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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

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 9:10 a.m. on January 14, 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 M. Howell; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Col. Richard Powell, Sheriff's Office; Mr. Joe Thomas, Purchasing Director; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Jill Bailey, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Patty Armstrong, Placement Chair, Junior League of Wichita,

INVOCATION: Pastor Herman Hicks, Greater Pentecostal COGIC.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

PROCLAMATIONS

A [14-1934](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WICHITA DAY.
Read by: Chairman David M. Unruh.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation for your consideration:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Junior League of Wichita is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities; and

WHEREAS, Junior League of Wichita reaches out to women of all races, religious and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism; and

WHEREAS, currently Junior League of Wichita works with the community to combat child abuse through awareness, prevention, and intervention; and

WHEREAS, the nearly 800 members of Junior League of Wichita give generously of their time and talents to volunteer in many areas of this community; and

WHEREAS, Junior League of Wichita was founded on January 15, 1925, and has devotedly served Wichita continuously for the past 90 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2015 as

'JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WICHITA DAY'

And ask all Sedgwick County residents to join me in celebrating Junior League of Wichita's many contributions to our community.

"Commissioners, you have heard the Proclamation. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Chairman Unruh said, "And receiving the Proclamation this morning is Patty Armstrong."

Ms. Patty Armstrong, Placement Chair, Junior League of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much, really appreciate this. We are looking forward to our next 90 years, after tomorrow."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Well, thank you for being here. We are pleased to make this Proclamation. I think most all the citizens in our community and area are aware of the activities of the Junior League and appreciate your commitment to improving our community. So thank you very much."

Ms. Armstrong said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "We have another comment here from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I honor the Junior League for all they have done for the 90 years they have been. One of the oldest Junior Leagues in America, actually. I see the [Sedgwick County] Zoo board members here, and they have had such an impact on the Zoo. I am involved with the Child Advocacy Center. And you have just made a significant gift to the campaign.

"But if people research the Junior League of Wichita, they would find that your fingers have been in so many of the movements and projects and programs and infrastructure

in our community over the years, that you have fostered, promoted, and then passed on to the board or whatever throughout the community. And it is a long, long list over that many years. So thanks for being here today, and I am proud to support the Proclamation."

Ms. Armstrong said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you very much. Next item, please."

Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

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[14-1949](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD.

Presented by: Chairman David M. Unruh.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Present the award.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, and ladies and gentlemen, each year since 1988, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners has the privilege, and the opportunity to select one organization or one project or one individual that has exhibited a particularly high level of dedication to public service, or has otherwise made strides to improve our community. I am thrilled today to be able to present the 2014 Chairman's Award to a group that makes our community a better place to live and visit every single day of the year. So Commissioners and friends, it is my distinct honor and privilege to present the Chairman's Award to the Sedgwick County Zoological Society, and as a footnote, in honor of Cinda. So I would like to present that now, if the Chairman would stands up here.

"We hand this to you, but this is in honor of every member of the Zoological Society and the great work they have done. So we are pleased to present this award to you. I will ask you to say a few words here in just a moment, and perhaps have the board members that are here stand up to be recognized, but I got a few more things to say, so hang on here just a minute. There may be some folks who are either watching or maybe even here who don't know how our Sedgwick County Zoo came about. In 1965, the Junior League of Wichita was looking for a new project, and they decided that we needed a new, bigger and better zoo. So they brought that idea to the Board of County Commissioners, who were generally in favor of it, but they wanted to have a broader community affirmation that this was the right thing to do.

"So a group of dedicated citizens took up a grassroots campaign to be sure that we would have a larger zoo for our children and grandchildren. They worked very hard, they were dedicated. Lot of energy, lot of effort. And of course there was that famous slogan they used 'Boo Hoo, We Need A New Zoo.' And that's what started it all back in those days. But the community responded favorably, and the County Commissioners then approved putting on the ballot a proposed bond issue of \$3.65 million to build a new zoo, and the Sedgwick County Park. The Sedgwick County Zoo opened August 25th, 1971, and today it has grown into one of the largest zoos in the United States, and the greatest outdoor attraction, probably the largest outdoor attraction, in the State of Kansas.

"The Zoo board has done a great job in working with our public-private partnerships in developing the Zoo. We have over 2,500 animals and 400 different species, but the

public-private partnership helped bring that about in very identifiable ways. They have worked with the private sector on building the Koch Orangutan and Chimpanzee Habitat, the Downing Gorilla Forest, The Slawson Tiger Trek, the Junior League Pride of the Plains, the Cessna Penguin Cove, the Cargill Learning Center, and the Oliver Veterinary Clinic. And then this last year, we are very happy to be part of a new future exhibit, which is the Elephants of the Zambezi River Valley.

"I am proud that Sedgwick County could be part of this fabulous exhibit by our participation in the elephant barn. We can't have a world-class zoo, I think, without elephants. And it is really exciting that one of our original girls, of our two elephants, is going to have a new home in the new elephant barn, and at this new exhibit. And we are very saddened that Cinda will not be there, but they have proven to be very popular exhibit to all of our citizens.

"One of the reasons is because the creative ability of these big beasts. Here is some of the artwork that was done, and I think this was done by Cinda in the year 2000, so you get an idea of the different ways that these elephants, and all the zoo bring enjoyment and pleasure to the citizens of our community. But these fantastic exhibits and the ability to showcase such a wide variety of animals didn't occur on its own. We have a strong public-private partnership, and it takes leadership, commitment and significant support not only from the public sector, but also from the private sector to make this happen. Our zoo board members, the Zoological Society, has shown imagination and dedication, given of their time and talents, they have been committed to making this zoo once of the best zoos in our country. So they are truly invested individually, as they try to make us the best and move us forward.

"So, Commissioners, again, it's been my privilege to work with these individuals. I'm in awe of their ability to raise donations at Zoobilee and through other efforts in our community, and they have always exhibited a can-do attitude. And they get it done. So I want to thank each one of the zoo board members who are here today, and those who have gone before them as they have helped nurture this special organization over these years. But thanks to you all."

"Again, thanks for the great support of the Commission, particularly over these last few years to help the zoo evolve, get better, get bigger, reinvent themselves. I think the key to this wonderful board, which we've got a nice representation today, is we've got a very diverse board. We are represented by law firms, accounting firms, private entrepreneurs, public company CFO's (Chief Financial Officer), great fundraisers, with us are also key members of our staff.

"You know, our philosophy has always had a diverse board that can bring energy, talent, across the spectrum. And I think more importantly, hire great staff, which is here in attendance today. Set policy, set financial guideposts, and then get the heck out of the way and let them do their jobs. So it's been an honor to serve on this board, and we appreciate all your support and look forward to another 40 years of great partnership. Thanks again, Commissioners."

Commissioner Norton said, "As the Chairman makes his way back, I will take my opportunity to thank the Zoo Society board members, because they do arduous work with a big budget, and some controversial issues over the years, and they handle it with grace and fortitude to move forward.

"You know, the Zoo has become an icon in our community, and to think that we would diminish or not support the Zoo, you know, falls on deaf ears for me. I think it is very,

very important that we continue to support and move forward, and we thank you for your hard work. We really appreciate you being here today, and for all the work you do behind the scenes that people just don't know about. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you all for being here."

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chairman, before we move forward to the Consent Agenda, I would like to have just a moment, if you would let me."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, certainly."

Commissioner Norton said, "You are going to need to stand up for this, though. We know the next agenda item will elect a new chair. So this will be your last item, last time to bang the gavel today, and we would like to honor you for your year that you've led us through some arduous times, financial difficulties. We have come out on the other end in great shape. We honor you today in recognition of your service. Thank you very much."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you very much, and Commissioners, thanks for allowing Commissioner Norton to make that presentation. I have enjoyed this last year being Chair. I fully realized that the Chairman's votes, just one vote among five, but I have enjoyed the opportunity to moderate these meetings and appreciated the collegiality in that atmosphere in which we've worked. So thanks to all you gentlemen for your help and support for making our Commission move forward this year. Thank you. I guess we are ready for the next item, Madam Clerk."

CONSENT

C [14-1948](#) One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Bridge Project 839-X-1800; Bridge on 143rd Street East between 63rd & 71st Streets South. CIP# B-468. District 5.

D [14-1955](#) General Bill Check Register for Jan. 7, 2015 - Jan. 13, 2015.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner 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>

Commissioner Howell Aye
Commissioner Norton Aye
Chairman Unruh Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "And next item."

NEW BUSINESS

- E** [14-1950](#) SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN THROUGH JANUARY 13, 2016.

Presented by: Chairman David M. Unruh.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: List slate of nominees, and vote on each in the order listed.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, we will take nominations for Chair. I would say I don't think our rules call for a second, so we can have nominations without seconds. And I think the easiest way to handle this if there's more than one nominee for Chair, is that after the nominations cease, we will just have the Clerk call the roll and we will say the name of the person that we want to support, and kind of eliminates the need to vote no on anyone. So that way we can just cast a positive vote. That's the way we will handle it. Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to nominate Richard Ranzau as the Chairman for the year 2015.

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And I will have a few more comments at the appropriate time."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to nominate David M. Unruh as the Chairman for the year 2015.

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, are there any other nominations? All right we'll have the nominations cease, and Commissioner Peterjohn do you want to make a comment now?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes, I am sorry, I am a little slow on my light there. This would be the, by my calculations, this would be the first time in quite a while that we've got a Commissioner who is entering his second term who has not either had the privilege of being the Chair Pro Tem or the Chairman, and Commissioner Ranzau, I've

had the privilege of working with him since 2011, and he's been extremely diligent and hard-working, and I, frankly, think he would be an outstanding Chairman for this Commission, and I am absolutely delighted to place his name in the nomination this morning."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Is there any other comment? Madam Clerk, I will ask you to call the roll, call the vote and we will say the name of the person you support."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "I think it is easy to do the math, so congratulations, Commissioner Ranzau. I think now might be an appropriate time for me to hand you the gavel. I will continue to close this meeting, but congratulations, and I didn't have to bang it very often. I hope you don't, either."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Dave. Appreciate it."

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

F [14-1951](#)

SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIR PRO TEM THROUGH JANUARY 13, 2016.

Presented by: Chairman David M. Unruh.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: List slate of nominees, and vote on each in the order listed.

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, Commissioners, I won't repeat what I said before, but I think we should follow the same procedure. So we are open for nominations. Commissioner Ranzau."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to nominate Karl Peterjohn as Chair Pro Tem for the year 2015.

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I think I have done this on several occasions before, and he's been ahead for awhile and hasn't been able to win, just like I haven't been able to, but hopefully today it will be a little different. So, that's my nomination."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to nominate David M. Unruh as Chair Pro Tem for the year 2015.

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you, Commissioner. Are there any other nominations? All right, the nominations will cease, and we'll ask the Clerk to call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. And I think that's also not hard to do the math. Congratulations, Commissioner Peterjohn. I think that brings us to the end of our agenda, doesn't it, Madam Clerk? So Commissioners, as we typically do, are there any other comments you would like to make at this time? Other than that, I think we can go to a party here pretty quick. So, there's no other business, Commissioners, Mr. Manager, we will be adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

*RICHARD RANZAU, Chairman
Fourth District*

*KARL PETERJOHN, Chair Pro Tem
Third District*

*DAVID M. UNRUH, Commissioner
First District*

*TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
Second District*

*JAMES M. HOWELL, Commissioner
Fifth District*

ATTEST:

Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED:
