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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 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 9:06 a.m. on February 4, 2015 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Richard Ranzau, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner James M. Howell; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Interim Health Director; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. David Miller, Chief Information Office; Mr. Brent Shelton, Director, Tax Systems; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk; Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk; and Ms. Kim-Anh Do, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Nancy Duling, Executive Director, Go Red
Ms. Dondi Henak, Board Chair, Go Red
Ms. Liz Workman, CEO, Girl Scouts of Kansas
Mr. John Dailey, Appointee, Metropolitan Planning Commission
Mr. Benny Boman, Appointee, Nuisance Appeals Board
Mr. Rob Benton, Appointee, Sheriffs Civil Service Board
Mr. Pat Bullock, 1809 South Cypress, Wichita
Mr. Keith Lawing, Senior Advisor, REAP,
Mr. Keith Wine, Senior Administrator, REAP
Mr. Kelly Parks, 8005 North Hoover, Valley Center
Mr. Carl Koster, Chairman, REAP
Mr. John Waltner, Administrator, Harvey County*

INVOCATION: Pastor Rodger Thompson, NorthWest Christian Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- A** [15-0013](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY.
Read by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, I have the following proclamation to read into

the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Heart disease is the Number 1 killer of women yet, eighty percent of cardiac events can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's death each year, killing approximately one woman every minute; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only one in five American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else were having a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, Go Red for Women is asking all Americans to Go Red by wearing red and speaking red.

- [Get Your Numbers: Ask your doctor to check your blood pressure and cholesterol.*
- Own Your Lifestyle: Stop smoking, lose weight, exercise and eat healthy.*
- Raise Your Voice: Advocate for more women-related research and education.*
- Educate Your Family: Make healthy food choices for you and your family. Teach your kids the importance of staying active.*
- Don't Be Silent: Tell every woman you know that heart disease is their number 1 killer. Raise your voice at GoRedForWomen.org.]*

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 6, 2015 as

'NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY®'

"Do we have a motion to..."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Proclamation

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "And we have Nancy Duling from the American Heart Association today."

Ms. Dondi Henak, Board Chair. Go Red, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you so much for your recognition of city goes red. We appreciate your attention to the mission, and thank you for all that you do."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much for coming today. Anyone else have anything to say?"

Ms. Nancy Duling, Executive Director, Go Red, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would just like to introduce Dawn Aldridge. She is our chair for our Go Red event this year; and Dondi Henick is our board chair. We couldn't do our mission work if we didn't have our volunteers, so thank you very much."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you all very much for everything you do."
Adopted

B [15-0034](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING GIRL SCOUT COOKIE MONTH.
Read by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, I have the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts, the pre-eminent organization for girls in the United States and around the world, has been an active part of the community; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 11,000 girl members, from Daisies through Ambassador Girl Scouts, in 80 Kansas counties, including Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, these girls learn about business, goal-setting, the value of teamwork and money management, all of which help them become leaders who are confident in themselves and their abilities and who use their knowledge to affect change in their lives and in the lives of those around them; and

"WHEREAS, through the support of generous donors and annual product-sale activities, such as the Girl Scout Cookie Sale, the Girl Scout organization is able to offer quality programs on a year-round basis to girls of all racial, ethnic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic groups; and

[WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is committed to supporting the programs by Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland and encourages our communities to support Girl Scouting and its annual money-earning activity: the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale.]

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February, 2015 as

'GIRL SCOUT COOKIE MONTH'

[And encourage all citizens to support the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, which began January 31 and ends March 8, and make an investment in the lives of girls who continue to uphold the enterprising spirit of Girl Scouts to become a self-sufficient organization.]

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "And today we have Ms. Liz Workman from Girl Scouts of Kansas.

Ms. Liz Workman, CEO. Girl Scouts of Kansas greeted the commissioners and said, "Thank you so much for declaring February Girl Scout Cookie Month. It's an exciting time of the year for us. We are the preeminent leadership organization for girls, and this program is so important for them to learn five lifetime skills that they'll take away with them from goal setting and decision-making, money management, a lot of people skills, and business ethics as well. I'd like to personally thank Commissioner Peterjohn for helping us with our cookie kickoff here in Wichita on Friday evening. He and I got to be behind some of the little houses where we were helping the girls hone their marketing skills, and they are out there now. Mother nature is cooperating with us so far this year and we're really looking forward to a great weekend with all of our girls out there.

"You can see that we have eight great flavors again this year, which you can swap amongst yourselves. And I also want to point out that this year we have a gluten-free option. It's a pilot program this year, in the middle there, called Trios. It's very, very tasty. I encourage you to try that out. Also, you may encounter some of the girls using some new marketing techniques, because they have some digital cookie options this year, so be on the lookout for that as well. Again, thank you so much for supporting Girl Scouts and helping them lead change in all of our communities.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much and good luck with the cookie sales.

Ms. Liz Workman said, "Thank you."

Adopted

C [15-0035](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH.

Read by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, I have the following proclamation to read:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, because developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums, the American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month each February; and

WHEREAS, now in its 65th year, this month-long national health observance brings together thousands of dedicated dental professionals, health care providers and others to promote the benefits of good oral health to children and adults, caregivers, teachers and many others; and

[WHEREAS, dental disease can lead to difficulty eating, sleeping, paying attention in school and smiling, and the ADA urges parents to make sure their children brush twice daily with fluoride toothpaste, floss daily, eat a balanced diet and see their dentist regularly to address tooth decay in its earliest stages; and

WHEREAS, reports show that American students miss 51 million hours of school every year because of oral health problems. And students who are absent miss critical instruction time – especially in early grades where reading skills are an important focus and the building blocks of future learning. And students who have experienced recent oral health pain are four times more likely to have lower grade point average than their counterparts who have not.]

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2015 as

'CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH'

"Do we have a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "And we have Adrienne Byrne-Lutz accepting the proclamation from our Health Department."

Ms. Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Interim Health Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good morning, Commissioners and Board of Health, Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Interim Health Director. National Children's Dental month started as a one day event in February 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio, my home state. In 1955, the American Dental Association transformed it into a week-long event, and in 1981, the program was extended to encompass the entire month. At the Sedgwick County Health Department Children's Dental Clinic, children's dental health is a daily observance. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, tooth decay is the single most preventable disease in childhood and is an infectious disease that is almost entirely preventive.

"In 2000 a report by the U.S Surgeon General called dental disease a silent epidemic. Nationally one in five elementary children ages five to eleven suffer from at least one untreated decayed tooth. In Kansas, more than 58 percent of children having dental caries or cavities by the time they reach third grade. According to data that we've collected in the health department through school screenings performed on children and youth in Sedgwick County in 2013, 2,400, or 12 percent, were identified as having at least one untreated decayed tooth. Four hundred, or two percent, were identified as having swelling, abscesses, or other urgent needs that hadn't been taken care of. In 2014, we provided free preventive and restorative services to 354 children in our clinic that were uninsured and low income. We provided school screenings to over 20,000 children in our Sedgwick County schools, and last year identified 892 children that had those emergency needs that hadn't been addressed. We work with school nurses to identify children in need of, and eligible for, our services. The Children's Dental Clinic provides free dental services for uninsured children 5 to 15 from Sedgwick County who meet eligibility requirements. We collaborate with area safety net clinics to provide a two-way referral process for kids not eligible for one clinic or another.

"The collaboration benefits all of the dental clinics and increases access to care for all the Sedgwick County children. We are also a clinical rotation site for WSU (Wichita State University) hygiene students, and we hope to train and mentor an average of 30 students annually. We've been a clinical site for WSU for over 30 years. Last but not least, we have 25 dedicated local dentists and oral surgeons that volunteer their time, and we wouldn't be able to do what we do without them. Children's Dental Health Month

is a good reminder to prevent cavities by practicing good oral health early, even before babies get their first teeth, and continuing to do so throughout adulthood.

"Primary or baby teeth help children speak clearly and chew naturally as well as aid in forming a path permanent teeth can follow. These practices will help insure proper oral health for children. Clean babies gums with soft infant toothbrush or soft cloth and water. Visit a pediatric dentist by the baby's first birthday and then twice a year there after through adulthood. Floss and brush primary or baby teeth twice daily using fluoride toothpaste and a small soft toothbrush. Most children may begin flossing and brushing their teeth supervised around the time they can tie their shoes.

"Stop soda. Soda and too much juice can lead to cavities. When children do drink these beverages or eat sugary foods like those yummy Girl Scout cookies, it's just really important that they brush their teeth afterwards. I also have James Davis with me today who is the Children's Dental Clinic manager there in the blue. I appreciate the opportunity to accept this proclamation."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much, Adrienne, for coming today, and thank you for everything you do."

Adrienne Byrne-Lutz said, "Thank you."

Adopted

D [15-0039](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING RONALD REAGAN'S BIRTHDAY.

Read by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, we have a proclamation for declaring Ronald Reagan's birthday, and I think Commissioner Peterjohn would like to read that."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I appreciate you letting me have the opportunity to read this proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, former President Reagan's vision of 'peace through strength' led to the end of the Cold War and the eventual demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people as well as ushering in an era of peace and diplomacy between the United States and Russia; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's policies created the groundwork that ultimately resulted in the removal of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain that had divided Europe since the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's stirring speech calling for '...Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.' outside the Brandenburg Gate created the environment that led to the peaceful reunification of Germany; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan provided the framework for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty that led to a significant reduction in nuclear weapons in the world and helped prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to additional nations creating a safer world for

future generations; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's diligent and thoughtful efforts working with members of both political parties helped bring the country out of recession and lead to an era of economic expansion and opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize February 6, 2015 as

'RONALD REAGAN'S 104th BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY'

"And urge Sedgwick County citizens to honor and commemorate his legacy."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Do we have a motion to adopt the resolution?"

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Do we have any comments? "Seeing none, thank you, Commissioner Peterjohn, for reading that and putting that together."

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

Adopted

APPOINTMENTS

- E** [15-0023](#) ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MITCH MITCHELL (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.

Chairman Ranzau said, "I would like to make a motion that we accept the resignation of Mitch Mitchell, and I would like to thank him for his service on the Planning Commission. He will continue to serve on the Stormwater Advisory Board, which is very helpful and I appreciate that as well."

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to accept the resignation of Mitch Mitchell from the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, effective immediately.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Approved

F [15-0024](#)

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JOHN S. DAILEY (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to adopt the resolution to appoint John S. Dailey to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "and I believe Mr. Dailey is here today to be sworn in.

Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and safely discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County – Wichita/ Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission so help me God."

Mr. John Dailey, Appointee, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Dailey said, "Thank you. I'd like to thank the Sedgwick County Commission for offering me the opportunity to serve on the MAPC. I've been interested in zoning since the early 1990s, and I did serve on the Valley Center Planning Commission for 11 years during the 2000's. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much, Mr. Dailey, for your willingness to serve, and I know you'll do a fine job for us."

Mr. Dailey said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "John, if you don't quite walk away quite so quickly, I was going to thank you for your service at the county level, too, because you've been involved in working on some issues relating to some of the zoning and land use activities in the unincorporated areas in Sedgwick County, too. When you mentioned Valley Center, your interest and activities went beyond that, and I wanted to get that on the record and thank you for your service."

Mr. Daily said, "Thank you"

Adopted

G [15-0025](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANNETTE GRAHAM (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE ARTS COUNCIL INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, you have the item before you. I'll just say for the record, I'm not going to support this nomination. I think we need to consider the participation of the Arts Council and it's continued funding, but what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the appointment of Annette Graham to the Arts Council Inc. Board of Directors.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you Chairman. I do appreciate your comment there. I think that this appointment is independent of that consideration so I will probably support this resolution, this appointment at this time, but I look forward to that discussion about participation in that later on."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I share some of the Chairman's concerns, but since we do have this appointment, my vote won't reflect on Ms. Graham, who heads up our Aging department and does a fine job in that area."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Passes three to two"

Adopted

H [15-0036](#)

RESOLUTIONS REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
BRENT SHELTON (COMMISSIONER DAVE UNRUH'S
REAPPOINTMENT), GLENN CRUM (COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S
REAPPOINTMENT) AND BENNY BOMAN (COMMISSIONER KARL
PETERJOHN'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY
NUISANCE APPEALS BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolutions.

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, you have the resolution before you, do we
have a motion?"*

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "Do we have..."

*Mr. Arnold, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Morning Commissioners. Mr.
Bowman is here, going to do a two for one here."*

Chairman Ranzau said, "Very good."

*Mr. Arnold said, "I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United
States, the constitution of the state of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of
the office of Sedgwick County Nuisance Appeals Board so help me God."*

Mr. Brent Shelton, Director, Tax Systems, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Benny Boman, Appointee, Nuisance Appeals Board, greeted the Commissioners

and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Shelton said, "I just want to thank Commissioner Unruh and the rest of the Commissioners for your continued support. We appreciate being able to serve the community in this manner."

Mr. Boman said, "I want to thank the Commission for their vote of confidence for me serving on the board. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you for both of you being here today and your willingness to serve. Kelly, you'll meet up with Mr. Crum at a later date to get him sworn in?"

Mr. Arnold said, "Yes."

Adopted

I [15-0040](#)

RESOLUTIONS REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
BOBBY STOUT (COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S REAPPOINTMENT)
AND ROB BENTON (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S
REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolutions.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, you have the resolution before you. Do you have a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution.

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Arnold greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have Mr. Benton here. I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Offices of Sheriff Civil Service Board so help me God."

Mr. Rob Benton, Appointee, Sherriff's Civil Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do. I want to thank Commissioner Ranzau for the appointment and the rest of the Commissioners. It's been a pleasure to serve. Thank you very much."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much for your willingness to serve. Madam Clerk, next item."

Adopted

J [15-0026](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM NATHANIEL SMISOR FROM GRANT TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Adopted

K [15-0027](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING IVAN GOERING (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD AS THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO COMPLETE THE TERM RESIGNED BY NATHANIEL SMISOR.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "I don't believe that Mr. Goering is here today, and Kelly will hook up with him later and get him taken care of. I appreciate his willingness to serve in this capacity. We still need to vote on that, don't we? Call the vote, please."

Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm sorry, who moved and who seconded it?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "I moved,"

Commissioner Howell said, "I seconded."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Adopted

L [15-0031](#)

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS (UNINCORPORATED POSITION AND THE POSTIONS OF FOUR MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, you have the resolution before you. Do we have a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Adopted

M [15-0044](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BENJAMIN SAUCEDA (COMMISSIONER JIM HOWELL'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN POSITION 15

REPRESENTING THE COUNTY COMMISSION 5TH DISTRICT.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "That does it for all of the appointments today. I don't believe we have anyone else left to be sworn in today, so we'll go to the next item"

Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

N [15-0061](#)

RESOLUTION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY RELATING TO THE REAP CONSORTIUM FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT AND SEDGWICK COUNTY'S CONTINUED ROLE IN SAID HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Take action as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have the resolution before you. You will note that we entered this agreement to have, authorized us to participate in the consortium in September 28 of 2011. After the grant award, HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant in November, we began discussions about the Consortium Sustainable Communities Agreement that was approved in April 4th, 2012. Part of the resolution in front of you specifies the county's opposed the request to extend the grant from February 15TH to April 30TH. But no work product derived from the grant shall be used to influence future county spending, planning or policy decisions and that no public funds under the control of the county shall be used to implement, support, promote, advocate or participate in any future efforts relating to the work product of the grant. Now the resolution is in front of you.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Do we have anyone from the public who would like to speak on this topic today? If not, it looks like we have..."

Mr. Pat Bullock, 1809 South Cypress, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Let me say, I'm sort of hard-of-hearing, so I'm not really sure exactly what he said a while ago pertaining to this. This deals with REAP, is that correct?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "This deals with the Sustainable Development Grant. We have a resolution that says we won't participate in it basically further, or implement any of its policy. If you could give us your name and address, and then you'll have five minutes to speak."

Mr. Bullock said, "My name is Pat Bullock, and I live at 1809 South Cypress, Wichita. I've been here 20 years. I'm here because I'm hoping and pleading with the Commissioners to sever that particular relationship and to not grant that particular item and let me say the reason I am is because after I learned where that particular process came from, I was shocked to see that it came from the Agenda 21 of the UN, and it was developed in about 1992, and basically it is to control local individuals and cause them, and I know this sounds like somebody saying the sky is falling, the sky is falling, but this is a reality, and the reason I came to this conclusion is because I read a report of a person who was involved in this particular situation, and her name Rosa Cora and she was a forensic commercial real estate appraiser, specializing in eminent domain valuation. Her nearly 30 years of experience analyzing land use and property value enabled her to recognize a planning revolution sweeping the nation. And basically she has a log of democrats against UN 21. So, basically this process appears to be very friendly and very good for a local group, but eventually it will take away the individual rights of those who want freedom in our nation, and that's basically what I want to say this morning."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much. Do we have any questions from the bench for Mr. Bullock? Thank you very much. Do we have anyone else in the public that would like to speak on this item? Seeing none, we'll come back to the bench."

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Comments?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, this is an issue that's come before this Commission at many, many times, and looking out in the audience, looking at the TV screen, it doesn't look like there's many folks out there in the audience, but actually there are some. I'd like to point out at least one of the people, because he used to be a colleague of mine here at the County Commission. In fact, when this issue came up, he was on the bench with me, and that's former Commissioner Kelly Parks. Mr. Parks, myself, and a third commissioner, Commissioner Welshimer, when this sustainability grants proposal first came up, I believe it was in 2010. The majority of this Commission voted against participation in this grant, and it was a narrow vote. It was three to two, and that issue was set aside until a new Commission that was elected in the 2010 election took office in 2011. And then the issue reappeared, and the vote went the other way.

"It went three to two, and Commissioner Ranzau joined me. And actually I want to

commend Commissioner Ranzau, because his work researching this issue, going into the details, going into the aspects of the connections with HUD (Housing and Urban Development), EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), the Feds(Federal Government) and the transportation area, the whole dimensions of this grant, I think have been problematic from a planning perspective. The fact that we're looking at taking the next forward on implementation is a huge concern for me, and I know that we are not the first county commission that's basically decided to walk away from this grant. In fact, there are a couple of counties adjacent to us that have done so, also.

"And so, Mr. Chairman, I do want to take this opportunity to reverse the county's position on this, raise the issue in the public, raise public discussions about it, because regardless of what we do today, in my opinion, I think that this is going to be an issue for other local units in this community and whether this grant can continue on an implementation basis, whether we can go with the implementation grant with more federal funds to go forward without Sedgwick County, I'm not sure whether that will happen or not. But if it does, I would hope whether at the municipal level or other county levels, the citizens will study this issue, and if they share the concerns that I've seen and the comments that I've heard from my constituents, this is not a program that I think Sedgwick County should be involved in. And I'll go further than that I don't think it's a program that South Central Kansas, the State of Kansas, or the folks in the other 49 states should be involved in either. So, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to be happy to support the effort to withdraw from this program today. Thank you"

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple questions for clarification, and Mr. Manager, I hope you know the answers, but item one of the resolution says that we're opposed to efforts by the consortium to extend HUD grant beyond the expected duration of February 15TH. There's already been an extension asked for and granted for administrative finalization and so forth, isn't that correct?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "That's my understanding, yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So, this resolution that we're considering is asking us to take a position against something that's already happened as far as, although it's minor, but the leadership of the grant has already got an extension to finish it up. And Mr. Manager, do you know, is there any consideration of an implementation grant that's been mentioned, or implementation process?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "I'm not very close to the process, but I don't know the answer to that."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I've asked that question of the administrative person in charge of the planning grant, and the information that was given to me at that time is that this is the end of it. There is no further extension. There is no contemplation by the organization as it exists to ask for an extension or another implementation grant, and perhaps Commissioner Norton could give some enlightenment to that since he was on the consortium leadership team. So perhaps there is a response there, and then Mr. Chairman, I've got a couple other things I want to say. I don't know if Commissioner Norton would want to, if it pleases the Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton, would you like to respond?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I was on the consortium team. I made it to most every meeting. I was supportive of the process and still am. I think the resolution today, although we, I understand the idea of taking no federal money, and implementing the plan falls in the face of the information and the data in this plan, and I can tell you, when there's language in here that says cannot be used, none of this can be used, so much of it ties into other communities, other plans, other thought processes under the municipalities, other counties, I mean, the data is very rich. And I'll, I may be the only one that has a copy of the final plan, the asset map, the executive plan and everything, and I've read through most of it, I need to go through it again.

"But just the asset map alone is a great data point for any elected official to look at, to understand not only our county, our municipalities, but the region of South Central Kansas. It's a great work product. It should guide us in some thought processes to learn more about the area that we live in. It has nothing to do with a hard plan that someone may like or not like about implementation, so to say we cannot look at, read, absorb or use any of the data from this study for any decision we might make today, tomorrow, in the future, or can't dissolve it in the context of other decisions that we're going to make, does not make any sense to me. Another document that came out of this that I think is critical, and anybody could use, is the data sources. This is a very rich informational guide to all the links of where the data came from to do the work of the work groups. And just that alone gives you a nice context of where to go if you're looking for certain information, not just about the HUD Sustainable Grant, but information, demographic information, economic information, and I guarantee you I'm going to use the data source.

"I think that work of compiling all of that was good work, whether we ever decide to take federal money for an implementation or not, that makes no sense. And then the final plan is the hard work of many folks for a year and a half to try to understand the dynamics of the five county region, to understand the pitfalls, the roadblocks, the things they need to look at, and then how do we start to address them? I don't know that some of them are ever going to be strategically down to the nuts and bolts of an implementation plan. They're just really good ideas. And if you look at the areas that they worked on, water, transportation, healthy communities, workforce and economics, to say that we're never going to take any components out of this plan, think about it, try to make our decisions based on it, doesn't make any sense to me. That still doesn't preclude that if you don't want to take an implementation grant from the federal government you just vote not to take it, but to say that we'll never, ever use this work product for anything just doesn't make , makes no sense to me at all, and just based on that, I won't support the resolution today. Nothing about an implementation grant, that will come up later if it ever happens.

"But just on its face, it's a great document that has a lot of good information. And I would urge the Chamber of Commerce, other municipalities and governments, nonprofits to read it, look at it, because it really gives you a broad basis of how to understand our region and the things that we need to be working on over the next 30 years. That's all I have."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll continue my, I guess the point I was looking for in the discussion is that there is no process for any extension of

the grant activities. There is no process for asking for money from state or federal government for implementing.

"However, there are hundreds of communities across the United States who have been involved in Sustainable Communities Planning Grant who did find direction in that process and have, and did do some things that was agreed upon by their local governments to improve their communities. So some places have done that. There is no contemplation I think from any of leadership to extend the grant or to ask for any implementation money. Second question I'd have, and Mr. Manager, I don't suppose I'd ask you. I think I need to ask the Chairman, but what is the work product that is offensive? It says that we're not going to use any public funds to relate to the work product; no work product will be used by us in any of our thought processes.

"I guess, could, I'm sure you're just not opposed to the data accumulation that Commissioner Norton referenced. Is there some other work product that is particularly offensive or you think might bring harm to the county?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "Well, the primary work product is the so-called prosperity plan."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And can you help me, can you help me, give me some detail about that?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "I'll give you more detail when I make my comments later."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay."

Chairman Ranzau said, "How about I'll give you one right now. How about a food policy council? Do we need to establish a food policy council and tell people what they can and cannot eat and go down that road to implement things like Meatless Mondays, which is being pushed by supporters of sustainable development? I would find that offensive. It's not a function of our government to establish food policy."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, I'd say presently there is not a food policy council. In the final verbiage of the plan, they did say that they might encourage the establishment of that, but that's not something that the prosperity plan or that REAP or anyone associated is going to do. It would have to come from some other source to establish a food policy. And I don't know that it's logical to imply that this food council is going to try to impose some policy on the community when the food council doesn't even exist.

"So say there's going to be one, and that they're going to impose a policy on us if we object to, I don't know where they get the authority to do it. It's our friends and neighbors involved in this and our colleagues in both the elected and nonelected community. And there is no food policy council established, and for me, it's hard to try to say what they would do if there was one when there isn't one. So I guess those are a couple of questions I have with the language of the resolution, that no work product, which is somewhat undefined, derived from this planning grant shall be used to influence county spending. The document that Commissioner Norton referenced is statistical data that talks about employment and ages of the people who are employed, and where they're employed, and there's data in there about roads, and where roads are, and where we might think roads need to be in the future. There's data in there about water and what do we think the water challenges of the future are going to be.

"Frankly, Mr. Chairman, to say I will not use that information in making decisions, it's like telling me I can't access research, data and information. To say that we can't use that data at all, when it talks about transportation programs, is like saying we can't have a decent conversation about how we're going to do public works in our county, because the information compiled there deals with public works and transportation. So I bet you can guess that I'm not going to support the resolution, and I don't know, I'm kind of just rambling. I'm kind of at a loss as to how to get my thoughts marshaled in some logical way, because no work product is such a vague statement. I don't know how to go from here. And I look for your response. Thank you, sir."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Well, before I respond, I'd like to clarify and ask you a question. You said there's no intent to get money from the federal government for implementing this. Is there any thought process in using REAP or other organizations to implement this without federal money? Just plain implement it without federal money?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, if there is any implementation of anything relative to this, it will be done by local boards of county commissioners, local city councils and that REAP does not have the authority, the resources, or the power to implement any of this. And the actual prosperity plan organization, as it is, is going to be defunct here in just a couple months, in 60 days. So, if there is anything that anyone can even relate to this plan that happens and probably anything we do in some fashion could be related, but all of that is done by you and I and the other Commissioners and by city council people. We'll have to decide what we want to do, because there is no money in REAP, no money in the consortium and no intention to get any. Did I answer your question?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "No, you did not."

Commissioner Unruh said, "What was the question?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "Is REAP going to be involved in encouraging members of the consortium and agencies to implement this?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "REAP is not going to be doing that at all. The REAP organization is not. So the answer to that is no. The Prosperity Plan Organization will be concluded as soon as this administrative extension is ended. So they're not going to be doing that either. Now, if we want to do that, we can."

Chairman Ranzau said, "But we're not going to?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, that's probably true."

Chairman Ranzau said, "So let me ask you, why did we take \$1.5 million worth of taxpayer money to create a plan but we're not going to implement it?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, Commissioner, that money was used to finance I don't know how many meetings, I don't know how many groupings of people all over South Central Kansas to talk about our future and what are the challenges we might face in these specific areas of water, employment, transportation, where we're going to build things."

"I don't have them, all the different areas, but in order to, the grant money was offered,

and we accessed it for the sole purpose of getting people together and thinking about what might the future bring, what's smart thinking, should we build a railroad that doesn't connect to anything? Let's hear what Butler County has to say about where they ought to connect the road. Or let's hear what Harvey County thinks about it. Let's get us all at the table and talk about what the future is and the challenges we'll face. If we know what we're facing in the future, we're going to have a better chance for Sedgwick County Commission to make good decisions, and so that's why we took the money, that's what we did, and in my estimation, it's been pretty successful. And the asset map that's been referred to has been lauded by some of our community partners. GWEDC (Greater Wichita Economic Development Council) thinks it's a very valuable instrument as we talk about economic development in the area. It's data. I still don't know if I answered your question."

Chairman Ranzau said, "No, you have not. I understand what you said. But, in your original comment you talked about how we're not going to take money from the feds to implement it and it kind of gave the impression that it won't get implemented. So I guess I want to know, we spent \$1.5 million to come up with a prosperity plan for our community. Are we going to implement it or not?"

Commissioner Unruh said "It's up to local elected boards to see if, what, when and how anything is implemented. It's not up to the organization that put this all together and allowed for people to have conversations. So, if there's something implemented, it's you and I or the city council. It's not some other body that's doing it."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Well, let me just add a couple things here. I attended many of those CLT meetings myself, and I've seen how things were developed. At one of the meetings out at Tanganyika, Mr. Lawing, who is here today, and I believe you were there, made it very clear. He said REAP will have the role of instigating this and making sure to get it implemented throughout the REAP area. The application that we submitted says that REAP, once the plan is finished, will work with the local government consortium members for adopting the plan as official governing body policy as well as amending plans and policy as necessary for consisting with the plan. So we've told the federal government that REAP will work with existing governments to make it official policy and make sure all of our other policies fall in line with it. That's the commitment we've made. That is the plan.

"And REAP has said in the meetings that they're going to be instigating this and that's what they're going to be doing moving forward. I've heard that on a couple of instances. So I'm a little confused between what's being said at other meetings where there is not a lot of public at and what's being said right now. I'm just a little confused. But I'm not sure we're going to resolve that. I just know what I heard. And I know what I read right here. And I understand not everyone reads the stuff that we've submitted, but I have, and this is what it says. Seeing no other comments from Commissioner Unruh, I'll go to Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the dialogue and I have attended a number of the consortium meetings. I don't pretend, I can't give an off the top of my head statement in terms of how many meetings I attended out of the total number of meetings. It's been quite a few, and there was an extended discussion tied to them as part of that.

"One of the frustrations I had was when other counties decided to withdraw from this process, there didn't seem to be a willingness to recognize the fact that the five counties that were part of this regional effort, that two of the counties did not participate basically from day one. I want to discuss just a little bit about the data. Because the data I saw and a lot of people who follow this Commission and me in particular, you know, I'm kind of a numbers person and work with a lot of the data. It's absolutely important if we don't measure what and how we're doing, we don't know, and if we say, well, we won't be able to use the data, that would be rather compelling if there weren't original sources. I don't know how much data the consortium actually generated specifically itself. But a lot of data I've seen has come from other agencies, some of them local with Wichita State University. I know we've had data on transportation items that have come through, like KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation). There's obviously data on unemployment income and so on that comes out, whether it's the Census United States Bureau department or Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Those are federal agencies, I readily admit, but they are certainly reputable sources. And using the data that I've seen that's come from it, I don't see any reason why we wouldn't continue to use the data that originally generated from there, so I don't find that point very compelling. What I do find compelling, in terms of where we are with this, is at our staff meeting yesterday, we spent a lot of time talking about future plans for this community. And we talked about two organizations that are deeply involved in, 'planning for our future.' We've got the comprehensive plan. It was a group of people appointed by the city manager, city of Wichita manager, and Mr. Leighton and also by the county manager, Mr. Buchanan. They've worked very hard, put together a plan.

"I believe it's a 20-year plan, and we talked about that at our staff meeting yesterday. It came up at that point, we've got WAMPO (Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization), which Commissioner Norton has been a long-time chair of that and is much more knowledgeable about that organization since he served on it a lot longer than I've had that privilege, but WAMPO is involved in the transportation side of this equation. So, we've got a situation where we're looking at duplication as well as overlapping boundaries and overlapping time frames. Because the five-county area we're talking about here is different from the boundaries of the Sedgwick County comprehensive plan that we're looking at. WAMPO boundaries are different still. They go a little into the western part of Butler County, and the northern part of Sumner County, as well as all of Sedgwick. So, we've got a situation where we've got multiple overlapping areas that are 'collectively planning our future.' Well, I'm of the old school, the constitution means something to this Commissioner. We aren't the collective. Our role is to create a level playing field, a rule of law, an environment where people can go out and live the American dream and not have a top-down collective plan brought on to us. And we often looked for help from other entities and other agencies.

"Transportation area is one that certainly comes to mind. I've been on the Commission working with KDOT. I don't know how many different KDOT events I've been to. But when I look at this effort and whether we're at the end of the planning grant, the beginning of the implementation grant, I think it's important that Sedgwick County establish our current position, which is when the feds put together a grant process under their sustainability, and I have a lot of problems with the word sustainable. Sustain means to basically hold your position, the status quo, you will sustain the effort, I will sustain my activity. I think we're trying to reach through the stars through difficulties, the Kansas state motto, Ad Astra. And I want to do more than try to sustain. The environment that's coming out of other levels of government is such that I

will be supportive of this motion today because I do believe that we need to change Sedgwick County's role in this area.

"We can try and step away from some of what I see as duplication of efforts and put ourselves in a position that will send a message to Washington that the folks here in South Central Kansas can take care of our own future. We don't need a federal framework that comes out of the EPA, HUD, and the federal department of DOT(Department of Transportation). So Mr. Chairman, I wanted to get that on the record and I very much appreciate the dialogue of my fellow Commissioner, regardless of which side they're on. Because I think this is an important issue for this community today and it will be more important for our community going forward tomorrow. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have some questions for a few people here in the room. Maybe Mr. Manager you would be willing to answer a question just to clarify a couple things. The \$120,000 of in kind is that per year or is that over a three year period?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "That was over the period of the grant."

Commissioner Howell said, "Ok, do we anticipate very much additional effort at this point? We have two months left in this window of time."

Mr. William Buchanan said, "No."

Commissioner Howell said, "So eventually the numbers in this document basically shows us where we're at and nothing additional would happen at this point forward?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "There's probably a couple more checks to write, but not much more than that."

Commissioner Howell said "You say checks to write. What do you mean by that?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "We're the fiscal agent for the grant, and so, when the bill is submitted, we send the check out."

Commissioner Howell said, "If we adopt this resolution today, that won't change?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "That will not change."

Commissioner Howell said, "That is not a part of this consideration today. And then from my fellow Commissioner to my left here, we attended a meeting this last week, and one of the reports I got at that meeting talked about the prosperity plan. Is that the REAP document that's the result of the 34 months worth of work up to this point? Is that what we've got so far? I see heads going like this, nodding."

Mr. William Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "So, okay good. So I've got that now. Is there a plan update that in the next two months? Am I going to see anything else come out of this next two months worth of window of time? Anything else coming to me?"

Mr. Keith Lawing, Senior Advisor, REAP, greeted the commissioners and said, "Anything coming out would be minor modifications or additional information that would be compiled related to the asset map or other documents, but pretty much we are at the very end of the process, just in a cleanup phase and finishing things up."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you for coming to the microphone. I have another question for you. If we adopt this resolution today, are we still going to have access to those minor tweaks to the document?"

Mr. Lawing said, "It's a public document, sir, so yes. REAP's role is to help make access to that document and the process available. And so yes, I would say that if you as an individual Commissioner or as the group over all, yes, would have access."

Commissioner Howell said, "Just to clarify, in your opinion, if we adopt this resolution, is there any net affect difference to the county regarding what we might expect out of the plan that I would see as a result of adopting this resolution today?"

Mr. Lawing said, "I am not aware of any."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Thank you. That's all I've got."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just two points of clarification. One, there is no implementation grant; is that correct?"

Mr. Lawing said, "Yes, you are correct, sir. There is no formal process to apply for an implementation, and your remarks earlier, I think, were spot on. Any implementation that comes out of the documentation or the reports, that's going to be on a voluntary basis by the communities that were involved. And again, REAP's role in this is to just be the convener, and if there's any individual element that a local government decides is going to be helpful to them, then they will have the option to adopt that."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. And then my second point of clarification, Commissioner Howell, is on my right, asked that we would still have access to information that comes out of the grant, but doesn't this resolution say that we won't have that influence, that we won't take it into account, that we won't give heed to it, or do I not understand the resolution?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "Were you asking me?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, you, sir, or the Chairman."

Mr. William Buchanan said, "The resolution is pretty clear that no work product revived shall be used to influence spending, planning, role in policy decisions related to healthy communities, water, regional transportation plans, regional housing. No public funds in control of the County Commissioners shall be used to implement, support, promote, advocate, participate in any future efforts relating to the work product of said grant."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, so if this is passed, I would be breaking county resolution if I read this material? I mean, how far do we take this? I mean, it kind of

says we can't use it, and Commissioner Howell was asking if he could still get the information. I'm just trying to figure this out. But that's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question really is not whether or not we're going to have access to this data. We've participated in this for 34 months up to this point. The reports are basically final. Minor tweaks are all that's left, and we participated up to this point. I don't know there's any net effect to the county if we would adopt this resolution. I think we have access to the data we can use it for whatever policies that might come before us. At some point in the future, if we want to look at this data and there's data out there that we want to consider as a result of this prosperity plan that's before us, I think we have the right at any time to consider any type of data available to us."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, Commissioner Howell, it says in item two, no work product derived from the HUD Sustainable Community Grant shall be used to influence future county spending, planning, or play a role in the decisions, and then it lists all the different areas that were there. So, I don't know if we get the information, which we've paid for, which you have implied. If we read it, I mean, I'm going to be influenced by it, probably."

Commissioner Howell said, "Yes, my interpretation of this paragraph is it doesn't limit my ability to know it's out there. I think what it's trying to say, in my opinion, is it's not going to be the genesis of pressure for the county to go in a certain direction. In other words, the Board should not say because the prosperity plan has information there that would drive the county to adopt a certain policy, that we're going to use that as pressure to the county to simply go a particular direction as a result of that document. We can look at that of our own sovereign will using data out there available to the county to make the best decisions for the county. That's all."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Any other comments? I'll take this opportunity to make my comments and answer your question. I just have to kind of chuckle, because the discussion about data is really a false argument. We didn't spend \$1.5 million to put a bunch of data together that we can get from a variety of sources already. So this data that's in this book, you can get from other places. This is not about data. Okay? Let's not distract from what it's about."

"If we spent \$1.5 million just to collect data which already exists, that's sad. This is about creating a plan, called a prosperity plan, so-called prosperity. It's actually just the opposite, but nevertheless, that's the primary work document, and I think it's important to focus on that. Now, you might look at that and say some of these things aren't too bad, you don't know what this means, what's going to happen for example, the food policy council, what are they going to adopt? You can't predict what's going to happen. But in order to understand where this is going, you need to understand where the grant came from and what sorts of policies have been supported and promoted in the name of sustainable development in other places. That will give you some insight as to what this really is all about, and we had someone from the public speak on this earlier, and it was very insightful."

"He's clearly done his homework and knows what he's talking about. So I'm going to talk a little bit about the history of this grant so that you can understand the sorts of things that are being promoted in the name of sustainability. And that's why we need to get out of this, because the things that would come in the future might not be things that we support. We need to be aware of that. We've got to have an honest discussion about those issues and not try and make it sound like this is just data. Keep in mind that this grant program was started in 2009 by President Obama and his administration with a partnership between HUD, DOT and EPA. They were giving communities throughout the country dollars to create a plan in the name of sustainable development that they could promote in their local areas. And as I've said before, we entered into an agreement. When we did an application, we said we would make all of our other policies subject to the sustainable development plan.

"So basically what this does is it puts our local planning efforts under the control of the federal government, because they're telling us to create a sustainable development plan and make all your other plans subject to that. Now, the notice of funding availability also said they're looking for organizations that can help implement this incrementally over time. So they have a long range vision of this. Now, there again, I read the notice of funding availability. There are probably very few people in this room who have read that. And I've also read the application. I've probably read more on this than anyone in this room.

"It's not because I wanted to, but I had to go where the facts took me, and I had people commenting on this. Do you know where this comes from, etc. So, basically, I argued about this before. We don't need money from the federal government to help plan our community in the name of sustainable development. Okay? The idea that we need that, I mean, whatever happened to local control? So, nevertheless, this is what this application says, and it's very clear, we're going to make everything subject to this supposed prosperity plan, which is in the name of sustainable development. Now, the question is what is sustainable development?

"If it's such a good thing? Shouldn't we understand what this is and where it comes from? Well, I attended a REAP meeting very early on when they talked about this plan, and this is the definition they used. They said that, 'Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.' That's word for word what they said. Sounds good, but I remember thinking, what does that mean? That's one of those no nothing or say nothing definitions of something that sounds good but really doesn't mean anything.

"So I did some investigation of where that definition came from. Well, it came from this document here called 'Our Common Future'. I just read it to you word for word out of here and exactly what REAP did, this same thing. Where does this "Our Common Future" come from? Well, this is called the World Commission on Environment and Development. It's a report called the Brundtland Report. I think the private citizen who spoke to us earlier alluded to this. United Nations asked a bunch of people to get together and write this up, and they did. It was headed by a socialist.

"And that's where it comes from. Now, some people will chuckle and laugh and say,

oh, that doesn't matter, but it does. And you'll figure out why here in a little bit. But this is where the definition comes from. So that's the official definition, but the cliff notes version of sustainable government is really an attack on the American way of life. It's a Trojan horse for socialism. About five years after this came out, the United Nations created a plan to implement sustainable development. They had an official name. It was an outcome document Rio Earth Summit it's called, short, Agenda 21. That's their agenda for the 21st century. To implement sustainable development because they think they can eradicate poverty and save the world through environmental extremism and by, of course, redistributing wealth and attacking our American way of life. In fact, they made it very clear on the very first meeting when they adopted this, they say current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class involving high need intake, pay very close attention to that, Commissioner, high need intake, fossil fuels, appliances, home and work air conditioning, suburban housing are not sustainable.

"Basically they said the American way of life is not sustainable, and if we can eliminate that, then we can save the planet and eradicate poverty. That's how socialists think. Now they couldn't get it passed through the United States Congress. Nancy Pelosi tried to get a resolution passed. It got through the House, didn't get through the Senate. So they just did it through the bureaucrats and by executive order, and they got it through the educational system. It's being taught at the universities, now doing a soft sell through K-12 as well. It's being infiltrated throughout my bureaucrats. The American Planning Association has been involved with this in the very beginning. That's why our local planners support all of this and want to push this ideology.

"And now it's being pushed by President Obama in the name of environmentalism. That we're going to save the planet, and through these grant programs we'll have. Because there is a chapter, I think it is chapter 28, I could be wrong, that says every local community should have their local Agenda 21 plan. That's what the prosperity plan is meant to be in the eyes of the federal government who created this grant program. Now, what are some things, so you understand my concerns about where this might be headed, Commissioner. We need to look at some of the things that have been proffered in the name of sustainable development. Some of them are kind of silly, like regulating grass or sky glow. But then there are other things like Meatless Monday, which has been supported by the Department of Agriculture's website, until they took it off. Because, of course, having meat is killing the planet and we must eat meat. And recently, just another example, the Environmental Sustainability Committee at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln student governor wanted to have an advertising campaign to promote Meatless Monday, because, of course, meat is killing the planet and we've got to do that.

"We have a lot of people who eat meat and a lot of people whose livelihood is based on that. You see, the American way of life is not sustainable in their mind. This is a policy that's being promoted that's just ridiculous. Out at WSU, they teach, you know, the board of regents has required all universities to have a sustainability policy. Pittsburg State has a degree in it, I believe. And they have a website which clearly says sustainability comes from the United Nations. They're not ashamed to admit it.

"But how about a \$12 gallon tax per gas on each gallon of gasoline? What do you think about that? That's being taught at WSU. That's about sustainable development. How about limiting the number of kids you can have? That's been suggested in the

name of sustainable development. WSU, they have a case study, Slowing Population Growth in China, a Success Story. So the population control methods of China is being suggested as a success story in the name of sustainable development.

"How about violation of personal property rights? I could go into details. They want to control where people build, what they do and do not do. The list goes on and on. As the citizen who spoke earlier said, this is about controlling the way we live and the things that we do. Now, I understand people here at the local level may not have those goals in mind. I get that. But the people who gave us the grant and who are behind this, this is what they think. This is how they think, and yeah, it does sound crazy, but it's very real. And I'm not going to lie to my citizens. I'm not going to lie to anyone here today. These are the facts. I've presented facts several times in the past. I've said, hey, if any of this is factually incorrect, you let me know and I challenge you to come up with things that aren't. That some of things that aren't true, but here it is in black and white. I encourage the citizens to go out there on the internet and Google sustainable development and Agenda 21. You'll find out who is telling you the truth and who is not. But the fact remains is just because we have individuals here at local level who are going along with this and don't have that same viewpoint exactly, we're still being used as a tool to implement sustainable development as it's seen at the federal level and other places. And if we continue down this road, they've made it very clear.

"They want to do this incrementally over time. We can do local planning. We can collect data. We can talk about water outside the context of sustainable development. We don't need the federal government giving us a grant program and controlling how we progress over time. Things often times the way they are originally start out, more over time and before you know it, you end up with a big monstrosity and end up with places where you thought, how did we get here? The best way to prevent that from happening is to stop it before you even get going down the process.

"So I've talked a lot about this. Tried to give some insight into what this is really about and what the people who created this idea think. It's very important to understand that. I understand that we way not share all those ideas but over time, it's their intent to push us in that direction. And there are some crazy things, and we just need to steer clear of it. We can take care of our local stuff all by ourselves without federal intervention. Commissioner Norton"

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, I call the question. We have a motion on the floor, do we not?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "I call the question to vote."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay."

Commissioner Norton said, "That means I call the vote.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Well, if other people want to talk, then I'm going to let them talk. We have no rules. Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said. "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just going to kind of make a point of order in terms of generally letting anybody have their say on it, and I appreciate the dialogue from all of my colleagues. Whether I agree with it or disagree with it, it's irrelevant. Because I think it's important for anyone following this Commission, anyone affected by policy, that we try and explain and discuss where we are and where we're coming from. And I want to thank the Chairman because I know how long he has worked, and he's kind of the newbie on this thing, in a sense. He came on board in 2011, and my first vote on this issue went back to at least 2010, and this is, I think regardless of what happens here today, this is going to be a continuing challenge."

"The role between local governments, county government, whatever agency in Washington has come down with new rules in edicts. We've talked about challenges in all sorts of areas. Whether it's coming from, and sometimes agencies other than EPA, HUD, although those are certainly two prominent ones, so I think, regardless of how this vote goes today, like the votes that preceded this, the whole future of our community and who is going to be able to direct. Are we going to be a bottoms up entity that builds on the constitutional provisions foundation we have? Or we will have our masters from the top issuing their edicts and we will find out where the top-down folks want us here in the heart, where I like to view as the heart of the country, but unfortunately, on the coast, they sometimes make a derogatory reference to flyover. Who will decide? So my vote today is going to be for the bottom up and not the top down. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "All right, in closing, I'll just say this is an important day for this community, because it's actually a good time for our community. We want to talk about prosperity and economic development. One of the best things we can do is avoid bad policies that originate out of the federal intervention like this. We should use this and top this as when we look for businesses to start up here and to come down here and say we are not going to have this garbage in our community. We are going to allow you to truly prosper and the government will not control your lives or your business. So, I look forward to passing this resolution and moving our community forward. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to make one brief comment that I want to, from this public forum, thank the folks who labored in this effort over this three-year period. These are folks who have been described as on the bottom. We're local people. We're friends and neighbors. We're fellow elected people. We're from our South Central Kansas region, who made their decision based on their common discussions about what we need, what it is going to take to keep us healthy as an economy and as a South Central Kansas region moving forward. So it is an effort from us folks here on the bottom, and I think we came up with some good information, And it's the best way to protect us from unforeseen imposition by some higher level of authority, is for us to think about these things now at the local level, make a plan, and for us then to start working our plans as Commissioner Ranzau and I see them here as we make decisions at the local level. And so thanks to the folks who worked hard. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Seeing no other comments, Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Resolution passes three to two. At this point, I believe we have an off-agenda item."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, let me bring up the off-agenda item and maybe the Manager can get into. I thought this originally had been an item that was going to be on our agenda, but it's the discussion of the Sedgwick County Government's Participation in the Regional Economic Area Partnership of South Central Kansas, REAP, and wanted to bring that up today."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Are you making a motion?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'll make a motion. I'll make a motion that we take up an off agenda item."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Relating to?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Relating to what I just mentioned."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to take up an off agenda item.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Ranzau said, "I will say this was intended to be on the agenda. Anyway, there were was some miscommunication along the way, and so that's why we're taking it as an off-agenda item right now."

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to accept the termination of Sedgwick County enrollment with REAP effective immediately.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Commissioner Unruh said, "Mr. Chairman, as just the past Chairman of the Regional Area Economic Partnership, served in that capacity for a couple of years, I'm not going to support this motion, and I guess I would, I guess, first of all, Mr. Chairman, I would want to ask you if we could continue this sort of dialogue for just a minute, why are we doing this?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "Well, I'll explain my reasons when you're done."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay then. I'll continue here and just say that I think REAP is a valuable partnership in this region and officially been an organization since 1997. It's a council of governments where the different governments in the area, cities and counties, come together to talk about common issues. We don't have big budgets. We don't start big initiatives. We don't build roads or do anything like that, but we talk about what are those things that are important in the region."

"We have traditionally come up with a legislative agenda that we think all the individuals in the region can agree on. I think that's a valuable asset especially for some of the communities and counties that don't have lobbyists representing them, government representatives. We've had a water committee at REAP for many years now that tries to deal specifically with water issues in our area and work in conjunction with the Governor on his 50-year water plan, and we've convened meetings and been a partner with them. We've been designated as the grant recipient for the Workforce Investment Act Funds that come to local area 4 and have been the chief elected officials board for that activity."

"There was quite a while we were the grant recipient for the Kansas Affordable Air Fare Program and we had to monitor and take care of those activities, do audits and respond to requests from the state legislature. We have an Economic Development Committee, have had, and now we have a Transportation Committee where we work on issues common to all of us. All of that is to say that this, once again, this is grassroots, if you'll let me use that word, our local people, local council governments, coming together to think about issues that are common to us, and I think we provide a good service to the community."

Just recently we had a legislative summit where we had some of our legislators in, and we had some folks in from Topeka to talk to the whole region. Commissioner Howell was there and spoke willingly about the Regional Economic Area Partnership. We also sponsored the local South Central Kansas reception delegation meeting out at Wichita State University and Commissioner Howell was Chair of that delegation and was very complimentary of REAP in that process. I think we have a recognizable identity and provide a valuable service for South Central Kansas, and so with those comments, Mr. Chair, I'll wait for the explanation as to why we are doing this. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well thank you Mr. Chairman. I want to have a little bit of dialogue and discussion, in terms of some of the concerns that I have had and some of this is not terribly new, and I apologize to anyone here, in terms of who has heard me express my concerns with the fact that we are facing a doubling on the cost for REAP. And my recollection is we're talking not a huge sum of money by government standards, but anytime you got a about a 100 percent increase in your dues, that's a starting point that I think deserves attention, discussion, and I was

uncomfortable with it when this was first brought to my attention. And it is one of the reasons why I'm going to be supportive of the effort to have Sedgwick County withdraw from REAP at this time. In addition, I want to use this as, REAP's been almost synonymous with this whole effort on the sustainability side of things.

"I am uncomfortable with the fact that when it was pointed out, that other counties, for instance, Butler and Sumner, to be very specific, decided not to participate, but their name is continued to be used on the plans, and it was coming out of through the REAP area. I will certainly defer to Commissioner Unruh and Commissioner Ranzau, because they have been the county's representatives on REAP and been to a lot more REAP meetings than I have been to. But this gets back to the issue on the sustainability side of things. In my view, we need to keep government focused by the elected entities that are out there and whether it's county government, whether it's municipal government, and when we get into the information side of things is fine. And when REAP was involved in that type of activities, just like we do for quad counties, which for the viewers out there, there is a four-county consortium that mostly overlaps, but it is a different entity than REAP. There are plenty of resources out there, and that's valuable, too.

"But, there are other means for exchanging information for working together on individual projects and I think there's other ways of being able to proceed that will be helpful for us going forward. I struggle with the fact in this whole sustainability area, there's a problem with accountability. The more you move away from the directly elected officials and to organizations that are kind of hybrid, that include some elected officials, but non-elected folks, and the lines of responsibility get murky, who is really accountable? And who decides becomes critical. And I am uncomfortable with the direction that this has taken, particularly through the sustainability process. So, while the budget issue is a factor, it is not my major factor but I wanted to get this on the record this morning and I appreciate my colleagues and the public's attention and time. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to know, as we have previously allowed people to speak..."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Yes, thank you. In fact, is there anyone from the public who would like to speak on this issue? My intent was to do that at the beginning. Thanks for reminding me."

Mr. Lawing, Senior Administrator, Regional Economic Area Partnership, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And just, you know, again, I will respond to any questions. The only comment I would have overall is that REAP is a voluntary council of local governments. It's been around since 1997 as Commissioner Unruh alluded to. And the purpose of it is to be a convening point, to be a collaborative effort, to get local governments chatting together, talking together, taking joint actions when possible, to

help grow the economy.

"It is very focused on economic issues, and the issues that they take on do not traditionally respect political boundaries, such as transportation, which has been mentioned earlier. Issues around water, issues around education and job training and all of those, again, affect job growth in the region. So the communities that are members of REAP have joined together to effect those conversations, to work on common issues. Again, it is a voluntary council of local governments. There is no mandate from federal or state government for these communities to work together. And as the staff, it is certainly an honor and a privilege to be able to be in this position, but we strive to make sure the communities receive value for the dollars that they put forward.

"There is a formula that, again, we try to be equal as possible, because we have different jurisdictions of varying sizes, try to be as fair as possible in that. Again, I think whatever resources a community puts into this coalition, again, we try to make sure they get value. I will respond to any questions. I did want to recognize our current Chairman, City Council Member, Carl Koster, is here from the City of Cheney. And again, I think that council member Koster can answer any questions as well. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "If I could throw out a question, please. Would you give us a quick rundown in terms of dues increase and how the dues and the total budget, and Sedgwick County's increase."

Mr. Lawing said, "This happened last year. The dues are based partially on, it is a formula basis, with a little bit of population, and then a flat fee per counties and cities, and, again, when you have cities and counties, again, trying to find the equal base is a little challenging. I think most of the communities, and I don't have the formula in front much of me, I do apologize, I can get that, experienced a slight increase in the remodification, but, again, it was, you know, in comparison, for example, I think the cities do, City of Wichita is paying about \$60,000. I think the county's dues are \$35,000. So, again, there is not a real, you know, exact science to doing that, when you got different communities. But I do know Sedgwick County did have an increase this last year."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I was thinking it was about 100 percent from 16,000 or 17,000."

Mr. Keith Wine said, "Yea, it was a lot that went up, and I think the other counties, and again, this was a conversation that the members had amongst themselves. I think they realized in order to operate at a fair basis, I guess, in one way, was looked at, the county may have been under paying for a while compared to some of the other communities. Again, I have to go back and, you know, think about, specifically, the conversations. It happened about nine months ago. But, again, it was not to be onerous to any individual community, it was, again, to try to spread the support as equally as possible amongst the members."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Total budget is what?"

Mr. Lawing said, "The revenue that we generate from membership is about \$180,000."

The overall budget is right about \$220,000. We have some reserves and there is also some other revenue, we have associate memberships, some other revenue opportunities for REAP, but a very lean budget."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "What is an associate membership?"

Mr. Lawing said, "Associate membership are for organizations that we partner with related to economic development. For example, K96 Corridor is one of our associate members, and, again, mainly organizations that are interested in economic development, education, training, some of the issues that REAP works on."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "How much does an associate membership cost?"

Mr. Lawing said, "Actually, there is an opportunity for an individual citizen member to be an associate member. That would be \$50. And then for organizations, like I mentioned, K96 Corridor or economic development organization, \$250."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, just a couple questions. I noticed that I got a handout at the meeting that I attended last week and I am looking at some of the stuff in the handout, talking about the accomplishments in 2014. One of the things that's in here is a 2014 legislative agenda. I would like to make the point that we do have our own Sedgwick County legislative agenda. We have identified priorities within our own county that we think are most important to our own county and we actually hired a lobbyist at the last meeting that's now working issues aggressively at the State House to accomplish our legislative agenda. So to me, there is a little bit of overlap between KAC (Kansas Association of Counties), REAP and Sedgwick County and maybe some others we belong to.

"Not sure what other agendas may be out there that we may be partners in, but, that's just one note I make there. But, looking at this accomplishment summary, I just have a couple questions for you, Mr. Lawing. Do you know how much money Sedgwick County put into this since 1997 altogether?"

Mr. Keith Lawing said, "The county has been a member since probably 1999 or 2000. You know, I would have to go back. I do not know the total amount. No, I do not."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Has it gone up? Have membership dues gone up in the past that you can remember?"

Mr. Lawing said, "No. They have been very incrementally, I think, originally, the way REAP did it, they set a three-year window, and then they would base that on populations, they would look at population increases every three years. So historically, dues increases have been marginal."

Commissioner Howell said, "And you have seen some memberships, people removing their membership in REAP, some of the counties, can you describe that? What's happened around Sedgwick County? In the region, what counties have pulled out and that type of thing."

Mr. Lawing said, "REAP has always been a voluntary organization. So, again, I think it is a decision on an annual basis for our local government whether they want to participate in REAP. We've had communities, again, such as I would think Ark City, Winfield, those are two that come to mind. The elected officials basically said we are not going to be coming to meetings, we don't feel we should be, if we are not engaging, we are not going to participate. And I think the other communities that have withdrawn membership from REAP have pretty much felt the same way."

Commissioner Howell said, "Can you tell us which counties that would be?"

Mr. Lawing said, "Butler County is no longer a member of REAP. Sumner County was a member at one time, they are no longer. Kingman County is still a member. McPherson, Harvey, Reno County, are still members. We haven't had a whole lot of turnover, but it's been on an annual basis, so usually one or two member community that may drop out or may come on to REAP. Membership has been pretty solid, but there are some marginal changes on an annual basis."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. I would like to make some comments to the board. That's all my questions. Thank you. Looking at the accomplishments and activities for the last year, this is from the brochure I received at the meeting I attended last week. Some of the items on here, these are the accomplishments and activities that they highlighted from last year's efforts. So under the heading they created a long-term operating model for organizational structure, they adopted a new assessment structure, advised and adopted bylaws, revised and adopted fiscal procedures.

"Another couple items under there. Under the heading they develop
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PROGRAMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. William Buchanan said, "Commissioners, this is a deferred item from last week. From this point forward, we are going to be doing these reports on a quarterly basis. You see the existing programs; you will see that in the average... you will see that the numbers in booking went up from December 2014 to December 2013, but the detention facilities went down, work release is down, out of county was up a little bit, a significant amount for December, the work was still being done in the facilities that required us to put more people out of county than normally. Municipal snapshot is 14 percent or hovers around 20 percent. This month it was 17 percent. Majority of those are City of Wichita.

"You will see the municipal hours has fluctuated significantly, but the good news is, the

trending downward in the last couple months. The bookings and releases, you will see that the bookings are down from December of 2014, but the year to date bookings are up, and so are the releases would be down, and the releases year to date up, they correlate. The housing combined length of stay, again, you will see that the top number is housing only. That continues, went down a little bit in December, and combined went down significantly, it would indicate that people are getting out of booking a lot quicker in December than normal. Again, hours spent in the average length of stay, hours for December, it was trending downward, as would be expected in the month of December. You see these numbers from December 2014, December 2014 to December 2013, and you see that the booking numbers and year to date average booking numbers are up. But the housing days are down, that's a good, that's a better trend.

"Again, this trend shows it is continuing to go down for 2014. 1,359 folks on average, daily average population, that's less than what it was in 2004. So, the trend and the programs continue to work. And you can see the monthly average daily population and we can see that there's trends continue to go down. Adult Supervision, we see that the programs are working. Daily reporting is down a couple people in the month. You will see Corrections Pretrial Services were up and District attorney Diversion down.

"SCOAP (Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program) is down a little bit and drug court is down. The big deal is the corrections pretrial services. And these programs continue to keep people out of jail. Other funded by the City of Wichita or the 18th Judicial District Court. See district court numbers are up for mental health court. You will see they are up again for probation, which is the fourth one down. DUI (Driving Under the Influence) diversion is down a little bit, up for judicial probations, 18th Judicial District, intense supervision is down slightly, as is Adult Residential.

"Bice (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement) holds we had three, and other charges and felony snapshot we 103 or 8.1 percent of the population. If there are any questions concerning that, we have one more slide. This is long-term inmates. We do this quarterly. So you see that 67 inmates, 64 males, 3 females, and they have been there longer than one year. Sixteen have been committed, 49, preponderance of the numbers, when you are looking at status, are awaiting pretrial, so waiting over a year for their trial to start. Any questions, Commissioners? I will be happy to try to answer those."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager, on your age 16, the second to the last slide where it talks about commitments, I want to make sure, these are people who are convicted and serving out their sentences, would that be fair to say?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. On page 13 of your presentation, I take that

back, page 12, you mentioned pretrial services. That's a pretty big percentage increase. That's almost 20 percent. Do you have any explanation, in terms of why the increase in pretrial services or any thoughts as to what might be driving that increase?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "I could speculate that the crimes being committed were such during that month that pretrial services were for the best choices by the judge, rather than some other. But that's the best I can do."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. It's a trend that bears watching in my opinion."

Mr. William Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "My last question, jumping back to page 11, if we could. There's a line that is shown up there that's going from the left-hand side to the right-hand side. Is that some kind of an average?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "That's a trend line that we have added to the slide, which would indicate from 2007 to 2014 what's been going on."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Is that like an annual rolling average? Or is it a three month or six month or some time frame?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "The creator of PowerPoint is not here, and I can't answer, but we will get back to you."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That would be fine. I was just kind of curious in terms of the trend, because, you know, just a little canary in the coal mine from this Commissioner's opinion. I am looking at December 2012 on this chart. December 2013, they were both lower than December 2014 on a month basis. And those may be isolated aberrations, it is not a big difference, only talking 16 people, 2014 over 2013, but it is still something that I would also suggest bears watching. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for this report. I make a motion to, do we want to take those both at the same time?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "No."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

P [14-1947](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE REPORT.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. William Buchanan said, "Thank you. We have a stair step, as you recall, the stair step to jail. We start with prevention programs, and you can see it goes all the way down to juvenile corrections, and all those programs in between. We work hard, Sedgwick County, on the upper, prevention programs, detention, the residential alternatives, diversion programs. We see there are three types of prevention programs. We don't have any primary programs anymore.

"That's for general population, we concentrated at risk, and then following arrest and intake, we serve those juveniles the most. And that seems to be the most effective for us to keeping people out of the system. Juvenile Intake Assessment Center, JIAC, you see the numbers are down in December, and that usually happens in the month of December for intake and assessment center. To get an intake and assessment, you have to be confronted with the police, and that goes down in December. Juvenile intake and assessment, JIAC, you can see most of that overwhelming number of children in JIAC have been sent back home with a family member. That may be someone they describe as family, it may not really be a blood relative, but small percentage goes into shelter and detention. You can see that the detention facilities admissions, these are a little harder to see.

"But most of these are by warrant and writ. You can see the Juvenile Detention Facility, present daily population, the average daily population 2012 to present, 2013 was a little over 50 in December, and December 2014, a little over 65. Most of those folks are children in need of care, and some of those are because of sexual trafficking that occurs, and there is no place really to put those children except here. Juvenile Detention Facilities, we have a capacity of 20 and you can see we are always close to that capacity, and that's an unsecured facility. Home based supervision, we try to grow that program, we have a little of excess of 30 folks in that. And then we have weekend alternative programs that continue to grow and be utilized by the juvenile judges, and it is a pretty effective way rather than put them in JDF (Juvenile Detention Facility). So we have three graduated sanctions in the county, intensive supervision, Juvenile Case Management for Kansas Department of Corrections, and Residential Facilities, our SCYP (Sedgwick County Youth Program) program or our CR2's. And two other programs operated by the agencies, diversion program, and the probation by the District Court. Juvenile Intensive Supervision the number crimes have gone down and people arrested confronting with police have gone down, so with that activity you can see trended down since July.

"We'll probably see a trend back up as the weather gets warmer. Juvenile Case Management, Department of Corrections, we see the total in state custody is the red line, middle line, the totals at the top and the conditional release. These are people who are out of state facilities, and maybe on conditional release for up to a year, but they need to be supervised. And then the Youth Program, we have reduced a program from 20 to around 16. And we have a little more than that in the program in December 2014."

"Funding sources, we spend, you can see grant funds and the Department of Corrections, Sedgwick County totals 10 million the total grant total is \$13. 7 million for juvenile programs. We have grants of 1.5, we have grants for JIAC and intense

supervision, and JJ (Juvenile Justice) custody, and then Sedgwick County Corrections for JDF of 6.6 million, Juvenile Detention Facility. Cost of other programs, and you can see those costs for residential alternatives, about 1.4. Prevention programs we want to have \$240,000 dollars of those grants. Judge Riddel Boys Ranch, 1.4 last 2014. And then youth is \$681,000. Any questions? I will try to answer those."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Received and Filed

Q [15-0062](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 29, 2015.

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 of Board of Bids and Contracts of January, 29th results in six items for your consideration this morning. Item 1

1. BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING PUBLIC WORKS

"The recommendation is to accept the bid from Claver Construction Company Incorporated, in the amount of \$402,138.80.

2. EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM FOR COUNTY MANAGER RECRUITMENT –
MANAGER'S OFFICE
FUNDING – MANAGER'S OFFICE

"Recommendation is to accept the best proposal from MPNS management services, doing business as S. Renee Narloch and Associates for a fee amount of \$16,500, plus expenses not to exceed \$7,500.

3. ON-CALL SAP SUPPORT SERVICES- ENTERPRICE RESOURE PLANNING
FUNDING- ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING

"This recommendation is to accept the best proposals for on call support for item 6, from Cloud Bits Incorporated, for item 7, from Sandpoint Consulting Incorporated, for

item 8, from Labyrinth Solutions Incorporated, and for item 9, from HR Focal Point LLC. And establish contract pricing for one year with four one-year options to renew.

4. SAP MAINTENANCE RENEWAL- ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING FUNDING.

"The recommendation is to accept the quote from SAP Public Services Incorporated in the amount of \$453,245.81.

5. UPGRADE, SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE FOR GRANICUS- A DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS

"This recommendation is to accept the quote from Granicus Incorporated in the amount of \$3,500 for one-time hardware and implementation cost and to establish contract pricing for annual recurring maintenance support at the rates listed for one year with a maximum 3 percent escalator for the remaining four one-year options to renew.

6. DELL COMPUTER HARDWARE- VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FUNDING.

"Recommendation is to utilize the Western States Contract Alliance and National Association of State Procurement Officials contract number B27160. And this is the Kansas State Participating Agreement number 12444, and that's with Dell Marketing LP, through March 31st, 2015, with the options to renew as indicated.

" I will be happy to answer any questions you have. I do recommend approval of all six items."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, questions or motions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "On Item 6, can you help me out with the dollar amount? It says what we spent last year, is there any dollar amount max that's tied to that item that you can provide so that , I want to make sure we don't have an open-ended obligation we are voting on here."

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes sir. I can tell you that last year the county spent approximately \$93,000 on hardware and peripherals using Dell Marketing LP."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Well, is there any maximum to this, or how we would be limited?"

Mr. Thomas said, "I will let Mr. David miller answer that question."

Mr. David Miller, Chief Information Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Hi Commissioners, David Miller your chief information officer. The contract is on an as-needed basis. So we are only purchasing this hardware from Dell when the department needs that hardware replaced."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So basically the departments would be pulling it out of their own their own operating budget."

Mr. Miller said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "In effect there is a de facto cap there. That's what I was trying to draw out and make sure there wasn't like writing a blank check."

Mr. Miller said, "Absolutely not."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next Item."

Adopted

CONSENT

Adopt the Consent Agenda

- R** [15-0014](#) Approval of an estimate from The Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. for Sedgwick County Project 620-15; road project on Maple between 167th Street West and 199th Street West. CIP# R-333. District 3.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- S** [15-0020](#) Signature authority to sign applications, reports, plans and other documents for submission to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS).
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- T** [15-0010](#) Clinical Supervision Agreements for two COMCARE employees to obtain licensure as a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW).

Approved on the Consent Agenda

U **15-0032** Order dated 1/22/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

V [15-0046](#) General Bill Check Register for Jan. 21, 2015 - Jan. 27, 2015.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

W [15-0047](#) General Bill Check Register for Jan. 28, 2015 - Feb. 3, 2015.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

X [15-0048](#) Payroll Check Register for the Jan. 24, 2015 payroll certification.

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, any questions or comments? Do we have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh Aye

Commissioner Norton Aye

Commissioner Howell Aye

Commissioner Peterjohn Aye

Chairman Ranzau Aye

Approved on the Consent Agenda

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Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item is 'Other.' Commissioners, do you have any questions or comments? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will just mention yesterday afternoon I attended a meeting with the Bureau Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs held at the Alford branch library to discuss issues that the federal government has relating to the use and of federal lands and what may or may not be done with them.

"Being in Kansas, we have a very small percentage of lands here, but the main area that would be affected here in Sedgwick County was the land that's part of the under the Cheney Reservoir and other bodies of water here. So, I wanted to provide that for

the record. I also wanted to mention that February 4th is an important day in American history. And in 1789, the very first electoral college actually chose George Washington to be first U.S. President. In 1826, the famous novel, The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper was published. In 1932, the first Winter Olympics held in United States was conducted in Lake Placid, New York. And on this date, 1945, President Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin, met at the Soviet city of Yalta to discuss what became the post war provision of Europe after World War II, at the very end of World War II. So this is an important day in American history. Wanted to put that on the record as part of 'Other', Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, anyone else? I do have a question for the Chairman. Two weeks ago we talked about the NACo (National Association of Counties) versus Carrington and we were going to discuss that, I thought. What is the status on that?"

Mr. William Buchanan said, "We are ready to send you a memo about that."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. Thank you. Next item is Executive Session..."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Would you like to recess into the Fire District meeting?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "That is a good idea. At this point we will recess the meeting of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners"

The Board of County Commissioners went in to recess at 11:25 am. and returned at 11:28 a.m.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged on attorney-client relationship relating to legal advice and personnel matters of non-elected personnel. And that the Board of County Commissioners return to this meeting, to this room from executive session, no sooner than 11:45 A.M."

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "We are now in Executive Session."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. and returned at 12:04 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. We are back from Executive Session. So at this time I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and no formal action was taken. Is there any other business to come before the Commission?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No Sir."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Seeing none, we are adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

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