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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

**9:00 AM**

**BOCC Meeting Room**

## Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

***MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS***

***REGULAR MEETING***

*October 19, 2016*

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on October 19, 2016 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman James M. Howell, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner David Unruh; Commissioner Tim Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Thomas Golden, Deputy County Manager; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Laura Billups, Deputy County Clerk.*

***GUESTS***

*Ms. Karyn Page, President/CEO, Kansas Global Trade Services  
Mr. John Trowbridge, Senior Vice President/Commercial Relationship Manager,  
Sunflower Bank  
Ms. Kathy Hampton, Director of Marketing, Reiloy Westland Corporation  
Jeff Fluhr, President, Greater Wichita Partnership*

**INVOCATION: Pastor Titus James, North Heights Christian Church.**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Roll Call**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**Adopted**

**A      16-677**      REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016.  
All Commissioners were Present.

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the board?"*

MOTION

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the minutes for September 7th, 2016, as well as September 28th, 2016.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Chairman Howell	Aye

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

**B** [16-670](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2016.  
All Commissioners were present.

*Item B was taken with Item A.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**C** [16-673](#) FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT STRATEGY FUNDING AGREEMENT.  
Presented by: Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer.

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

*Discussion on this item will be posted after the official meeting minutes have been adopted.*

**Approved**

*Mr. Fluhr said, "No, sir. It's a good question. How the county invests in the partnership today is through the communications marketing initiatives, such as NBAA (National Business Aviation Association). Working with MRO (maintenance, repair) shows. To look at those opportunities. It's not strategic planning. What we're doing with this is, it's actually a blueprint or plan development that is looking at what are the strategies we need to be working on. So it's not in the communications marketing where those dollars, where you invest those dollars currently. This is actually above and beyond that. Where it's looking at how is it, not unlike what we've done when we did the blueprint for downtown, which is project downtown, BREG (Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth), make sure the acronyms for the public are known."*

*The export plan, those are all dollars specifically targeted to develop a strategic initiative. That's what we're talking about today. It's not necessarily communications and marketing plan. It's a strategic blueprint laid out to be one of those next*

strategies. That's the difference between the dollars that you have been investing and we appreciate that and what's being asked of today."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, I understand that. I guess we put in our money, but it's not just our money. There's lots of people putting it in and I guess I was thinking of in context of all the funds put into the partnership. I guess would have thought there would have been."

Mr. Fluhr said, "Now the partnership is putting in money."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Being able to do all this sort of stuff."

Mr. Fluhr said, "The partnership is actually taking in private dollars, because the partnership is comprised of two funding sources. One is the private sector, which is the primary funding source of the partnership, and then working with public funds, the city and the county. So the partnership itself is actually putting in approximately \$40,000 of private sector dollars raised from the partnership into this plan as well. So we are a partner coming to the table."

"In addition to that, we are also providing staff to work with Karyn. So we have people that are on our team that are also contributing to the process as well. So as a partner, you're being requested to be part of it. We're also doing that through our private sector arm, if you will, of the partnership, as well."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "No, I get that. I guess maybe you kind of already answered, and maybe I'm not saying it very well. The money that we put in the Wichita partnership, not just us, but everybody. I think it's a budget of \$1.6 [million], \$1.8 [million] I don't remember exactly."

Mr. Fluhr said, "Approximately \$1.4 [million]."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. So everybody, public and private, with all of those together. I guess I would have thought, that's what that this is sort of thing that money would have gone to do."

Mr. Fluhr said, "Well, those dollars, when we do our budget. Those dollars are going to be targeted to specific initiatives, just like we're doing today. This is one that has been brought forth as a next component in the economic environment, if you will, to move us forward. So those dollars were not budgeted within as far as \$165,000 from the partnership. What we're looking at right now, as we have done with other initiatives in the community, is to say, this is something that's a next step. We think it's important to do the next step. Therefore, we put together a partnership to make that happen."

"So it wasn't part of the initial budgeting process of the partnership. However, what we did commit to in working with Karyn and Kansas Global is to say, we believe importantly. So, we'll put \$40,000 of the partnership dollars toward that along with staff. Then we will work with you to build the team, if you will, the financial partners to make this possible."

"So for instance, the downtown development plan. That was about a \$600,000 initiative when it was done. The [Wichita] Downtown Development Corp. put in seed capital to make that happen. The city put in additional dollars and the private sector put in additional. So we put together a partnership to make those type of initiatives. If the Downtown Development Corp. has started out to do that by itself it, couldn't have afforded to do it. So what we're looking at is an opportunity has presented itself. We

*believe in it. We've put dollars into it again, working with Karyn and her group to bring together a partnership to make it happen."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Correct me if I'm wrong. This is a one-time cost basically?"*

*Mr. Fluhr said, "For this strategic plan, yes, sir."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "For the plan. What about the implementation? Would that just be woven in the existing structure of the partnership or will the increase, will there be a long-term."*

*Mr. Fluhr said, "The same type of strategy, I believe and Karyn it speak to this. With what is happened with the export plan. This is the planning initiative. This is to put forth what the strategic initiatives are or should be. What we need to be doing better as a community. What we need to be thinking about as we move forward, so what today is, is a one-time ask of a strategic plan initiative to develop the strategy that we would like to putting together working with Kansas Global. So Karen you might want..."*

*Ms. Page said, "I can't speak for Jeff obviously, with his budgeting processing, but I just wanted to point out kind of to your previous question, the first level question, Commissioner Ranzau. Call your attention to this map again. So I think it's a really good question. You know, an organization that's viable should be planning and looking to the future. I've seen GOOPP (Goal-Oriented Project Planning) and the partnerships planning process and they are doing that, but the reason I call your attention to this map is, this is pretty rare for an economic development organization in the metro to look at adding an actual strategic plan for foreign direct investment."*

*"Again, I can't speak for Jeff, but I've seen their plans. They're doing what normally is done by a viable economic development and successful economic development organization, but to do a foreign direct investment plan, to do an export plan is above and beyond what you would normally expect. So this is in addition to what I would think they would normally look at and I think that's pretty evident when you look at the few number of cities who are actually doing that."*

*"To answer your question, the second one, about future funding, I think we haven't finished the planning yet. So I can't really guess what's going to happen, but let me just mention something to you. Foreign direct investment is largely economic development activity. We have great economic developed organizations here. When we built the export plan yeah, we did exports, but we didn't have a community that was really working on it together. It was really an additional service that we began offering.*

*"So I'm going to guess that there may be additional funding requests, but I don't think they are going to be exorbitant. I don't think you're going to be shocked. I don't think that's going to happen, but let me make clear. We haven't finished the plan. Therefore, I don't have the budget built yet. I think you know me by now that I'll do a budget and you'll know exactly what the numbers are. But until we have the plan I can't build a budget, because I don't know how much it will cost."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Since you're on that particular map, it's interesting to me some of the cities that are missing. I was just going to make a point. I'm surprised that Denver is not on there, Dallas is not on there, and a number of other cities I*

*could name. Again, this is kind of a new initiative apparently, and some cities are on board and have been for a while. Some cities are not coming on board. This is a new proposal for us. This is something for this community we've not ever, we've never focused on this aspect of economic development before; is that correct?"*

*Ms. Page said, "Yes. We have not looked at it as an economic development initiative from this region until we started working on this a couple of years ago. Yes."*

*Chairman Howell said, "So may I characterize this as a new partnership or new initiative for economic development?"*

*Ms. Page said, "I would say that's correct."*

*Chairman Howell said, "That ought to be the headline today. Because, I think that's an important aspect where we sometimes are thought of as being, you know maybe not connected to things that other communities are doing or whatever. They don't recognize the things we are involved in and are supportive of. So assuming this passes, if this does pass today, I hope the headline is that we have in fact, another new partnership. We're working with other communities in a 10 county region, other organizations around the area that have partnered together to bring this initiative forward and so it's another new day. Thank you. Commissioner Norton, comments or questions."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Well, when we first got into economic development many, many years ago, we really summed it up by saying we have to grow what we have or bring in new companies here. Capital investment was part of that. We knew that was critical for companies that would come here or companies that would grow here would need capital to expand, to do things they need to do. At one time, we were really hung up on the money we put out in incentives, cash incentives, and that was maybe the only tool in our toolbox that we thought worked. We've moved away from that as a community and what we're investing in now is the system, all the pieces of the system that can keep us from just giving away cash to one individual entity and look at how we promote ourselves to all companies that might have an interest in global expansion, investing in the United States, investing in our region and putting capital investment and jobs into our community."*

*"BREG went a different way to look at that. I think FDI takes it to that next level. I'm going to be supportive of it. I think it's what we all dreamed about 10 years ago when we started talking about a new way to look at economic development. And yes, we went through the growing pains of trying to have a cash pool of incentives to compete with the Dallas' and Denver's and big cities. But I think we're finding here that we can compete if we have the system put together to meet all the needs of all the global investors and domestic investors that may look at Wichita as an enterprising location. So I'm going to still be supportive, but I think that's a little bit of an explanation of where we're going with this. We're creating a new system of how we approach economic development."*

*Ms. Page said, "May I add to that? Thank you for saying that. Many of you don't know, you probably know I'm passionate about trade, but I'm actually very passionate about putting together systems that make more efficient use of available resources and help us to gain more. But I wanted to mention to you, just to follow on to you, Commissioner Norton that Brookings actually provides a new way of doing economic development. They actually call it five pillars. So they came out about five years ago from working with metros all over the United States. Really before they started working on the global cities initiative. They said there's five pillars for a metro to be globally competitive."*

*"So just to add to what you're saying, let me tell you what they are. Workforce, trade, innovation and entrepreneurship, infrastructure and policy. Those are what makes a metro successful. When you have those five elements working together, then you build a system that's not only viable, that helps to grow the economy that makes for great jobs and a quality of life but you can compete globally. If you don't have all five of those pieces working, then we need to be working on them. I think what you said really resonated with me because the collaboration that exists today is unlike, to my knowledge, and I've been doing this a while. Unlike to my knowledge we've ever done before to systemically, intentionally work on these five areas together, you know, monthly, bi-weekly. I mean, it's not been done before and we're really starting to move the needle."*

*"As Jeff mentioned when they were in Chicago meeting with site selectors. They're taking note of the system that exists, of the collaboration and the partnership. It's because we have that policy piece, too. That's you, and if we didn't have it all working together, we would not be making the strides we're making today. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Seeing no other comments or questions at the moment, I have one for the CFO (Chief Financial Officer) if you don't mind. Mr. Chronis, could you please remind me what we budgeted this year for the economic development budget and what's the status of that. If you could try to answer that one?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "The total budget is for contractual services in the economic development program, as I recall, is in excess of \$1.2 or \$1.3 million. Most of that money remains uncommitted. The significant expenditures that have been made to date include \$300,000 for the Greater Wichita Partnership, the \$50,000 that was provided for implementation of the export plan and the membership dues for the Southwest Kansas Economic Development District (SKEDD). Other than that, just a few minor expenditures."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, very good. Just to be clear, what we're considering today is a \$50,000 amount for this purpose?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Do we know what the other partners are doing in terms of their, public partner like Wichita, do we know what they're investing in this?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "On this endeavor, my understanding is that the City of Wichita is providing \$40,000 of funding. On the export plan, the roles were reversed and for the development of the plan, the City of Wichita provided \$200,000 and Sedgwick County provided \$40,000."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Okay. Alright. I don't think I have any other questions. Commissioners, any other comments or questions?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the agreement and authorize the chairman to sign.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate what's been brought forth by Chris and also everyone who has testified here today. One of the secrets that I think exists here in our great country is that Wichita and Sedgwick County have a tremendous environment for people to grow businesses and to create them. We've got a relatively low cost of living compared to almost every place else in the country. I think our county infrastructure is in great shape and second to none. My vote today is going to be reflecting on the fact that we need to move in a direction different from what we've had in the past.

"So measurability in terms of outcomes is one of the factors that I look at going forward. I struggle with obviously the fact we're looking at Sedgwick County picking up 30 percent of the cost and taxpayers in general, including the city's contribution, over 54 percent of the total cost going forward. I always struggle with where that is going forward. I also struggle with the fact that I think the environment for exporting for our country, frankly, we're struggling.

"I look at the U.S. dollar. It's moving up in strength, get over 100 yen per dollar. The British pound has been weakening and even some talk I've seen in terms of the possibility of the pound moving to parity. The last time I was in England, it cost me about a \$1.60 in U. S. dollar to get one British pound. If we do get to parity, that makes it a real challenge for exporting. And I think we would be foolish if we didn't look at that and understand that challenge as part of something that no one in this room and no one in the county can control.

"We talked a little bit about workforce. I would make this point because I think it's very important and often overlooked. While capital can move literally around the world in the flash of an electronic digit, human capital, people, they can move pretty fast, too. Not quite that fast, but we don't have a competitive climate where there's certainty, where there's a rule of law, where there's an ability for people to live their dream, whether they're looking at a market in this county, in this region, in this state, in this country or worldwide. I want to commend everyone here who is supportive of the idea of trying to expand exports.

"I think that's a great, great plus but having said that I have a trepidations. I will express a little more of that trepidation, because the uncertainty at the state level, we may have appointed officials creating a horrific tax climate, major tax increase next year. Nobody knows what's going to happen. That's the uncertainty from that isn't going to be sorted through. We've got a national model at the federal government level. The models been we've talked about the ideas of subsidies. Well subsidies we've tried to subsidize all types of businesses. I can think of some federal bankruptcies that literally federal taxpayers have received billions of dollars in accruing capitalism in failures of companies like Solara. That's one of many at the national level.

"I want to point out that the environment we can create here at the local level can be more than offset by decisions made in Topeka and in Washington. I struggle with that, because when I look at our aircraft industry, which is absolutely vital for this community. The small jet market has been hammered by Washington regulations, Washington comments, and I think almost an industry type vendetta against the aircraft industry that existed in the last 8 years.

"I worry about the fact that we're in, towards this so-called economic recovery we're in since 2008-2009 has been one of the weakest on records. We're struggling to try and get past that, past that fact, because Sedgwick County has been committed to trying to strengthen our local economy to build jobs, to build income and it often gets

overlooked. I want to put on the record today and also for the folks who are here advocating. Sedgwick County's commitment as a Kansas county, I know of no other Kansas county that's as committed to education as Sedgwick County has been and continues to be. We're talking about roughly \$11 million in property taxes that we are providing almost \$8 million, just a shade under that, goes in the money that goes to Wichita State University from Sedgwick County every year. A big part of that money is helping to fund the new innovation campus that I think is absolutely critical for the future.

*"This commission made a 40 year commitment. Now, I had some concerns and didn't vote for a 40 year commitment. Mine was 20 years, but it puts an obligation, a mortgage in effect that's going to have to be picked up, but it's a new approach to try and come up with strengthening our local economy to strengthen our workforce. Now, we may be providing education for people who end up going someplace else if economic opportunities are better elsewhere. When I came here and moved here in the 1970's, I was surprised how many people I met in a lot of businesses here, particularly aviation that had received their training in other parts of the country and moved to Kansas. And that's kind of a cautionary note that we're at. But that commitment that Sedgwick County has for strengthening our workforce is not limited to just that money I talked about Wichita State [University].*

*"Those buildings on north Webb Road that are part of the Wichita Area Technical College and National Center for Aviation Training, while we provide less than a million dollars a year in operational support. We're funding over \$3 million a year paying off those buildings that we're in the middle of going forward. So Sedgwick County has got an extraordinary commitment to WATC and NCAT that I have a concern about, because when there is a discussion about this, that isn't mentioned very often.*

*"I haven't touched on another item that is tied in to the innovation campus, but I'm going to throw it in anyway, because it's part of Sedgwick County's significant commitment and also the City of Wichita's too. That's the new Law Enforcement Training Center that's being built out there. That is a significant financial commitment, we're talking between the city and county combined. A small eight figure amount. I point this out because if they, we've got parts of our state that are in my view in a recession at the moment.*

*"That's Ag (Agriculture), its Energy, Oil and Gas, and a lot of products who view exports out of Sedgwick County to the rest of the state. They're exporting into the rural areas. If you're selling products in western Kansas. They're struggling at the moment with those low prices. So I really do want folks to realize how strong the commitment in Sedgwick County has made in the past. My vote today is going to be a reflection of that, but it's also going to be placing an effect a commitment for the future that other folks will have to follow up and see how well we do.*

*"I will urge Karyn, Jeff and everyone else who is involved in this process out in the audience to look at measurable outcomes and see if we're meeting those benchmarks. Seeing other efforts to try and come and go, but in the environment we have today, I think this is a the effort to export and depending upon how you want to define it. We are looking at a situation where I think it's going to be a challenge overseas in the near future.*

*"That's not to say we shouldn't try it, but to go into it realistically and to look at, we try and walk before, we try and run and that we recognize in my view the extraordinary commitment that Sedgwick County has today, will be in our 2017 budget and because of these long-term financial commitments to pay off the mortgage that's in place for the buildings on north Webb Road for WATC and NCAT and for the*

*buildings that are in the process of being built out at the innovation campus that are going to extend well into the second half, that commitment is going to extend into the second half of this century. I think it's important to have that on the record. I don't think it's been acknowledged or reported very well. I wanted to take this opportunity today, Mr. Chairman, to get that on the record. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Peterjohn. Mr. Chronis you're welcome to have a seat. We'll call you back up if we have any other questions for you. If that's okay? Other comments or questions, Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I want to express kind of where I'm at right now. I've been critical a few times in the past of our economic development processes in the past. Particularly as Commissioner Norton mentioned cash incentives, which I have opposed and felt were ineffective anyway. I challenged people that we need to look at a new way of trying to do things. At the same time, I have been skeptical of some of the plans that have been created in our community, because we often make plans and then they kind of just peter out over time. They don't, you know, so we end up kind of spinning our wheels. So I'm a little concerned about another plan, but it certainly is an attempt to look at things somewhat differently."*

*"It pales, it is a one-time cost. It pales in comparison to some of the costs we gave out in the past as far as cash incentives, which I think were actually harmful, but that being said if I support this today, I think my preference would be that the implementation of this plan be integrated into existing resources and processes and plans. I think it makes sense to integrate that in and kind of take a combined approach in our economic development. So I would probably be more reluctant than some others to increase operational expenses, but nonetheless try to take a different look at things. Different from what we've done in the past, I think is certainly helpful and needed. So unless somebody changes my mind in the next few minutes, you know I possibly may vote for this today."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Ranzau, thank you for your comments. Appreciate that. I haven't made any significant comments yet. I just want to say that from my perspective, having a background in aviation, I'm a little bit sensitive to the complexity of trying to import or export to make businesses thrive and make the community thrive."*

*"It's a very, very challenging environment, mostly because of bureaucratic barriers and so trying to navigate those is very difficult. I appreciate, I do think we do need an effort to help companies figure out where those opportunities are and how to get across those barriers. So I appreciate the topic and I do think, I also appreciate the narrow focus. In some ways we like to broad things out, but this is really not about a lot of topics."*

*"This is about, this is connected to imports as well. But the idea of imports and exports, trying to connect investors or companies to our local resources, whether they are our workforce or other aspects in our community. To me it's worth the effort. So to me it's kind of a narrow focus. I think that's actually, I appreciate that. I think it's going to be more effective by keeping that in our vision there as to why this is being done. I hope to be successful."*

*"I'll look forward to more reports in the future to see how this works out. I think we ought to step out by faith and trust this is the right move for this community at this time. I believe I'll be supportive as well. So, thank you for bringing this to our attention and give us a chance to invest in this way. So with that, Commissioners, any other*

*final comments or questions? We do have a motion and a second. I see no other comments or discussion. Madam Clerk, please call the vote."*

**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, everybody that's been involved in that discussion today. Madam Clerk, next item, please."*

**D      16-681**

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR  
MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2016.**

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

*Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts for October 13th resulted in one item we would like to present to you this morning:*

**1. LIFEPAK SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
(EMS)**

*"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Physio Control Incorporated at the rates listed for three years.*

*"I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this and recommend approval of this item."*

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

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Thomas, how many companies do we solicit? We only had one response I saw on this bid. Just interested on why that might be the case."*

*Mr. Thomas said, "The original bid was back in 2014 and I believe we had three or four, and from that we chose Physio Control [Incorporated]."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So we're kind of locked in."*

*Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir. This is an extension of this service agreement."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Along that line, can you verify this is commensurate with the previous contract. This is not a huge increase or hasn't changed significantly in terms of dollars?"*

*Mr. Thomas said, "No. It's as you note, each year there is a slight increase with the exception of the second and third year being the same. But it's minimal."*

*Chairman Howell said, "I'm actually asking about the current contract we're maybe*

coming off. This has been around since 2014. So I'm just curious."

Mr. Thomas said, "I believe we had, we did that the purchase of the original back in 2014 it came with a warrant."

Chairman Howell said, "Oh, I see. Okay. That makes sense, alright. I do see it in the backup materials, its 34 units we're trying to provide service to and this is for the plan for three years. Any other questions or comments? Seeing none. Commissioners, what is the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Chairman Howell	Aye

Mr. Thomas said, "Thank you."

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

**CONSENT**

Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I recommend you approve consent agenda items Echo (E) through Golf (G)."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Chairman Howell	Aye

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you very much for that, and next item, please."

**Approved**

E [16-671](#) CUP2004-00060 (Associated with ZON2004-00068) - Commercial CUP and Zone Change from SF-20 Single-family Residential to LC Limited Commercial; on property located on the southeast corner of East 31st Street south and South Rock Road (District 5).

F [16-672](#) Request for additional budget authority in the 2016 Risk Management Fund Budget.

G [16-679](#) General Bill Check Register for October 12, 2016 to October 18, 2016.

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, is there any issue you'd like to raise for legislative issues this morning? Looking at our Counselor over there across the room. Anything this morning? Okay. Seeing none over there. Commissioners, any discussion for legislative issues? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, next item, please.*

### **OTHER**

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, any comments for other this morning? Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I will repeat again, I urge for folks to get out and vote tomorrow at the extension council election at the Extension Office at 21st and Ridge Road between, during the day tomorrow. I would also be remiss if I didn't point out the fact that October 19th is an important day not only in the United States history, but in Kansas history.*

*"I'd like to go into some detail on it, because on October 19th, 1774, colonists in Annapolis, Maryland had their own version of the tea party where they not only burned the tea but the ship it was in. October 19th, important event 1873 occurred is relevant for people who like sports. That is in New York City, representatives from Princeton, Yale and Rutgers drew up the first inter-collegiate football rules. For those who follow our economy and Wall Street, on October 19th, 1987, the stock market had one of its largest drops in history, dropping 508 points, which was a 22.6 percent drop on this date in 1987.*

*"But the most important thing that happened nationally, we also had one in Kansas I'm going to mention occurred on October 19th, 1781. When the soldiers under Lord Cornwallis filed out of their trenches, laid down their arms, surrendered their flags and surrendered to George Washington and the French Commander at Yorktown in what was particularly compelling about the siege at Yorktown. This was the one battle the French actually won at sea. Admiral De Grasse was able to keep the British fleet away to rescue the trapped British soldiers, but as part of that siege, the Governor of Virginia, Thomas Nelson, was from Yorktown, and he was the signer of the Declaration of Independence and his home was being occupied by British troops. Basically he pointed out his home was 'the best one in town' an area almost certain to find Lord Cornwallis and the British headquarters. And what did he do? He aimed a cannon at his own house and fired it. The shell went right into the window and landed on a table where several British officers had just sat down to dine. So October 19th, 1781, important day in American history.*

*"Let me just switch to Kansas history. Different year, same day, October 19th, 1857. The Lecompton Constitutional Convention met to try and prepare a constitution for Kansas. What's particularly compelling, I think of this was the pro-slavery forces had basically stuffed the ballot box. We had one election district where there's only 30 registered voters but over 1,600 votes were cast. They were actually cast in alphabetical order from everybody in the directory and they all had the same signature. Needless to say this created some controversy and set Kansas statehood back. As we all know Kansas statehood occurred in January of 1861. But on this date, October 19th, the Lecompton Constitutional Convention met and this was an important date relevant for everyone interested in Kansas history. I thought it was important to get that on the record this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you Commissioner Peterjohn for the comments. Other comments, Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "We've already kind of talked about it, but Haysville's Fall Festival is this weekend. The parade is Saturday morning. There are activities in Riggs Park Friday night. There's activities all day long, crafts, booths, things for kids, a lot of good fair food, and then it will end up Saturday night with fireworks and then there will be some activities on Sunday, but if you're looking for something to do on a beautiful fall day, weekend day, come to the [67]060 and enjoy some time with us in Haysville."*

*"Just a small note, we've been having conversations about drainage, stormwater and groundwater at our staff meetings. I wanted to be sure that I, kind of, got it out to the public that we've always had conversations about that. We know we have a Stormwater Advisory Board that has done some Yeoman's work over the years. I'm hoping that we can dust off their report, take a look at their priorities, and have a robust conversation about drainage, stormwater and groundwater, because we know it affects so many people's lives in Sedgwick County. It is a public infrastructure in many cases. We know that it may take some investment and we need to have that conversation as we move forward."*

*"I just wanted to put that on the record that I'm supportive of at least having the conversation as we go into the new year and the budget cycle to understand drainage and the infrastructure that comes with it, but also affects roads and bridges because if your drainage is really bad along those byways and floodways, it affects that infrastructure, too. I wanted to be sure to get that on the record."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Appreciate those comments. Any other comments for other? Excuse me, I only have one other comment. In district 5, which is my district, K-15 had planned to close this Friday. Due to circumstances beyond our control, that has been shifted to the right on the calendar by one week. So rather than closing this coming Friday on the 21st, it's not going to do that. K-15 is going to close Friday, the 28th. That's the current plan. Of course, we reserve the right to see schedules adjust as necessary. Again, that's the current plan. I believe that's what is likely to happen. But K-15 between 31st Street and MacArthur will be closed between Friday, the 28th at 6 P.M. to Monday morning on Halloween, October 31st at 6 A.M."*

*"That's the plan and that's going to be a significant traffic consideration for people who are traveling up and down K-15 to go from Derby and Mulvane to Wichita. And the detour will be routing you down MacArthur, then down Oliver through Spirit AeroSystems facilities, then back down to 31st Street back to K-15. If that's what you want to do. That's a significant amount of time to do that. So, I just hope people are aware there is a plan to close it for the minimum amount of time. We're going to be*

*working, I think around the clock to make sure that we don't impact traffic small amount as possible on the weekdays, when rush hour is happening. So, anyway right now the plans is 28th of October , 6 P.M., that's Friday to Monday, morning 6 A.M. that's Monday. That's the plan.*

*"So, I wanted make sure people are aware of that. Hopefully that picked up in the media as well and we can try to get people to what's going to happen there. It's a major thoroughfare. Any other comments for other before we close. Mr. Manager, Mr. Counselor any other questions or comments or things you would like to raise this morning before we have an Executive Session ahead of us, I know that, too. Alright, moving on. Madam Clerk, next item please."*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Ranzau."*

### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess in Executive Session for 45 minutes, for consultation with the attorney for the Commission, which would be deemed privileged and attorney-client relationship, and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 11:22. Executive Session is required to protect privacy interests of an identifiable individual and to protect the county's financial interest and right to the confidentiality of negotiating position.*

*Chairman Howell seconded the motion.*

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

### **VOTE**

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Chairman Howell	Aye

*Chairman Howell said, "So we will be in Executive Session until 11:22. Thank you very much."*

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:35 p.m. and returned at 11:57 p.m.*

*Chairman Howell said, "We're back from Executive Session, thank you for all your patience on that. No binding action was taken. I think we are at the end of the agenda now. So, Commissioners any final comments before we adjourn? Mr. Manager, Mr. Counselor anything else?"*

*Mr. Stoltz said, "No, nothing further."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright with that, we are at the end of the agenda. Thank you for being here today. We will see you next time. We are adjourned."*

**Approved**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.*

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