance division, and she can hurt me if I'm not nice to her.

"And finally, last, but not least, we have David Miller. David is the Budget Director, as you know, has been the Budget Director for a number of years now. He came to us from the state's budget office, where he was an analyst, and brings a wealth of information about how the state budget works and how it affects us. He has created the tools with which our budget is built in excel and other databases. He is the only person who knows how they work, he is extremely valuable, we have a life insurance policy on him as a result.

"And we could not be nearly as effective as we are in our budget preparation, and budget presentation, and budget analysis without the services of David Miller. There is one final person who worked on the 2012 budget who is not here today, and that is Chris Duncan. He is the budget analyst who this year has been working on the implementation of a new budget system, so he has not participated in the preparation of the current year's budget, but he was a valuable member of the budget team that prepared the 2012 budget for which we are receiving this award, and with that, I would like to formally present this award to David Miller."

Mr. David Miller, Director, Budget, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. I just want to thank Chris and Mr. Buchanan, the Commissioners, and all the department heads and truly all the employees in the county, because without all of their help and assistance, no award would be possible. You know, the budget is really a process of really almost 3,000 employees working on this, not just the budget office. Putting together a budget, we all know has a very profound impact on not just county employees, but also our community. We take a lot of responsibility, we take it very seriously as we work on that process. The final touches on the Manager's recommended budget really get thrown together in about four days. We're running around once we receive the assessed valuation number on July 1st and then it ships off to the print shop. And I can't think of a better, more hard-working, more dedicated crew than those who currently work for you that are standing behind me. And I

definitely thank them for all of their hard work. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Don't run off. We do have some comments. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Chris and David, Pete, Jill, Lindsay, Ann, I just wanted, especially Chris, thank you for all the work that you do. You know, I've grilled Chris sometimes publicly and a lot privately, asking questions, trying to gain more insight and knowledge of the budget. Everyone has been very helpful, particularly in these difficult times. I know you've got a lot of hard work that you do. I've posed a lot of what if we do, and what if we do that questions. I appreciate the time and effort you put forth. I can always know that the information I am going to get is solid and reliable and I appreciate it. I know you do so much more than what we can even imagine and I appreciate it. Thank you."

Mr. Miller said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Certainly congratulations to every one of you. David, could you please tell me how little Chris does around here?"

Mr. Miller said, "Chris does a tremendous amount, in fact I don't think my position is even needed because of all the responsibilities that Chris does."

Commissioner Skelton said, "That's a pretty bold statement when you consider today's environment."

Chairman Norton said, "There's more savings right there."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Manager...okay, all right. Those are my comments, thank you all very little. I mean much."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. To the entire team, it is obvious that you have great respect for one another and what you do, but also great affection for one another. And I think that's what makes a great team, and it results in great benefit to not only our government, as you have really worked hard to go through this process, but it benefits the citizens of Sedgwick County. So we are very proud of what you've done, and we hold you all in high regard. And thank you for your service."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to second my colleagues' remarks, and also extend my personal congratulations on receiving this award. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "And I will wrap up the final comments. Twenty-eight years is a long time for an organization to be at this high level. And I can't even imagine the pressure that the budget office feels to not be the group that lets us down, so congratulations once again. That is an extraordinary string of wins by an outside agency that looks over our budget, and how we put it together, how we engage the

community, how we deal with the issues, and put it into a framework that is the most important framework of what Commissioners do and our organization does.

"The budget tells the story of what we're going to work on in our community. What we find as priorities, what we find as important, what we find as essential services, what we find as those add-ones of things that we can do for our community to make it the best place in the world to live, work, and play. And it all starts with that framework of budget. So we do appreciate what you do every day for us, and congratulations. And you can rest, at least for one more year until you get audited again to see if the 2013 budget holds up to the same scrutiny. But thank you for what you do. At this point, I would entertain a motion to receive and file."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

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>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "At this point, we have been going for a little while, I think before we take the budget presentation for this year, we'll take about a five minute break, stretch a little bit, and then we'll be back here in five minutes."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed at 10:44 a.m. and returned at 10:53 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, "We're back from a short recess, and we're on towards the important work of the recommended budget, so Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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

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

Present: 0

I [12-0564](#) PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY MANAGER'S 2013
RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is my pleasure to present to you this morning the good hard work of this organization. You have copies of the 2013 recommended budget, and we will be distributing those to the public after this meeting. You and I both know that a budget is simply a plan, a plan to spend the public resources in providing services to this community. We developed this budget to meet your goal that you set some 17 months ago, of a vision, you developed a vision for us that was is focused government that had less debt and we reached a zero deficit in 2013. We've accomplished that. Our mission continues to drive our organization to assure quality public service that provides for the present and future well being of citizens of Sedgwick County.

"You get to decide what that means and interpret that through this document. We try to allocate our resources for basic and essential services, and you again, you define what basic and essential means. This process, David Miller's favorite target, began clear back in January. We did the Commission priorities in February, and then we did the base budget targets in the spring in May, you heard budget discussions from the elected officials, division directors and department heads. And we are here today to finalize this process in the next five weeks.

"February, you established, in 2011, you established zero deficit by 2013, smaller focused government, less debt. We carried those goals through the 2011 and [20]12 budgets in planning for this 2013 budget. We have smaller and focused government, you have, we have consistently reduced the mill levy in 2009 and [20]10, and [20]11, those three years. In 2012 we had a reduction of expenditures in excess of \$10 million. We focused on smaller in the last two years. We've reduced, had 210 fewer employees. There will be a reduction of employees in 2013. And we bought to you the reduction of 30 folks or so in June of this year, last month, and more positions are a part of this recommended budget.

Mr. Buchanan continued, "You've seen this bending the curve, and we have continued to talk about bending the curve. We were in a serious financial condition the bottom grade line is where we were and what we thought was going to happen. We took a series of actions which got us to the big blue line on top. You will see that we're projected no loss in 2013, a very manageable loss in 2014, one that could be managed easily. 2010, or 2015 is a bigger one, but I would remind you that there are three issues that are driving that deficit. One is the Heartland Center, of \$2.2 million of debt service, one is Administrative Building of \$2.4 million, and about \$2 million more dollars of increased cash-funded CIP (Capital Improvement Project) projects. Again, I think that's all manageable in looking at the future.

"The 2013 budget, we are facing a \$9.3 million deficit, that's in the financial plan. We've eliminated that. We have economic conditions not rebounding as quickly or robustly as we thought, and that's why we moved in this fashion. You may have read

about Ben Bernanke's prediction about the economy in today's paper or saw the news report. He's less optimistic than he was a month ago; that continues to haunt us. You and I both know that in Sedgwick County, driven by the aircraft industry, that we've always lagged behind the country, anywhere from 18 months to 2 years. It took us longer to take the nosedive, and it's going to take us longer to come out of it. If that holds true, as it has in the past, we are still a ways off from healthy economic growth. We must align, being in that condition, we really have to align our expenditures with our revenues, we really do need to live within our means. We cannot afford any longer to do anything less than that. We continue to bend the curve, and we will continue to do less with less.

"The budget prioritization process, we began in September of last year, 2011. We wanted departments to prioritize programs, to examine not just what it means to be across the board, but what are the programs. What is it that you do to citizens, what is it that you do for citizens, and to examine those, and if you had 80 percent of your budget, what would you absolutely essentially hang onto? If you bought the next, if you had 90 percent of your budget, what would you do? And what would you buy last, if you only had the last 10 percent, which things that you would do last. In using that methodology, we examined, in excess, it says 900, in excess of 900 programs, and began the basis foundation for developing this budget. We valued programs across the organization and not across the board reductions. Now some of those buy first and buy last were obviously very parochial looking from the department head's point of view, or the division directors.

"And so we had an opportunity to look at all the programs and decide, yes, that may not be in your primary goal, but it important goal for the whole organization. For instance, it is not the primary mission of COMCARE to do drug court, and so COMCARE put on the buy last program not funding drug court. Corrections did the same thing. It's not the primary goal of corrections. But I've kept it in the budget, because I think it's one of the absolute strong programs to keep people out of jail. Maybe not the primary mission of COMCARE, maybe not the primary mission of corrections, but in fact, it's helping keep significant folks out of our system.

"We focused on the prioritization. We focused on the core missions. We looked for duplication of services. We tried to determine if others could provide the services, and you'll hear about that, we identified some of that. We've identified areas with the least impact to the community and enterprise solutions, we continue to focus on quality public service.

"It has been suggested around this building that it might be easier for us to delay the pain and to continue to use some of our fund balance over the next couple years, and I would suggest to you that that may be, that's certainly possible but I am not sure that is entirely wise at this point.

"I just talked a little bit about the economy. And we know the economy in Sedgwick County has always, when it's gone down, it's rebounded. And it's rebounded in a v-shape idea, and the rebound has always been stronger than the reduction, always ends up stronger than what we were before the downgrade started. I don't know that that's going to happen this time. The aircraft industry indicates they are not going to come back as strong as they were. We know that this community will have one less airplane maker here. We know that that's going to occur. And the second reason is, 17 months ago you set a wonderful goal, a great vision and target for us to shoot at. To change our minds 17 months later, I am not so sure sends the right message to our

community partners, to our employees or to the public, and so I want us to stay the course.

"The 2013 outcomes is a reduction of 113.8 full-time employees, 79 of those were filled when we did the report yesterday, and that number will continue to change. We have budget reductions of \$8 million. We have had new revenue of \$1.3 [million]. Most of that \$1.3 [million] is coming from the fees on credit cards. It maintains our highest ratings, Standard & Poor's, Moody's & Fitch, and we've just gone through bond ratings last week, and I think we have one of them back, we have two of them back, and we maintained our good ratings, two out of the three. We expect the third one to also remain the same.

"So what are we going to do less? How are we going to get there? Well, in human services we have some areas that we thought may be helpful. I want to remind you we have an Aging Advisory Board, and we are going to ask the Aging Advisory Board how they really want to slice and dice this. But, for instance, if we reduce the physical disabilities funding by almost \$31,000, we would have fewer wheelchair ramps for the disabled, we would have fewer wheelchairs for cerebral palsy, we would have, those services for adult daycare services for seniors with who are struggling with Alzheimer's or other issues not ready for the nursing home, we would have newer of those. Some meals on wheels would be less for the disabled. We reduce senior centers by \$66,000. That would, we would not suggest that that would be across the board, but be examined by how the services are being delivered.

"Now, we know that part of [Department of] Aging's strategy, part of Aging's mission is to provide services for those folks who are closest to the nursing home door, and to make sure that we provide the kinds of services that allow them to stay in their home, and allow them to function as fully as they can. Senior centers are pretty far away from the front door of the nursing home, that's why we recommended some reductions there. Again, we reduced some community-based services, fewer legal aid for, 200 fewer legal aid for seniors, or it could be 683 fewer served through Alzheimer's Association and, or 683 served through senior employment. We want the Aging Advisory Board to advise us and to advise you of how to proceed with those reductions.

"Human Services, we are, reduce support for employment, funds for developmentally disabled. We provide funds for those who are intellectually challenged and disabled in the workplace. We provide some devices and some uniforms, we would just do much less of that. For the Health Department, we have already eliminated the prenatal care program in anticipation of the 2013 budget.

Mr. Buchanan continued, "That's 450 to 500 clients are going to be served by other community providers, GraceMed is one of them. That will do, get prenatal treatment there.

"Here is an opportunity to take a look at who else is in the community doing those services and could they do those as well as we can, and is there an opportunity for us to stop doing them and the Health Department deserves a lot of credit for thinking that through and coming to that conclusion. We'll reduce the flu vaccine. We will serve only the uninsured in the school-located vaccine clinics. Again, Walgreen's is in the business, Target is in the business, other stores are in the business to give people flu shots. So why are we spending our time and resources doing it when in fact there are others that are doing it also and apparently doing it fine?

"We've combined the Health Department programs from a number of different facilities

into the east facility and will save considerable, some on rent. In Public Safety, we'll eliminate the Chief Pathologist position in the Forensic Science Center. It will affect some of the work there, but Dr. Rohrig believes he can survive, and we will see how that works. I am recommending we close the [Judge Riddles] Boys Ranch (JRBR). I know this is a difficult and painful decision for us all. It affects 140 youth a year. We remind you that 7,000 youth are in the system at any given year. We know that at this, we have a capacity for 49 boys there, we have 42 on average, 21 of those are high risk, 21 of those are at moderate risk. By the programs that we provide, we reduce the recidivism rate by only 27 percent.

"So we know that, although we are reducing the recidivism rate, we know that crimes will be committed. If we stop doing these programs for these boys, Dolores Craig-Moreland tells us it will cost about 39 crimes a year in Sedgwick County. That means about three days, three year bed days in the jail. That means one bed would be filled up for the whole year for three beds would be filled up for the whole year. We know they cost \$25,000 per bed in the jail, approximately. We know that the three beds are \$75,000. To close the Boys Ranch we would save a \$1.5 million. I think the financial risk and rewards are obvious. What's difficult to assess is the cost of the crimes, the cost to the victims, the cost to prosecute, the cost of the police, and there will be some additional costs.

"I would remind you, however, that also, that there are 31 other programs in the state, 28 are for males in the state, and there are 7 in Sedgwick County at that are youth residential centers just like ours. So these boys will be, will be, I'm sure, placed, and it may take a little while longer in some cases, but there's opportunities for growth by other systems, by the other 31 folks providing similar service. We eliminate, if we close the [Judge Riddles Boys] Ranch, we eliminate the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for JRBR, \$14.7 million for a new facility and we know that that is also needed.

"We continue to do less in Fleet Management. Penny Poland brought us a proposal that really was stunning in how she thought it through and deserves a great deal of credit for her effort. We are going to outsource the body shop and stock room, which will save considerable amount of money.

"This idea came from the Sheriff, really. The Sheriff, if you recall the Sheriff's cars are painted like Shamu the whale. That paint job took some time and effort to do. The Sheriff said what if we use decals instead of painting?

"Once that decision was made, led Penny to think through what else, how else could we do the body shop, which led her to the conclusion that we can outsource that and save significant amount of money. We are going to extend the life expectancy of equipment, and we're going to eliminate service maintenance positions. I didn't talk about the stock room also, the stock room out of the body shop came with the idea, what else can we privatize.

"We know that companies like O'Reilly [Auto Parts] and NAPA (National Automotive Parts Association) do provide service to large organizations, where they will provide you inventory and someone to manage that inventory for you over an extended period of time. Because they are such large purchasers of water pumps and other things, they can get a pretty decent discount. In examining other organizations and examining what we think we know about the issues, we can outsource that function also, and save almost \$375,000 doing that item alone. An RFP (Request for Proposal) is on the street

for that already. We thought that was such an interesting idea.

"We'll eliminate 3.3 full-time employees at the park, and we hope, we suspect the public will notice that. We hope it will not be such a denigration of service that it will become difficult, but we do know that's an issue. We're going to suspend the Storm Water Management Advisory Board funding. Remember the advisory board was put together to do a couple things. Think through how a system-wide storm water management system might work, to think about a funding source, and how that might all work, well, until we get really serious about a single source funding for storm water management, I don't think the advisory board, we need to be funding it. That does not mean we're cutting any services of the storm water management itself. David Spears will continue to operating that program, and we will continue to do the work in the big ditch that is necessary. This was just the funding for the advisory board and the consultants that they hired.

"In the support and administration, we've eliminated a bunch of folks, eliminated Work force Development position, Appraiser's office, four people, eliminate finance positions, reduce training and tuition reimbursement for employees. We spend some time developing our own employees and taking them through leadership academy and making sure they have the tools necessary. We're going to have to reduce that, and I am going to take a hard look at how that can be restored or can be done in a different sort of way, because I think training of employees and employee development are what have made this organization incredibly strong. We will reduce some Data Center services.

"Internal programs, external programs, excuse me, we're going to take a look and talk to Project Access. They believe another \$23,000 cut, almost \$23,500 will reduce service levels. Reduce funding for the [Sedgwick County] Zoo and Exploration Place and [Sedgwick County] Extension [Service] Center. Reduce funding for the Wichita [Area] Technical College. So they are doing less with less. We are going to change the way we do service. We have earmarked some funds for juvenile corrections daily reporting. This came out of one of the alternatives to JRBR. That if, in fact, we are going to close down JRBR, what else can we do, is there another alternative that may make sense? Mark Masterson suggested a day reporting center that we had operated in the past would begin to capture and begin to address kids at the front end of the system, rather than the JRBR at the back end of the system, and may have a really positive effect on the number of folks coming into the system. So we put money away to think about that in the first part of the year, and if it makes sense to us, we perhaps could implement that by mid-year 2013.

"We've allocated some more funds to enhance the enterprise technology solutions. We continue to have a vigorous and strong SAP (System Analysis and Program Development) presence at Enterprise Resource. We need to think of ways, in which, we have ways, we need to fund ways in which we could use the enterprise system to be more robust and use less people in our organization. We know that we're implementing a purchasing system that will be implemented in October. We believe through that system we will need fewer people doing the purchasing process than we have currently. That's a valuable investment of our time and that's a kind of example. We're going to implement credit card fees in late 2012, excess bond proceeds will be used to pay debt service on the bonds from which they originated and we are recommending Commissioners go from one meeting a month.

"There is no changes in service in these areas. Some of these people, some of these

areas, elected officials and department heads, offered some reductions, and we chose not to take them, and some did not offer any reductions. There are two items that I think are important for you to think through. We've request that were not funded, we couldn't afford it, but I wanted to make sure that you knew they were certainly on our table. You know Scott Hadley came to you and asked for additional ambulance crew. We have seen the numbers each year increase for the service, we see the numbers increasing this year for the service, we see that in fact in 2013, that will continue to grow. We think an ambulance crew at the right time might be needed, but we can't afford one currently. The mental health pod for the adult detention facility was a concept, an idea, that makes sense to all of us. And again, if we had extra funds we would want to think about that as a priority, and think hard and long about the needs to do that.

"We want to talk a little bit of total compensation. I presented to you an outline and report in the last couple weeks about our compensation idea, we historically have allocated resources to cover benefit increases and determine compensation pool, but today we are talking about total compensation which helps us combine resources to accomplish both the goals of benefit of health and pay for performance. But employees are provided competitive benefit plan and encouraged to take charge of their health under this plan, and we have a pay for performance system, it's the best practices, one of the best practices out of the private sector.

"Commissioner, Chairman Norton was here when we began this, was a proponent to make sure that we, that government, and certainly this area use business practices to reward outstanding performers and to help us determine, using a bell curve, who wasn't performing as well, and make sure we raised the bar each and every year, and I think we've done, when we've had the opportunity to do that, we have. So this compensation pool increase would have a three percent pay pool which department heads could use for pay for performance, and at the same time provide health insurance, the cost of which is minimal.

"The Capital Improvement Program is an important part of our budget, and is watched by lots of folks. We're going to spend \$31 million on this program, \$975,000 of that for the Extension Center. We're working on the bids now, so that we're ready to go in January, \$23.9 million in road and bridge projects, continued support for the Wichita/Valley Center flood control, restroom/maintenance building at the park and \$370,000 for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance. Again, the CIP capital fund includes the Heartland Preparedness center and a new county administration facility.

"And this is in anticipation of the growth needs of the 18th Judicial District [Courts]. We need a lot more thinking and a lot more work before we proceed with either one of those projects.

"Fire District, you know as Fire District No. 1, a stand-alone organization, governmental unit. There is no reduction in service, they continue to provide quality service. There will be no mill levy increase. Assessed valuation is projected to increase by 1.15 [percent], that's strong and healthy. Sedgwick County's general government is minus, minus .3 [percent]. So anytime the growth has is a positive number, we are pretty giddy. We will use \$1 million cash to fund station relocation costs in the county.

"So, again, the overall for 2013, no mill levy increase, the mill levy would stay the same. Maintain strong financial management, the ratings by the bond rating agencies continue to affirm your good decision-making processes. It is focused on core

services and we are working to continue to adjust the organization, to think through as an organization how we define core service and become laser focused on those core services. Streamline our processes, and our system, we will get to your goal, zero deficit in [20]13. We'll have smaller government, focused government, recognize employees for performance. We won't rely on reserves, we'll live within our means, and the debt policy keeps us, debt at the appropriate and responsible level.

"What's next, I'll come back to the slide in a couple minutes, but what's next is a public hearing next week, August 9th is a Thursday, public hearing on that morning, August 14th is a Tuesday, with another public hearing, and final adoption on the 15th. So we give the public an opportunity to talk to us and enter some discussion on three different occasions. This, we usually have two, we discussed sometime earlier the necessity to have the third one to give the public an opportunity. There are some significant changes being recommended and we need to make sure we have an opportunity for public to tell us what they think. And now what? Oh, I forgot my script. We talked about the things we are going to cut and we put together a little video and I want to show you, about the things that we're going to do. Of the 908 programs, 908 programs we looked at we still have 97 percent that we're going to deliver to the public to make their lives better.

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"Thanks to Tony Giuliani for helping to do that. The, again want to remind you that although this is a difficult year, and they all seem to be difficult, we've accomplished our goal. But I want to remind us that we continue to do 97 percent of what we've done in the past. We are going to answer 37,000 calls from 911. That's 51 calls an hour, every day, day in and day out, all year long. We're going to provide emergency medical service, high quality, 150 times a day the ambulance will roll in this community. We're going to attend to an average daily population of 1,500 people in our jail. We're going to answer more than 70,000 COMCARE calls for service on the crisis line; that's 192 calls a day. We're going to serve more than 350 youth in the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC). We'll provide services for 3,200 customers and consumers in the addiction area in COMCARE.

"We are going to provide family quality life opportunities for half a million people at the zoo. We are going to maintain 600 miles of roads and 650 bridges. We're going to assist 260,000 registered voters. We're going to serve more than 885,000 citizens in the Fire District and serve 88,000 papers, civil papers by the Sheriff. And we'll have one million visitors each year to the county parks.

Mr. Buchanan continued, "So we will provide quality public service to those in Sedgwick County. Commissioners, thank you. That's the presentation for the 2013 budget. I will be happy to try to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Bill, we appreciate it. We know the budget office and yourself, and our department heads have worked awfully hard to extrapolate the input that we gave you earlier in the year into a budget document that is meaningful and meets the requirements that we set. We've expanded to three public hearings this year. I think that's good information for the public to know that they have an additional time that they can come and weigh in on the budget, and either pro or con, give us information. The August 15th date, which is budget adoption, really focuses on the Commission to have their conversation and to adopt the budget, and that will not be a public hearing day; is that correct?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "That's correct, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. With that we do have some comments, so I will move through that real quick. Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you. Manager, thank you for your work here. I know there is a lot of time and effort going into this and it's pretty complex, when I'm looking at all these facts to be examined. I just have a few questions and some of them have been answered by your presentation. But, you know, I see a constant theme in some of these cuts, where different, all the departments are eliminating accounts payable positions. So what are we doing as an alternative to make sure we pay our bills?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We have enough, we have alternatives to pay our bills. Finance Department, the more we automate, the more we go through the process of accounts payable, Troy Bruun is leading an effort that we, I think, will be complete next month, this month? August. That will streamline considerably how we just go through the process of paying a bill. We have sufficient resources and revenues to pay our bills."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay, great. I just have to ask you about these individually, I guess. So under facilities we're eliminating seven, or we're eliminating our building maintenance, you know painter, maintenance worker, and electrician, so, what are we going to do to fix problems as they arise?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "In some cases we'll contract out when we need it. In other cases we will readjust how we do the work and assess when we do painting and our goal is to continue to have this building and other buildings that the public is used to entering to be in best shape as possible, make it clean and welcoming and where the citizens can do their business."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. Now under Fleet Management, I see we're going to reduce expenditures by a quarter million dollars to extend the life of light equipment vehicles. Is that what the Commission did last year, is that a new initiative, or where is that coming from?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I think that's exactly what you did in the previous couple months."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. So that was a result of us changing our vehicle replacement policy.

"You mentioned there was a crew coming around, or not going to be created in the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) area, now, is this going to affect, I mean, we have to meet demand here. I mean, it's just not acceptable for me not to, you know, go pick up somebody that needs picked up with an ambulance. What comments are you going to make to that when it comes to tempo or customer service or leaving somebody lay on the street?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Well, we're not going to leave anybody lay on the street. We very carefully examine the time of day, the day of the week, the month of the year, what kind of demand we have. And we have shifted the way in which we allocate resources based on that data-driven information. And so we know when an extra crew is needed, and when they are not needed as much, and have started scheduling folks around that. We think that certainly can mitigate any sort of denigration of response times over the next several 18, 16 months. We think if we continue to grow, if we continue to have the

number of in calls that we have in the past, that increases routinely through 2013, by this time next year, we'll be recommending some adjustments to EMS."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay, well, I appreciate keeping an eye on that, definitely we need to. Okay, well, another concern here, just need some additional clarification. We're eliminating seven utility worker positions in highway. Now what do those people do, they're not going to be doing what, and how are we going to cover that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I think almost all the positions are vacant currently. And they, David saw this coming and was judicious how he proceeded to fill positions, understanding full well that we weren't going to do some of the work we did in the past. This is the direct result of not doing cold, part of this is a direct result of not doing cold mix."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay, all right, I appreciate that. And then so we're still going to be supporting Project Access, but not to the level and that whole program will shrink in size. Is what your..."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Skelton said, "...is what my understanding would be. Okay. Manager, what changes have we made, or what are the issues when it comes to collecting bad debt? I mean, do we do that? How much have we collected last year, what is outstanding, so forth?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I don't have that number on the top of my head."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We know that we have, the Treasurer as has a vigorous program that she does. We have just started to take a look at is there any way we can be helpful in that process. And we know that you're interested in that. I think we will be prepared to talk to you about that in a couple weeks. But we are limited, legally, about what we can do. I mean, so we can, we might try to be persuasive in different ways than we have in the past."

Commissioner Skelton said, "I appreciate that and I know that there's been implications about what we can do legally."

Commissioner Skelton continued, "But we need to confront these issues and deal with them, I think there's still very much an opportunity there to collect on what is, for lack of a better word, bad debt. Couple other things here. I do appreciate the stream maintenance program being continued here under this budget, that's a very important thing. Some things have got to be done. I think that's a necessary function. So, you know, with these layoffs we've got coming up, what are we going to do in the future if a vacancy occurs? Are we going to have a preference on hiring based on qualifications, or what thoughts do you have in that area?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We have for the past several years, for the while, for a long while, a process about reviewing, renewing positions, refilling positions. The process request goes to HR (Human Resources). HR makes sure that there's funds available, makes sure it's appropriate, it's sent to Finance for them to review and look at, and then it comes to me. So for those positions that are going to be renewed, I either sign off or

don't sign off on every one of those. Now, we have some dispensation. We don't do that for the Sheriff's office or the DA (District Attorneys), we don't do that for EMS and Fire [District No. 1]. Some of those positions need to be replaced in a timely fashion. You need to have x amount of people on site. So I don't do it for every one of those positions, but for almost everybody else we review those."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay, well I appreciate that, sir. I have about three things left here. Two things I'm interested in is casino revenue and credit card fees. Those are both relatively new sources of income. So both of those together are about \$2 million, or \$920,000 last year for the casino, then we've got a \$1.2 million forecast for credit card fees. Now, when it comes to casino revenue, have we earmarked that anywhere? Or how does that..."

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, we have not done so yet. There was a request by the casino to do that, and we're looking at opportunities to think about what might make sense."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. What kind of things has the casino requested?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "They haven't requested anything. They haven't requested that, if at all possible, could we designate their funds for something that they could be identified with."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay. Well, okay, I understand, stand advised on that. I am very interested in that discussion. You know this it thing is going to expand and there will be greater revenue coming to the county on that, and combined with the credit card fee issue, that, you know, those are turning out to be very important sources here..."

Mr. Buchanan said, "They are important sources."

Commissioner Skelton said, "...within this budget. Now, final thing I would like to talk about of course is the Boys Ranch. It's, you know, kind of my gut feeling here that there is support on the Commission here to do with some alternatives. We can talk about this, and we are going to talk about it. There are alternatives here, I think. Nothing is going to be free, certainly. We know that. But, you know, when it comes to, you know, the interest in many of the south central legislative delegations to help out here next year, I think we should try to come up with an alternative, and I would like to ask the Commission to look to you for that.

"I mean, certainly, you know, we can explore debt service and some other Commissioners have made suggestions, but, and I have some suggestions myself, perhaps, but certainly it would be my wish at this time, to have you, and we will certainly be discussing this on and off the bench here, to have you look at some alternatives and bring those forward. I've got more comments, but in the interests of time, and I'm going to stop here and say that I do appreciate your time, sir."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Mr. Manager, while we're talking about the Judge Riddle Boys Ranch, first to comment, I want to fuss with one phrase you used, 27 percent reduction in recidivism is substantial, rather than only 27

percent. That's a big number, and I think our corrections people, we want them to know we appreciate what they have been doing up to this point. But in, following up with Commissioner Skelton's comment, is there a strategy that we could employ that makes sense and that would be persuasive to us that would delay the closure for a few months, or until we see how other, our legislature reacts? Does that make sense? Do you have a comment?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "It's for you to determine whether that makes sense. I think there's some danger there is that the uncertainty of what is going to happen is never good, in terms of how you deal with personnel and how you deal with retaining folks, and/or recruiting folks for those positions. So the more certainty that is provided, the better off we will be. We've asked the legislature for help for a number of years; 2006, I think was the last time the numbers have increased, we've been there before.

"The state is in less fiscal health than they were five years ago. The legislature is more fiscally conservative than they were five years ago and it doesn't look like that will remain the same, or get more conservative after this election. So, those two facts alone led me to believe that there is not much hope, help coming in the wings."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay well, that's, I understand that. Perhaps we can have more conversation, but your evaluation, I think, is accurate. Part of my conflict in thinking about this is that, in terms of our public safety and our administration of criminal justice, is that the better alternative for us to go out on a limb and engage in deficit spending for that facility, or is it better for us to invest in a mental health pod. Where we, you know, we know that has been a need for some time.

"A few years ago we had an opportunity to access a grant to support that, and the Commission at that time declined to go forward with it. We still need a mental health pod. And so I think about long-term, what is the impact on our budget in terms of the best way to administer our responsibility and to reduce our liability for incidents that might happen and all that sort of stuff. I don't know if you want to comment back."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Well, the simplistic view is that the jail is our responsibility. Solely our responsibility. The youth residential centers are the state responsibility. It is their program. We happen to be one of 32 operators in the state to provide that service. It is their program. They need to fund it adequately."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Well, I have one other question.

Commissioner Unruh continued, "You said we were going to combine the Health Department over onto 9th street, or did I misunderstand? I mean, we have this facility on Central. What am I missing here?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Nothing. We have some rental space for a number of functions in the Health Department. We have talked to the City of Wichita, and you know that the settlement with them on the jail fees has us renting for a dollar a year x amount of square feet. We've asked them for 19,200 more square feet. And so that negotiation has completed and we are going to move some of the people that we have had in rental property down to Health Department on 9th Street."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Mr. Chairman, I think that's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill, thanks for all the work you've put into this. I'm sure you're going to get beat up on all sides, and I'll be one of the ones participating in the beating. But I'll do most of that privately."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Okay, well it's okay."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "You know I'm kidding, but we put a lot of work and effort into it, and we'll continue discussing some of these things. And I've got a lot of issues and questions about this, but the only thing I want to talk about today is about the public hearing, though. I appreciate that we have three public hearing, but the people that pay for all of this have to work. And the vast majority of them work during the day at 9:00 [a.m.] in the morning, so I will continue to advocate that I would like to see at least one of these be held in the evening to provide the opportunity for more people to come. Whether they come or not is up to them, but at least provide that opportunity. Because there are a lot of issues, a lot of programs that are in flux and being discussed, and perhaps that might make it more able for some people to come and share their views. Because it is important for us to hear some feedback from citizens on all the things that are being discussed, because there are a lot of things on the table, so that's my biggest, that's the only thing I'll beat you up about today."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to raise a couple questions procedurally. Because, Mr. Manager, if you could take a minute and talk about how we could get input because of some of the earlier comments, input online, and people who want to provide input to the Commission on this proposal, they can't make it to the public hearing, and I agree, I would like to have a hearing in the evening, too. But folks, you know, I used to work third shift, and there was really sometimes, there was no good time when you were working third shift, especially with overtime tossed in. There was no way when I was in that position at that time I could have participated. So, Mr. Manager, could you talk about online input and how people can comment to Commissioners in that regard?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you. Yes, sir. We've had online public, what we call online public hearing for years, and it's been really very successful. It gives an opportunity for the public to connect to us and tell us what they think about the budget. We pass that information along to you. And the website address is, Sedgwick County, right there it says it, [www.]sedgwickcounty.org."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me venture, at least initially, into the budget just a little bit. You mentioned on the revenue side, and I appreciate my colleagues' comments on it, and I want to briefly touch base on it. You said that the mill levy county wide, because of the assessed value dropping 3/10ths of a mill, my calculations..."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Not 3/10ths of a mill, 3/10ths on the assessed valuation."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'm sorry, 3/10ths of the assessed valuation, I appreciate that clarification, 3/10ths of assessed valuation. That means that 1 mill, if our taxable assessed valuation drops .3 percent, what's the revenue impact?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "About \$300,000."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. There are a couple new revenue sources. Commissioner Skelton mentioned the casino. By my calculations, I was thinking that would provide for this year, I think we're on track to have revenue of about \$1.8 million. I assume we have got a similar amount for next year. Is that correct?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We think it will be closer to \$1.6 [million]."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Well, that's in the same ballpark, so, we'll see how things proceed. The Sheriff's office had to change its state law, in terms of charges for serving papers and so on. Is that going to significantly change revenues at all?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I can't...here, come here."

Mr. Miller said, "Sorry. Yes. That's been incorporated into the budget. You might recall what the Sheriff outlined for us, is that's phased in over a couple of years of the fee increasing based on what the legislature adopted. Off the top of my head, I think the first year, it generates additional revenue of about \$150,000, and then the next year it basically kind of doubles."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. So it is increasing revenue, but not a huge amount. In terms of the assessed valuation county wide, there are an awful lot of governmental bodies in this county that are also dependent upon that assessed valuation for their mill levies that they impose, and so this is a word of warning as we live in this new transformation. The last question I'll leave the Manager with this morning, is, could you talk a little bit about the pay pool that's provided within this budget? I've heard talk about a three percent, a four percent and how much money that would be as part of this proposed budget?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "This combined, combination adjustments to the health insurance and pay for performance pool, the pay for performance pool is three percent. That would allow departments under the previously established guidelines an opportunity to give employees in their department up to 5.5 percent or a zero raise, I think. So that the high performance could get some reward and those mediocre performance would get some reward and those not performing very well would not get a reward. So it allows us to do that."

Mr. Buchanan continued, "The total cost for health benefits and salary with the 3 percent is, the wages are \$4.9 [million], \$4.2 million, and the, excuse me, the 3 percent compensation pool is \$2.9 million, and the health benefit increase is only about \$150,000. So we have less, we're going to spend less in 2013 as proposed than we did in what was adopted in 2012. And that's basically because we are adjusting significantly the health insurance. Health insurance is not increasing. And we're going to have fewer employees."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Like my colleagues, I will have more questions as time goes on and appreciate getting the opportunity to ask these questions this morning."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you. I just wanted to clarify my, I appreciate you"

bringing that to my attention. It was my understanding that January through June was about \$920,000 on that casino revenue so far this year, so I appreciate that."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One more question, Mr. Manager, relating to the external programs. These categories of external programming are, have been huge cultural community partners with us, and the cuts are substantial. In staff conversation with these different folks, I mean, I'm on the [Sedgwick County] Zoo board and on the Training Authority Board and I know this is something that's seriously impacting their budget, but I mean, are any of these giving you feedback that indicates that they're going to have to substantially alter programming? I mean, have you got a sense of how this affects our external programs? I mean, it's going to, they are going to get less money, I understand that."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We have had conversations with external groups. They've told us how this reduction would affect their operations. We understand that. We know that. We've had conversations with them about that. But I think almost all of them except for one has resigned to the fact."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right. Thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any other lights. I have just a couple comments. First of all, I want the public to recognize that this is the Manager's recommended budget, now we go through a stringent process of public meetings, three of them before we get to the final document. Commissioners will advocate, slice and dice, recommend, dig deep into the numbers, and try to understand what we want to have the final budget to look like. I thank the Manager for the hard work to bring the recommended budget to us. It comes at a time when we're going to have make some pretty tough decisions.

"We've had other years that we've made tough decisions, but I can't remember a time in my 12 years that there was possibly any tougher decisions than we'll have to make this year. I wrote down four things that I think will be critical for me to think about as we move forward and some of these are in a broader context than just this year's budget. First of all is the use of enterprise resource planning technology, to start looking deep into our organization through technology, to streamline and do government a little bit better. And I bring that from the private sector.

"For years with Target, we probably did ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) planning and SAP 22, 20 to 22 years ago, and it was the basis for everything we talked about, as far as the expenditure, money and how we did our business.

"So, we have an SAP system, we have ERP, which is Enterprise Resource Planning, and I would urge us as a government to really look at that as a way to save money, streamline, be more effective, communicate easier with our consumer and customer, which are citizens, and use that to its maximum advantage. So that's kind of a broad-based conversation, but I really think that's important. Second thing I wrote down was functional partnership. I don't even want to say the 'c' word, consolidation, because that gets everybody twitchy. But I think there's a time, you know, we're still struggling a little bit with Code Enforcement and Inspection, but that set the basis for us to have conversations as governments of how we make it all work better. And I think there's other places we can have those conversations in those tough

environments. I hate to think that crisis is what makes us have these conversations, but if it is, so be it.

"Fleet Management, I've always said there should be some partnerships with maybe the city and the school district, and maybe even small cities. Purchasing, IT (Information Technology), there's just a numerous places where we can move that next conversation. We've made the sausage with Inspection and Code Enforcement, and it's been ugly and it still isn't done yet. But I think there's other places where we've got to do that as governments if we will make this work. Fund balance usage is going to be an important conversation, as we look at slashing some programs that we supported for a lot of years, and maybe because we call it a rainy day fund at the end of the day we're going to have to swallow hard and spend a little of that money to make sure we really maintain the kind of system we want. And then finally I think it's going to be a tough conversation on pay pool and benefits, but I think we'll have to have that this year. I'm sure our employees will want to be in that conversation, because it most affects them, but I will be willing to have conversations about that, because we are a highly personnel, human resource expenditure wise entity, and you cannot turn your back and not look at what pay pool and benefits do to your organization.

"Now that's not an easy conversation to have, but we will have to have that as we move along. Is three percent the right amount? Certainly you've recommended it, you've done your homework. But I think we have to look at that from, through our lens for the betterment of the whole organization and our community. So, those are the four things that I would think about as we move forward, more broad-based than saving one individual program or getting down in the weeds on any one item. With that, I see no other lights."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Mr. Chairman..."

Chairman Norton said, "Mr. Manager."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I did want to take the opportunity to say one more time how proud I am of the organization and their innovation and dedication of the county employees to do this. It was really the effort made by David Miller, the rock star of the budget group. You met the other ones before. He did have some help on the budget team and the prioritization team and department and division directors and elected officials did a yeoman's work to get this accomplished. So thank you very much, Commissioners."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

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>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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

A motion was made that this Receive and File be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 1 - Chairman Norton

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Peterjohn, Commissioner Ranzau and Vice Chair Skelton

Present: 1 - Commissioner Unruh

CONSENT

J 12-0542 New Section 8 Housing Rental Assistance Leases

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

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

Present: 0

K 12-0547 Section 8 Housing Interim Recertifications

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

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

Present: 0

L 12-0551 Shelter Plus Care Program- New HAP Contracts.

Contract Number	Rent Subsidy	Landlord
CE01201	\$261	HUSTON CENTER SENIOR RESIDENCE
CE01202	\$675	H&A RENTALS
CE01203	\$479	INTERFAITH VILLA COURT
CE01204	\$210	INTERFAITH VILLA COURT
CE01205	\$422	HART, GEORGE W.
CE01206	\$350	SCHUPBACH INVESTMENTS
CE01207	\$500	SCHUPBACH INVESTMENTS
CE01208	\$285	INTERFAITH VILLA COURT
CE01209	\$489	H.O.P.E. PROPERTIES

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

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

Present: 0

M [12-0552](#) Shelter Plus Care Program - Interim Recertifications

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

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

Present: 0

N [12-0554](#) Shelter Plus Care Program - Annual Recertifications

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

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

Present: 0

O 12-0545 Section 8 Housing Annual Recertifications

Contract Number	Old Amount	New Amount
V07028	\$298	\$289
V11042	\$100	\$80
V94034	\$332	\$305
V03027	\$186	\$147
V11040	\$324	\$284
V020030	\$324	\$283
V03010	\$589	\$559
V03029	\$291	\$245
V07029	\$501	\$266
V05019	\$200	\$186
V07019	\$292	\$276
V11026	\$330	\$289
V07033	\$272	\$245
V08019	\$301	\$286
V04032	\$157	\$147
V08023	\$585	\$523
V07018	\$318	\$261
V99022	\$241	\$220
V10005	\$210	\$187
V11041	\$407	\$464
V11020	\$369	\$256
V10007	\$202	\$223
V11027	\$170	\$162
V03017	\$344	\$327
V04024	\$221	\$110
V10022	\$320	\$295
V10020	\$326	\$263
V05027	\$221	\$62
V08026	\$311	\$237
V04062	\$113	\$153
V11028	\$284	\$439
V11033	\$270	\$265
V03017	\$326	\$259
V02002	\$298	\$284
V04010	\$264	\$222
V05017	\$308	\$329
V05015	\$283	\$234
V05011	\$291	\$252
V020029	\$329	\$289
V06030	\$327	\$290

V03013	\$247	\$212
V09033	\$309	\$280
V05024	\$335	\$246
V11036	\$200	\$258
V10013	\$489	\$371
V020021	\$181	\$260
V11037	\$500	\$326
V10010	\$236	\$214
V08069	\$266	\$266
V10004	\$246	\$256
V07025	\$67	\$25
V03024	\$250	\$206
V06024	\$294	\$286
V01098	\$346	\$360
V11025	\$513	\$386
V03019	\$281	\$283
V08017	\$303	\$630
V11029	\$220	\$172
V11024	\$354	\$436
V08071	\$580	\$474
V11035	\$530	\$475
V07043	\$249	\$212
V06031	\$228	\$219
V03019	\$222	\$254
V10027	\$572	\$600
V10027	\$572	\$595 CORRECTION
V01042	\$330	\$289
V06028	\$331	\$-0-
V10009	\$646	\$648
V10012	\$549	\$587
V03022	\$248	\$268
V99029	\$307	\$266
V04026	\$258	\$302
V10017	\$570	\$570
V10008	\$642	\$634
V10014	\$602	\$539
V06025	\$277	\$235
V05023	\$267	\$214
V11030	\$324	\$283
V05020	\$126	\$125

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

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

Present: 0

- P** [12-0544](#) Consideration of a grant in the amount of \$10,374.36 from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to extend the Interim Housing Program.

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

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

Present: 0

- Q** [12-0584](#) Amendment to Existing 911 Radio Tower Lease (Goddard Site).

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

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

Present: 0

- R** [12-0538](#) Renewal Agreement with United Methodist Youthville for Functional Family Therapy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Consent be Deferred. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

- S** [11-1305](#) General Bill Check Register.

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

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

Present: 0

T 12-0576 Order dated 07/05/2012 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the Consent Agenda except Item R.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I think Commissioner Skelton was in the mix on that, would you prefer to that..."

Commissioner Skelton said, "I just..."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, I was hearing kind of two at the same time. I wanted to be sure we got it. We have a motion and second to accept the Consent Agenda except for Item R. Please 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>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Norton said, "Madam Clerk, call Item R on the Consent Agenda."

Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item R, Renewal Agreement with United Methodist Yountville for Functional Family Therapy."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was looking at this agreement, and it is not a huge amount, \$187,952. But I had some constituents get with me, and they were going to get some questions for me and I'm going to ask that we defer this for a week, and it is an item that, it is an agreement that is supposed to start July 1, I don't know of any reason why. And I would like to try and just see if I can get the items, the questions answered. I think it will be routine."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to defer Item R until July 25, 2012.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Norton said, "Motion and second. Mr. Manager, I see Jeannette Livingston here."

Mr. Buchanan said, "She indicated that we could wait one week."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Thank you for being here, Jeannette. I have a motion and a second to defer Item R for a week. Is a week enough time? Okay. Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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

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

Present: 0

OTHER

Chairman Norton said, "Is there anything else to come before us today? Commissioners? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to just talk very briefly about the numbers we have and the Sheriff's custody and the Sedgwick County Jail, and this morning we had 1,091 in the main jail facility, 120 in Work Release, 277 out of county for a grand total of 1,488, which is a little bit less than 1,500, which is kind of the benchmark I've been using. That's the same number we had yesterday. The Sheriff has broken these down, in terms of security recommendations, maximum security, 503; medium security, 573; and minimum security, 335. The rest of them are unclassified, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide this update this morning. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, I see nothing else. I would like to report myself, I just got back from National Association of Counties (NACo) mid-year meeting. I actually was there serving as the President of the Kansas Association of Counties. So I got to wear kind of two hats. I did represent Sedgwick County, but I was really there as the President of the Kansas Association of Counties. I sit on the Health Steering Committee, and was engaged in that, and helped with the platform for NACo for that. I also participated in four subcommittee meetings on different health issues, from aging population, chronic disease, healthy communities initiatives, and community transformation grants and behavioral health, which is mental health. I moderated a panel on regionalization and the sharing of services for health communities in healthcare and health departments.

"And I was invited to a special committee and task force on veteran's affairs and what communities could do to link with the Veteran's Administration [V.A.] to provide services for not only our returning military but those that are starting to have issues that they need help with that in the community after they have served our, the United States. I also proctored a couple of subcommittees on criminal justice. I know that Commissioner Unruh is generally on those committees, but he didn't make it this year.

"So I did try to get some information on criminal justice reform and what was happening there. I did bring back some information that I have started to channel over to Commissioner Unruh so he would have some of the latest understandings and readings of what his committees were working on.

"And then finally, I participated in the general sessions that NACo has, and the conversations we have about what the federal and states are doing to try to be good local partners to what the national and state legislatures and congress are doing. So, just want to give you a little bit of an idea of what I worked on this last few days. I have written about it in my Word In Edgewise, and I'll put more on my website, but I did want to report today that I was at the NACo meeting. With that, I see no other lights, and we've had a pretty long day. So with that, we're adjourned. Oh, we have a fire district."

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And an Executive Session."

Chairman Norton said, "Oh, I'm sorry."

Commissioner Skelton said, "We do?"

Chairman Norton said, "We are not adjourned. Can you rescind an adjournment?"

Mr. Euson said, "Sure."

Chairman Norton said, "I apologize."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I thought you meant recess and you just misspoke."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. I apologize. We will not adjourn. We will recess to the Fire District."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed at 12:02 p.m. and returned at 12:04 p.m.

Chairman Norton said, "We have an Executive Session, so I would entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, potential litigation, and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 12:20 p.m.

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>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. and returned at 12:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Norton said, "We are back from Executive Session, no binding action was taken while we were there. Mr. Counselor, anything to come before us?"

Mr. Euson said, "No, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "Mr. Manager?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, if nothing else, we're adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

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Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED:
