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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

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 9:08 a.m. on April 9, 2014 in the County Commission Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner James B. Skelton; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Dee Staudt, Director, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Communications Coordinator, Communications; and Ms. Amanda Lee, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Sarah Korwin, 11058 West 1st Street Court, Wichita
Mr. Denny Leak, Autism Specialist, Rainbows United
Ms. Judy Johnston Recipient, Doren Fredrickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award
Ms. Cheyann Prock, 1333 North Fairmount, Wichita*

INVOCATION

Observed by a Moment of Silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- A** [14-1229](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH.
Read by: Chairman David M. Unruh.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Attachments: [Autism Awareness Month 040914](#)

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation to read for your consideration:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States affecting over 2 million individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the lifelong nature of Autism requires a variety of assistance at different points in an individual's life; and

WHEREAS, a variety of public and private organizations strive to provide quality care, support or services to children and adults with Autism to enable them to live as independently as possible and to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, over 40 Sedgwick County affiliated service providers work to assist individuals with developmental disabilities to receive quality services and achieve greater independence; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of individuals with Autism who have thrived and excelled in Sedgwick County communities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner, you've heard the proclamation, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "And we have a group of folks here to receive the proclamation, so I will let you introduce them."

Ms. Dee Staudt, Director, Sedgwick County Developmental Disabilities Organization, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's my privilege today to be here to accept this proclamation on behalf of the network of community providers who are dedicated to ensuring that individuals living with autism have every opportunity to demonstrate that their differences do not limit their ability to contribute to our community and thrive."

Ms. Staudt continued, "I'm really pleased today to have with me two speakers who would like to share stories with you, Mrs. Sarah Korwin who has a daughter diagnosed with autism and Mr. Denny Leak who is the autism specialist at Rainbows United. I will have Sarah and Denny share their stories with you."

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Ms. Sarah Korwin, 11058 West 1st Street Court, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I think that would be the fifth district. I want to thank the Commissioner and everyone here today for taking this opportunity to promote autism awareness. My daughter was diagnosed with autism when she was two years old. Over the years she has accomplished many things that we didn't ever dream of back then. People have worked really hard to help her be successful in the most inclusive setting possible, both at school and in the community. She went through Algebra II, she played the clarinet in the band, she learned to figure state and she's become an active volunteer at the public library.

"But now that she is 21 and she's aging out of the education system, we are really struggling to find ways to make her adult life as productive and meaningful and inclusive as her school career has been. For Gabby it seems clear her connection to her community is going to come through employment. Like many people with autism, her social interactions are atypical at best. But her focus, her intelligence and her love of routine make her a precise, detailed-oriented and reliable employee.

"So as parents our dilemma has been how do we help Gabby find the right job, with the right support, and right employer now that she's entering this new chapter of her life. When we heard of Project SEARCH we thought that it would probably be Gabby's best chance at competitive employment and in fact it's been a fantastic learning experience for Gabby. I want to take this opportunity to thank the outstanding Project SEARCH staff and the supportive, open-minded county employers who make this program possible.

"As her mom it has been incredible for me to see Gabby's growing maturity, confidence and independence and her sense of pride in her accomplishments as she has progressed through her internships this year. But unfortunately despite a lot of great programs like Project SEARCH in our schools we have a lot of catching up to do in our communities to support people with autism as they transition to adult life. Ninety percent of adults with autism are either unemployed or under employed.

"We need to change public perceptions and increase acceptance of people with autism for them to learn their full potential. If we can help people learn to accept and maybe even celebrate the differences of people with autism and focus on their strengths rather than their limitations, everybody will win. Employers will benefit from motivated, loyal and, in my opinion, delightful employees and people with autism, like my daughter, will lead more rewarding, productive and inclusive lives. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Mr. Leak."

Mr. Denny Leak, Autism Specialist, Rainbows United, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. It's great to be here, Commissioners. I've worked as a school psychologist for 24 years and I have worked as an autism specialist for Rainbows United for the past 8 years and I have really enjoyed working on this program. What we get to do is early intervention.

"The thing I want to impress up on you is with autism there is kind of a circular thing that happens that is really difficult with children. Children with autism have delays in social skills and communication skills. As a young child kids with autism don't approach, they don't seek interaction with their parents. When that newborn baby comes out, their head is maybe one fourth the size of an adult head, their brain is very small.

"From birth to like three or four years old that child develops a pretty normal adult sized head, the brain is growing, the cortex is expanding, nerves are breaking out, all kind of interconnections. In the normal child those connections are reinforced, they grow, they become a massive network, a computer network. Now, in children with autism, they don't approach people, they don't like eye contact, most of them don't likes social interaction. The parents have a child who's hard to manage, has behavioral problems, meltdowns, sensory issues and the parent has a child that does not smile when they go to pick him up. A child that does not talk to them when they go to see their child, hold their child. Kids with autism really have a lot of problems regulating their own emotions.

"And what happens, it's really tragic, but for that young mom, young dad, there is a child that does not show joy at seeing you. And what happens over time is the parent is not rewarded by going to get that child and there is a change in interaction. The parents is not rewarded for approaching, the child does not seek out interaction and learning experiences are lost from birth to one, one to two, two to three and we've got years that go by before a child is diagnosed and starts receiving intervention.

"In those years the child is missing out on hundreds and hundreds of hours of talking, sharing, loving, eye contact and it changes the brain. My big message and hope to share with you today is that early intervention is critical and what we need to be looking for in that toddler, that infant child, a child that does not show joy at eye contact, you know, the little one year old child that babbles and makes sounds with you and there is that interaction of sound between mom and child, mom is singing, the child is cooing, sharing books.

"The parents of a child with autism, they don't have these loving, rewarding experiences and the relationship is difficult. Most family members see those parents of a child with autism as being a weak or ineffective parent because their kids meltdown, their kid won't eat the green beans and there is really a huge amount of stress for the parent who is seen as a bad parent because their child is not progressing well. It's really an extremely difficult situation.

"With the families that I work with I would say, and I kind of hate to say this, but at least 3/4 of the families end up in divorce. I see kids being raised by grandparents, kids that are difficult; their biological parents can't handle it. The plight of children with autism is really tough. The Centers for Disease Control has revised the prevalence rate down to 1 in 68, for boys it's lower. For girls it's like 1 in 250. For boys it's probably down around 1 in 50. So in every two classrooms in school there is one child with autism. This is a growing problem. Back to that brain that is wiring, building this vast network, we have got to intervene early and I really want to push the idea that early diagnosis and intervention is critical for our kids.

"I work with a single parent mom who has twin boys with autism. She also has two older daughters, and then the boys with autism, four kids. When she was first awarded the Kansas Autism Waiver, she was basically a prisoner in her home.

Mr. Leak continued, "She does live with her mother and the mom and the daughter, the grandma and the young mother, they tag team parent, they work first shift and second shift in a nursing home and, but mom was unable to go shopping, she was unable to go to Dillons, she could not take two hyperactive boys with autism and her two daughters anywhere, it was too much. She couldn't take her kids outside. Her boys at five years old had never been outside to play because mom couldn't manage them.

"With the Kansas Autism Waiver and working with Rainbows [United] we bring two one on one trainers into the home. The boys were run away risks. If they could get out the front door they would just run as fast as they could, they wanted to see the world, but they had no idea of danger, no idea of strangers, no idea of evil people and traffic. So, the boys would just run like crazy any chance they'd get out the door. We are taking those boys to the park every day. The boys are, their language is expanding, and their social skills are expanding. One of the boys is in regular education and the other is in a special ed[ucation] classroom now in second grade. They are doing pretty well.

"I got a text message from the one on one trainer with the lower functioning boy the other day, they were at the zoo and they were crossing the bridge and seeing the koi, the little goldfish swimming under the bridge. And my little guy with autism he got down on his hand and knees and he was looking over the bridge and he said. 'Hi, fish, here's my friend JoAnn. JoAnn, say hi to the fish.' This is such a different picture than the child I saw three years ago. Our first behavioral goal was to get the kids to stop spitting food and drink on the floor. The lower functioning boy sat around by himself and screeched and would echo phrases that he had heard on movies, he didn't talk to anybody. The older brother was kicking, pinching and hitting. When one brother would get in trouble the other brother would grab the markers and go streaking down the hallway making marks all over the place.

"Intervention is critical, we need to intervene when the brain is plastic and developing. This is really a tough piece of business for families and it's increasing. Your compassion and support is really critical and I really want to thank you for your proclamation of Autism Awareness Month here and three cheers for the legislature. We have a new autism bill which should provide insurance coverage for about 20 percent of the families is what I'm understanding. So, there is some help coming, there are still a lot of people out there that not getting support, and I just, I really think that the early intervention piece is so critical. We've got to intervene while the brain is young and help wire that brain. There's problems with how the brain is formed and it takes work to overcome."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, Mr. Leak, thank you for your comments and my thoughts are that between your kind of a clinical scientific explanation of what is going on and from Mrs. Korwin's remarks as a parent, I have a greater understanding of those challenges. I think most of us are aware that autism is out there but when we don't have a family member or child that is dealing with that particular challenge we aren't as sympathetic or sensitive to it as we might be, so I appreciate you all being here and bringing us this information and I appreciate Mrs. Korwin's comment that we need to focus on the strength and the abilities of these individuals rather than on their weaknesses and so that we can do our part even incidentally in helping them enjoy a more normal life. So, we thank you for being here and we are proud to be a part in some way as government in trying to be assistance to those folks who have family members with autism. Thank you."

Mr. Leak said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item, please."

Adopted

B [14-1220](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK.

Read by: Chairman David M. Unruh.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Attachments: [National Public Health Week 040914](#)

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner, I have another proclamation to read for your consideration:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of April 7–13, 2014 is National Public Health Week, and this year's theme promotes 'Your Health and Safety' through efforts related to maternal and child health, emergency preparedness, chronic disease prevention, and using evidence-based practices to becoming healthy in one generation; and

WHEREAS, one's health is affected by many things, including culture, environment, social influences, individual behaviors and access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, individuals can help control their health by choosing a healthy diet, avoiding tobacco, maintaining an active lifestyle, receiving annual immunizations and preventive check-ups, and preparing their families and homes for emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, every day, public health professionals work tirelessly to reinforce these messages and do their part to influence change; and

WHEREAS, one of the Sedgwick County Health Department's public health champions Dr. Doren Fredrickson, passed away in 2008 after dedicating his life to improving the health of the Sedgwick County community; and

WHEREAS, his legacy and that of many other public health champions, such as Judy Johnston are commemorated through the Doren Fredrickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 7–13, 2014 as

'NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK'

In Sedgwick County, and invite Claudia Blackburn from the Sedgwick County Health Department to come forward for the presentation of this year's award.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's my pleasure to be here today as we celebrate National Public Health Week and present this years Doren Fredricksons Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award to Judy Johnston. For nearly 20 years the American Public Health Association has brought together communities across the United States to observe National Public Health Week as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation.

"This National Public Health Week highlights your health and safety with daily themes related to maternal and child health, emergency preparedness, chronic disease prevention and utilizing evidence-based practices to become a healthy nation in one generation. National Public Health Week is a good time to draw attention to the work of public health officials in their critical role in creating a more healthy America. This year, as Commissioner Unruh said, April 7th-13th has been set aside as National Public Health Week and locally we utilize this opportunity to embrace the work of dedicated public health professionals not only at the Sedgwick County Health Department but also in the community. We have a number of partners that really do the work. We celebrate National Public Health Week by awarding the Dr. Doren Frederickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award to a member of our community who has demonstrate a passion for improving community health such as Dr. Frederickson had and brought to the residence of our community during his life.

"We are delighted to be joined by Dr. Frederickson's parents, Ron and Pat Fredrickson, and a number of Judy Johnston's and Doren's colleagues and friends today. Judy has practiced as a registered and licensed dietician as well as a public health program manager and researcher for over 40 years. She has made and continues to make significant contributions to the health of all Kansans. Her extraordinary contributions as a public health professional are far too many to share today, but I am going to highlight a few of those.

"Just began her career after graduating from Kansas State University (K-State) as a clinical dietician at St. Francis hospital and progressively assumed more responsibilities until she became the Director of Nutrition Services at Riverside Hospital in Wichita. During her 17 years in clinical practice she held adjunct faculty positions at K-State, the University of Kansas (KU) and Wichita State University, where she was involved with many diverse programs, so she roots for all those teams, I'm sure.

"In 1990 she was recruited by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to direct the Kansas Leadership to Encourage Activity and Nutrition, otherwise known as LEAN, coalition.

"Her duties included coordinating the Kansas Five-A-Day Program, that would be five fruits and vegetables a day, and what became a pilot program at the Sedgwick County Health Department, that was news to me, to influence nutrition and physical activity at the population level quickly grew to a model for partner engagement that earned national recognition.

"Paula Clayton, Director of the Bureau of Health Promotion for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment stated Judy took a conceptual plan crafted by a multi-agency planning group and created the model for engaging stakeholders in changing community environments. Her work with communities, school health and work sights redefined how we approach community health promotion in Kansas and set the bar for the work our bureau remains committed to today. Judy has really been instrumental in leading the way for how we do public health and chronic disease prevention in Kansas.

"After almost a decade of work with the coalition, Judy then became an extension specialist at Kansas State University Community Health Institute where she served as a co-principal investigator for a National Institute of Health, RO1 (Research Project) Grant, that means something to the academicians, to develop and test models of behavior change intervention. At that time Judy also began working at KU School of Medicine in Wichita for the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health as a teaching associate and research instructor.

"Many of Judy's closest friend and colleagues are aware that Judy has been a breast cancer survivor since 1995. And she has been a champion survivor, she has been championing survivorship ever since. In 2009 KU Medical Center received a grant from the Susan G. Komen Mid-Kansas Chapter to develop the Center for Breast Cancer Survivorship in Wichita. Judy was asked to be the project director and help develop protocols that would treat the whole person and address all issues relating to surviving breast cancer including chronic issues related to chemotherapy treatment, depression, proper nutrition as well as strength and balance problems just to name a few.

"Years ago Judy partnered with COMCARE and the behavioral health community to develop program 1, 2, 3 for Life to prevent weight gain and illness form major side effects of anti-psychotic drugs. Judy and Dr. Early from KU were involved in the setup of the program and Judy was extremely helpful in getting this going from the dietary perspective. According to Dr. Early, what is most remarkable is Judy's ability to seat the big picture when it comes to community engagement. So many researches are focused on answering a question. Judy focuses on increasing community engagement and increasing the capacity of the community to care for itself. Judy also guided the Wichita Sedgwick County Oral Health Coalition when it was going through significant transition and growing pains in 2005 and [20]06 and has been an active leader for eight years in Give Kids a Smile Day. She also serves as chair of the E.C. Tyree Health and Dental Clinic Board of Directors.

"One of the things I know about Judy is one of her methods of engaging stakeholders and board members is her cooking. She is known for cooking for an army. She can just whip up a five course meal for 30, her daughter was telling me on the way up here, that she catered her daughter's wedding for 300. She just does it all herself, she was brought up that way to feed the entire world and so, and her cooking is really, it's like gourmet so it's really good.

Ms. Blackburn continued, "Judy more recently took on a tremendous effort with the Healthy Congregations in Action project funded by the United Methodist Health Ministry fund engaging 30 churches over the state. She was responsible for training, technical assistance, administering mini-grants to the churches and creating material. In addition to this work, Judy has trained and encouraged more than 70 Kansas United Methodist congregations in the development of health ministry teams. Through this eight year project her practical advice, and she is know for her practical advice, and strong personal passion for the work of on the ground health promotion prevention has benefited congregations and communities throughout the state. Judy has moved congregational health ministry toward real impacts versus activity for the sake of activity.

"It is not a requirement for this award that the nominee must have been Doren's friend but Judy was. She was a very, very good friend. Her colleague, Terry Jones, recalled that when Judy and her late assistant, Pat Cox, came to rent space in the KU Department of Preventive Medicine around 1997 she didn't know Doren and Judy had known each other for some time. She stated that it was only after she got to know Judy better and see how she interacted with Doran that she learned that they had a deep mutual respect and friendship that lasted until the end of his life.

"I think that he would be very pleased to know that Judy Johnston is being recognized for her illustrious career in public health and would agree that she is more deserving, most deserving of this honor. And at that I would like to call Judy up. And if you would like to, I have a special plaque for you. So, congratulations. Your name will go on a special display we have with Doren's picture and all the recipients of the award and we are just really, really pleased that you are joining the ranks."

Ms. Judy Johnston, Recipient, Doren Fredrickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you so much. I have to say that when Claudia called to tell me I was receiving this award I was surprised and then realized I'm really old and that was part of, you know, when you get to a certain stage of life. I have to say it sounds like I have done a lot and the reality is I've been really fortunate to have amazing colleagues and amazing mentors, like Doren. Doren was told when he was brought to Wichita by the Kansas Health Foundation that the first person he needed to get to know was Judy Johnston because she'll show you around. And so we were friends from the beginning and he chose his dentist and CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and other things like that because they were my dentist and CPA. We were very good friends and he ended up being my neighbor and was an amazing support both personally and professionally.

"But there are lots and lots of mentors in public health I've been fortunate enough to be associated with over time, so while I'm receiving the award it should belong to them. Additionally we have three health foundations in Kansas all of which support public health and I don't think they are always recognized for that. The Kansas Health Foundation here in Wichita, The United Methodist Health Ministry Fund over in Hutchinson and the Sunflower Foundation in Topeka all are strong advocates for public health and they understand that public health isn't what the public health departments do, it's also what the communities do and that all of us have a role in public health. And so they fund those kinds of initiatives and it's those kinds of partnerships that make all of our work make a difference. So, again, thank you so much for this award, thank you Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson, I really appreciate that you are here and Claudia, thank you so much."

Chairman Unruh said, "Judy, if you want to stay at the podium, I think we have some comments that we'd like to make. We are pleased you are here and it's clear that you are a worthy recipient of this award, so congratulations. And we are pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson are here today as they try to make each year when we make this award. Appreciate your impact on public health in our community and as I said, well-deserving, but we have a comment from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well Judy knows I have not known you for the whole 40 years you've been in public health but for many of them. I think my first relationship was when I got to know your husband Bill through the Optimist Club many, many years ago and I'm surprised that his hair is totally white and yours is still glowing brown."

Ms. Johnston said, "I get a little help."

Commissioner Norton said, "Your career has really been tough on him, I think. You might want to introduce the young lady with the camera, I bet she is pretty special."

Ms. Johnston said, "I actually am very fortunate, I have my family which is my greatest support system. My husband Bill that Commissioner Norton talked about, next to him is my youngest granddaughter, Ms. Audrey, do you want to wave? Behind her is my oldest granddaughter, this is Chesney, and they have managed to get out of school today because the testing wasn't working at school, and otherwise they would have to be at the elementary school taking testing. My daughter Laurie and then my sister and her husband Kathy and Steve Smith. So, I do have my family here and I appreciate that."

Commissioner Norton said, "Not a problem. Well, I'm so proud of you, we have worked together on many health issues, public health issues over the years. I'd also like to recognize Ron and Pat, because they have been here every year. I go back several years, you know, I've been a Commissioner for 14 years, early on a young man whispered in my ear, you need to know about public health, it's incredibly important and that young man was Doren Frederickson. It was interesting this Monday I had a chance to sit on a panel for the Kansas Health Institutes Health Rankings Announcement and they asked me a very pertinent question, as an elected official how did you get involved in public health and I have to tell you my answer was pretty simple. Doren Frederickson whispered in my ear that you are not doing your job very well unless you study and learn about public health because it is a main component of every community and a responsibility of the County Commission as the board of health."

"So, obviously I have to admit Doren's influence on myself. So, congratulations for winning the award, very well deserved, we are proud of you and continue to do the good work, it's important to our community that you continue to inspire others that follow in your path to do this good work. Thank you for being here. Thanks, Ron and Pat, for being here too."

Ms. Johnston said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Commissioner, I'd also like to thank Tara Nolen who really put this all together, coordinated everything today, so, she's on the Health Department staff in health promotion, and thank you all very much."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Well, Claudia, don't step away from the podium just yet. Appreciate your work and appreciate your leadership for our health department, you have always been gracious in recognizing your staff and all the folks who have helped make our Health Department in Sedgwick County an outstanding organization and that's due to your leadership and I'm sad to say that Claudia is going to be leaving us here in the near future and going to another opportunity and I can't tell you how sad that makes me, I'm happy for you that you have another opportunity but you've had, during your time here you have had a tremendous impact on our health department."

"You've been a good friend and I just really appreciate your leadership. We are going to miss you. And I guess I'd have to say you are a very humble person, I mean, your alma mater won the mens and women's basketball championship. As a UCONN (University of Connecticut) graduate you have a lot to be excited about, so, and I've never seen you jump that high. But I just want to express publicly our appreciation for you, how much you have meant to our organization and how much you have meant to me personally, so best of luck. We have another comment from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I didn't know we were going to talk about Claudia, but I only have one thing to say to Claudia, and I think she knows this, I have about 15 of these, I carrying them everywhere, it's 10 essential public health services and Claudia has, one of those people who has inspired me to think about public health in all policy. Everything we do should have a component of public health involved in it and I carry the 10 essential services and I'm not so sure that Claudia didn't give me this one and make sure that I carried it with me. So thanks you for being part of my journey, learning about public health, I really appreciate it, Claudia, and we will miss you. Stay in touch."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Well, I've learned far more from you all and Mr. Buchanan and all the staff here at Sedgwick County, Kristi, just everybody has been tremendous and I think that's why they called me about this opportunity as they have seen the work that goes on here at Sedgwick County and it's because of the organizational culture and the attention that's give to developing staff and the opportunities for growth and I feel I have really grown here and you all have been a big part of that. Whether we agree or disagree, you all have been a big part of it. So, appreciate you all."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, this was kind of impromptu but I didn't know if I would get a chance to do it publicly and want to express our appreciation for you."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "I think now, well, we have a lot of guests today, we will give them a moment if they want to vacate the room. Okay, I think that we can proceed with our meeting now after some of our guests have left. Commissioner I think we need to take up an Off Agenda Item for a proclamation."

Commissioner Norton exited the Meeting at 9:44 a.m.

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner, I have a proclamation to read for your consideration:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Wichita State University (WSU) has had a long and prestigious women's basketball program that has never failed to invoke a sense of pride and passion from the citizens of Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, the WSU women's basketball program furthered this laudable tradition of excellence by reaching an impressive 26-7 record in the 2013-14 season; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-14 women's basketball season was marked by many moments of success including a 20 game winning streak achieving the programs first national ranking and winning second consecutive Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, thanks to tireless efforts of coaches, players and staff, they went on to the second consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, all the players on the WSU Women's Basketball Team represent WSU and Sedgwick County in the best possible way and have received honors including Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year, All-Conference First Team, and first All-American First Team.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize April 10, 2014, as

'WSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DAY'

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner, you've heard the proclamation, what is the will of the Board."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "I think Krisit Zukovich has an announcement about this."

Ms. Zukovich, Communications Coordinator, Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do have an announcement. Commissioners, the women's basketball team will be having a celebration awards ceremony tomorrow evening and so we will be making sure that they have this opportunity to know that your support and your recognition for their outstanding season for the women's team as well as the men's team which will come later in April, but it is a great, great time to be a Shocker in Wichita and Sedgwick County."

Chairman Unruh said, "It is, thank you, Kristi. All right, Madam Clerk, next item."
Adopted

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

C

[14-1223](#)

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS REGARDING SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE.
Presented by: Cheyann Prock, Wichita.

RECOMMEND ACTION: Receive and file.

Chairman Unruh said, "If you would step to the podium and give us your name and address, you have five minutes to address us."

Ms. Cheyann Prock, 1333 North Fairmount, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am an adult entertainer at a local gentleman's club. I also assist new entertainers in obtaining their license and training after doing so. I have given each of you a folder containing concerns and possible solutions to problems stemming from the current licensing process. Inside it also addresses the absurd and unconstitutional grounds on which the adult entertainment code allows a license to be issued. As of right now there is a 30 day waiting period for which an entertainer's license can be issued. Said reasoning is to provide time for the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department to conduct a background check and produce an evaluation.

"I am here representing all the women currently employed and women currently trying to get into the industry. We are requesting the adult establishments conduct the required background check themselves through a company approved by the government for the applicant to submit with their application immediately, thus expediting the process for these women to start working.

"I am also licensed by the State of Nevada where they have applicants go through the Sheriff's office personally where a background check is done and a license is issued immediately, this is another alternative.

"Nowhere in the State of Kansas besides Sedgwick County is a license needed to pursue a career in the adult industry and nowhere are the terms as critical and prejudiced. For example, in the States of Nevada and Texas licensing is required for identity verification and tax purposes. The assessment of which an application is, the assessment of which an applicant is a viable employee is left to the discretion of the establishment.

"Here in Sedgwick County the adult entertainment code states an applicant may be denied a license if they have been convicted a morals charge, which basically covers all violations except traffic. We entertainers request this ordinance be amended. It is undeniable that we are artists. These extreme requirements are hindering our rights as artists, as dancers to perform. Women everywhere are embracing pole dancing as fitness and forms of interpretive dance competitions all over the world. None of which require the evaluation of morals to do so. A petition is in progress. And I can only hope after reading the information provided you will consider these changes. Thank you for your time."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you for your presentation, we will look at the information that you have presented to us. Thank you for being here."

Ms. Prock said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item, please."

Commissioner Norton entered the Meeting at 9:51 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS

- D** [14-1210](#) RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SAM HOUSTON (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD IN THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE, 2ND/3RD CLASS CITY.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Attachments: [Houston, Sam.Chief of Police,2nd-3rd class city.040914](#)

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this is a companion to Item E which is also a reappointment to that same board, Item E would reappoint Dr. Ronald Varner to the [Sedgwick County] Regional Forensic Science Center Advisory Board, but this would be in position of representative of an organization outside of Sedgwick County that does business with the center, so I would, we prepared resolutions for both of these, these are two year appointments to this board and I would recommend that you adopt agenda Items D and E."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you, Mr. Counselor, and Commissioners, we have recommendation to appoint Mr. Sam Houston and Dr. Ronald Varner to this board. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolutions for Item D and Item E.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Neither of these individuals are here so they will be sworn in at the appropriate time. Next item, please."

Adopted

- E** [14-1211](#) RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DR. RONALD VARNER (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD IN THE POSITION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CENTER.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Attachments: [Varner, Dr. Ronald.org outside SC doing bs w-Center.040914](#)

Action on Item E was taken with Item D.

NEW BUSINESS

- F** [14-1233](#) REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 3, 2014.
Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department.

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

Attachments: [Bid Board Minutes](#)

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of April 3rd resulted in one item we would like to present to you;

*1. MEDICAL BILLING SOFTWARE – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
FUNDING—COMCARE*

"The recommendation is to accept the proposal from TriTech Software Systems, with an initial system cost of \$61,190.00 and a maintenance agreement for four additional years at \$8,725.00 per year for a grand total of \$96,090.00.

"I'll be happy to answer questions, and I recommend approval of this item."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, Joe. Commissioners, are there any comments or questions? Seeing none, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Joe. Next item."

Approved

CONSENT

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| G | <u>14-1204</u> | Year-end Transfer from the Auto License Fund to the General Fund. |
| H | <u>14-1212</u> | A resolution amending policies of the Sedgwick County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. |

Attachments: [4.300 Employment](#)
 [4.308 HIV Infection and AIDS](#)
 [4.310 Drug Testing-Substance Abuse](#)
 [4.502 Grievance](#)
 [4.700 Vacation](#)
 [4.2001 Wage and Salary Administration](#)
 [Personnel Policy Revision Table_02242014](#)
 [Resolution](#)

I [14-1215](#) Classification change on existing position for the Tag Office.

Attachments: [Budget Impact Form](#)

J [14-1213](#) Plat
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2013 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

OAKLAWN ELEMENTARY ADDITION

K [14-1154](#) General Bill Check Register for April 2, 2014-April 8, 2014.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners you have the Consent Agenda before you and I recommend you approve it."

Commissioner Norton said, "So moved."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Second."

Chairman Unruh said, "We have a motion and a second. We have a comment from Commissioner Ranzau. I'm sorry, I didn't see the light sooner."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the Consent Agenda except for Item G.

Chairman Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman, Item G is a transfer from the County Treasurer to the general fund of \$176,276 which we do on a yearly basis and I'm supportive of this. There has been discussion about setting aside this money for a future CIP (Capital Improvement Project) project that would include a tag office. So I'm going to make a motion that we approve Item G and instruct staff to earmark this amount and any accumulated future amounts for specific CIP project for a new building for a tag office."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'll second that motion."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Thank you. Do you have further comment Commissioner?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I would, Mr. Chairman. Basically when I have been talking to citizens and folks out in my district and around the county, when the topic comes up in terms of county facilities, the one that I think draws the most attention and concern is our tag office, it's a small building, I think under sized for the purpose it's serving and parking is a major, major issue so I plan to be supportive of this motion this morning. And I believe this should be a top priority for the county, in terms of facility on this side of the equation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Skelton said, "I wish somebody would have talked to me about this, okay, because I need more information to support it. It sounds good but, you know, this being sprung on me at this point, I'm not going to support it because I want to talk to you about it first, so I just want to indicate my reason for voting against this motion today."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I wasn't aware we were going to consider this option, I don't know that it does particularly harm to our planning process but I don't know that it has significant or substantial value to our planning program. I think that we have been talking for some time about a new tag office, and it's going to take a lot more money than this \$176,000."

"So I appreciate the symbolism of it and agree with Commissioner this is a high priority and we need to get this done but I think he would rather follow the regular procedure and then clearly indicate our preference that we move forward with trying to provide that facility for the tag office. So, I don't see how this gains us much, I guess is what my thought is. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've had a lot of informal discussions with a whole variety of folks, and of course obviously the County Treasurer who is the person who is at the forefront and I think, in terms of being taken off guard, I don't see her out in the audience today, so I think it's a little bit of a surprise there. I'd be more than willing to defer it for a week and let my fellow colleagues have a chance to discuss it, I would urge them to visit with the County Treasurer in particular."

"As opposed to us having a split vote again on it going forward, I'd be happy to let this item defer for a week and see where we go."

Commissioner Peterjohn continued, "But it's been a priority, I know I've mentioned it in the past, but it doesn't hurt to mention it again, and I realize that this is somewhat, maybe somewhat symbolic and it's certainly not going to cover the full cost but it would be a step in the right direction in my opinion, so I'm very comfortable with being flexible on that if that would be, the rest of the Commissioners would like to go in that direction."

Chairman Unruh said, "We will see if the motion maker would like to do that. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, I'll say this is more than symbolic, okay, because this forces us to set aside the money and save it as opposed to spending it, we've talked about this before, that's why thought, I had mentioned it the Treasurer the other day that I will bring it up and I was going to talk, she thought you might seconded it, and I was going to talk to you and I didn't, we have talked about this before. But with that being said I'm okay with postponing it. I think we need to, we talked about it but we've got to take concrete action and start saving that money, otherwise we spend it on other things. If we're saving this all along every year, then we can pay cash when it's ready. So, but I'm fine, I'll...whatever I've got to do, amend my motion to defer for a week."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Second."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, Madam Clerk, I think we're withdrawing..."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Or withdrawl the original motion and move to defer for a week."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Second."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'll withdrawl my second, Mr. Chairman, if that helps from a parliamentary procedure prospective."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to defer Item G for one week.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "So the fundamental motion has been withdrawn by the maker and seconder and we have a motion and a second to defer this for a week and we have discussion, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I don't know why we need to defer it, I guess I could go along with that. The truth is if we really cared about getting the tag office done, we've been talking about it for three years, we could have already encumbered the money, put it in the capital improvement budget, found a location to rehabilitate and have it moved. So, you know, I don't know that trying to save up the money is going to make, change the dynamic of this at all. In fact, if we are not going to do it until we save up enough cash it will be 10 years at this rate before we build a new tag office. So, I don't know that deferring this makes any difference. For me it would be about let's have a robust discussion in this year's budget, put it in a CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) and get it done. So, that's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. I see no other comments, so Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Next item, please."

OTHER

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Commissioner we have a Fire District [No. 1] meeting but I think we can do 'Other' before we adjourn and go to the Fire District so is there any 'Other' comments that you'd like to make today? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. While this is a nice spring day, this is also an important day in the United States history and I would be remiss if I didn't mention it, in 1865 commanding general of the army in Northern Virginia met in the Appomattox Court House with a commanding general in the Army of the Potomac, Ulysses Grant, and affected the surrender that began, of the confederate troops of the army in Northern Virginia, and I think that's a significant event for this day.

"More recently in 1939, the black singer Marianne Anderson performed before 75,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. after a concert at Constitution Hall was canceled because of her race. So I think it's significant, in terms of showing how we have certainly progressed at least in some areas. And, unfortunately, three years later in 1942, 75,000 starving American and Filipino defenders on the Bataan peninsula in the Philippines islands surrendered to the Japanese. So, I think it's significant, few items of historical significance that have occurred on April 9th and I wanted to point it out before we go to the Fire [District No. 1] Agenda. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Is it your birthday too, sir?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "No."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Okay."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. I would just like to be one of the first ones to announce that the Learjet 85 flew this morning. That's a new product that Bombardier Learjet has been making here in Wichita and they have been trying to get that airplane up in the air for a while and the weather hasn't cooperated very well, but I think it was in the air at 8:30 [a.m.] this morning, new product. I know the folks at [Bombardier] Learjet are very excited about that and proud of their accomplishment and this new product line, which, you know, has a big impact on the economics of our community. So congratulations to Mr. Dieker and the whole staff out at Learjet.

Chairman Unruh continued, "I would like to say I had the pleasure of attending the [Wichita] Chamber of Commerce honors night last night where they take time to honor different organizations and individuals in our community for their work over the last several years in making this a great place to live. And it was about 700 people there, very well attended and I think the honorees are probably listed in the newspaper, I don't have to go through all of them, but one of them was Mr. Hale Ritchie, since we had someone talking about Rainbows United, he had a significant impact on keeping Rainbows United as a viable institution to help children with different developmental disabilities in our community. So I was happy to see Mr. Ritchie get that Uncommon Citizen Award. So, anyway, it was a good night last night for a lot of citizens that had the opportunity to celebrate. That's all I have, Commissioners, so at this time I will adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioner."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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