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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 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. Randy Bargdill, Director, Emergency Communications; Ms. Shawne Boyd, Director, Human Resources; Mr. James Marlett, Deputy Zoo Director, Sedgwick County Zoo; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Health Director, Sedgwick County Health Department; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Sara Jantz, Director, Accounting; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works; Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Dr. Tony Kinkel, President, Wichita Area Technical College
Mr. Patrick J. Hanrahan, President, United Way of the Plains*

INVOCATION

Led by Rabbi Lorraine Madway, PhD, Curator of Special Collections, WSU Library

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [12-0196](#)

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 29, 2012.
All Commissioners were present.

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, you have the meeting minutes before you, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 29, 2012.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <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 Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Ranzau, that this Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

PROCLAMATIONS

B [12-0221](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2012 AS NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH AND APRIL 8-14, 2012 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK.

Read by: Chairman Tim Norton.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Proclamation.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire or EMS; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County Emergency Communications responds to more than 457,000 9-1-1 calls each year, or approximately 1,250 calls per day; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County 9-1-1 is a precious resource that is effective in saving lives and reducing damage to property when used correctly. Call 9-1-1 to report the following and only if you wish to be contacted by emergency personnel: a medical emergency; a fire; a crime; any activity that is harmful to a person, animal or property; and any suspicious activity that might result in harm to a person, animal or property; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County emergency telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, with 98 percent of all calls answered in 15 seconds or less; and

WHEREAS, our emergency telecommunicators are calm, professional and even-tempered during highly charged, emotional situations, gathering critical information and providing helpful instructions while emergency responders are enroute; and

WHEREAS, emergency telecommunicators have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients by providing services to 30 local public safety agencies.

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

'APRIL 2012 AS NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH and April 8-14, 2012 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK'

in recognition of the effort to educate all citizens of the importance and proper use of the 9-1-1 system, as well as honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism help keep our county and citizens safe.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "And Randy Bargdill, the Director of Emergency Communications, is here to accept the proclamation."

Mr. Randy Bargdill, Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm very happy to be here this morning, accepting this proclamation that not only recognizes April 8th-16th as National Telecommunicators Week in honor of the men and women who have committed themselves to the vital work of the 911 dispatcher or call-taker, but also recognizes the month of April as National 911 Public Education Month, which emphasizes the importance of providing the public of all ages a good understanding of the capabilities and the limitations of our 911 system, of when to call 911 and when not to call 911. Did each of you get one of these refrigerator magnets? Hang onto those for just a second. In a minute here I'm going to explain how one of these could possibly save a life. Commissioners, your call-takers and dispatchers answer about 1,250 emergency calls a day. Those are from citizens who are actually dialing 911. They do not include any admin[istrative] line calls.

"Think about that a minute, 1,250 calls in a 24-hour period. That's an average of one emergency call every 69 seconds every day. Dispatchers and call-takers provide or at least try to provide CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) instructions over the phone about 550 times a year. That's an average of about one and a half times a day. We deliver about ten babies over the phone each year, and our call-takers consistently answer the phone in less than 15 seconds 98 percent of the time. Our dispatchers dispatch priority E, or emergency calls in 60 seconds or less 99 percent of the time.

"With respect to the accuracy of their work, the Emergency Communications department as a whole performs at a 98.7 accuracy level in processing a call and providing pre-arrival instructions to our callers during a medical emergency. Our folks work around the clock seven days a week, very few have weekends off. Very few get a holiday off.

"They are trained to ask the right questions in order to get the right people, to the right place, in the right amount of time safely. They are true professionals, and like you, I am very proud of them. Commissioners, you know our message is a simple one. Only use 911 in the event of an emergency. That being when you need police, fire, or EMS (Emergency Medical Services) to your location, or whenever you need to report a crime, or to report a traffic hazard on public streets and highways, or anytime you are aware of suspicious activity that gives you reason to believe harm is about to occur to person, property, or animal. Don't call 911 to ask for telephone numbers like to the jail, or the police substations. Don't call 911 to report nuisance noises, like legal fireworks, or loud parties, unless you want to be contacted by law enforcement. Don't call 911 to

report power outages or tree limbs down, unless the power outage or downed tree limbs are causing a danger to life and property. And don't call 911 asking to be transferred to another number, like a police substation or power company.

"Commissioners, I would like to introduce you to Major Elora Randleas, she oversees our departments QA (question and answer) and training section. With April being National 911 Public Education Month, Elora sent letters out to 130 first grade teachers at 57 different schools in the USD 259 district. Between now and the end of May, Elora and her training staff will provide a quality 911 training class to some 2,000 first graders. During April, we're scheduled to speak at 20 different neighborhood association meetings, district advisory boards and just about anybody who will listen to our message. During these meetings we'll speak to about 600 adults, making it around 2,600 citizens that we will provide an education of our 911 system by the end of May.

"Our training folks, Lieutenant Kristen Gill and Sergeant Alayna Moreno, developed and implemented our 911 Citizens Academy, a class where citizens are invited to attend three Saturday mornings from 8:00 [a.m.] to 12:00 [p.m.] and will learn all about our 911 system, both in the class room and by sitting with a dispatcher or a call taker actually plugged into a console listening to live 911 calls and radio traffic. They will come to understand why we ask all the questions we ask and that our questions are not delaying a response. We offer a college internship program where a college student can come and work with us for a semester and get college credit. We're currently training our second intern this semester. We had one last summer from Washburn University. Our current one is from WSU (Wichita State University) and then we also have a student from Washburn [University] who signed up for this summer. Anyone who is interested in enrolling in either the 911 Citizen Academy or the college intern program can download an application from the county's website at www.sedgwickcounty.org, by clicking on the government link and scrolling down to Emergency Communications web page.

"Okay, back to the magnets. The two most important pieces of information we need in order to send help is the location of the emergency and a call back number just in case we get disconnected or in case we can't find you when we get to that location. And I bet each one of you can think of a relative or a friend's house that you frequently go to that you know how to get there, but that you don't know the actual physical address of that location.

Mr. Bargdill continued, "So these magnets is what we're giving out to the first graders and to all of the groups that we're talking to, and we're asking that you put your phone number and your address on the magnet, put it on your refrigerator and that way in case you have a medical emergency or any kind of emergency at your residence then somebody's going to be able to give us that information. And I don't know about your friends and relatives but mine certainly know exactly where my refrigerator is. Commissioners, in closing, on behalf of the men and women at 911 we thank you for your time today, we thank you for this proclamation and for your continual support towards public safety."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Randy. We honor everyone that does dispatch. You know, we built a world class facility, we've got world class equipment, but the truth is it's the voice at the end of the line that makes the difference. And that's the people that provide the service and we're so proud of our dispatchers, our emergency communication workers, those that train and that provide that service in our community. It's the people at the other end of the line that make it all work. The finest

facilities in the world and the greatest equipment don't mean a whole lot unless you've got highly trained, skilled, dedicated people at the other end of the phone line. So, we really appreciate what they do. Commissioners? Thank you, Randy."

Mr. Bargdill said, "Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

RETIREMENTS

C [12-0216](#)

PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK(S) TO JAMES MARLETT AND CLAY OLIVER.

Presented by: Shawne Boyd, Director, Human Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Present the clocks.

Ms. Shawne Boyd, Director, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As previously mentioned this is a very happy day for a couple of Sedgwick County employees as this agenda item recognized the long term public service commitment of two Sedgwick County employees that will be retiring. Both of these employees have made significant contributions, not only to their departments but also to this organization and community wide. And while we will miss each of them, we certainly wish them well in their future endeavors. The first employee that we will recognize is Jim Marlett. He is currently the Deputy Zoo Director for the Sedgwick County Zoo and he will retire April 1, 2012 after 21 years of service with Sedgwick County Government."

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Norton said, "Join me here, Jim. We're not going to give you your plaques yet though. The voting age in 1971 was 18 years of age through the 26 Amendment to the U.S. (United States) Constitution, gasoline was 36 cents a gallon, postage stamps were 8 cents, Richard Nixon was the president in 1971 and the number one song on that date was 'Go Away Little Girl' by Donny Osmond. But on September 16, 1971, Jim Marlett joined Sedgwick County at the [Sedgwick County] Zoo, and it's all happening at the Zoo. Jim is a graduate of Wichita [North] High School north and received a BS (Bachelor of Science) degree in biology from Wichita State [University] (WSU) in 1969. He worked as a zookeeper at the Riverside Zoo while he was a student at WSU.

"He's married and has two adult sons, his wife Patty is a Naturalist at the Great Plains Nature Center. He was first hired as a groundskeeper at Sedgwick County Zoo. When Jim was hired, the American and Asian barns were the only exhibits completed at the Sedgwick County Zoo, which was about a month in to the actual Zoo opening. Jim has led nine [Sedgwick County] Zoological Society [Inc.] Safaris to such places as Uganda, Tanzania, Tambopata and the Amazon. Did I say that right?"

Mr. James Marlett, Deputy Zoo Director, Sedgwick County Zoo, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Close."

Chairman Norton said, "Close. We are very proud to honor Jim Marlett today for 41 years of services to Sedgwick County. And I'd like to present him with his certificate of appreciation first, congratulations, and this very heavy Waterford clock that symbolizes your 41 years of service, all those days that you actually had to watch a clock and get up and go to work. But we appreciate your service, Jim. Thank you very much, from Sedgwick County, the citizens and the County Commissioners. Congratulations."

Mr. Marlett said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "You can say a few words."

Mr. Marlett said, "A few words, I am a man of few words typically. But I did want to thank the County Commission and all the people who work with the county. In 40 years I've managed to see the county grow into the mature professional organization that it is today. And I want to thank you for being a large part of that. Thank you."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Jim, before you get away, I'd just like to make a comment. I know that you had a very wonderful, exciting celebration last week from the folks at the Zoo and Zoological Society recognizing your dedicated service to the Zoo, but as a member of the Zoo Board I just wanted to express my appreciation for your years of service and the way that you have helped make our Zoo one of the best zoo's in the country and one that's enjoyed by not only citizens of Sedgwick County, but by citizens all around South Central Kansas. That doesn't happen by accident, it happens by talented, dedicated people of whom you are one, and just wanted to express my personal appreciation for your years of service to the citizens of our community. Thank you."

Mr. Marlett said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn. Don't run off yet, Jim."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Don't run off, can't get away that easily, not quite until April 1st, but I just wanted to congratulate you because one point in my life I did a lot of traveling and I'm not nearly as well traveled as say some other folks who have been to a whole bunch of different zoological facilities, but having been in facilities from the National Zoo in Washington D.C. to the wild animal [Safari] Park out in San Diego and the zoo in San Diego, literally where the Sedgwick County Zoo has come from the very modest beginnings when you joined it, to where it is today where it's the leading tourist attraction and brings, as Commissioner Unruh pointed out, a tremendous number of people here into the community. You've got an awful lot to look back on in terms of to point to with pride, and when I see the exhibits out there, and see the people and the kids, got an awful lot to be proud of as you reflect upon this on and after April 1st. Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "So congratulations from this Commissioner."

Mr. Marlett said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Jim. We really appreciate it. Shawne."

Ms. Boyd said, "Commissioners, the next employee that we will recognize today is Fire Captain Clay Oliver. He's retiring from Fire District [No] 1 on April 1, 2012, as well, after 29 years of service with Sedgwick County government."

Chairman Norton said, "And Clay is not here today, wasn't able to be here today. Is that correct?"

Ms. Boyd said, "Correct, Commissioners. Clay Oliver was not able to be here today, but we certainly did want to go ahead and mention him and thank him for his continued service with this organization. And wish him well in his retirement."

Chairman Norton said, "And we do. Thank you, Shawne."

Ms. Boyd said, "Thank you."

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

APPOINTMENTS

D [12-0189](#)

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS (FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CLASS CITIES; GENERAL PUBLIC; CITIZEN'S ORGANIZATION; PRIVATE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY; PRIVATE RECYCLING/SCRAP MATERIAL INDUSTRY; SEDGWICK COUNTY RECYCLING COORDINATOR; COMMISSION DISTRICT 1; AND NON-VOTING CHAIRPERSON) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Items D and E are related and if I could address those both, I would appreciate it. The [Sedgwick County] Solid Waste Committee consists of members who serve two-year terms. All those terms end at the same time, and they have ended at the end of 2011, and the proposal before you is to stagger those terms. Item D contains reappointments to the Solid Waste Committee for terms ending in either 2012 or 2013, and then Item E consists of appointments to that committee that ended either one of those two years. So Item D, the reappointments are Joseph Pajor, Keith Thomas, Randy Parker, Dean Frankenbery, Elizabeth Bishop, Jim Spencer, Roger Lyon, Jo Oliver, Nancy Larson, and Nicki Soice; and then the appointments in Item E are Clem Dickerson, Jeff St. Clair, John Stevens, Kelly Parks, and Narydel Grayum. So I would recommend, unless you have any questions, that you adopt the resolutions in Item D and E."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to moved to adopt the resolution for Item D and Item E.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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| <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, "Thank you. Next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Chairman Peterjohn, that this Appointment(s) be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

E [12-0194](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS (UNINCORPORATED AREA; PRIVATE INDUSTRY; COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 3, 4 AND 5) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Action on Item E was taken with Item D.

F [12-0213](#) RESIGNATION OF DARRELL DOWNING (COMMISSIONER JIM SKELTON'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners you've received this resignation and I recommend that you accept it."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <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 Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Unruh, that this Appointment(s) be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

G [12-0214](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHUCK WARREN (COMMISSIONER JIM SKELTON'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this appointment fills the vacancy just created and an additional three-year term to end in August of 2015. I would recommend you adopt this resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <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, "Clerk, call the next item."

A motion was made by Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Unruh, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

NEW BUSINESS

- H [12-0169](#) PRESENTATION ON THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR AVIATION TRAINING (NCAT) and WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (WATC).
Presented by: Dr. Tony Kinkel, President, Wichita Area Technical College.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Norton said, "I see Dr. Tony Kinkel from WATC (Wichita Area Technical College) is here to address us today. Welcome."

Dr. Tony Kinkel, President, Wichita Area Technical College, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Earlier Mr. Chairman, you mentioned world-class, and I've got to say that NCAT (National Center for Aviation Training) is clearly the finest aviation training facility in the world. And the credit goes to this Board for stepping up to the plate. We are good stewards of the investments you make.

"We actually are your management company for the facility, our college, and so we enjoy that role as well as all the other things we do.

"So, Mr. Chairman, we first want to thank you for the debt service that the county Board pays on that building, as well as your investment in the college on a yearly basis. It is roughly short of a million dollars and I hope today to show that you're getting your money's worth. In front of you I think we passed out a one-pager, you should have in your desk. This is our college. This is fall of this year, fall of [20]11. I want to point out, you can see we serve about 3,400 students. We are the largest tech college in the State of Kansas, ninth largest institution of any college in the State of Kansas, so we're, and frankly, the fastest growing. You can see slightly more than a majority of our students are part time, we tend to be slightly more female, 48 percent of our students are students of color, that is clearly the most diverse college in the State of Kansas. You can see that 90 percent of our students are your constituents in Sedgwick County. By the way, the 10 percent that are not, generally are students who take courses online, and they're taking, those folks live all over the state and frankly all over the country.

"If you look at the average age, average age of our student is 28, although that may change, and I'll show you the governor's initiative in just a minute. We might get a little bit younger if we implement that initiative well. You can see the four areas that we serve students, NCAT, our south side campus on 47th, Grove, which is right next to East High School, and then our online. An interesting thing to note there is if online was its own campus, it would be the second largest. And online is more than just a computer course; it is also what we call hybrid, where you take, you come in to the site one day a week, but the other two days a week you do it online, so it is kind of a mix. That's actually our fastest growing. You can see we deliver a number of associate degrees, technical certificates, and certificate of completions. You can see the reasons people come to WATC, primarily is 66 percent are enrolled in one of our programs, 7 percent of our students are taking courses to get into our program, 10 percent of our students come to WATC and then want to transfer.

"Mostly to WSU (Wichita State University), and interestingly enough, we are accredited by the same entity that accredits WSU, Higher Learning Commission. So our courses, a freshman comp course at our institution is the same as a freshman course at WSU. And then about 17 percent of our students come to our school, they don't intend to

graduate, but they started a business, and they want to learn how to do taxes, or want to learn how to market their business, or frankly, just taking a course because they are interested in enriching their lives. So we serve those folks as well. So that is a snapshot.

"One final statistic I want to share with you that's not on there, 95 percent of our graduates last year got a job in their field, either 95 percent of our students either went on to the military or got a job in their field that we trained them for, and that's the highest percentage of any institution in the state. So we're quite proud of that. I'm going to show you just a quick presentation, Mr. Chairman, if I could, and I am going to just, Kristi told me to click enter? Arrow down, okay. I've been busy the last 15 months, I've been here about 15 months, and we had to frankly get our fiscal house in order and want you to know we made a lot of tough decisions to balance the budget. We discontinued early retirement program that we inherited from the school district that quite frankly we couldn't afford. Tough decision. Got some nice legal advice from your folks here and successfully carried that out. Had to discontinue a longevity program. We eliminated three administrators.

Mr. Kinkel continued, "We stopped using Sheriff's deputies for security and went to private security which saved us some dollars.

So we've had to get our fiscal house in order. Mr. Chairman, I am proud to say that this June 30th, and Commissioner Unruh is on our board, with his leadership we're going to finish the year about \$1.2 million to the good. And I'm told some of you involved with the college years ago, that would have been unthinkable a couple years ago. So we're proud of getting our fiscal house in order. We have had to modernize our processes, 43 processes. As you know, this school really was sort of a carry-over from the school district, and many policies of the school district didn't fit what a technical college is today.

"One example I give, there were four different ways to drop a course when I got to the college. So students would shop around to the best deal they could get to save them money, and it was costing the college a lot of money. We have one process now to drop a class from the college. We had to create a 21st century organizational structure, primarily all of the online courses that you saw, we had to create a marketing department, strengthen our HR (human resources) department, all the things a college needs to do to be successful, and then finally, getting the right people in the right places on the bus. So we're pretty pleased with where we're headed.

"I show this statistic not to say that others are over funded. I think all of education in Kansas is underfunded and I want to be clear about that, and USD [259] deserves every amount of dollars that the legislature gives them. But I did want to show how efficient WATC has to be when we're at the bottom of the fiscal food chain. We're forced to be very efficient. These are dollars, state and local dollars, that these institutions get, and I might want to point out our community colleges around us, they are slightly higher because they get a property tax levy. They get a dedicated source of money, as well as they are able to offer associate of arts degrees. Those are degrees where students transfer and you can pack 40, 50, 60 students in a general psych course and be a lot more efficient. But they get more money than we do. We are at the bottom there. And that's okay. We'll be efficient. We'll get the job done.

"This is an interesting graph. This just deals with state funding, and the red line is the number of credits that we have been selling over the last four years and you can see a very steep increase and then a slow rise through 2012. And actually that will be

steeper, we just got the numbers in for spring, we went up another eight percent in spring, which is a record for us. The blue represents our state appropriation. You can see a pretty steady decrease. Kansas had budget challenges like all states, reduced our funding quite dramatically. At the same time, we're serving more students and so that gap has to be made up somewhere.

"It was made up a couple of years by the stimulus package, the college got \$350,000 from President Obama's proposal. But that has gone away, that has gone away. So we're making up the gap by some slight tuition increases, as well as just enrollment growth, and efficiencies. The 2012 budget is slightly better than that, when we did this graph we weren't quite sure what the governor was going to do. I am pleased to say Governor Brownback has a small increase in funding for our college, and we think that will pass the legislature, about an eight percent increase. So that [20]12 number will be slightly better. But you can see the challenge that we have.

"Now, where does the money come from? I know when I was in the legislature I always liked to see these graphs and I'll show you where we spend in a minute.

"But I showed you two different years here, '11 and '12, and we're putting together the budget for [20]13 right now, but just to give you a history, tuition and fees about 46 percent. Now, when the Chairman and I went to college, actually, in those days, it was the law that the state would pay 66 percent of the college, you would pay 33 percent in tuition. You can see what's happened in a generation. I would argue that's not the right direction to go, but nevertheless, reality. So the students are bearing the largest cost of their college. Our bookstore makes quite a nice profit. You can see 10 percent of our revenue comes from sales in our bookstore. Sedgwick County, 5 percent, that's that appropriation that you give us, and then 28 percent comes from the state, federal, state, local grants, that's financial aid, as well as the stimulus package.

"Now, you can see the pie is smaller in '11. We had to shrink our budget from \$2.1 million to \$19.8 [million]. Tuition and fees made up even higher percentage of where we got the money; bookstore a little higher; Sedgwick County stayed about the same, five percent; state aid went up slightly as a percentage, but the big decrease is in the federal state grants, that's because the stimulus money went away. Now, where do we spend that? By far the most, and my sense is probably in your organization the same, but salary and fringes, 56 percent; our debt payments, and I'll show you the debt in just a minute, 5 percent. You can see all the rest of the equipment utilities, all basically standard college procedure. If you look in '12, we invested a little bit more in salary and fringes. I think that's good. Our employees deserve that. You can see debt payments went up by a percent. And I'll show you that in just a minute. Everything else roughly stayed same.

"Now, our debt payments, and this is something that, you know, that we inherited and you can see, we're planning in 2013 for the largest debt payment in the history of our college. And after we get by this year, things get much better, but those debt payments were payments to Cowley Community College for aviation curriculum in the south side campus, we bought a new banner software system, we're paying that off and we had some campuses that we shed before I got here, Comotara is one, and we're finishing paying off those debts. Pleased to say we got, the debt will be paid in '13 and then that steadily goes down and that improves even more our financial picture at the college.

"I thought this was interesting, Mr. Chairman, if you think graduation rates are a good predictor of how well we're doing, and I'm not too sure that's the best predictor, but let's

assume you want to see that, we're fifth in the state. You can see there these are all the two-year colleges. The national average at two-year colleges, graduation rate is 27 percent, so we're almost double that at Wichita Area Technical College and I think that number will be higher when we factor in this May's graduation. If I remember right, Commissioner Unruh gave our commencement address last year, so we appreciated that.

"We are pleased with our graduation rates. We think you are getting your money's worth. Mr. Chairman, this is statewide and this a phenomena happening as more of more of our kids are getting, learning degrees but can't find jobs. There is a growing awareness in Kansas that perhaps a college education doesn't automatically mean a four-year baccalaureate degree. Maybe the future is two-year degrees, where you can get a job, and you can see the last four years, that is changing.

Mr. Kinkel continued, "In the State of Kansas, the fastest growing component of education is in the technical college system, you can see 17 percent growth; community colleges grew 10 percent; Washburn U[niversity], which is an entity to itself in Topeka, grew 4 percent; and then four-year universities grew about 1.5 percent. So an interesting trend. I think it will probably continue as, frankly, the job market changes. I say to parents, it is a third, a third, a third now in the world. A third of the jobs are going to need a baccalaureate degree or higher, master's, law degree, et cetera. A third will need a two-year degree, and, frankly, a third of the jobs won't need a degree at all.

"So we say a third, a third, a third. The problem is in America is that about 60 percent of the students are trying to get into that third that require a baccalaureate degree or higher. And unfortunately, about a third of all students that go to four-year colleges now drop out in the first year. So one of our big markets is students who drop out, we say come back to us, we'll get you where you need to go. About 10 percent of our students, by the way, already have a baccalaureate degree at our college. So times are changing in higher education.

"Now, if we were a business, how are we doing? And I've got a lot of great business people on my board, so they like to see this slide. Here are the products that we sell and these are our aviation programs. You can see technician, maintenance, avionics, avionics is the electronics systems, the navigation systems on a plane, composites. You can see pretty strong growth, except in aviation maintenance. And, you know, frankly, our students read the headlines, and while there's been a dramatic upturn in aviation in our community, there's still a little bit of some shyness about students going in and making that kind of commitment to A&P (Aircraft Mechanic), this A&P mechanics is essentially what that...so our enrollments are a little down in that area and we're trying to strengthen that. All the rest you can see, very robust growth, especially in the new coatings and paint program we have. We had Commissioner Skelton out there. He was bragging about how good of a painter he was. So we had him on that electronic gun. I won't release the results of that, Commissioner."

Commissioner Skelton said, "I was really hoping you would, sir."

Mr. Kinkel said, "He was in the top 10 percent, if he would have been in our class."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Without any practice."

Mr. Kinkel said, "Without any practice."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "This is a setup."

Mr. Kinkel said, "Mr. Chairman, in manufacturing, we do all the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), pretty robust growth there, robust growth in engineering design, architectural, machining. Welding is an interesting one. Welding is tough for us, because they're leaving us before they complete the welding program because they are getting jobs. Industry is picking them off, because they need welders so dramatically, that they are not finishing the program. So it's interesting, are we being successful if we get them partway there and they get the job without completing the program. Interesting debate.

"But automotive service technology, you can see strong growth, so we're pleased in this division, in business and technology, again, dramatic growth.

"Mr. Chairman, I was meeting yesterday with the new electronic records system for Kansas in healthcare reform, all of those records are being put into one electronic system that all hospitals, clinics, nursing homes can access, and they came to us and said you've got to train a different kind of worker to be able to navigate that new software system, because even a chiropractor is going to want to get on there and get all of your electronic records. Eighty percent, I just learned this yesterday, 80 percent of all medical mistakes are in the mistransmission of medical data, 80 percent. I didn't realize it was that high.

"So, that's an issue we've got to address. And then in health sciences, you can see, I am concerned about CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant). There is a little bit of a drop there. I will be honest, that's because there's a lot more competition in the market. There is a new CNA school it seems like on every block, and they are undercutting us a little bit in price and in service. So we're addressing that. I think we will...we just signed an agreement with Maize High School to train 60 high school students to train as CNA's while they are still in high school. So I think you're going to see that number go up pretty dramatically. Dental assisting, medical assisting, all of those are fairly stable because we can't grow there, we don't have the room. We have to have the physical room, and you can only fit 21 folks in that dental lab. So and our big program, of course, is nursing, the practical nursing program.

"And Commissioner Unruh was there at our board meeting last week, we're pretty close to signing an agreement with Pratt Community College to move in to also offering an RN (Registered Nurse), which is ultimately then a partnership for the BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) at WSU. So, pretty excited about that. Here's just a snapshot in time of where we stand in terms of growth and this is misleading. This was taken in October, and the state requires us to do, on this day, take a snapshot of your enrollment. We have a number of courses that start after the census date, which are not on here, so our growth rate is only 1.4 percent, but when you factor in all the courses that start after the census date, down at the bottom there, you can see our growth rate is actually six percent this fall, another eight percent this spring. I think actually when the numbers are all in, we will be in the top three in the state in growth.

"So, we've got some challenges, Mr. Chairman. We've got a number of two-year schools around us that constantly want to get into Sedgwick County, and grab additional students, and competition is good. We will, we're competitive, we plan to win. So we'll make the changes to be more competitive with our neighbors, although I prefer collaboration. And we are trying to find ways to collaborate more with Pratt [Community College] and Butler [Community College] and Cowley [Community College], but we're willing to take them on if we have to as well. We think we should serve Sedgwick County.

"We are excited about Governor Brownback's brilliant plan, in my judgment, first of its kind in the nation, he's putting \$30 million towards a program to have technical and community colleges work with high school students while they are still in high school to get them an industry-recognized credential. Just to give you the magnitude of that, at USD (Unified School District) 259, there are 9,000 students that take at least one career and tech course every year there. In Derby, there's 1,200 students. So this is a big deal, and the governor is saying school districts, for every student you get to have an industry credential while still in high school, you get \$1,000.

Mr. Kinkel continued, "And, the state will pay the tuition to us to get them that credential. So it is a win-win for everyone, and I think you are going to hear a lot more about this. This is a game-changer for WATC. This is a game-changer. So we're pretty excited about that.

"We are concerned about the federal government, and they have to balance their budget, and we all understand that. And cuts are real and painful. This summer no longer will any student be able to come to WATC if they don't have a high school diploma or GED (General Educational Development). Used to be you could get a [Federal] Pell Grant if you could show the ability to benefit, and the cuts have wiped that out. They've also cut back on the family income that you can have to qualify for a full Pell Grant. Used to make about \$32,000 for a family of four, you can still get a full Pell Grant. The feds (federal government) have dropped that to \$22,000. So some middle class families are going to get hit. It affects WSU more than us, because our tuition is much lower. So it's going to hit some middle class families at WSU. KPERs (Kansas Public Employees Retirement System) changes, again, we're concerned, because one of the ways, our salaries are 20 percent less than the private sector at my college. But one of the ways we recruit people is to say we got a pretty good pension program. And there's some changes coming there that we're a little nervous about again. You know, you got to balance the budget. I get that. But I think it will harm our recruitment retention. We've been losing some key folks. You stole a few at the county from us, and that's okay. We're happy to help. Heard one earlier today we're proud of.

"But we have been losing, but I'm proud to say we got enough money in the budget this year, we are going to give people a four percent raise, and we think we'll get some salaries up to a little bit more competitive. We're paying off the debt, Mr. Chairman, and finally the last is, we are a little concerned about the holes in the budget, state budget next year, and the following year, if some of the tax proposals go through, I mean, I used to be a legislator, I love voting to cut taxes, that's the easy vote but where do you cut the budget. And there's about a billion dollar hole there, and I'm smart enough to know that about the only discretionary part left of the state budget is higher ed[ucation]. So we're a little nervous about what that is going to mean for us in the future, but, you know, we'll do the best we can.

"Here are all the businesses that employ our graduates. I wanted you to see this list. A

lot of them are in your Commissioner district, and this is just from last year alone, we placed graduates in over 200 businesses in Sedgwick County. Actually, some of these businesses are outside of Sedgwick County, and frankly, some of these businesses are national in scope. So, wanted you to see that. And that's just one of our billboards we have up. We are trying to do a better job, 97 percent of our nursing students pass that exam.

"So, Mr. Chairman, I know that was fast, I know you have a busy agenda. I hope you think you're getting your money's worth. We try to be good stewards of Sedgwick County taxpayers dollars. I'm here to answer any questions, suggestions, improvements, that you have for us, be happy, also, want to thank your County Manager, he is responsible for appointing our board, and has done a great job. We've got a great board. So we are linked at the hip with you guys here and we appreciate the partnership."

Chairman Norton said, "Dr. Kinkel, we thank you for coming today. I have a long history with WATC and NCAT.

"I remember the days when we were wringing our hands after WATC jettisoned off from [USD] 259 and some of us had to step up and learn about technical education on the quick que and then try to make some very profound decisions for the community. Commissioner Unruh was here in those days and they were pretty heady days to try to decide what was next.

"We knew it would be hard, we knew it was going to cost money, we knew that there would be some turmoil, but that at the end of the day, it would be meaningful for our community, and the report today at least reveals to me that a lot of the things that have come through the last few years have now got us to a meaningful, technical education college that makes a difference in our community, and individual's lives, and the ability for the workforce to grow like it should. We know the budgets going to continue to be an issue, and we watched that closely. Commissioner Unruh is on the board and I am on the foundation board, and we continue to try to understand how do we sustain the college and make it even better over the years. We do have some other comments. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Tony, very much appreciate the presentation, and the update on the material here, and glad to hear about the changes coming down from the state side, because you have got to focus both on the state, federal, and obviously where Sedgwick County is involved at this point. And I'm delighted to hear that you've got a program going with Maize High School on the [certified] nursing assistant program. I was curious, of the roughly 2,400 students enrolled, how many of those are high school students?"

Mr. Kinkel said, "In fact I just got that number. I think right now, in current budget year, about 55. We have programs that circle high school. Maize coming up, Mulvane, and one other high school that's escaping me now, and I can't remember, but about 55 students. I believe that number, based on the governor's initiative, will go up a hundredfold. I will make a bold pre-diction, that that number will become actually the majority."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I will agree with you. It will be a huge game changer and I'm delighted to hear that. Is USD 259 one of those districts with any students, at the moment, or if I'm maybe I'm trying to help you out there in terms of that..."

Mr. Kinkel said, "Yeah."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Is that the fourth district? Is it just four districts that have high school students at WATC, connected with WATC at this point?"

Mr. Kinkel said, "I'm drawing on my politically correct skills here to say that there have been some challenges in the relationship between USD 259 in the past and our tech college, as the Chairman alluded to. I will say it's gotten much better with John Allison there. Some of the players that didn't get along are gone, and so we have met three times already with USD 259 on the governor's initiative, and they have come in to the, they have gotten religion, and see that the thousand bucks per student is pretty advantageous to them to cooperate. So I will predict a very robust partnership with USD 259. Now, part of the challenges, they have a number of high-quality programs already. Their automotive program, frankly, is the best in the state. NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) certified.

Mr. Kinkel continued, "So we have to find a way to not disrupt what they are doing well already, but then overlay a credential that we offer. Because the governor's bill said we have to give the credential. I believe in automotive, in healthcare, in machining, there will be computer programming. There will be some very robust partnerships with USD 259. And frankly, most of them will be in their school. I think we're going to have to go out and work and deliver it at their site to make it effective. So we've not done a good job in the past, I think some personalities got in the way. Those issues have been resolved, and, you know, there's nothing like some significant funding to increase partnerships.

"So I think you'll see, and frankly, in your district, Commissioner, with Goddard and Maize and, you know, on the west side, I think there's a huge market for us there. I think there is a huge opportunity for us. At some point I want to visit with you, I think we need a west side presence for WATC. Now that's five years down the road, but I think, you know, that's the area where I think we can make quite a bit of a gain in some students."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I agree with you in terms of Goddard is in my district, but Commissioner Ranzau does have the City of Maize..."

Mr. Kinkel said, "Oh, you have Goddard."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask, when you said that WATC is the largest technical college in Kansas, one of your earlier screens listed five other schools. Are there six technical colleges in the state?"

Mr. Kinkel said, "Correct. Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Let me ask, and I've got a much longer list, I'll try to limit it to the ones I think are probably the most significant, or of interest to the public. You said that the governor's proposed an eight percent increase. My calculations, looking at your numbers up there from your state funding, somewhere in the neighborhood between \$400[,000] and \$450,000, is that a good ballpark number?"

Mr. Kinkel said, "It is. Slightly more than that. Depends on, the [Kansas] Board of Regents hasn't finalized the formula to distribute that. It looks like it's about \$510,000

additional state dollars.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Okay, so that would more than offsets whatever Washington stimulus money would be. Let me, on the online enrollment, I was intrigued, because that looks like a third of your enrollment. Do you have any idea how much of that is out of county or even out of state?”

Mr. Kinkel said, “I think the numbers that I saw is that about a quarter of that, 25 percent, are out of Sedgwick County. Most of our online enrollment are students here that decide to take an online course this semester because they are working a couple extra hours and they can't drive in. So I think about 25 percent are outside the county. And we charge them, by the way, a slightly higher tuition rate.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Skelton.”

Commissioner Skelton said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Doctor, I just wanted to compliment you and your efforts personally and the board's efforts and the staff, you know, I've been to the school several times over the past many years and I've seen it evolve. I was on the city council when it was first put together. So...I'm impressed. I mean, I truly am. I'm impressed with the numbers of people, the interest that the community is expressing in this facility, you know, its first rate. I mean, your classrooms have high-grade equipment. I mean some of the most technologically advanced systems there are being taught by you and your staff. So I think this is a definite benefit for the community and I'm sure the future has nothing but, you know, that which would be considered positive here for this facility and our community. So those are my comments. I hope to see you back at least, you know, twice a year would be good or once a year or whatever is relevant or required. So I appreciate you coming down today and I want you to come back again.”

Mr. Kinkel said, “Okay.”

Commissioner Skelton said, “And if you have something else for me to do besides paint when I come back, I will be glad to try that next.”

Mr. Kinkel said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Keep him out of health sciences. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Dr. Kinkel, I want to give you full respect for your position and your educational degree. I know you as Tony, so if I slip at Tony, well you'll forgive me. First of all, I just want to say also, I want to express appreciation for you being here, and telling us about these great strides that the college has made and I also want to express appreciation for your gracious recognition of our partnership and the way that the Board of County Commissioners and our staff has worked with the college to bring it to this point of success.

“The decision to invest over \$50 million in the National Center for Aviation Training, which you manage, as you indicated, was a very difficult and bold move for this Commission, but we made it with full understanding, we think that was the future, and we are, you have recognized that, appreciate it, and also want to express appreciation for your recognition that the citizens of Sedgwick County continue to invest their tax

money in this ongoing operation for the benefit of our economy. The evolution of the college to this point is really been pretty dramatic, as the Chairman noted, I was on the board when WATC separated from 259, and the college went through a difficult time of trying to identify itself and how it could be helpful in the community. We went through that period of innovation and creativity and entrepreneurship that doesn't always lend itself to solid structures, and to administration that keeps us on real stable financial footing, and that was the environment that you inherited.

“So I guess I'm working up to say that you have done a masterful job in bringing us from that point of rapid growth and kind of a fragmented entrepreneurial system into something that has a solid financial and educational future. We were at a point when we got here that we were concerned about the viability of the college itself, and how we were going to make NCAT successful for our community partners and specifically in our commitment to provide technical education and training for aviation industry. But through your leadership, you have kind of helped us overcome some of the financial challenges, and helped us create a system out there that is viable for the future.

Commissioner Unruh continued, "It's a significant achievement that you have made in this last 15 months, and I don't think that we can't say it loud enough that you've done a great job, and our Board is proud of you, and our community should be proud that we have a first class, world class technical education and training facility. We are providing the curriculum and training that is helpful to not only other aviation, but to other technical trades in the community and the medical profession which we are going to give even more emphasis to in the future as you indicated. So it's a great job you have done. We are proud of the college, we're proud of the facility and we just look forward to continued success. Thank you for your leadership.”

Mr. Kinkel said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, finally, I want to talk a little bit about, real soon we're going to have a [National] Career Pathways [Network] conference here locally, and that talks about the continuum, the system of stackable credentials and WATC will be so intimately involved in that, where we try to certify and stack credentials, let people move in and out of the workforce, and progress through their education and technical education is going to be critical to that emphasis on moving young people through the K[inderergarten]-12 system but into technical education or a career pathway where they can work and grow and learn and still get their academic achievements at the same time. So I'm pretty excited with what WATC's doing and how they build a partnership with not only the K-12 system but through other community colleges and the regions university. So, great job Dr. Kinkel, thanks for coming here.”

Mr. Kinkel said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “We really appreciate it.”

Mr. Kinkel said, “Thank you.”

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

Commissioner Skelton left the Meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item I. Presentation of awards in recognition of the 2011 United Way Employee Campaign.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Don't we need to receive and file?"

Chairman Norton said, "We could, before we take that I would entertain a motion to receive and file."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

Commissioner Skelton returned to the Meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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

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

Present: 0

I [12-0172](#)

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2011 UNITED WAY
EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN.

Presented by: Patrick J. Hanrahan, President, United Way of the Plains.

Accepted by: Chairman Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.
Richard Euson, County Counselor.
William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recieve and file.

Mr. Patrick J. Hanrahan, President, United Way of the Plains, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today with the very simple task, and the very pleasant task, and that is to say thank you. You know, the last few years have been very difficult times in Sedgwick County, but if there's good things that can come out of bad situations, it's once again to show the generosity of Sedgwick County citizens. And that certainly has been the case the last few years for the United Way, as we struggle to raise more money, because in a bad economy people need more services than in it a better economy.

"The generosity has been there, and certainly that has been true of the employees of Sedgwick County. Not only do the employees here provide help to our community each and every day professionally, but as volunteers, they give their time, talent, and treasure to the charitable non-profit sector. And I'm here today to thank all of the employees of Sedgwick County, and in particular three departments, and I have awards for each of them. The first is for the Sedgwick County Commissioners office itself, to receive our silver award for outstanding campaign, and we thank you very much for that, and all the employees in the Commissioner's office."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Okay. Well, I'm going to accept this, I happen to be on the United Way Board. This is my, I think, third incarnation of when I was at Target, I think I had two appointments to the board, but I'm on it again. I've served as the chair for the governmental campaign, and I'm a real believer in the United Way. We work hard in our community to deliver services, and non-profits and the United Way fill in the gaps that government just cannot take care of. So it's very important to our community, in these economic times, it's great that we got a silver award, but this year as Chairman, I am going to challenge us to move up to the next level as Commissioners, because I think it is so important for us to show leadership in all kinds of realms in our community. I thank the United Way for this. I am proud of the County Commissioners office, but now our challenge is even to do better in another year that's pretty tough for the United Way. Thank you, Pat, we appreciate it."

Mr. Hanrahan said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to give out the award, the silver award to the Sedgwick County Counselor's office. And the Chairman asked to set the bar higher, and the County Manager's office has done that, because they have received for us this year, from us the pinnacle award. So congratulations and thank you."

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much, Pat. Thank you. Kristi Zukovich has worked for years, I first met Kristi when she was a volunteer, worked here, but was doing our campaign, helping on the campaign when we were both a lot younger. And she has helped set the

bar for our office to make us get this award, so Kristi, this goes to you, too. Thank you."

Mr. Hanrahan said, "Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, thank you all so much."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <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 Chairman Peterjohn, seconded by Commissioner Skelton, that this Presentation(s) be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

J [12-0154](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,343,258 TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the electronic submission of the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents; including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application; and approve establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request at the time the grant documents are executed.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Health Director, Sedgwick County Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just have to add that I was one of those people that started as a CNA in high school. So look where it can lead you. And I really, you know, it helped me work my way through college. So it was really a good deal, so kudos to WATC. The agenda item before you is the Health Department's annual application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for aid to local grants. This is something that we've been getting for probably over 30 years. I don't know anybody who has worked here long enough to tell me exactly how long. This application covers many of the grants awarded to the Health Department and supports our mission to prevent disease, promote wellness and protect the public from health threats. It supports, it actually represents a commitment from the state, federal and local government to public health at the local level, which is where things happen.

"In state fiscal year 2012, which ends June 30th, our awards from KDHE was \$1,882,598, and supported public health infrastructure, chronic disease risk reduction, family planning, maternal and child health services, immunization services and STD (sexually transmitted diseases) and HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) grants. This year we have requested \$1,927,782, which is 2.3 percent over the grants that we received last year. There is both a hard and a soft match, or an in-kind match required for this grant. When I talk about a soft match, things like the time that our volunteer dentists contribute to the children's mental health clinic, that's included. The match is for \$415,476, this brings the total grant award to \$2,343,258. Meeting the match will not require an increase to the property tax, local budget, we can accommodate the match with our budget. In addition, the state formula block grant, which is one of the grants that we get, that all local health departments receive, includes a maintenance of effort stipulation that reduces our award if our local tax support decreases for public health. This happened last year. We anticipate it happening this year, and we have made plans to accommodate that reduction.

"Grants from the Kansas Department of Health [and Environment] (KDHE) and other sources account for 61 percent of our total budget. And this particular group of grants is 26 percent of our grant funding and 16 percent of our total budget. With these funds, it is estimated that over 26,000 individuals receive services from us, and that's over 55,000 encounters in a year. Without this funding, many of our programs would be drastically reduced. The big changes this year, and I talked to you about this when I briefed you, are a loss of \$100,000 in funding for HIV prevention, activities, and that means that the street outreach program, the education that we provided to vulnerable women who were in an inpatient treatment facility, the high-risk teens at the Sedgwick County Youth Program and the Wichita Children's Home, those programs will be going away. We're also losing half of a position that has been designated to investigate Gonorrhea and Chlamydia cases. So we're looking at finding ways to increase our

capacity using other staff. Kansas has been identified as a low prevalence state for HIV and AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), and that is why Kansas lost this funding, so we're just basically dealing with the ramifications of that. We weren't targeted, you know, for any particular reason, Kansas lost money.

"We are adding the Personal Responsibility and Education Program (PREP) to the bundle of grants. The agreement for this program was presented to you as a separate agenda item last year, and it is now being rolled into this grant bundle. We anticipate receiving \$158,000 for this program in state fiscal year [20]13, [20]14, and [20]15, and it is a program that has been proven effective to reduce teen pregnancy and STDs. We have begun implementing it at Northwest [High School] and Heights [High School], and it is going very well. By the time we're done, four years, we'll have eight high schools, and over 2,000 children, teens, that have been educated. Susan Wilson, who is the Director of the Healthy Babies Program, is here to answer any questions you have about the PREP program. I don't want to tell you stories that get too specific where people can be identified, but the anecdotal stories thus far have been really positive. Kids who were sexually active, kind of thinking through the whole process through this course, and changing their minds about how they want to behave, what they want in their future, and how to make healthy choices. Lot's more conversation going on with parents, so, we are hearing positive things from the facilitators. We won't have any hard data until later this year.

"This contribution from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is a foundational piece for many of our public health programs. It allows us to continue to work towards improving the health status of our residents by assuring that our children are immunized, our most vulnerable women receive well women checkups and education about how to stay healthy in between and during pregnancies, and our high-risk teens will still receive education about STD prevention through the PREP program even though we're going to be decreasing that street outreach. We use this funding to also engage and empower youth to make healthy choices about tobacco, and not use tobacco, and over the years, over the last decade we've seen a very good reduction in tobacco use by our teens. So in short, these programs help to strengthen the health of our community, and I recommend that you approve the application and authorize the Chair to sign all related documents and I would be happy to answer any questions, or call on Susan to answer specific questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Claudia. Good presentation. But you had briefed all of us individually, so that we could ask even deeper questions. We do have some comments or some questions, Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you. Claudia you were going to get me the exact amount of..."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Federal dollars in this."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Yes. For state fiscal year [20]11/[20]12, the one that we're in, 45 percent of the grant dollars from KDHE are actually state dollars and 55 percent are federal dollars. And we asked whether or not the state dollars were match dollars to draw down the federal, and the answer that I got was, if that's required. So I don't really know exactly, but I suspect that most of that money is a match to pull down federal dollars."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "All right. So, 55 percent I think calculates that."

Ms. Blackburn said, "And for this year, it would be about 47 percent. So it's just under 50 percent state dollars."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. So 53 percent for..."

Ms. Blackburn said, "For the federal."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "...2012."

Ms. Blackburn said, "53 percent for federal and 47 for state."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. Thank you. Well, I'll figure that out later. Certainly our local Health Department is a local entity created by the state, and as a result, I absolutely support state and local funding of these issues and of this sort of thing, I think we've talked about that, and I support that amount of funding. I do not, however, support federal funding of this. This is not a federal issue it's a local issue. The Health Department was not created by the national government, it was created by the state government and we should fund this ourselves. We are talking probably around a million dollars or so of federal funding. I find it hard to believe between the state and local government we couldn't find a million dollars to support these things if they were important to us. In fact, I know the money is there, it's just simply a matter of priority. And I stand ready to make this a priority for my own state and local dollars but I cannot, my value just, it goes against my value of shoving this responsibility on to future generations and so my vote will reflect that. But I want to make it very clear that I'm more than happy of the matching amount that we have provided, the money that the state provides, I have no problem with. In fact, I think if we really had the willpower we could find the money in existing money at the state and local level to meet the demands of our citizens. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Claudia, this item talks about a single grant, but in the backup information it looks like its multiple grants. Can you kind of clarify that for me please?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Right, it's a bundle of ten different grants."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Because, I will just say this going forward, I voted for this in the past, and continue to have an interest and I share some of the concerns of my colleague who just spoke. But if we've got this all lumped together in one package, I think it would be helpful going forward. It is a package of ten separate grants that we would be able to separate out, because I believe some of these are entirely state funded and I don't see a federal issue with it, certainly with those, as opposed to the ones that are either partially or fully funded. And I understand the states working through to kind of try to max, what they view as maximizing the, bringing money out of Washington. I say that as a procedure going forward. My vote today is going to struggle with the fact that Washington's role in healthcare I think is certainly controversial, certainly in the forefront of the news today. But I have supported this in the past. It's going to be something I will continue to monitor closely going forward, as long as I have the privilege of sitting in this chair. Thank you, Mr."

Chairman.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay, we have heard the presentation. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the electronic submission of the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents; including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application; and approve establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request at the time the grant documents are executed.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

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

Ms. Blackburn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you, Claudia. Next item.”

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Ranzau

Aye: 4 - Chairman Peterjohn, Commissioner Skelton, Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Unruh

Present: 0

K [12-0201](#)

AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FOR A MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST.

Presented by: Marilyn Cook, LSCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE.

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

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For several years now, COMCARE has placed a clinician, a therapist at the Child Advocacy Center. We've had two different individuals serve in this program and it's been difficult in both cases for this therapist to be part of the team at the Child Advocacy Center and going back and forth at the children's program. So after the last one left, we sat down with the Child Advocacy Center administration and after significant discussion, we have agreed to provide funding, COMCARE to provide funding for the Child Advocacy Center to hire and supervise a clinician who specializes in child abuse and trauma informed care, rather than placing one there. Under this contract the clinician will be expected to make contact with each referral within five business days, and to meet with the family or the child within ten days of a referral directly, and to provide 260 direct client contact hours each quarter after the first six months when they're up to speed. We are recommending that you approve and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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| <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> |

Ms. Cook said, "Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

L [12-0160](#)

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING.

Presented by: Chris Chronis, CFO.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. Chris Chronis, CFO, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you know, we produce a comprehensive annual financial report each year that is about an inch thick. It contains all the county's financial statements, it contains about 50 pages of narrative explaining those statements, some 20 pages of statistical tables, a lot of data, for a numbers geek like me it's a good read. For most people, it is sleep-inducing. And so in recognition of the fact that those statements are not useful to the general public, some 20 years ago, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), a professional association of people like me, established the popular annual reporting program through which they hoped to encourage state and local governments to extract information from those comprehensive annual financial reports and produce it in a form that provided an accurate picture of the jurisdiction's financial condition and factors affecting that condition, but produced it in a summarized form that was useful to lay readers.

"In the most recent year for which we have complete data, 2009, there were 209, I'm sorry, 206 governments throughout the entire country who qualified to receive the award for achievement in popular annual financial reporting. Sedgwick County was one of those 206 governments in 2009, and we are here today to receive the award for the subsequent year, 2010. This is the award document, is called the PAFR in common nomenclature, the Popular Annual Financial Report. And as you can see it's a very abbreviated summary of the county's financial condition. It is something we distribute frequently when we are making presentations to the public. You distribute them to your constituents frequently, I know. We distribute them to students throughout the community who are interested in county finance or public finance. And this work, this product is the work of several people in the Accounting Department of Finance. And so I would like to ask Sara Jantz, our Accounting Director who supervises those people, to come up and introduce them, and I would present this award to Sara and ask her in turn to present it to those people."

Ms. Sara Jantz, Director, Accounting, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Chris is correct, this was the hard work of my staff, and I would like to take a moment to recognize them, because they are the ones that should be getting this award. So ladies, if you would like to come up with me. We have Brandi Baily, our Principal Accountant, and Daniela Rivas, our Senior Accountant, so ladies, this award is for them. Also, we need to thank Tony Guilliano. Without him, this would be an 8 by 10 with clip art. So, no way we would probably get this award without him. So, we look forward to having the 2011 PAFR to you in the coming weeks. Thank you."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Sara. We're proud of all of our staff that put the programs together for us. It makes us look good when we go out into the public and can hand out a quality document that's readable and understandable, yet still tells the story of Sedgwick County's finances, and that's exactly what these pamphlets do for us, but it really adds to the transparency of our county finances. Because that's a huge issue in the nation right now, for people to understand what governments are doing with their money, how it's spent, what it looks like, and these documents make it easy for

us to convert a very complicated system down to something that the average citizen can understand and feel comfortable that we are trying to be transparent, we are trying to give out as much information as we can, so thank you very much. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to first begin by making a motion that we receive and file."

Chairman Norton said, "You're going to get ahead of the curve."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I am going to try to get ahead of the curve. Just share for, not so much for the Department of Finance staff, because you know this, but for I think the public who is interested in government and understanding government, I think the comprehensive annual financial report, whether you've got the abbreviated form, if you have a short period of time to look at it or the full document, it may be soporific for some, but it's absolutely the most useful financial tool to understand what is going on in government, at whatever level, and whether you're talking about the state, city, county school district, if I wanted to understand what is going on, that would be my starting point, as the document to begin with. And the county's document in that regard is just, in my view, an absolutely invaluable tool, and I very much look forward to the annual report coming out or the quarterly updates. It certainly has an interest for this Commissioner and I think for anyone who is interested in Sedgwick County government, it would be the starting point, and I want to commend you all and congratulate you on this achievement."

Ms. Jantz said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to add my expression of appreciation for your hard work. When we have a document that is attractive and informative, transparent, understandable, all those good qualities that we can consistently use to help Commissioners present the work of Sedgwick County, it's a great tool for us.

"I think everyone that I've had an opportunity to present this to has appreciated it, and so it's all the result of your good work, and I want to thank you for that."

Ms. Jantz said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Sara, Brandi and Daniela and Tony, wherever he may be, we appreciate the hard work that you've produced for us. Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That's the longest second I can recall since I've been a Commissioner."

Chairman Norton said, "Well we're precedent setting today. Madam Clerk, please call the vote."

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

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

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

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

Present: 1 - Commissioner Skelton

M [12-0204](#)

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, QUIVIRA COUNCIL FOR THE USE OF A PORTION OF LAKE AFTON PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A "CAMPOREE" EVENT.

Presented by: Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Agreement, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "By approval of this grant you will, or approval of this agreement, you will be granting the Boy Scouts of America Quivira Council exclusive use of a portion of Lake Afton Park for the purpose of sponsoring and holding a Camporee Event related activities subject to reasonable inspections and access by county personnel on the dates Friday, April 20th through Sunday, April 22, 2012. Activities will include camping, use of firing range for archery and BB gun target practice, use of nature trails, use of lake for fishing and other activities. Our own Kelly Dixon from the Code Enforcement Department is actively engaged in this event and is very proud to be not only associated with this event but associated with the county in representing the county in this effort.

Mr. Holt continued, "A certificate of insurance approved by the County Counselor is required and has been provided pursuant to Section 5 of the agreement, and I would stand for any questions you might have. Otherwise, I ask that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

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| <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> |

Mr. Holt said, "Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

N [11-0703](#)

PROGRAMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Buchanan said, "This is our monthly report regarding the existing programs. You can see that for the month of February in 2012, the numbers continue to be down, booking and detention and Work Release and out of county are significantly down for the total for that month comparing from 2011 to 2012. Bookings and releases, the bookings are surprisingly, although the numbers, the previous numbers were down, the bookings were up. So we processed those people through the jail faster than we normally do. You will see the year-to-date bookings are down, releases would be expected to be down as year-to-date releases. The length of stay still reflects good numbers. You'll see that the booking hours are seven, almost eight hours. Year-to-date bookings, a little less than that. Housing numbers are down year-to-date, days are down.

"We see this trend line. Now, remember for 2012, that's only two months of information, but the numbers are still down using that graph. This is the one that really tells us what's going on. You'll see there was a little bump in February, but if you compare February of 2012, as we just did, to 2011, it's down considerably almost 100. And so that's a nice trend, although there was a bump in February.

"Remember February was a really nice weather month, not a normal sleet and hail and 30 and 40 degree weather, but 60s and 70s.

"Adult supervision snapshot. [Corrections] Day Reporting numbers, we changed the program. That's why those numbers are down. But you can see, Corrections Pretrial Services, down just a little bit. All these numbers are a little bit down, as you can see, but that's because the system was down, and people are using these programs to keep people out of jail. But the whole system has been suppressed. The Adult Supervision Snapshot from other funded sources, you can see are up a little bit in [Wichita] Mental Health Court, up again in [Wichita] Drug Court [Diversion], stays a little down in [Wichita] Drug Court Probation, up considerably in [Wichita] Probation. You'll see that Wichita city is using the alternative sources rather than putting them in our system.

"BICE (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement) holds, the snapshot on February 29th, 42 holds on that day only, 2.9 percent of the population from that day. And I'll remind you that almost all inmates with BICE holds have other charges based with them. It's been requested we talk about felony inmates in a snapshot on March 27th, that's not too many days ago, 141 inmates sentenced to felony time in Sheriff's custody. That's 9.5 percent of our population. This is not people, this category is different than those people waiting for sentencing to go to the, or awaiting space in the state system. These people have been sentenced as felonies to our jail. Now that's not a problem with the state correction system. That's a problem with the state legislature, who now allow for some felony convictions to be housed in county jails at adult detention facilities rather than state corrections facilities.

"Initiatives, we've heard of journal entries, and you know about the Interface Management Team continues to work. The Jail Management System data workgroup

continues to gather data and try to figure out how to manage using that. Their communications [Committee], looking at processes continuing. Work Center, [Mental Health] One-Stop-Shop and Mental Health Court have, people have done work, but they are kind of in limbo waiting for additional funds or reallocation of dollars to implement those programs. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Manager, thank you for the update. I'm particularly interested in having the numbers of the number of convicted felons who are serving sentences in the Sedgwick County Jail, because this is putting a significant cost, by my very rough calculations just looking at these numbers, this is an equivalent of about half a mill, almost half a mill a year in terms of a property tax burden that has been shifted from the state on to Sedgwick County. Having this data, I think, is important, because this is at the top of my priority list whenever I have the opportunity to talk to legislators, and I am going to continue to push that, and I'm going to urge my colleagues here today to join me in not only talking to the legislators, but when we raise issues with our colleagues up in Topeka, that this remains at the top of our list. If I pull 141 inmates out of this list for daily total, for the month of February anyway, we'd be slightly above 1,300 people.

"That's, I think, a rather remarkable number in light of the fact that just a couple of years ago, we'd have days where we would have over 1,750 people in custody.

Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "If we had these 141 convicted felons who are serving their felony sentences in Sedgwick County in the Kansas Department of Corrections, where I believe felons should be serving sentences, we would, our jail population picture would be significantly different, significantly improved, and taxpayers at the local level would not be bearing this burden. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Bill, I think it would be interesting, several years ago, we went down the path of trying to figure out if we needed to build a new jail or not. We were on the precipice of doing that. We backed up a little bit, tried to reanalyze, put together a plethora of programs that we now are implementing. Most of them have had a full, three, four, five years that we've been working on. It would be interesting to figure out what the debt load would have been if we built the jail and the operations each year and compare that to what we spent on programs, because the programs don't come cheap. I mean, they have cost us, but to see what that incremental savings was to taxpayers each year by the actions we took on programs as opposed to facilities. I think that would tell a huge story in savings to the taxpayer by changing the system in the way we did business."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Absolutely."

Chairman Norton said, "So I would encourage you to maybe take a look at that over a five-year period and see what that looks like for us."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We'll take a look."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We have the...see the two wonderful interns here, this is the last

week they're interns, and so they both have permanent jobs. So this will keep them busy between now and Friday at five o'clock."

Chairman Norton said, "They need something, right?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Right."

Chairman Norton said, "This one's for you."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

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| <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> |

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

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

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

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

Present: 0

- O [12-0224](#) APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION WITH MCCONNELL AFB WING TOP 3 FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON ROCK ROAD FROM OAK KNOLL ROAD TO 47TH ST. STREET. DISTRICT 5.
Presented by: Jim Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Application, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item O is a renewal application with McConnell Air Force Base Wing Top 3 for the Sedgwick County Adopt a Highway Program. They will be responsible for picking up litter along Rock Road from Oak Knoll [Road] to 47th Street South, and we recommend you approve the application and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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| <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 Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Chairman Peterjohn, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

P [12-0225](#)

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN ROADS UNDER K.S.A. 68-506. DISTRICT 5.

Presented by: Jim Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Weber said, "It is a standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a residential subdivision, in accordance with the county standards, that the road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case, 37th Street South and 135th Street East will become the responsibility of Gypsum Township.

Mr. Weber continued, "The Gypsum Township board was informed that this resolution would be on the County Commission agenda by letter dated February 17th, and we again recommend that you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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| <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> |

Mr. Weber said, "Thank you."

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Skelton, seconded by Commissioner Unruh, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

Q [12-0232](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 22, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Acting Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Meeting of the Boards of Bids and Contracts of March 22nd, results in nine items for your consideration. Item 1;

1. 2012 BITUMINOUS FRICTIONAL SEAL (R175-K) -PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING -R175 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE -SELECTED RDS.

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from LaFarge North America in the amount of \$963,152.47. Item 2;

2. 2012 NOVA CHIP OVERLAYS & PAVEMENTMARKING (R-175B) - PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING -R175 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE -SELECTED RDS.

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from APAC -Kansas, Inc. in the amount of \$990,782.60. Item 3;

3. ERGONOMIC ASSESSMENTS and TRAINING -RISK MANAGEMENT FUNDING -RISK MANAGEMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the proposal from Worksafe Physical Therapy, Inc. at the rates above and establish contract pricing for three years with two one-year options to renew. Item 4;

4. 2012 DODGE CHARGER POLICE VEHICLE --FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING --FLEET MANAGEMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Briggs Chrysler in the amount of \$79,689.00. Item 5;

5. 2013 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTOR --FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING --FLEET MANAGEMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Shawnee Mission Ford in the amount of \$53,572.00. Item 6;

6. 2013 FORD SEDAN POLICE INTERCEPTORS --FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING --FLEET MANAGEMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Shawnee Mission Ford in the amount of \$56,130.00. Item 7;

7. RUBBER TIRE EXCAVATORS--FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING --FLEET MANAGEMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the proposal for Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. in the amount of \$466,566.00. Item 8;

8. VARIOUS PAPER STOCK--DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND
OPERATIONS
FUNDING --VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

"The recommendation is to accept the low overall bid from Southwest Paper at the unit prices listed for three years with two one-year options to renew. Item 9;

9. PTT INTERFACE FORCAD SYSTEM-EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING-911 TELEPHONE TAX

"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Northrop Grumman in the amount of \$105,000.14.

"I'll be happy to answer any questions or direct you to those representatives from the departments and I do recommend approval of these items."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contract except for Items 4, 5, and 6.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <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, "I assume that we'll talk about Items 4, 5, and 6 today and I know Commissioner Peterjohn will want to start the discussion. All of these issues, as we bid vehicles over the years, have concerned me because of the locality of where the bids come from, and particularly when they're very close bids. And we don't have any language in our policy about accepting local bids or if it's a two or three percent difference, we can accept a different way of taking the purchasing, but I think that's a discussion maybe that will come up today and that we need to have, so, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You kind of stole a little bit of my thunder."

Chairman Norton said, "I apologize. That wasn't my intent."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Because I noticed there was a dissenting vote on the part of the bid board in this, and we've got some people, several of these bids we're literally talking almost literally dollars in terms of how close they are. I know there are times when we're looking for best value, and I think having a dealership that's here in town and local and I know this isn't the first time we've struggled with this, but before proceeding today, I frankly would feel more comfortable if we recommended back to have the bid board take a closer look at Items 4, 5, and 6 in light of how close they were and looking at the overall best value. When we're talking about best economic value for the county with, including, you know, we talk a lot about economic growth and economic development. We're talking about some sizable taxpayers, sizable payrolls and being able to have a quick response in terms of our needs in terms of servicing and the equipment, and literally, we're talking about a handful of dollars between these bids.

"So that's why I wanted to pull these items, Mr. Chairman, and wanted to express that concern. That's the direction I'm interested in going. I haven't had a chance to visit with anyone else here prior to this meeting, but this is an issue that's come up in the past, and I wanted to make sure it got some discussion this morning."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I appreciate that. I've been an advocate for taking a look at some language that would talk about best value and local preferences. It becomes a little harder because we're bound by some state statutes and some governances that are out of our control. Mr. Counselor, are we totally bound by the lowest bid at this point, or are there languages that we can adopt that will create an ability to take a low responsible bid that may be within a percentage point or two from the lowest bid but it has a local flavor to it?"

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, there is a couple issues going on here. As to the bids that are received within the state, within the State of Kansas, you could reform your charter resolution to provide for giving some preference to the local bidders, and that would require amending the charter, waiting 60 days and going through that process."

Chairman Norton said, "Does that require a 5-0 vote of the Commission?"

Mr. Euson said, "That would require 4 affirmative votes of the County Commission."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, and in your opinion, is that language based on a percent of the two bids being in a close proximity to each other, or is there other language you can put in?"

Mr. Euson said, "Well, that's a good question. I think I'd want to consult with perhaps the county in purchasing and see what they think about that, but you could do it a number of different ways, but that's very doable. Now, for the bids that are outside of the state, and we've had some of those, you can, we have a state statute that says that if the out of state laws provide some preference in that state, then we can give a corresponding preference inside the state, so we can do that up to, I think, about five percent. Beyond that, there is a privileges and immunities problem with in general adopting a policy to apply outside of the state to give preference to in-state bidders versus out of state bidders."

Chairman Norton said, "Do we know which states have that preferential clause and which don't? Do we have a listing of that?"

Mr. Euson said, "I do not. I don't know if Joe might know that or if there's anybody else."

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, we have access to some information, and it's listed by state as to the type of whether they have local preference or any other manufacturing preference, trade preferences."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't know that I've heard that in the past when we've had bids from out of state. I think that would be something we want to make sure is included so it gives us some kind of an idea that we may have a different choice to make based on that. It may not change anything, but it would be good information for us to have in the future. Commissioners, we've got this in front of us. We've got three items that we have not dealt with. At this point, we need to have some discussion as to whether we want to postpone these items or defer them and send them back to the board of bids and contracts, move forward today, and then look to the future on other items, because this isn't the last time we'll have these kinds of items. I don't know that I want to hold up the process that much today, but I certainly believe we need to have a very deep discussion about, and particularly in these economic times, local preference. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess a question for the Counselor, do we have the liberty to choose different from the bid board recommendation today?"

Mr. Euson said, "I think our charter requires you to accept the bids that were recommended by the bid board."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "So based on our policy today and the bid board going through their full vesting, we would have to accept the low bid today if we deal with it? Do we have the alternative to send it back to the bid board and let them relook at it and give us another recommendation?"

Mr. Euson said, "Well, you can do that if you want a fuller explanation. Perhaps that might be of some assistance. But I think, as legal matter, the answer is probably going to be the same."

Chairman Norton said, "So if we send it back, we're not asking them to relook at it and give us a different interpretation? It would be just to give us new information on the interpretation and the recommendation that they did bring forward, is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, sir. Yes."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners? Commissioner Skelton, I'm sorry. Commissioner Ranzau, go ahead."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, this is something that I wanted to talk to some of my fellow Commissioners and haven't had a chance to. I'm not opposed to postponing this if it's not going to hurt anything for a couple of weeks, because I want to fully understand the legal options and obligations are, but I'll go with whatever the will of the Board is as far as voting today or postponing it. I don't know if we're under a time

crunch on any of these.”

Mr. Thomas said, “We should be good if it's just for a couple weeks. We should be fine, sir.”

Commissioner Ranzau said, “Yeah, I mean, for me, it wouldn't be more than a week, although I think...”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Not next week. We're not meeting next week.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “No two weeks.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “We're meeting next week. We are meeting next week, sorry.”

Chairman Norton said, “So the bids would still be good for that period of time?”

Mr. Thomas said, “Yes, sir.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, let's get through everybody. Is that all?”

Commissioner Ranzau said, “That's all.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Skelton.”

Commissioner Skelton said, “Part of my comments or questions have been addressed, but again, I've made these comments before about how the state mettles in our business and puts these handcuffs on us. What's the purpose here? “Okay, why are we voting on this even if the state tells us what we got to do here? I just, you know, ‘go away’ is what I'd say here. So, whatever the Board chooses to do is something I can work with.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Mr. Chairman, just remind my colleagues and the public that there have been times where we've had bid board items come up with the bid board recommendation but it hasn't been the lowest bidder for a variety of reasons. And so I think, and since this was not a unanimous vote by the bid board coming to us, I wanted to bring these to the Board's attention and public's attention as part of our discussions this morning, because I do think we jump through a lot of hoops trying to strengthen the local economy, on many occasions, and I think this is an area where we may have to be creative and we may have some difficulties getting to where I think we want to go, where I think the majority of Commission wants to go, but I think that's an effort well worth undertaking and that's why I raised this issue this morning. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “At this point, I guess my final comment is that I've got some information, some documents and some language about best value bidding, and it talks to just this, that you inject some language that talks about you want to take the lowest responsible bid but that you give some preference to the local entity that has bid. There is a threshold of two or three or five percent, and I would be glad to advance those to all the Commissioners so they can look over it and maybe help us find some language that will strengthen and change our process and move us towards a little more local flavor to our bid process.

"I don't know that that's going to be anything that will change the dynamics of these bid documents. I may be wrong. So deferring these to do the other process isn't going to make much difference. I imagine when they come back to us we're still going to have to vote on the lowest bid for this particular process, so I would encourage us to maybe go ahead and just clear this out today, not worry with it, but then really start a good solid robust debate about where we want to go next with low bid, local preference and the language for best value."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the recommendations of Items 4, 5, and 6 of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Chairman Norton seconded the motion.

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

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| <i>Commissioner Unruh</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i> | <i>No</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, "I know that not everybody agreed on that, obviously. But we had a good conversation, I think, and I would, I will start the process and maybe we can talk about it at a staff meeting."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "Put that on an agenda to have some language and some thoughts from the Manager on how we can proceed on this."

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

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

CONSENT

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| R | <u>12-0219</u> | Approve hiring a new Sedgwick County Zoo employee above the pay range minimum. |
| S | <u>11-1239</u> | Transfer \$405,000 from the approved 2012 Day Reporting budget to the Adult Intensive Supervision Program (AISP) Contingency Fund. |
| T | <u>12-0174</u> | Amendment to the Agreement with the National Association of Counties (NACO). |

- U** [12-0199](#) Agreement with Pratt Community College for nursing students to observe clinical practice in a non-hospital setting at the Sedgwick County Health Department.
- V** [12-0198](#) Agreement with Sinclair School of Nursing at the University of Missouri-Columbia for nursing students to observe clinical practice in a non-hospital setting at the Sedgwick County Health Department.
- W** [12-0200](#) Agreement with Walden University to allow student placement for the purpose of experiential learning in a public health environment.
- X** [12-0208](#) Agreement renewal with United Methodist Open Door (UMOD) to provide Case Management Services.
- Y** [12-0226](#) One (1) Permanent Easement for Drainage for Drainage Project near the Kansas Turnpike between 71st & 79th Streets South. District 2.
- Z** **12-0195** Order dated 03/08/2012 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- AA** **12-0215** Order dated 03/15/2012 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- AB** [11-1289](#) General Bill Check Register.
- AC** [11-1288](#) General Bill Check Register.
- AD** [11-1252](#) Payroll Check Register.
- AE** [12-0209](#) Plat
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer Office hereby certifies that all taxes up to and including the tax year prior to the first tax year affected by the plat recording, have been paid. If prior to new tax roll being certified, the Treasurer's Office has collected the required tax necessary to record the plat, replat, or plat of survey.
- Replat of Roman Winter Addition, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

AF [12-0217](#)

Plat

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer's Office hereby certifies that all taxes up to and including the tax year prior to the first tax year affected by the plat recording, have been paid. If prior to new tax roll being certified, the Treasurer's Office has collected the required tax necessary to record the plat, replat, or plat of survey.

Replat of Banzet's Valley View Addition, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <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 Commissioner Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Skelton, that this Consent be Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: 0

OTHER

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, is there any other items to come before us? Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to talk a little bit about next week's agenda, I believe it is. So that my constituents know we are going to be voting on what I consider a very important issue for this meeting, and that's the idea of sustainable development. That vote will be next week. In the meantime this Friday there will be an out of town speaker coming, Tom DeWeese, at a [Wichita] Pachyderm [Club] meeting this Friday that's open to the public. He's researched this subject for over 18 years and he'll have some insightful information about the consequences of this. Unfortunately, this subject has gone under the radar for a lot of people, and a lot of people don't know about it. Basically, what we're going to be voting on is whether or not we're going to adopt President Obama's plan to implement the United Nation's Agenda 21. It's called sustainable development, in these terms, but this is what it is.

"I've done a lot of research on this. I think one of the greatest assets we have here in communities is affordable living, affordable housing, and this sort of an agenda has, is very likely to destroy that advantage that we have over communities. Now, the effect will not be overnight. The plan, it's going to take three years to create the plan to begin with, but based on all the research that I've found, it's inevitable. Supporters of this particular type of plan have said that higher taxes are an important part of it, of sustainable development. So when we vote next week, we will be voting not only on sustainable development but in the long-term higher taxes. Just to give you an idea of some of the things that are coming down, or that could possibly come down, this is an partnership between HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development), DOT (U.S. Department of Transportation) and EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). EPA is very involved in this. In fact one of the key partners is an employee of an EPA [Environmental] Finance Center [Network] here in Wichita.

"Already there are documents available for local communities. This one here is available through [www]greenwichita.com [org]. It's called Sustainable Design and Green Building Toolkit for Local Government. So they're going to help us with our sustainable design. They want us to look at all of our zoning codes and ordinances, and it gives a list here of things we can do, and to get it green, you have to require these things, and you have to incentivize them. Some of the most absurd ones are they want us to of course regulate dust and they want us to regulate sky glow of our community. They want us to take steps to minimize sky glow, but evidently that's not sustainable and that's bad. Now these are some of the worst ones, but there is a lot more behind this agenda than what's being put out there behind the people that are supporting this. But it's important to know that if you're a homeowner, if you're a business owner, if you're a farmer, if you're a developer, a builder or if you ever hope to be one of those things, you need to know about this, and you need to oppose it.

"Every chamber of commerce within this community ought to be jumping up and down against this if they truly support what's in the best interest of local businesses, because this is the mother of all big government programs, and they're going to, they're saying they're going to help us plan our communities for the future and help us be more, help us with economic development, which I think is just the opposite. We don't need a big government plan that's going to take three years to create to help plan an organization.

"We already have plenty of elected officials, staff members, the MAPD (Metropolitan Area Planning Department), a variety of other people to help our communities, and this is a, in my mind, a terrible trojan horse, that if we let this in the community, we'll pay for this for decades to come. This is the one opportunity we have to say to the federal government 'No' to your big government agenda. I am very concerned, however, we won't take this opportunity and in the long run we'll live to regret it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hadn't planned to jump in, but I'll just second my colleague's comments that he just completed and also provide a report in terms of the number of folks. We had 1,475 people in the Sheriff's custody in the Sedgwick County Jail, and I think that's very interesting in light of the fact almost 10 percent of them are convicted felons. In light of the earlier data we received today, I think that's important for anyone interested in the challenge we face in that regard in terms of that number that we're facing. And of those, 1,090 of those people were in the main detention facility. We had only 106 in Work Release, and that's barely two-thirds, and there were 279 out of county. Broken down by their security classifications, I think this is a very interesting and telling number going forward, and I'm beginning to see a bit of a trend, and it really didn't show up in some of the earlier numbers we had, but I'm going to emphasize a little bit here. Maximum security 504; medium security 591, which gets pretty close to the jail's overall capacity of around 1,100, a little over 1,100; minimum security, though, is down to only 330; the rest are unclassified. Which means that we're having significant success in terms of keeping the, in my view, people who are, have been charged with relatively minor charges or convicted of minor offenses, are going into either alternative programs one way or another. And I think that's going to be an important number to continue to look at and monitor going forward."

"I'm going to also mention, in terms of challenges that we face and even if we're a unanimous Board in some cases, and today on a couple of issues we weren't, but even if we're completely unanimous, we've had this discussion about KanCare or better known as Medicaid for Kansas. In light of the ongoing national debate, and I shouldn't say national debate, the national debate's been occurring in the media but the important part has been occurring at the Supreme Court of the United States as to whether ObamaCare and portions of ObamaCare are constitutional or not. And the third and final day of their ongoing legal discussions are occurring, and that could have significant impact for not only each of us as citizens out there, but for Sedgwick County, too, because the whole Medicaid program, in fact, is the subject for the court's discussion today."

"So it's important for us to understand that going forward, because the Chairman today started out our meeting with a quote from Winston Churchill. I've got a Churchill quote I like to use, and I may be just paraphrasing here a little bit, if everyone will go along. The Churchill quote I would like to provide today, as part of this 'other', is '[You can always count on] America[ns to do] always does the right thing after [they've] it has tried everything else.' And in light of that challenge we face, I would like to recommend to folks to keep that in mind. On a lighter note, I'm going to say go Jayhawks and also congratulate Wichita State [University], KU (Kansas University) and K-State (Kansas State University) for their men and women's basketball tournament achievements, and even though some of them didn't go as far as I was hoping they were going to go, they still had a great year. I'll be saying 'Go [Jay]hawks!' for Saturday night. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Oh, well, my Winston Churchill quote for the day is, 'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.'"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That's FDR (Franklin D. Roosevelt)."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Or FDR quote. Pardon me."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I've just got a couple of things. Commissioner Skelton and I will be going to a quad cities meeting this afternoon. That's Mulvane, Haysville, Derby and South Wichita. It's a planning group working on land use and green space and economic development and how those four entities work together to plan the future of the south side, make sure that they have boundaries that are squared up, that they understand the citizenry in the unincorporated area, what the growth potentials are for the south side because of the casino and some of the other entities down there. Commissioner Skelton is the Chairman of that group, and I participate in this, but we'll be going to that this afternoon.

"And then finally, yesterday at our staff meeting, we had a pretty good presentation on the Department of Aging, what their funding looks like, what is the future of senior centers in our community, what the funding stream looks like, and we'll continue that conversation as we go into budgets, but there has been some threats to our funding streams and our revenue that also supports senior centers. We know that they are very important out in the small communities and some of the neighborhoods in the larger City of Wichita, and that's something that's going to be on our plate that we're going to discuss, that we're going to debate, but that we need people to weigh in and give us information on what they're thinking about that, because that is just another one of those budget issues we're going to have to deal with in the course of 2012, looking to 2013. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your comments about the planning organization in the southeast part of our county. To me, that looks like one example in the, at least at the local level of some sustainable planning. And I realize that that whole issue of sustainability and sustainable planning activities not only locally but throughout the state and even the nation provokes a, what some have called a boiling ocean of rhetoric that stirs things up and stimulates emotional responses in some respects. I would just like to say that we're going to be talking about sustainability next week, as Commissioner Ranzau indicated, and it's a program, an effort, that is being managed by the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP). I happen to sit as Vice Chair of that organization. We've been working on it quite some time, making application for this grant that will allow all the constituent governments in the REAP area through their elected representatives and through interested groups from builders, to farm bureau, to realtors, to small business associations to sit down at the table and think about what the future might hold, what should we be thinking about to be diligent and prudent in thinking about what is a way for us to go forward as a community in such a way that we will conserve cash, that we will not create unnecessary costs and that we will conserve our resources.

"It seems to me like saving money and saving resources through a group of intelligent people sitting at the table is a good thing to do.

"This is not in response to my colleague, Commissioner Ranzau, voting to adopt any agenda from President Obama or any national administration or worldwide organization. It is not an effort to impose higher taxes. It's an effort, in fact, that we can kind of control costs of infrastructure for our folks. And the 'they' that has been referred to in a lot of rhetoric is actually 'we'. We are the people in South Central Kansas through the REAP organization who are going to be sitting down together with our friends and neighbors to think about what's best for the future, and I would remind the Commissioners that one sustainability grant awarded in Kansas that is called the flint hills region, I don't know the specific name, but runs almost the full length of our state north to south, just to the east of us, has participation and support by Governor Brownback and several of his agencies in his cabinet to the point that not only they're participating in it but they've also contributed money to it from the state level. So this is something that many people see as an opportunity for us to go forward and plan infrastructure needs in the future in cooperation with all the communities involved in such a way as we do it prudently, intelligently, efficiently and economically. So we'll probably be repeating much of this conversation again next week, but just as a kind of counterpoint to my colleague, I wanted to make those comments, and that's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to provide a little bit additional information about our planning effort and how this benefits taxpayers and helps taxpayers get the maximum benefit from what they're paying for and to avoid tax increases, this is going to help avoid government running amuck, so to speak. There is an example. I mean it's right there in front of us, okay, and on the north side of the county, we have several cities that have fought for whatever, for reasons to control areas. Okay. This annexation up there, this wild annexation has led to increased costs, people questioning the fiscal solvency of their governments. And even, you know, one time a city, one of those small cities came to the City of Wichita and asked to be absorbed into the City of Wichita's municipal limits. So that's how bad it was up there. You know, it's a good thing, and I'm proud to be part of this planning effort in the south side that is clearly making progress in getting the communities of Wichita, Haysville, Derby and Mulvane to cooperate and talk about this future growth areas. And we're doing that.

"I mean, there's always going to be some kind of discord, and there is, but we're going to work through this, and we're going to avoid this, what I would call, government annexation run amuck down there in the south side because of our planning efforts, and because we're getting people to sit down at the table and discuss this openly. Whether the money comes from that is part of our local government or we get a state grant or a federal grant or whatever comes about to support this south side plan, it's a good thing for the community, it's a good thing for taxpayers. It's going to protect rural areas of the county. I mean, it's a win-win-win-win in my opinion for the residents of the south side, for the small cities and for the county, sir. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, let me just take a few moments to respond. First of all, I'm well aware of the annexation problems that we have that happened in the north part.

Commissioner Ranzau continued, "That problem can be solved by ending unilateral annexation within the state, and I have tried to push this here at the county, and if my fellow Commissioners want to solve that problem, I would ask then that they join me in that effort and put that on our legislative agenda. There again, that problem can be solved quickly and efficiently at the state level without any involvement from the federal government whatsoever. I am not opposed to all government planning and for us talking and getting stuff, but I'm telling you, I have put in over 100 hours, I have provided each of you copious amounts of information and answered every question that you have. You need to understand the purpose behind this agenda. You are being deceived. I think we are being gullible and naive.

"This will not help us reduce costs. The idea that the HUD, DOT and EPA and federal government will help us reduce costs is absurd. It is about control. It is about telling people what they can and cannot do with their land. It's about, as I showed you here, regulating dust and sky glow and a variety of other things. And this is not 'we the people' voting on this. This is a very select, small group of people voting on this. If you want 'we the people' to vote on this, I suggest putting this on the November ballot on the general election, and let the people vote and see if they support it. Because you see, efforts have been made to get this through the United States Congress, and they've failed. No effort has been made to get it through the Kansas Legislature, because they know it will fail. In fact the RNC (Republican National Committee) and state republican committees have passed unanimously statements opposing this, and there is currently a house resolution in the Kansas legislature. Everywhere I go, I talk to people who are fighting this battle because there are unintended consequences of this, and the whole story is not being told. The facts are undeniable, where this agenda comes from. This plan was created by President Obama. It is his plan.

"The definition of sustainable development used by REAP is the exact same definition used in the United Nations report created in 1987 called Our Common Future. There is an agenda behind it. It is large and all encompassing. It is not something that I can explain in two or three minutes. I've taken probably over 100 hours of researching this on my own to figure out what's going on. The idea that we need this particular grant program to help plan our communities and knowing what's behind the people that are pushing this at higher levels, we need to step back and take a look. We complain so much about federal government intervention and telling us what we can and cannot do. With every grant we have, there are strings attached.

"And as I said, this is the mother of all big government programs, the mother of all big government grants. It will haunt us, and I would, there are plenty of people opposed to this, and this will hurt us all, and if we're going to live in denial and stick our head in the sand, I'm telling you, it's going to come back to haunt us, but there again, let's put it on the ballot for November. Let's see if the people really want it. Let's hear what they have to say. Let's give them the opportunity to really educate themselves and learn about it. If we're so confident it's so good. I can assure you it's not. I'll say more next week. But this is a very, very dangerous plan that we're going to adopt here, and we can, if we can't see that, then we're in trouble. That's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm just going to make a comment that I hope we'll be able to get plenty of opportunity for public input when this item comes up next week. Thank you."

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

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "Nothing else? In that case, we're adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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