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Meeting Minutes

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9:00 AM

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Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:10 a.m. on January 7, 2015 in the County Commission Meeting 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; Mr. John L. Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Teresa Hatfield, Adult Development & Aging; Mr. Joe Thomas, Purchasing Director; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk.

INVOCATION: Moment of Silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- A** [14-1916](#) ZON2014-00019 AND CUP2014-00024 - ZONE CHANGE FROM SF-20 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO LC LIMITED COMMERCIAL AND THE CREATION OF THE SOCORA WEST COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY UNIT PLAN DP-335 ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST 21ST STREET NORTH AND NORTH FOREST VIEW STREET. (DISTRICT 3).
Presented by: John L. Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, approve the zone change to Limited Commercial and the creation of the Socora West Commercial Community Unit Plan DP-335, authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution and authorize the resolution to be published.

Mr. John L. Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This request is for a zoning change for the property that's outlined on the graphic before you now. It's a 7.5 acre parcel currently zoned SF-20. They are requesting limited commercial zoning and the creation of a Commercial Community Unit Plan (CUP) for this property. The types of uses that would be allowed on this property if you grant this request would be those that are allowed in the limited

commercial district with the exclusion of a number of types of businesses that normally get excluded from community unit plans, such as sexually oriented businesses, nightclubs, taverns and other uses of that type.

"The property is currently vacant, although there is a vacant church up there in the northwest corner of the property, and you can see the types of land uses surrounding the property on the aerial photo that I've put up before you now. Immediately to the west of the property across Forest View Street is a line of single family residences. Immediately to the south is a medical office complex, and then other properties around it are vacant and farmed. Going back to the zoning map, excuse me, you can see the surrounding zoning classifications, primarily SF- 20, which is the kind of pinkish color on the graphic before you.

"Immediately to the east of this property, there is a small parcel that's zoned for neighborhood office. The green colored zoning district to the south is general office, and then the white areas are in the City of Wichita classified as SF-5, single family residential, and you can see there's some limited commercial zoning in red. The large parcel off to the east, that's limited commercial, is the northwest YMCA.

"This item was heard by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission at a public hearing that was held on November 20th at that meeting, there was one speaker who spoke on behalf of the property owner to the immediate north of this property. Their request was to prohibit any sit down or fast food restaurants from being allowed on the property as part of the Community Unit Plan. The applicant, in discussing this at the [Metropolitan Area] Planning Commission public hearing, did agree to a prohibition on restaurants within 200 feet of this site's north and west property lines, and that seemed to be agreeable to the adjoining property owner. so with that, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend a approval of the limited commercial zoning and the commercial community unit plan with that provision in that no sit-down or fast food restaurants would be permitted within 200 feet of the north or west property lines.

"We have not received any protests or other appeals on this action by the Planning Commission, and so the recommendation is to adopt the findings of the Planning Commission, approve the zone change and the community unit plan as spelled out in the agenda backup. I'll be glad to stand for any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, John. We do have a comment from Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "John, is there a drainage plan for this CUP? Is there a detention pond going to be built?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "No doubt that there would have to be. When they go through the platting process for this property, they would, as they move toward developing it and pulling the building permits, then they would have to work out the drainage for the site."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you, sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Since this property from the map you showed us, John, indicated the City of Wichita is to the west of this location, to the east of this location, and I know for a fact also to the south of this location, although

that does not show up directly on this map, this would certainly be well within the City of Wichita's three-mile planning area. Would you kind of walk through how this proposal interacts with the City of Wichita? Obviously being close by and that this might be subject to annexation in the not too distant future?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Well, much would depend on how they actually develop the property, but given that most commercial uses would require municipal water and sewer, it's likely that they would have to petition for annexation to the City of Wichita in order to get those services."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask this question based on this map. Are they considered in this location actually adjoining the City of Wichita or abutting it since there is that little parcel to the southwest and across 21st Street, or is this actually considered separate and distinct and apart from any part of the City of Wichita, and if they petition to come in, it would be considered an island annexation?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "No, I think with those two parcels that you're referring to just off to the southwest, I think that that would be considered a touch point and that this would not have to be an island annexation if they do choose to petition for annexation. Did that answer your question?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That did, and that was part of it. Let me clarify just for the record. That area immediately to the south that's in green is developed. There's a number of, I think, primary medical buildings that are located there. Those were developed and are not part of the City of Wichita. Am I correct in that?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "I believe you're correct. But what may have happened there was that there may be, on record when they did the platting for that, I'm forgetting the terminology, but oftentimes in a situation like that, in order to not make it an island annexation, what the city will require in order to provide sewer and water service is that they submit a petition that when annexation does become possible, you know, in adjoining parcels, they would annex into the city. They would not oppose annexation into the city."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Because that other green parcel is a little bit further to the east, right next to West Wichita. That came up before this Commission. I remember when that happened, and that property has been developed, and frankly I'm a little surprised that actually hasn't gotten annexed into the City of Wichita at this point."

Mr. Schlegel said, "That one may be annexed. It's hard to tell from this map, and I could find out for you and get back to you, but that may annexed, because it is adjoining."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, I'm very much interested in that, and I appreciate Commissioner Skelton's question, because obviously drainage issues, you've got both a creek that runs behind the Y(MCA), the red parcel on the western side of the slide and also the Cowskin Creek that basically bisects the West Wichita part that's along 135th Street from the further east portion, actually it's still Northwest Wichita on the east side of Cowskin Creek. It's been interesting to see how people are trying to

handle what they can or cannot work through, in terms of developing those parcels in that area. But I plan to be supportive of this. And Mr. Chairman, I'd make the motion at this time, if there are no further comments, Mr. Chairman, I would recommend, I don't know if anyone is here who would like to testify."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner, I'll do that."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I would suggest that at this point."

Chairman Unruh said, "I don't see any other Commissioners asking to speak, and although this is not a public hearing, we typically allow citizens who might be affected by this zone change to speak, make a comment. Is anyone present who wants to make a comment? I don't see anyone moving to the podium, so Commissioners, I think now is the appropriate time for a motion. Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, approve the zone change to Limited Commercial and the creation of the Socora West Commercial Community Unit Plan DP-335, authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution and authorize the resolution to be published.

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, "Thank you, John. Madam Clerk, before we call the next item, before we get into other New Business, I'd like to take up an Off Agenda item that Commissioners are aware of, but we need a motion to do that."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "We have a motion and second. And this agenda item is in reference to funding for the Wichita Area Technical College (WATC). Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I appreciate having this opportunity to speak. I understand it's more a procedural area, but I would really feel more comfortable if we postponed this item and just put it on a regular agenda at a following meeting, so I'm not planning to be supportive of this motion this morning and wanted to get that on the record."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, is there any other comment? Madam Clerk, call the vote, please."

Commissioner Peterjohn	No
Commissioner Ranzau	No

Commissioner Skelton said, "A point of inquiry. Was this motion seconded, and could I get the motion restated please?"

Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, Commissioner Skelton. Commissioner Skelton moved to take an Off Agenda item, and Commissioner Norton seconded the motion."

Commissioner Skelton	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Unruh said, "So we will deal with the Off Agenda item. Mr. Manager, did you want to present this to us?"

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I surely can do that. Commissioners, in the note that I sent to you regarding this item, in the budget discussions back in August and during a hearing and afterwards, this issue came to my attention. The issue before us is we had a reduction in our budget requests, recommended budget to you, for WATC of a \$150,000 reduction. In discussion with a Commissioner, Chair and others, it was indicated that the desire that those Commissioners wanted to increase the contribution to WATC by \$50,000, thus implementing a \$100,000 cut rather than \$150,000. What this does, what this motion does today is restore that \$50,000 so that the total to WSU would be \$793,000 grant in 2015 rather than \$743,000."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you have heard this issue. I think we're all familiar with it. It was the intention to have this included at budget time, and we're just making this kind of administrative correction at this time."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution to restore \$50,000 to WATC funding.

Commissioner Skelton seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Is there any discussion? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, we've brought up a whole bunch of supplemental budget issues since we approved the budget, and we've increased spending in a variety of areas. I frankly would feel much more comfortable if we postponed this issue until we could get it published in the paper and have at least whatever public attention that that would generate provided, as opposed to taking another Off Agenda item that's going to increase county spending. So I'm not

comfortable with this motion today in this current form."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to postpone the Off Agenda item authorizing funding to the Wichita Area Technical College for one week and place it on the January 14, 2015 agenda.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. We have a motion and a second. Commissioner Ranzau, did you want to speak?"

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager, do we have any financial information on WATC that we could use to make a determination on this?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We received their audit. We know that the request for funding from Sedgwick County is based on their, what they expect to spend, but that's the extent of the financial information."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, I'd like to have more financial information. It's my understanding that since the state has increased funding for Vocational Ed, they're doing very well, their reserves increased significantly, and that's why, I mean, I was told the reason we could reduce it \$150,000 was because they were doing so well. I support what they're doing out there, but if they've had an influx of money from the state, a result of Vocational Ed legislation then I think it's appropriate to adjust our spending, and I'm not prepared to increase it by \$50,000 without more financial information, and that's why I support Commissioner Peterjohn's motion to postpone this a week so we can get more information and make a more educated decision on this. There is really no reason for hurry through this in my estimation. Thank you very much."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with Commissioner Ranzau's comments, and I would also like to have a copy of their most recent annual financial report to actually take a look and see what their cash balances are, look at their finances and have a better understanding of where their financial situation overall is. Because I've heard the same information, but it's been anecdotal and secondhand and would like to see it documented. If we had this opportunity to wait a week, I think staff could get that information for us, and we'd be much better able to make an informed decision, and we'd also have a week to have public input. So that's why I propose this motion and would urge my colleagues to support it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. my comment is simply that the information regarding the budget for next year was all available to us and known to us, especially regarding our budget at budget time, and on the last day as we approve the budget, there was a clear consensus I thought, at least in my opinion, that we wanted to make the reduction in funding to WATC less than what had been recommended to us. Just a couple of years ago the county was supporting WATC with a grant of \$1 million dollars."

This would make that grant \$793,000, which is a pretty significant cut in their funding. So, I'm ready to go ahead and move on this, and continue to support the college as best we can in their efforts to provide a trained work force for the area. So the motion on the table now, I believe, is to defer, and I will not be supporting that motion. We still have more discussion. So, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm not going to be supportive of anything to defer. We had deliberations back last year, and we talked a lot about WATC and many other funding things, and as I remember, we had a good debate and deliberations. For me, this is just making sure that what we authorized as the budget is clearly defined. I think it was pretty clear if we went back that we wanted it to be a reduction of \$100,000, not \$150,000, and all of this is administrative change to actions we took last August. So I don't have a problem with moving forward. It's what I thought the budget was. So it's no change for me. It's just codifying it so that it's legal."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the dialogue. Mr. Chairman, since you're the representative of this Commission, on Wichita Area Technical College and NCAT (National Center for Aviation Technology) board, I was curious, do you have any information, in terms of how the financial situation, when is the most recent quarterly financial report that you've received from that institution on that board, and do you have any idea what they are, how they are standing financially this year compared to last year. And also I'd be interested, in terms of updates since a lot of water has crossed over the dam since we discussed the budget in August."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner, I don't have those numbers in my head, but the finance committee at WATC gets monthly reports about the financial health and performance of the college. It is correctly stated that the college received significant benefit from Senate Bill 155 as we began to train high school students at the college. And the college is on much firmer ground than we were a few years ago through good financial management and expansion of programs at WATC."

"So they are not, I would not say that they are in a crisis situation, but I say that their budget is designed to provide for \$100,000 reduction in the grant from Sedgwick County on the basis of our budget discussion that we had when we approved the budget last August. It was clearly indicated in discussion from the bench to the Manager's proposal of the budget that a reduction would be \$100,000, and that's what their budget numbers are based on."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I appreciate the dialogue on this, Mr. Chairman. I would just hesitate to go forward at this time with the Off Agenda proposal that originally is before us. Obviously not my motion that's right in front of us at the moment. But I think it's important, we had requested back in November to hold off for a couple weeks, and that was voted down three to two. I thought it was a mistake at that time, and I think we're about to go forward and make another mistake in this regard."

"Of course, this will have a \$50,000, that vote in November on the building codes didn't have any real financial price tag that was directly visible. This has a \$50,000 price tag, and in light of the various spending increases that we've taken up off budget since we did our budget hearing in August, I can understand some might view it as just a housekeeping matter, but things have changed, and I would really like to have the opportunity to take a look at the most recent annual financial report from the college to

really take a look and see how they are doing financially. They may arguably even be in even better financial shape that we are and this money is not necessarily needed. We don't have figures, in terms of the cash balances and in terms of what their budget looks like. I don't think it's appropriate to take this up as an off-budget item at the last minute and I don't see any pressing reason why we can't hold off for a week, so Mr. Chairman, I'm going to be supporting this motion, and this will obviously influence my vote when I suspect my motion that's in front of us fails.

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Mr. Chairman, or Mr. Manager, in addition to this money, we also pay for the mortgage that's out there, is that correct?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I'm thinking \$800,000, but is that, or is it more than that?"

Unknown audience member said, "I'll have to get back to you on that."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "It's a substantial amount."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes. We'll get the number."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "So we're giving them about \$1.5 million."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Oh, easily."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Easily, maybe more than that. Okay, all right, I just want to get that on the record. Thank you, Mr. Manager. That's all."

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

Commissioner Skelton said, "Manager, when was the Commission first advised of this Off Agenda item?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Friday or Monday."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Well, I'm comfortable moving forward, because I think there has been plenty of time to research this since Monday."

Chairman Unruh said, "I don't see anyone else asking to speak. The motion before us is a substitute motion to defer. Madam Clerk, will you call the vote, please."

VOTE

Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Commissioner Skelton	No
Commissioner Norton	No

Chairman Unruh No

Chairman Unruh said, "And we have the underlying motion still before us that would change the reduction in funding to WATC to where we will be having a total allocation of \$793,000 to the Wichita Area Technical College. Call the vote, please."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. We're ready now to return to our regular agenda, and Madam Clerk, call the next item."

NEW BUSINESS

B [14-1046](#)

COUNTY EXTENSION QUARTERLY REPORT.

Presented by: Teresa Hatfield, Adult Development & Aging agent.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Ms Teresa Hatfield, Family and Consumer Science agent, Extension, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to share one of my programs that I manage as the Adult Develop and Aging agent there. I manage the SHICK program, which stands for Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas. We actually have programs like this all over the country. Here in Kansas we call it SHICK. What it is is a program that we help Medicare beneficiaries learn about their Medicare options. We are heavily relied upon. We rely on our volunteers to do a lot of our work. We have 51 volunteers at the Extension office. They're all trained by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services, and they help provide unbiased information to Medicare beneficiaries so that they can understand their options and make an intelligent decision on whether they want to go, like, with the Medicare supplemental plan, a Medicare Advantage Plan or which prescription drug plan to go with. We're one of the largest SHICK programs in the state, and we started doing this back in 1991. So we've been doing this for a while.

"We do counseling year-round, not just during open enrollment. Like I said, we do help Medicare beneficiaries that are aging into Medicare with their options. We can also help if they have questions about Medicare appeal. If they have a question on their Medicare summary notice, we can kind of walk them through the steps they need to get that taken care of. We also offer Medicare options training throughout the year, different classes that we do. We try to do those kind of on a monthly basis, and I usually have about 40 to 50 people in each one of those classes.

"I've also done presentation to some of our local employers, like Wichita State University and Wichita USD 259.

"But one of our biggest times of the year is Medicare open enrollment, and that occurs every year between October 15th and December 7th. During this time of year, our Medicare beneficiaries can opt to change out of their prescription drug plan. They can

change their Medicare advantage plan. The benefit to looking at that every year is our insurance companies can change their premiums every year, their deductibles, they can change their co-pays when they go to the pharmacy, and they can even change the list of medications that they cover. So we do recommend that everybody look at that. If they don't come into our office, you can look at that online, as well. But last year we were, during open enrollment, we saw over 2,800 people in our office, and we were able to save our beneficiaries \$2.2 million. So that was a pretty good success rate that we had.

"I want to tell you about a couple of success stories that we had that were really big ones. One Medicare beneficiary saved over \$48,000 alone. And that is because this beneficiary was going to be no longer able to go to the pharmacy they wanted to go to, which was COMCARE. So they were a low income beneficiary, and if they hadn't changed their plan, they would have had to go to either a different pharmacy where they wouldn't have gotten the services that they needed. So we changed her plan. And her plan went from \$48,000 to about \$150 a year, big difference. So that was one which our big successes.

"Another one that we had was we were able, one of my volunteers saved one Medicare beneficiary \$262,000, and we were all kind of like in shock when we heard that one, because that's a big amount for one person. This Medicare beneficiary has multiple sclerosis, and those medications cost a lot of money, and the plan that she was on dropped her medications. So my volunteer was able to switch her to a plan that was able to save her that money. So she was very grateful for that. There are a lot of people out there that don't know how to do this, and so we are here to help walk them through. We do classes on how they can do it online as well. But those are just a couple of examples on how we saved some big bucks for some people this year, and it wouldn't be possible without my volunteers.

"And I did bring along two volunteers today back here, Gus Wesche and Donna Wolfe. Both of these guys worked a lot of hours. Gus worked every day during open enrollment for 8 hours every day, and he didn't have to do that. So we appreciate Gus doing what he did, and Donna worked pretty much about the same. She worked half days about every day of the week, and also helped me with some outreach events that we had in the community. We did some things on the east side at some locations that hosted us. We also went into Butler County, as well. So we had a very successful year with the SHICK program, and like I said, I'm just grateful for our volunteers, and thank you, guys, for letting me come and present this today."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, Teresa, thank you for updating us on your activities, and thanks to your volunteers for all the work that they invest in helping our citizens. As I recall, you don't charge for this service."

Ms. Hatfield said, "No. It's a free service. Sometimes people are so inundated with junk mail and things that you just don't know what to do, I have people that bring in bags, grocery bags full of junk mail because they're so inundated with insurance companies sending you stuff you can't wade through it.

"That's the nice thing about the SHICK program. We can spend an hour with them talking about their options so they have a clear plan when they leave. They know kind of what they want to do. They know which directions they want to do. It's good because we can't tell them what to do, but we help give them the tools to figure out where they want to go."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, I know it's very complicated, not just on supplemental insurance but your prescription coverage."

Ms. Hatfield said, "Right."

Chairman Unruh said, "I mean, it's overwhelms you with the intricacy of it. Appreciate you providing that service. At your enrollment time, I'm sure all the other Commissioners also get numerous phone calls and emails saying that they appreciate what you all provide for them."

Ms. Hatfield said, "Good."

Chairman Unruh said, "We have another comment now from Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I second your comments and very much appreciate you speaking today. Now, if someone wants to get a hold of you all, can they get a hold of you online or is there a phone number that would work best?"

Ms. Hatfield said, "You can call the Extension Office at [316]660-0100. You can also visit our website. That's www.sedgwick.ksu.edu. So there's information on there as well. Online, I also have some booklets and things on walking through the Medicare maze. So if you don't want to take a class, you can get online. There's a tutorial on there on how to use the plan finder with Medicare, so you can learn about that step by step that way, too."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'd like to thank both the volunteers who are here in particular for their efforts in this regard, because I'm part of that boomer generation, and I've heard news reports that literally thousands of us who are turning 65 every day, I'm fortunate that I haven't reached 65 yet. But I've been told if you turn 65 and you haven't signed up for Medicare, you're possibly subject to some sort of penalty or fine. Is that correct?"

Ms. Hatfield said, "That's correct. It depends on your situation. People who are working for an employer with 20 or more employees can still continue to keep their employer insurance and won't face that penalty. But if you're not, you do need to consider going on to Medicare. You've got a window to do that, a seven month window. So, some people want to come in a year in advance and check out their options and we're quite willing to talk with you about that so that you know how much it's going to cost down the road. But we can actually help you out if it's the month before."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me make sure and please clarify this for the record. So if somebody is 64 years old and five months, they can come in and get signed up."

Ms. Hatfield said, "You can't get signed up, but you can come in and talk to a counselor so that you can kind of start thinking about what your options are going to be."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "What is the sign-up period?"

Ms. Hatfield said, "The sign-up period is three months before your 65th birthday, the month of your 65th birthday and then the three months after."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "The question I come up with, most married folks, one spouse is a little older. Does that play into this at all?"

Ms. Hatfield said, "It does a little bit, especially if the spouse is on the other spouse's employer insurance, so that could make a difference in what decision they make."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Well, Sedgwick County Aging Department, I know, is involved in doing this. The Social Security Office, the Fed(eral) end is involved in doing this."

Ms. Hatfield said, "Social security actually refers to us."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Oh, really?"

Ms. Hatfield said, "Yes. And I work with the Department on Aging. I actually worked for the county a few years ago, so I'm very familiar with the folks over there, and we work together to team up on different things. For example, we did a walk-in day in November where no appointments were necessary. Some of the folks from Aging come over and helped out. We took as many people we could get in the door as possible. Unfortunately, it was kind of a bad weather day. We got over 100 people in that day, though, so we did really good."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, let me ask you, how many people came through your office who were getting helped with these services last year?"

Ms. Hatfield said, "Last year, it was over 5,000. It was around 5,500, so just during open enrollment, though, we saw a huge bulk. So we saw 2,800 just during open enrollment during an 8-week period. That's when I had most of my volunteers working. We've got computers all around the Extension set up, so they go in all different directions, and we just try to get as many people in as possible."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I appreciate getting this information out, particularly since both the broadcast and eventually the streaming video of this meeting will be on the public record. And folks can follow up, especially folks who are somewhere between 63 and 65."

Ms. Hatfield said, "Yeah, and we're getting busier, because we've got, like you say, we've got that boomer generation starting to age into Medicare, and we're getting busier and busier every day. You can ask these two back here. They work for me all year-round, and we keep them busy."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you very much. Once again, let me appreciate my thanks to the volunteers who are out there, whether they're helping at Extension or anywhere else here in Sedgwick County. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

Ms. Hatfield said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

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, "Next item, please."

C [14-1935](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR
MEETING ON DECEMBER 22, 2014.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department.

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting at the Board of Bids and Contracts of December 22nd results in two items to present to you this morning. Item 1;

1. INMATE CLOTHING, LINENS & TOILETRIES -- DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS
FUNDING -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

"Recommendation is to accept the overall low bid from Bob Barker Company, Inc. for items numbered 1-45 and items numbered 48-122, and the bid from Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc. for items numbered 46-47 and establish contract pricing as listed above for three years with two one year options to renew. Item 2;

2. DESIGN SERVICES FOR 271 W 3RD ST N (formerly IRS Building) –
FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING -- ACQ/RENO IRS BUILDING

"Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture for a not to exceed amount of \$329,772.00.

"I'll be happen to answer any questions you may have and recommend approval of both items."

Chairman Unruh said, "Joe, we do have a couple questions. First, I think, Commissioner Ranzau."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to accept the recommendation on Item 1 of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you, Commissioner. Is that all? Commissioner Peterjohn. That's all you had? Okay. We have a motion to approve Item 1 of the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts. Is there any discussion?"

Commissioner Skelton said, "Mr. Chairman, after we conclude this vote, we intend to take up Items 2 and 3?"

Chairman Unruh said, "We can."

Commissioner Skelton said, "So I'll support this motion."

Chairman Unruh said, "Madam Clerk, call the vote."

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 Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Mr. Chairman, I move we take staff's recommended action on the remainder of the Consent Agenda items."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "We're not on the Consent Agenda."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Or Bid Board, excuse me."

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the remaining Item 2 of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. We have a motion and a second to approve the remainder of the recommendations from the Board of Bids and Contracts, and we have comment, first, I believe, from Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, I want to make a substitute motion that we table this item till further notice to give the new board that will come into effect next week time to reevaluate the entire IRS building, which I think is going to happen anyway, and so I think this may modify what we want down, what we don't want done, and I think it's premature to do this without the full Commission in place that's going to be responsible for moving forward this with project."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Ranzua moved to defer Item 2 from the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. We have a motion to defer. Is there anything else, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "If I may, I want just a housekeeping matter. My backup, I've only got the two items on the Bid Board..."

Chairman Unruh said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Commissioner Skelton, did you say three?"

Commissioner Skelton said, "No, there's..."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "There's just the second one. Well, okay, if there was a third item, I wanted to find out about it, because it wasn't in my documentation. I'm obviously going to be supporting the deferral on this motion. I have a concern, we're talking about, and I guess I'll ask this question to Mr. Thomas. This \$329,772 expenditure, this is in addition to the, this is not included in the previous amounts that this Commission has approved for this project. Am I correct on that?"

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, we've just added, if this is approved, and I suspect it will be, but hopefully I'll be pleasantly surprised, but if I'm not, I understand how things go. This is a 6.6 percent increase against the sale price on this project. I would really like to see this put out for bid, and I'd like the new Commission to take it up. I agree completely with Commissioner Ranzau's comments, and so I will not be supporting this motion today in its current form and would frankly like to, I think I will do it. I will make a substitute motion that we defer..."

Chairman Unruh said, "We have a substitute motion to defer."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "To defer for one week."

Chairman Unruh said, "And you seconded it."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'm sorry. I wanted to make sure it didn't...thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. We have the motion to defer in front of us. It seems like this might be a rehash of a long discussion we had about acquiring the building in the first place a couple months ago. I know that all the partners involved in this initiative are eagerly anticipating being able to move into this new facility, which includes the Metropolitan Area Building and Codes [Department] division and includes the Sedgwick County Treasurer who is in charge of the Tag Office. It includes the Appraiser. All of those folks need a facility. This is downtown in the government footprint. We've had all of these discussions and arguments. And in

order to move ahead with the project, I think that we need to approve this.

"This cost, although it's a certain percentage of the purchase price, is something that was anticipated that we would have to spend architectural fees, and it's part of the entire cost of moving into the building, so it's not a surprise that we would have architectural fees. This is just the next step in moving forward with this initiative. I think we should move forward. So I won't support the substitute motion and will support the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record, were other architect firms allowed to bid on this project or was this, our backup information only mentions one company here."

Mr. Thomas said, "This was taken as the only, the option because of the professional services that we are allowed on Charter 65, which they have done previous work, and they were very familiar with the footprint of the building and work that was done, and so we felt it was in the best interest to continue using Schaffer Johnson."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I appreciate getting that on the record. This is another example, in my opinion, where I think the previous item that we approved unanimously, we had a variety of companies, at least four companies who were involved in provides bids on that item and I think the county benefits from it. In this case where we basically sole sourced it, it's perfectly legal, but I don't think we're doing the services of the taxpayer, we're helping the taxpayer when we've got a sole source. I will be supporting the substitute motion, but I do think this is something that we ought to look at. My votes today will reflect that fact. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "I see no one else asking to speak. And we have a motion to defer, a substitute motion to defer. Madam Clerk, please call the vote on that item."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "We have now the motion on the table, an underlying motion, do we not, Madam Clerk, that is to approve Item 2, or as we phrased it, the remainder of the recommendations. Is there any further discussion? Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Joe."

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item, please."

CONSENT

- D** [14-1917](#) One (1) Easement for Right of Way for Sedgwick County Project 803-AA; Project on 135th West between 71st to 95th Streets South. CIP# R-259A. District 2.
- E** [14-1918](#) Two (2) Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project 811-T; Widening of Ridge Road south of K-42. District 2.
- F** [14-1919](#) One (1) Permanent Drainage Easement for Sedgwick County Project 817-A-3942; Culvert replacement on Meridian south of 125th Street North. CIP# R-264-28. District 4.
- G** [14-1942](#) CUP2006-46 (Associated with ZON2006-45) - Extension of time to complete platting requirement for a zone change from SF-20 Single-family Residential ("SF-20") to LC Limited Commercial ("LC"); generally located on the northwest corner of 21st Street North and 159th Street East. (District 1)
- H** [14-1920](#) Annual affiliation agreements with two qualified providers of intellectual and developmental disability services.
- I** [14-1921](#) Amendment to developmental disability service agreement for Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped, Inc. (KETCH).
- J** [14-1924](#) Amendment to developmental disability service agreement for Payroll Plus of Kansas, Inc.
- K** [14-1925](#) Housing First renewal agreement with the City of Wichita.
- L** [14-1929](#) Budget authority request for the HUD Dual Diagnosis Permanent Supportive Housing Grant.
- M** [14-1926](#) Clinical supervision agreement for a COMCARE employee to obtain licensure as a Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist (LCP).
- N** [14-1903](#) Contract between South Central and COMCARE for services provided at the Community Crisis Center.
- O** [14-1928](#) Renewal agreement with Child Advocacy Center and Sedgwick County.

- P [14-1941](#) Range reallocation adjustment.
- Q [14-1943](#) Addendum to contract with Computer Sciences Corporation to provide RISKMASTER MESA.
- R [14-1936](#) General Bill Check Register for Dec. 17, 2014 - Dec. 23, 2014.
- S [14-1937](#) General Bill Check Register for Dec. 24, 2014 - Dec. 30, 2014.
- T [14-1938](#) General Bill Check Register for Dec. 31, 2014 - Jan. 6, 2015.
- U [14-1939](#) Payroll Check Register for the Dec. 13, 2014 payroll certification.
- V [14-1940](#) Payroll Check Register for the Dec. 27, 2014 payroll certification.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Skelton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Norton 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>

OTHER

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, we are at the end of our agenda. We don't have an Executive Session or a Fire District [No. 1] meeting, and so we are at 'Other'. I think I would like to start off 'Other' by making some comments to our departing Commissioner. Jim, I just wanted to say that we've appreciated all the public leadership that you've shown during your years of public service. You had five and a half years at the city council and four years, or six years, and four years with the Sedgwick County Commission, and so you've clearly indicated your willingness and desire to serve the public. Along with that you also were President of your East Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "You also served in the United States Military, serving in the

Army.”

Commissioner Skelton said, “Yes, sir.”

Chairman Unruh said, “So you've always had a passion to serve folks and to assure that they had accesses to public services. You've been an outspoken and very vocal voice for your constituents. And I particularly want to applaud you for your efforts to promote public safety, specifically in the areas of fire protection, both at the City Council and the County Commission, and I know that you've been a strong supporter of the McConnell Air Force Base, all of southeast Sedgwick County, and the City of Derby, and all your constituents down there. You worked hard to assist the Oaklawn community as they recovered from the tornado and tried to assist those citizens also in supporting tax relief for those who were particularly impacted by that tornado.

“So in general, you have encouraged engagement with your citizens. You had a district advisory board at the city council, and you initiated that program here at Sedgwick County, and so you stayed involved with your citizens, and I think that's very commendable. So we know that you and Stacy will be entering a different chapter in your life.”

Commissioner Skelton said, “Indeed.”

Chairman Unruh said, “We want to wish you all the best in your next endeavors and say that we've really appreciated your service as a County Commissioner, and we have a nice little clock that we want to award you, and a nice Waterford piece. This comes off, so be careful. Anyway, we wanted to award this to you and say thank you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “It comes off.”

Chairman Unruh said, “And congratulations.”

Commissioner Skelton said, “Hey, this thing is heavy. It didn't break. It takes a licking and keeps on ticking. Thank you. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Now, Commissioners, we have other Commissioners that want to speak. Do you want to say anything first?”

Commissioner Skelton said, “I'll wait, defer, because I might want to say something back.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioner Ranzau.”

Commissioner Ranzau said, “Well, I have a couple things. First, I want to clarify back on the debt source that we talked about for NCAT and WATC, it's actually \$3.2 million, but we get \$800,000 from NIAR (National Institute for Aviation Research) rent, so we're putting in at \$2.4 million plus another \$800,000, so about \$3.2 million to the taxpayer, so whether we cut them 100 or 150, it's still a significant portion in supporting their efforts out there. I just wanted to correct those numbers. And I wanted to say, thanks, Jim, it's been good working with you. Good luck in the future, and save some deer for the rest of us.”

Commissioner Skelton said, “You bet. Sir, and I've appreciated your dynamic personality. Thank you, Richard.”

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Ranzau, I mean, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, January 7th is a momentous day in many ways. I couldn't resist, as sort of going away, in terms of, two cautionary tales. One is cautionary, the other isn't. Two hundred twenty-five years ago today, the first presidential election was actually held and electors were selected. That resulted in the election of George Washington. So January 7th will be important for you, Jim, going forward in a variety of ways. Now, the cautionary side is, on January 7th, 1999, the U.S. Senate impeachment trial of Bill Clinton actually began. So January 7th is an important day in American history, and now we can add the last Sedgwick County Commission meeting in your current term."

"Jim, it's been a pleasure. We've often agreed to disagree, but you've never been disagreeable in the process. While we haven't always, you know, I haven't been as persuasive enough as I should have been to get you to vote with me more often, at least we've had some fun up here, and I'm going to miss some of those stories that you've shared with us over the last four years. I really appreciate your service here in Sedgwick County and want to wish you the best in whatever direction you and Stacy go going forward."

Commissioner Skelton said, "Thank you, Karl. I wish you as well good luck. The first time I met you you were officed over at Park Lane. I came in there and sat down and visited with you, so I've known you for quite some time, and I never imagined I would end up serving with you on a County Commission at that time, and that was probably 15 years ago."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "You mean in the last century?"

Commissioner Skelton said, "I think it was, indeed. Thank you very much, sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Jim, our friendship preceded colleagueship, and our friendship will postcede colleagueship. I wish you health, happiness, love for the rest of your life and happy hunting."

Commissioner Skelton said, "The happy hunting grounds are before me. Thank you very much, sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Skelton."

Commissioner Skelton said, "I just wanted to let the public know it's been an honor and privilege to serve. This job is not about yourself, it's about all other people. I also want to recognize and compliment the bravery all the personnel stationed at McConnell Air Force Base. They're there every day guarding our flag, and it just so happens I can look out my back window and see the flight line, and I like that, because I like to watch the airplanes fly around at night behind my house. I'd like to thank my family, especially my wife Stacy, for tolerating me during my term of service."

"I'd like to recognize my grandparents Hugh and Evelyn Hendrickson. Hugh Hendrickson, by grandfather, is a veteran of World War II, and his father was a veteran"

of World War I. And was stated earlier, I'm proud to continue the military heritage of our family by my service in the military, and now I'm serving the public in a different capacity as my last day, so I recognize the temporary aspect of this job as an elected official. George Washington also did. So my actions are consistent with that philosophy.

"I'm not going to disappear. I'm going to serve the community in many other ways. You have not heard the last of me. Freedom requires responsible and active citizens, and I continue to be, and I want to continue to be one of those members of society. I'd like to thank county staff and the electives that I've served with. I will miss you, many of you professionally as well as personally. Thank you very much."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, Commissioners, we are at the end of our meeting, and so with no other business, we will be adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

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