#### PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

## NEW ISSUE - BOOK-ENTRY ONLY

## RATING (S&P): "[\_\_\_]" See "Bond Ratings" herein

In the opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel to the Issuer, under existing law and assuming continued compliance with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"): (1) the interest on the Bonds [(including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof)] is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; (2) the interest on the Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the State of Kansas; and (3) the Bonds have **not** been designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Code § 265(b)(3). See "TAX MATTERS – Opinion of Bond Counsel" in this Official Statement.

## \$9,660,000\* SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES B, 2018

#### Dated: November 8, 2018

#### Due: August 1, As shown on the inside cover

The General Obligation Bonds, Series B, 2018 (the "Bonds") will be issued by Sedgwick County, Kansas (the "Issuer"), as fully registered bonds, without coupons, and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry form, in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (the "Authorized Denomination"). Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in Bonds purchased. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, as nominee of DTC, references herein to the Bond owners or registered owners shall mean Cede & Co., as aforesaid, and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners (as herein defined) of the Bonds. Principal will be payable annually on August 1, beginning in 2019, and semiannual interest will be payable on February 1 and August 1, beginning on February 1, 2019 (the "Interest Payment Dates"). Principal will be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds by the registered owners thereof at the office of the Treasurer of the State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, as paying agent and bond registrar (the "Paying Agent" and "Bond Registrar"). Interest payable on each Bond shall be paid to the persons who are the registered owners of the Bonds as of the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to such registered owner, or in the case of an interest payment to a registered owner of \$500,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds, by electronic transfer. So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the Owner of the Bonds, such payments will be made directly to DTC. DTC is expected, in turn, to remit such principal and interest to the DTC Participants (herein defined) for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners.

The Bonds and the interest thereon will constitute general obligations of the Issuer, payable in part from special assessments levied upon the property benefited by the construction of certain public improvements, and if not so paid, from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer, with the balance payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer.

#### MATURITY SCHEDULE LISTED ON INSIDE COVER PAGE

At the option of the Issuer, Bonds maturing on August 1, 2028, and thereafter will be subject to redemption and payment prior to maturity on August 1, 2027, or thereafter as described herein. [The Term Bonds are also subject to mandatory redemption as described herein.] See "THE BONDS - Redemption Provisions" herein.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the Issuer, subject to the approval of legality by Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Wichita, Kansas, Bond Counsel to the Issuer. Certain other legal matters will be passed upon by Eric R. Yost, Esq., County Counselor. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about November 8, 2018.

#### BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 16, 2018 UNTIL 1:00 P.M., APPLICABLE CENTRAL TIME

THE COVER PAGE CONTAINS CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR QUICK REFERENCE ONLY. THE COVER PAGE IS NOT A SUMMARY OF THIS ISSUE. INVESTORS MUST READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO THE MAKING OF AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION. "APPENDIX D – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS" CONTAINS DEFINITIONS USED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

## \$9,660,000\* SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES B, 2018

#### MATURITY SCHEDULE

### [SERIAL BONDS]

Stated Maturity	Principal	Annual Rate	Initial	CUSIP <sup>1</sup> Number
<u>August 1</u>	Amount*	<u>of Interest</u>	<b>Offering Price</b>	(Base 815323)
2019	\$730,000	%	%	
2020	680,000	%	%	
2021	700,000	%	%	
2022	730,000	%	%	
2023	760,000	%	%	
2024	795,000	%	%	
2025	825,000	%	%	
2026	855,000	%	%	
2027	890,000	%	%	
2028	925,000	%	%	
2029	160,000	%	%	
2030	170,000	%	%	
2031	175,000	%	%	
2032	180,000	%	%	
2033	185,000	%	%	
2034	190,000	%	%	
2035	170,000	%	%	
2036	175,000	%	%	
2037	180,000	%	%	
2038	185,000	%	%	

## **[TERM BONDS**

Stated Maturity <u>August 1</u>	Principal <u>Amount*</u>	Annual Rate <u>of Interest</u>	Initial <u>Offering Price</u>	CUSIP <sup>1</sup> Number (Base 815323)
	\$	%	%	
2038		%	%	]

#### (All plus accrued interest, if any)

<sup>1</sup> CUSIP data is provided by CUSIP Global Services, which is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by S&P Capital IQ, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc, and is included solely for the convenience of the Owners of the Bonds. Neither the Issuer nor the Underwriter shall be responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth above.

\* Subject to change

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVERALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICES OF THE BONDS AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THE BONDS ARE OFFERED PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. THE REGISTRATION, QUALIFICATION OR EXEMPTION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW PROVISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THESE SECURITIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF. NEITHER THESE JURISDICTIONS NOR ANY OF THEIR AGENCIES HAVE GUARANTEED OR PASSED UPON THE SAFETY OF THE BONDS AS AN INVESTMENT, UPON THE PROBABILITY OF ANY EARNINGS THEREON OR UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS STATEMENTS THAT ARE "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" AS DEFINED IN THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995. WHEN USED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT, THE WORDS "ESTIMATE," "INTEND," "EXPECT" AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS ARE INTENDED TO IDENTIFY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. SUCH STATEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE CONTEMPLATED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. READERS ARE CAUTIONED NOT TO PLACE UNDUE RELIANCE ON THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, WHICH SPEAK ONLY AS OF THE DATE HEREOF.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS DEEMED TO BE FINAL (EXCEPT FOR PERMITTED OMISSIONS) BY THE ISSUER FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH RULE 15c2-12 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUER AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED.

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No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the Issuer or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Bonds other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information set forth herein concerning the Issuer has been furnished by the Issuer and other sources which are believed to be reliable, but such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as a part of, its responsibilities to investors under the Federal Securities Laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof. This Official Statement does not constitute a contract between the Issuer or the Underwriter and any one or more of the purchasers, Owners or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

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## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

## \$9,660,000\* SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES B, 2018

## **INTRODUCTION**

#### **General Matters**

The purpose of this Official Statement is to furnish information relating to Sedgwick County, Kansas (the "Issuer" or the "County"), and the General Obligation Bonds, Series B, 2018 (the "Bonds"), of the Issuer, dated November 8, 2018 (the "Dated Date").

The Appendices to this Official Statement are integral parts of this document, to be read in their entirety.

The Issuer is a political subdivision duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas (the "State"). Additional information regarding the Issuer is contained in *APPENDIX A* to this Official Statement.

Except for the information expressly attributed to other sources, all financial and other information presented herein has been compiled by officials of the Issuer in consultation with Springsted Incorporated, municipal advisor to the Issuer (the "Municipal Advisor"). The presentation of information herein, including tables of receipts from various taxes, is intended to show recent historic information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the Issuer. Except as specifically noted herein, information contained in this Official Statement relating to the Issuer's outstanding debt and any calculations based thereon reflect the anticipated issuance of the Bonds. No representation is made that past experience, as might be shown by such financial or other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future.

#### Definitions

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in "APPENDIX D – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS."

#### Ratings

The Issuer has applied to S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc. ("S&P") for a rating on the Bonds (see "BOND RATING" herein).

## **Continuing Disclosure**

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has promulgated amendments to Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), requiring continuous secondary market disclosure. The Issuer adopted in 2013 an Omnibus Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, as may be amended and supplemented (the "Disclosure Undertaking") wherein the Issuer covenants to annually provide certain financial information and operating data (collectively the "Annual Report") and other information necessary to comply with the Rule, and to transmit the same to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"). Pursuant to the Disclosure Undertaking, the Issuer has agreed to file its Annual Report with the national repository ("EMMA") within 180 days after the end of the Issuer's Fiscal Year, commencing with the Fiscal Year ended in 2013. The Disclosure Undertaking modified previous undertakings the Issuer entered into pursuant to the Rule (the "Prior Undertakings"). In the Bond Resolution, hereinafter defined, the Issuer covenants with the Underwriter and the Beneficial Owners to apply the provisions of the Disclosure Undertaking to the Bonds.

For the past five years the Issuer has filed its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR") on the dates set forth on the table below. The CAFRs contain the audited financial statements of, and statistical information regarding, the Issuer. The statistical information included in the Annual Reports contains most, but not all, of the information described as Operating Data in the Disclosure Undertaking and the Prior Undertakings. The Issuer's filings for the previous five years are set forth on the table below.

Fiscal Year	Filing Time	CAFR
Ending December 31	<b><u>Period (Days)</u></b>	Filing Date
2013	180	04/14/2014
2014	180	04/01/2015
2015	180	04/12/2016
2016	180	06/21/2017
2017	180	04/11/2018

The Issuer also issued general obligation bonds in 2013, 2015, and 2018 payable from the same source of revenue as the Bonds. In addition, the Sedgwick County Public Building Commission issued its revenue bonds in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The official statements for such general obligation bonds and revenue bonds, which did contain all of the information described as Operating Data in the Disclosure Undertaking and the Prior Undertakings, were filed with and are publicly available on EMMA. On February 2, 2018, February 26, 2018, and May 23, 2018, the Issuer filed or incorporated by reference certain operating data for the fiscal years 2012-2017 on EMMA.

The Issuer is also a joint issuer with Shawnee County, Kansas, of revenue bonds the proceeds of which were used to acquire mortgage loans and securities backed by mortgage loans (the "Housing Revenue Bonds"), and to pledge the mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities as security for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Housing Revenue Bonds. In the continuing disclosure undertakings related to such Housing Revenue Bonds, the Issuer agreed to provide its annual audited financial statement to the trustee for the Housing Revenue Bonds, and the trustee agreed to disseminate the financial statement to EMMA. In certain prior years, the Issuer's annual audited financial statements were not timely filed on EMMA for the Housing Revenue Bonds; however, such annual audited financial statements were contained in the CAFRs filed for the Issuer's general obligation bonds and available on EMMA, and a notice of incorporation by reference has been associated with the Housing Revenue Bonds to this effect.

During the past five years, the Issuer has made filings of event notices on EMMA with respect to bond calls, defeasances and rating changes, however, during said time period, the Issuer may not have made timely filings of event notices on EMMA relating to all bond calls, defeasances or rating changes. The Issuer believes this information was disseminated or publicly available through other sources.

For more information regarding the Disclosure Undertaking, see "*APPENDIX D* – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS – THE DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING."

#### **Additional Information**

Additional information regarding the Issuer or the Bonds may be obtained from Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer, Sedgwick County Courthouse, Suite 823, 525 North Main, Wichita, Kansas 67203; by phone (316) 660-7591 or e-mail <u>lindsay.poerousseau@sedgwick.gov</u>; or from the Municipal Advisor, Springsted Incorporated, 380 Jackson Street, Suite 300, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2887, Attention: Bond Services, by phone (651) 223-3000, fax (651) 223-3046 or e-mail <u>bond services@springsted.com</u>.

### THE BONDS

#### Authority for the Bonds

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State, including K.S.A. 10-101 to 10-125, inclusive, K.S.A. 10-620 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 19-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 68-728 *et seq.*, as amended by Charter Resolution No. 61, and K.S.A. 68-1103, as amended and supplemented from time to time (collectively the "Act") and a resolution adopted by the governing body of the Issuer on October 17, 2018 (the "Bond Resolution").

#### Security for the Bonds

The Bonds shall be general obligations of the Issuer payable as to both principal and interest in part from special assessments levied upon the property benefitted by the construction of certain public improvements, and if not so paid, from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer. The balance of the principal and interest on the Bonds is payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer. The full faith, credit and resources of the Issuer are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

#### Levy and Collection of Annual Tax, Transfer to Debt Service Account

The governing body of the Issuer shall annually make provision for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same become due by, to the extent necessary, levying and collecting the necessary taxes and/or assessments upon all of the taxable tangible property within the Issuer in the manner provided by law. Such taxes and/or assessments shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each of the several years, respectively, and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the other ad valorem taxes of the Issuer are levied and collected. The proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Bond and Interest Fund, shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the Issuer, shall thereafter be transferred to the Debt Service Account and shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due, taking into account any scheduled mandatory redemptions, and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent.

#### **Description of the Bonds**

The Bonds shall consist of fully registered book-entry-only bonds in an Authorized Denomination and shall be numbered in such manner as the Bond Registrar shall determine. All of the Bonds shall be dated as of the Dated Date, become due in the amounts on the Stated Maturities, subject to redemption and payment prior to their Stated Maturities, and shall bear interest at the rates per annum set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement (computed on the basis of twelve 30-day months) from the later of the Dated Date or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid, on the Interest Payment Dates in the manner hereinafter set forth.

#### **Designation of Paying Agent and Bond Registrar**

The Issuer will at all times maintain a paying agent and bond registrar meeting the qualifications set forth in the Bond Resolution. The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor paying agent or bond registrar. No resignation or removal of the paying agent or bond registrar shall become effective until a successor has been appointed and has accepted the duties of paying agent or bond registrar. Every paying agent or bond registrar appointed by the Issuer shall at all times meet the requirements of Kansas law.

The Treasurer of the State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas (the "Bond Registrar" and "Paying Agent") has been designated by the Issuer as paying agent for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds and bond registrar with respect to the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds.

#### Method and Place of Payment of the Bonds

The principal of, or Redemption Price, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency which, on the respective dates of payment thereof, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. The principal or Redemption Price of each Bond shall be paid at Maturity to the Person in whose name such Bond is registered on the Bond Register at the Maturity thereof, upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the principal office of the Paying Agent.

The interest payable on each Bond on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Owner of such Bond as shown on the Bond Register at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest (a) by check or draft mailed by the Paying Agent to the address of such Owner shown on the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by such Owner; or (b) in the case of an interest payment to Cede & Co. or any Owner of \$500,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds, by electronic transfer to such Owner upon written notice given to the Bond Registrar by such Owner, not less than 15 days prior to the Record Date for such interest, containing the electronic transfer instructions including the bank, ABA routing number and account number to which such Owner wishes to have such transfer directed.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Defaulted Interest with respect to any Bond shall cease to be payable to the Owner of such Bond on the relevant Record Date and shall be payable to the Owner in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which Special Record Date shall be fixed as hereinafter specified. The Issuer shall notify the Paying Agent in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Bond and the date of the proposed payment (which date shall be at least 30 days after receipt of such notice by the Paying Agent) and shall deposit with the Paying Agent an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest. Following receipt of such funds the Paying Agent shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment. The Paying Agent shall notify the Issuer of such Special Record Date and shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each Owner of a Bond entitled to such notice not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date.

# SO LONG AS CEDE & CO., REMAINS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, THE PAYING AGENT SHALL TRANSMIT PAYMENTS TO THE SECURITIES DEPOSITORY, WHICH SHALL REMIT SUCH

# **PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS NORMAL PROCEDURES**. See "THE BONDS – Book-Entry Bonds; Securities Depository."

#### Payments Due on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

In any case where a Bond Payment Date is not a Business Day, then payment of principal, Redemption Price or interest need not be made on such Bond Payment Date but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Bond Payment Date, and no interest shall accrue for the period after such Bond Payment Date.

#### **Book-Entry Bonds; Securities Depository**

The Bonds shall initially be registered to Cede & Co., the nominee for the Securities Depository, and no Beneficial Owner will receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Bonds, except in the event the Bond Registrar issues Replacement Bonds. It is anticipated that during the term of the Bonds, the Securities Depository will make book-entry transfers among its Participants and receive and transmit payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Bonds to the Participants until and unless the Bond Registrar authenticates and delivers Replacement Bonds to the Beneficial Owners as described in the following paragraphs.

The Issuer may decide, subject to the requirements of the Operational Arrangements of DTC (or a successor Securities Depository), and the following provisions of this section to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor Securities Depository):

(a) If the Issuer determines (1) that the Securities Depository is unable to properly discharge its responsibilities, or (2) that the Securities Depository is no longer qualified to act as a securities depository and registered clearing agency under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or (3) that the continuation of a book-entry system to the exclusion of any Bonds being issued to any Owner other than Cede & Co. is no longer in the best interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; or

(b) if the Bond Registrar receives written notice from Participants having interest in not less than 50% of the Bonds Outstanding, as shown on the records of the Securities Depository (and certified to such effect by the Securities Depository), that the continuation of a book-entry system to the exclusion of any Bonds being issued to any Owner other than Cede & Co. is no longer in the best interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, then the Bond Registrar shall notify the Owners of such determination or such notice and of the availability of certificates to owners requesting the same, and the Bond Registrar shall register in the name of and authenticate and deliver Replacement Bonds to the Beneficial Owners or their nominees in principal amounts representing the interest of each, making such adjustments as it may find necessary or appropriate as to accrued interest and previous calls for redemption; provided, that in the case of a determination under (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this paragraph, the Issuer, with the consent of the Bond Registrar, may select a successor securities depository in accordance with the following paragraph to effect book-entry transfers.

In such event, all references to the Securities Depository herein shall relate to the period of time when the Securities Depository has possession of at least one Bond. Upon the issuance of Replacement Bonds, all references herein to obligations imposed upon or to be performed by the Securities Depository shall be deemed to be imposed upon and performed by the Bond Registrar, to the extent applicable with respect to such Replacement Bonds. If the Securities Depository resigns and the Issuer, the Bond Registrar or Owners are unable to locate a qualified successor of the Securities Depository, then the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and cause delivery of Replacement Bonds to Owners, as provided herein. The Bond Registrar may rely on information from the Securities Depository and its Participants as to the names of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The cost of printing, registration, authentication, and delivery of Replacement Bonds shall be paid for by the Issuer.

In the event the Securities Depository resigns, is unable to properly discharge its responsibilities, or is no longer qualified to act as a securities depository and registered clearing agency under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Issuer may appoint a successor Securities Depository provided the Bond Registrar receives written evidence satisfactory to the Bond Registrar with respect to the ability of the successor Securities Depository to discharge its responsibilities. Any such successor Securities Depository shall be a securities depository which is a registered clearing agency under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or other applicable statute or regulation that operates a securities depository upon reasonable and customary terms. The Bond Registrar upon its receipt of a Bond or Bonds for cancellation shall cause the delivery of the Bonds to the successor Securities Depository in appropriate denominations and form as provided in the Bond Resolution.

#### **Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds**

As long as any of the Bonds remain Outstanding, each Bond when issued shall be registered in the name of the Owner thereof on the Bond Register. Bonds may be transferred and exchanged only on the Bond Register as hereinafter provided.

Upon surrender of any Bond at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, the Bond Registrar shall transfer or exchange such Bond for a new Bond or Bonds in any authorized denomination of the same Stated Maturity and in the same aggregate principal amount as the Bond that was presented for transfer or exchange. Bonds presented for transfer or exchange shall be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or authorization for exchange, in a form and with guarantee of signature satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, duly executed by the Owner thereof or by the Owner's duly authorized agent.

In all cases in which the privilege of transferring or exchanging Bonds is exercised, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution. The Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of the Bond Registrar for the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds. Any additional costs or fees that might be incurred in the secondary market, other than fees of the Bond Registrar, are the responsibility of the Owners of the Bonds. In the event any Owner fails to provide a correct taxpayer identification number to the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent may make a charge against such Owner sufficient to pay any governmental charge required to be paid as a result of such failure.

The Issuer and the Bond Registrar shall not be required (a) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond that has been called for redemption after notice of such redemption has been mailed by the Paying Agent and during the period of 15 days next preceding the date of mailing of such notice of redemption; or (b) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the day after receiving written notice from the Issuer of its intent to pay Defaulted Interest and ending at the close of business on the date fixed for the payment of Defaulted Interest.

#### Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds

If (a) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Bond Registrar or the Bond Registrar receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond, and (b) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Bond Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by each of them, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Bond Registrar that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute and, upon the Issuer's request, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same Stated Maturity and of like tenor and principal amount. If any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer, in its discretion, may pay such Bond instead of issuing a new Bond. Upon the issuance of any new Bond, the Issuer may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith.

#### Nonpresentment of Bonds

If any Bond is not presented for payment when the principal thereof becomes due at Maturity, if funds sufficient to pay such Bond have been made available to the Paying Agent all liability of the Issuer to the Owner thereof for the payment of such Bond shall forthwith cease, determine and be completely discharged, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Paying Agent to hold such funds, without liability for interest thereon, for the benefit of the Owner of such Bond, who shall thereafter be restricted exclusively to such funds for any claim of whatever nature on his part under this Bond Resolution or on, or with respect to, said Bond. If any Bond is not presented for payment within four (4) years following the date when such Bond becomes due at Maturity, the Paying Agent shall repay to the Issuer the funds theretofore held by it for payment of such Bond, and such Bond shall, subject to the defense of any applicable statute of limitation, thereafter be an unsecured obligation of the Issuer, and the Owner thereof shall be entitled to look only to the Issuer for payment, and then only to the extent of the amount so repaid to it by the Paying Agent, and the Issuer shall not be liable for any interest thereon and shall not be regarded as a trustee of such money.

#### **Redemption Provisions**

*Optional Redemption*. At the option of the Issuer, Bonds maturing on August 1 in the years 2028, and thereafter, will be subject to redemption and payment prior to their Stated Maturity on August 1, 2027, and thereafter, as a whole or in part (selection of maturities and the amount of Bonds of each maturity to be redeemed to be determined by the Issuer in such equitable manner as it may determine) at any time, at the Redemption Price of 100% (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount), plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date.

[ *Mandatory Redemption*. [(a) [\_\_\_] *Term Bonds*. ]The [\_\_\_] Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption and payment prior to Stated Maturity pursuant to the mandatory redemption requirements hereinafter set forth at a Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date. The payments which are to be deposited into the Debt Service Account shall be sufficient to redeem, and the Issuer shall redeem on August 1 in each year, the following principal amounts of such [\_\_\_] Term Bonds:

Year

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#### \*Final Maturity

[(b) 2038 Term Bonds. ]The 2038 Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption and payment prior to Stated Maturity pursuant to the mandatory redemption requirements hereinafter set forth at a Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date. The payments which are to be deposited into the Debt Service Account shall be sufficient to redeem, and the Issuer shall redeem on August 1 in each year, the following principal amounts of such 2038 Term Bonds:

Principal	
Amount \$	<u>Year</u>
Ť	2038

#### \*Final Maturity

Selection of Bonds to be Redeemed. Bonds shall be redeemed only in an Authorized Denomination. When less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed and paid prior to their Stated Maturity, such Bonds shall be redeemed in such manner as the Issuer shall determine, Bonds of less than a full Stated Maturity shall be selected by the Bond Registrar in minimum Authorized Denomination in such equitable manner as the Bond Registrar may determine. In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds by lot when Bonds of denominations greater than a minimum Authorized Denomination are then Outstanding, then for all purposes in connection with such redemption each minimum Authorized Denomination of face value shall be treated as though it were a separate Bond of a minimum Authorized Denomination. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the minimum Authorized Denomination value represented by any Bond is selected for redemption, then upon notice of intention to redeem such minimum Authorized Denomination value represented by any Bond is selected for redemption, then upon notice of intention to redeem such minimum Authorized Denomination value called for redemption Price and interest to the Redemption Date of such minimum Authorized Denomination value called for redemption, and (2) for exchange, without charge to the Owner thereof, for a new Bond or Bonds of the aggregate principal amount of the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of such Bond. If the Owner of any such Bond fails to present such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment and exchange as aforesaid, such Bond shall, nevertheless, become due and payable on the redemption date to the extent of the minimum Authorized Denomination (and to that extent only).

*Notice and Effect of Call for Redemption*. Unless waived by any Owner of Bonds to be redeemed, if the Issuer shall call any Bonds for redemption and payment prior to the Stated Maturity thereof, the Issuer shall give written notice of its intention to call and pay said Bonds to the Bond Registrar and the Underwriter. In addition, the Issuer shall cause the Bond Registrar to give written notice of redemption to the Owners of said Bonds. Each of said written notices shall be deposited in the United States first class mail not less than 30 days prior to the Redemption Date.

All official notices of redemption shall be dated and shall contain the following information: (a) the Redemption Date; (b) the Redemption Price; (c) if less than all Outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption of any Bonds, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed; (d) a statement that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Bond or portion thereof called for redemption and that interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the Redemption Date; and (e) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price, which shall be the principal office of the Paying Agent. The failure of any Owner to receive notice given as heretofore provided or an immaterial defect therein shall not invalidate any redemption.

Prior to any Redemption Date, the Issuer shall deposit with the Paying Agent an amount of money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of all the Bonds or portions of Bonds that are to be redeemed on such Redemption Date. Official notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall become due and payable on the Redemption Date, at the Redemption Price therein specified, and from and after the Redemption Date (unless the Issuer defaults in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Bonds or portion of Bonds shall cease to bear interest.

For so long as the Securities Depository is effecting book-entry transfers of the Bonds, the Bond Registrar shall provide the notices specified to the Securities Depository. It is expected that the Securities Depository shall, in turn, notify its Participants and that the Participants, in turn, will notify or cause to be notified the Beneficial Owners. Any failure on the part of the Securities Depository or a Participant, or failure on the part of a nominee of a Beneficial Owner of a Bond (having been mailed notice from the Bond Registrar, the Securities Depository, a Participant or otherwise) to notify the Beneficial Owner of the Bond so affected, shall not affect the validity of the redemption of such Bond.

In addition to the foregoing notice, the Issuer shall provide such notices of redemption as are required by the Disclosure Undertaking. The Paying Agent is also directed to comply with any mandatory or voluntary standards then in effect for processing redemptions of municipal securities established by the State or the Securities and Exchange Commission. Failure to comply with such standards shall not affect or invalidate the redemption of any Bond.

## THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY

1. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered bond certificate will be issued for each scheduled maturity of the Bonds, and will be deposited with DTC.

2. DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.6 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of "AA+". The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

3. Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

4. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

5. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

6. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails

an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

8. Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or Paying Agent, on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC nor its nominee, the Paying Agent, or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer or Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

9. A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Bonds purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to the Paying Agent, and shall effect delivery of such Bonds by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Bonds, on DTC's records, to the Paying Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of the Bonds in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Bonds are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Bonds to the Paying Agent's DTC account.

10. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

11. The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

12. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Issuer believes to be reliable, but the Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

## THE PROJECTS

The Bonds are being issued to finance certain public improvements (collectively the "Improvements") and an economic development grant (the "Grant"), more specifically described as follows:

<b>Project Description</b>	Res. No.	<u>Authority (K.S.A.)</u>	Amount*
Road Improvements – Redmond Estates	70-2016	68-728 et seq./Charter Res. 61	\$ 438,287.99
Bridge Improvements – 53 <sup>rd</sup> St. N. between 231 <sup>st</sup> St. W. and 247 <sup>th</sup> St. W.	027-2018	68-1103	700,000.00
Bridge Improvements – 295 <sup>th</sup> St. W. between 45 <sup>th</sup> St. N. and 53 <sup>rd</sup> St. N.	027-2018	68-1103	550,000.00
Bridge Improvements – Pawnee between 127 <sup>th</sup> St. E. and 143 <sup>rd</sup> St. E.	027-2018	68-1103	800,000.00
Bridge Improvements – Pawnee between 143 <sup>rd</sup> St. E. and 159 <sup>th</sup> St. E.	027-2018	68-1103	800,000.00
Economic Development Grant – Project Eclipse <i>Total:</i>	069-2018	19-101 et seq.	<u>7,000,000.00</u> \$10,288,287.99
* Amounts do not include Bond financing costs			

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## SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The following table summarizes the sources and uses of funds associated with the issuance of the Bonds:

Sources of Funds:	
Principal Amount of the Bonds	\$9,660,000*.00
Prepaid special assessments	117,406.07
[Underwriter's Discount]	-
Original Issue Premium	
[Original Issue Discount]	-
Total	\$
Uses of Funds:	
Deposit to Grant Disbursement Fund	\$
Deposit to Improvement Fund	
Costs of Issuance	
[Underwriter's Compensation]	
Total	\$

## **RISK FACTORS AND INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF THE BONDS DESCRIBED HEREIN SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BONDS WHICH MUST BE RECOGNIZED. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS REGARDING CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OFFERING SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF ALL RISKS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE DECISION TO PURCHASE THE BONDS. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD ANALYZE CAREFULLY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTS SUMMARIZED HEREIN, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ISSUER OR THE UNDERWRITER.

#### **Legal Matters**

Various state and federal laws, regulations and constitutional provisions apply to the obligations created by the Bonds. There is no assurance that there will not be any change in, interpretation of, or addition to such applicable laws, provisions and regulations which would have a material effect, either directly or indirectly, on the Issuer or the taxing authority of the Issuer.

#### Limitations on Remedies Available to Owners of Bonds

The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the owners of Bonds, and the obligations incurred by the Issuer in issuing the Bonds, are subject to the following: the federal Bankruptcy Code and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, now or hereafter in effect; usual equity principles which may limit the specific enforcement under state law of certain remedies; the exercise by the United States of America of the powers delegated to it by the United States Constitution; and the reasonable and necessary exercise, in certain unusual situations, of the police power inherent in the State of Kansas and its governmental subdivisions in the interest of serving a legitimate and significant public purpose. Bankruptcy proceedings, or the exercise of powers by the federal or state government, if initiated, could subject the owners of the Bonds to judicial discretion and interpretation of their rights in bankruptcy and otherwise, and consequently may involve risks of delay, limitation or modification of their rights.

#### **Debt Service Source**

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer payable as to both principal and interest, if necessary, from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer. The Legislature may from time to time adopt changes in the property tax system or method of imposing and collecting property taxes within the State. Taxpayers may also challenge the fair market value of property assigned by the county appraiser. The effects of such legislative changes and successful challenges to the appraiser's determination of fair market value could affect the Issuer's property tax collections. If a taxpayer valuation challenge is successful, the liability of the Issuer to refund property taxes previously paid under protest may have a material impact on the Issuer's financial situation. See "APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Property Valuations and Property Tax Levies and Collections."

#### Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

As described in "*APPENDIX A* – FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Pension and Employee Retirement Plans," the Issuer participates in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System ("KPERS"), as an instrumentality of the State to provide retirement and related benefits to public employees in Kansas. KPERS administers three statewide defined benefit retirement plans for public employees which are separate and distinct with different membership groups, actuarial assumptions, experience, contribution rates and benefit options. The Issuer participates in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System ("KP&F") and the Public Employees Retirement System – Local Group (the "Plan"). Under existing law, employees make contributions and the Issuer makes all employer contributions to the Plan; neither the employees nor the Issuer are directly responsible for any unfunded accrued actuarial liability ("UAAL"). However, the Plan contribution rates may be adjusted by legislative action over time to address any UAAL. According to KPERS' Valuation Report, the Local Group had an UAAL of approximately \$1.458 billion in calendar year 2017 and KP&F had an UAAL of approximately \$859 million.

#### **Taxation of Interest on the Bonds**

An opinion of Bond Counsel will be obtained to the effect that interest earned on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and applicable rulings and regulations under the Code; however, an application for a ruling has not been made and an opinion of counsel is not binding upon the Internal Revenue Service. There can be no assurance that the present provisions of the Code, or the rules and regulations thereunder, will not be adversely amended or modified, thereby rendering the interest earned on the Bonds includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

The Issuer has covenanted in the Bond Resolution and in other documents and certificates to be delivered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds to comply with the provisions of the Code, including those which require the Issuer to take or omit to take certain actions after the issuance of the Bonds. Because the existence and continuation of the excludability of the interest on the Bonds depends upon events occurring after the date of issuance of the Bonds, the opinion of Bond Counsel described under "TAX MATTERS" assumes the compliance by the Issuer with the provisions of the Code described above and the regulations relating thereto. No opinion is expressed by Bond Counsel with respect to the excludability of the interest on the Bonds in the event of noncompliance with such provisions. The failure of the Issuer to comply with the provisions described above may cause the interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income as of the date of issuance.

#### **Premium on Bonds**

[The initial offering prices of certain maturities of the Bonds that are subject to optional redemption are in excess of the respective principal amounts thereof. ]Any person who purchases a Bond in excess of its principal amount, whether during the initial offering or in a secondary market transaction, should consider that the Bonds are subject to redemption at par under the various circumstances described under "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions."

#### No Additional Interest or Mandatory Redemption upon Event of Taxability

The Bond Resolution does not provide for the payment of additional interest or penalty on the Bonds or the mandatory redemption thereof if the interest thereon becomes includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Likewise, the Bond Resolution does not provide for the payment of any additional interest or penalty on the Bonds if the interest thereon becomes subject to income taxation by the State.

#### Suitability of Investment

The tax exempt feature of the Bonds is more valuable to high tax bracket investors than to investors who are in low tax brackets, and so the value of the interest compensation to any particular investor will vary with individual tax rates. Each prospective investor should carefully examine this Official Statement, including the Appendices hereto, and its own financial condition to make a judgment as to its ability to bear the economic risk of such an investment, and whether or not the Bonds are an appropriate investment.

#### Market for the Bonds

**Bond Rating**. The Bonds have been assigned the financial rating set forth in the section hereof entitled "BOND RATINGS." There is no assurance that a particular rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that it will not be revised, either downward or upward, or withdrawn entirely, if in the judgment of the agency originally establishing such rating, circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any rating may have an adverse affect on the market price of the Bonds.

*Secondary Market*. There is no assurance that a secondary market will develop for the purchase and sale of the Bonds. Prices of bonds traded in the secondary market, though, are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets. From time to time it may be necessary to suspend indefinitely secondary market trading in the Bonds as a result of financial condition or market position of broker-dealers, prevailing market conditions, lack of adequate current financial information about the Issuer, or a material adverse change in the financial condition of the Issuer, whether or not the Bonds are in default as to principal and interest payments, and other factors which may give rise to uncertainty concerning prudent secondary market practices.

#### BOND RATINGS

S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., has assigned a rating of "[\_\_\_]" to the Bonds. Such rating reflects only the view of such rating agency, and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained therefrom. No such rating constitutes a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any bonds, including the Bonds, or as to the market price or suitability thereof for a particular investor. The Issuer furnished such rating agency with certain information and materials relating to the Bonds that have not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on the information and materials so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions by the rating agencies. There is no assurance that a particular rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that it will not be revised, either downward or upward, or withdrawn entirely, if in the judgment of the agency originally establishing such rating, circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any rating may have an adverse affect on the market price of the Bonds.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Issuer, in the ordinary course of business, is a party to various legal proceedings. In the opinion of management of the Issuer, any judgment rendered against the Issuer in such proceedings would not materially adversely affect the financial position of the Issuer. The Issuer certifies that there is no controversy, suit or other proceeding of any kind pending or threatened wherein or whereby any question is raised or may be raised, questioning, disputing or affecting in any way the legal organization of the Issuer or its boundaries, or the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, or the legality of any official act or the constitutionality or validity of the indebtedness represented by the Bonds or the validity of said Bonds, or any of the proceedings had in relation to the authorization, issuance or sale thereof, or the levy and collection of a tax to pay the principal and interest thereof.

## LEGAL MATTERS

#### **Approval of Bonds**

All matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Wichita, Kansas ("Bond Counsel"), bond counsel to the Issuer. The factual and financial information appearing herein has been supplied or reviewed by certain officials of the Issuer and its certified public accountants, as referred to herein. Bond Counsel has participated in the preparation of the Official Statement but expresses no opinion as to the accuracy or sufficiency thereof, except for the matters appearing in the sections of this Official Statement captioned "THE BONDS," "LEGAL MATTERS," "TAX MATTERS," "*APPENDIX C* – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION" and "*APPENDIX D* – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS." Payment of the legal fee of Bond Counsel is contingent upon the delivery of the Bonds. Certain legal matters have been passed on for the Issuer by Eric R. Yost, Esq., County Counselor.

## TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary of the material federal and State of Kansas income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the Bonds. This summary is based upon laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (possibly on a retroactive basis). This summary does not discuss all aspects of federal income taxation that may be relevant to investors in light of their personal investment circumstances or describe the tax consequences to certain types of holders subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws (for example, dealers in securities or other persons who do not hold the Bonds as a capital asset, tax-exempt organizations, individual retirement accounts and other tax deferred accounts, and foreign taxpayers), and, except for the income tax laws of the State of Kansas, does not discuss the consequences to an owner under state, local or foreign tax laws. The summary does not deal with the tax treatment of persons who purchase the Bonds in the secondary market. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding federal, state, local and other tax considerations of holding and disposing of the Bonds.

#### **Opinion of Bond Counsel**

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the law existing as of the issue date of the Bonds:

*Federal Tax Exemption*. The interest on the Bonds [(including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof)] is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Alternative Minimum Tax. Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax.

*Bank Qualification*. The Bonds have **not** been designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Code § 265(b).

Kansas Tax Exemption. The interest on the Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the State of Kansas.

Bond Counsel's opinions are provided as of the date of the original issue of the Bonds, subject to the condition that the Issuer comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with all of these requirements. Failure to comply with certain of these requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Bond Counsel is expressing no opinion regarding other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

#### **Other Tax Consequences**

[ Original Issue Discount. For federal income tax purposes, original issue discount is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond over its issue price. The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Code § 1288, original issue discount on tax-exempt obligations accrues on a compound basis. The amount of original issue discount that accrues to an owner of a Bond during any accrual period generally equals (1) the issue price of that Bond, plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in all prior accrual periods, multiplied by (2) the yield to maturity on that Bond (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period), minus (3) any interest payable on that Bond during that accrual period. The amount of original issue discount accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period, will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and will increase the owner's tax basis in that Bond. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of original issue discount.]

**Original Issue Premium**. For federal income tax purposes, premium is the excess of the issue price of a Bond over its stated redemption price at maturity. The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Code § 171, premium on tax-exempt obligations amortizes over the term of the Bond using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser's yield to maturity. As premium is amortized, the owner's basis in the Bond and the amount of tax-exempt interest received will be reduced by the amount of amortizable premium properly allocable to the owner, which will result in an increase in the gain (or decrease in the loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes on sale or disposition of the Bond prior to its maturity. Even though the owner's basis is reduced, no federal income tax deduction is allowed. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of premium.

Sale, Exchange or Retirement of Bonds. Upon the sale, exchange or retirement (including redemption) of a Bond, an owner of the Bond generally will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received on the sale, exchange or retirement of the Bond (other than in respect of accrued and unpaid interest) and such owner's adjusted tax basis in the Bond. To the extent the Bonds are held as a capital asset, such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Bond has been held for more than 12 months at the time of sale, exchange or retirement.

**Reporting Requirements.** In general, information reporting requirements will apply to certain payments of principal, interest and premium paid on Bonds, and to the proceeds paid on the sale of Bonds, other than certain exempt recipients (such as corporations and foreign entities). A backup withholding tax will apply to such payments if the owner fails to provide a taxpayer identification number or certification of foreign or other exempt status or fails to report in full dividend and interest income. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to an owner will be allowed as a credit against the owner's federal income tax liability.

Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation,

financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, certain S corporations with "excess net passive income," foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, life insurance companies, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry or have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to the Bonds. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding these tax consequences. Purchasers of Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the applicability of these tax consequences and other federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Bonds, including the possible application of state, local, foreign and other tax laws.

### MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

The Issuer has retained Springsted Incorporated, Public Sector Advisors, Saint Paul, Minnesota and Kansas City, Missouri ("Springsted"), as Municipal Advisor in connection with certain aspects of the issuance of the Bonds. The information contained herein is derived from governmental officials and other sources who have access to relevant data to provide accurate information for this Official Statement. Springsted makes no representation, warranty or guarantee regarding the accuracy or completeness of the information in this Official Statement, and its assistance in preparing this Official Statement should not be construed as a representation that it has independently verified such information. Springsted is an independent advisory firm, registered as a municipal advisor, and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

Springsted is under common ownership with Springsted Investment Advisors, Inc. ("SIA"), an investment adviser registered in the states where services are provided. SIA may provide investment advisory services to the Issuer from time to time in connection with the investment of proceeds from the Bonds as well as advice with respect to portfolio management and investment policies for the Issuer. SIA pays Springsted, as municipal advisor, a referral fee from the fees paid to SIA by the Issuer.

#### **UNDERWRITING**

The Bonds have been sold at public sale by the Issuer to [Purchaser], [City, State] (the "Underwriter") on the basis of lowest true interest cost. [\_] bids were received by the Issuer. The Underwriter has agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Bonds at a price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds, plus accrued interest from the Dated Date to the Issue Date, plus a bid premium of \$[ ].

The Bonds will be offered to the public initially at the prices set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into investment trusts) at prices other than the price stated on the inside cover page hereof and may change the initial offering price from time to time subsequent to the date hereof. In connection with the offering, the Underwriter may overallot or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the Bonds at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

## **AUTHORIZATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

The preparation of this Official Statement and its distribution has been authorized by the governing body of the Issuer as of the date on the cover page hereof. This Official Statement is submitted in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and may not be reproduced or used as a whole or in part for any other purpose. This Official Statement does not constitute a contract between the Issuer or the Underwriter and any one or more of the purchasers, Owners or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

By:

Name: David T. Dennis, Chairman

By:

Name: Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer

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# APPENDIX A

## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

## APPENDIX B

## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 12/31/2017)

## **APPENDIX C**

## FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION

### GILMORE & BELL, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. Main Suite 800 Wichita, Kansas 67202

[November 8, 2018]

Governing Body Sedgwick County, Kansas [Purchaser] [City, State]

Re: \$9,660,000\* General Obligation Bonds, Series B, 2018, of Sedgwick County, Kansas, Dated November 8, 2018

We have acted as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance by Sedgwick County, Kansas (the "Issuer"), of the above-captioned bonds (the "Bonds"). In this capacity, we have examined the law and the certified proceedings, certifications and other documents that we deem necessary to render this opinion. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the resolution adopted by the governing body of the Issuer authorizing the issuance and prescribing the details of the Bonds.

Regarding questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied on the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and others furnished to us without undertaking to verify them by independent investigation. Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion, under existing law, as follows:

**1.** The Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Issuer and are valid and legally binding general obligations of the Issuer.

2. The Bonds are payable as to both principal and interest in part from special assessments levied upon the property benefited by the construction of certain improvements and, if not so paid, from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer. The balance of the principal and interest on the Bonds is payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer. The balance of the principal and interest on the Bonds is payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer. The Issuer is required by law to include in its annual tax levy the principal and interest coming due on the Bonds to the extent that necessary funds are not provided from other sources.

**3.** The interest on the Bonds [(including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner of a Bond)] is: (a) excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and (b) not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. The opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the condition that the Issuer complies with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with all of these requirements. Failure to comply with certain of these requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds have **not** been designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Code § 265(b)(3). We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

4. The interest on the Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the State of Kansas.

We express no opinion regarding the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the Official Statement or other offering material relating to the Bonds (except to the extent, if any, stated in the Official Statement). Further, we express no opinion regarding tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds other than as expressly set forth in this opinion.

The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

This opinion is given as of its date, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to our attention or any changes in law that may occur after the date of this opinion.

## GILMORE & BELL, P.C.

# APPENDIX D

# SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS