

Sedgwick County

525 North Main Street 3rd Floor
Wichita, KS 67203



*Sedgwick County...
working for you*

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

Pursuant to Resolution #131-2010, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 11, 2010, members of the public are allowed to address the County Commission for a period of time limited to not more than five minutes.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Sedgwick County, should contact the office of Robbie Berry, Sedgwick County Interim ADA Coordinator, 510 N. Main, Suite 306, Wichita, Kansas 67203

Phone: (316) 660-7058, TDD: Kansas Relay at 711 or 800-766-3777

Email: Robbie.Berry@sedgwick.gov, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event. Please include the name, location, date and time of the service or program, your contact information and the type of aid, service, or policy modification needed.

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 9:04 a.m. on March 18, 2015 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Richard Ranzau, with the following present: Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner James M. Howell; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Director, Health Department; Mr. Buddy Pressnell, Division Chief, Fire District No. 1; Ms. Sharon Willits, Detention Captain, Sheriff's Office; Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Mr. Tom Stolz, Director, Metropolitan Area Building and Code Department; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Jill Bailey, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Mr. Lonnie Wright, 1721 South Lulu, Wichita
Ms. Vicky Roper, Prevent Child Abuse Director, Kansas Children's Service League
Mr. Thomas Oldenettel, Appointee, Animal Care Advisory Board*

INVOCATION: Dr. Michael O'Donnell, Grace Baptist Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Peterjohn was absent.

PROCLAMATIONS

- A** [15-0184](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.
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, children are key to the state's future success, prosperity and quality of life, and while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Kansas's families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and consequently, building the foundations of communities; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as partners so that the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, by providing safe, stable and nurturing relationships for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Kansas's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation;

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

"Here to receive the proclamation is Vicky Roper from Kansas Children's Service League; is that correct?"

Ms. Vicky Roper, Prevent Child Abuse Director, Kansas Children's Service League, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chairman, can I go ahead and make the motion to adopt the resolution?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "That's a good idea. You may."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh 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	Absent
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "I got a little ahead of myself. Go ahead. Thanks for coming."

Ms. Roper said, "We appreciate so much you signing the proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Why is the prevention of child abuse and neglect important? Because all children deserve great childhoods, and we have some children coming around now that are going to give you some folders with some special information about activities going on in Sedgwick County and around the state during Child Abuse Prevention Month. The pinwheel is our symbol, and it represents those great, healthy childhoods."

"Children that are raised in loving and supportive environments are more likely to grow up and help create secure healthy communities and to be more productive, prosperous workers. Children that are raised in stable families do better academically, are shown to be more financially successful and contribute more to society. We all have a role to play in making sure that our community is the best place for children and families to thrive. There are simple actions that each of us can take every single day to help reduce family isolation and stress, which are two of the major risk factors of child abuse and neglect."

"Such actions include making yourself known to new neighbors and families, volunteering your time at pre or post-school programs, providing time for parents to have an occasional break from the rigors of parenthood. Great childhoods and healthy productive futures are undermined by adverse childhood experiences, those are ACES. ACES include things like child abuse, physical, sexual and emotional, neglect, parental stress, divorce, parental unemployment, parental mental illness and addiction, and greater than one in four people have experienced at least one adverse childhood experience, and one in eight have experienced four or more during childhood. The greater number of adverse childhood experiences increases the risk of long-term consequences. Reducing ACES leads to positive long term outcomes for children and communities including lowering risk for serious health problems and helping children grow into more prosperous and productive adults."

"Since 2010, Wichita has seen a 22.5 percent increase in the number of child abuse and neglect reports, and a 36.9 percent increase in reports screened in as needing an investigation. Nonfatal child maltreatment has an average lifetime cost of \$210,000 per victim according to the Center for Disease Control, including healthcare costs, lost work productivity and costs incurred in child welfare, criminal justice and special education systems."

"Examples of programs that work to strengthen families are early home visitation programs, hospital based Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention programs, quality

childcare and early education, services and centers for parent education and parent support, media and public awareness campaigns, specialized services for families with substance abuse, domestic violence and mental health issues, and community collaborations and coalitions, such as the work of the Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention.

"What we're doing this year in April, 30 state, city, and county proclamations like this are being signed all across the state. We have activities going on in 36 counties, letters to the editor are going in at 170 newspapers. March 28th is Family Fun Day at the Sedgwick County Zoo. We'll have reduced admission from 12 to 4 p.m. by getting tickets from Pam Noble at pnoble@kcsl.org. On April 10th is Wear Blue Day. So everyone wear their blue. On April 11th, Sporting KC is recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and everyone is wearing blue, they are a blue sports team. April 16th is a statewide event at the capitol where the governor is going to be planting pinwheels in a pinwheel garden with children from some of our childcare centers there. All events are on the KCSL website at www.kcsl.org."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Vicki. I think Commissioner Norton has some comments."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you for being here today, Vicki. We've got such a rich system trying to deal with this issue in our community, KCSL, certainly statewide and locally, is a leader in that. But I'm remiss to not talk about the Children's Home and Yountville and Saint Francis Community Services and CASA, the Child Advocacy Center, all which try to wrap around children and prevent neglect and abuse and human trafficking and predatory actions on the internet. All of those things that are maladies of our community.

"I'm so thankful that we do have that system. Many years ago when I was with Target back in the 1980s, I was on the first child prevention, Child Abuse Prevention Council with Judge Burgess and Sherry Butenbach and Helen Cochran. That later evolved into giving it over to the Kansas Children's Service League, because we realized that the issue wasn't this big; it was this big. A group of very dedicated folks, but very small and without funding were not going to solve this problem very easily. So thank you for standing and being the guardian of the gate and protecting our children and being there at the worst times in their lives and their family lives, too, so many times.

"I would be remiss to not talk about the Child Advocacy Center that we've worked so hard this last year with the fundraising campaign to take the old Lincoln Elementary School and have a one-stop shop for law enforcement and the judiciary and the health agencies and other agencies to be sure that we really protect our children at that really critical time in their lives. So thank you for being here today, letting us through the proclamation once again, and talk about that kind of hidden little secret in our community that people just hate to talk about, because you hate to think children don't grow up healthy and happy and frolicking in their backyard with pinwheels.

"That's not the case for every kid in our community, and it's very sad, and I'm glad somebody does it every day. Wakes up thinking about not only the kids in their family

but the kids in our community that can't catch a break or are abused and neglected or hurt and will struggle many times the rest of their lives unless it's taken care of and resolved, because it lays latent until they get to be older and don't become as productive of citizens as they can. Thank you for being here today. We really appreciate it."

Ms. Roper said, "Just a couple things. The groups you mentioned are all part of the Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention. It's 130 people from 60 agencies that have come together to work on this complex issue, and folks can call 1-800-CHILDREN if they have questions about parenting or concerns about child abuse and neglect, or anything that they would like to talk to on our parent help line."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thanks again, Vicki, for coming and everything you do. Thanks to your little helpers over here today. They did a great job. Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, next item, please."

B [15-0185](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEDGWICK COUNTY TB AWARENESS 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, Sedgwick County joins the Centers for Disease Control and the global Stop TB Partnership in raising awareness about TB-related problems and solutions annually by commemorating Robert Koch's discovery of the tuberculosis bacteria in 1882; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control has proclaimed 'Find TB. Treat TB. Working together to eliminate TB' as the 2015 slogan for World TB Day; and

WHEREAS, today's adults should expect to see a world where no one dies from TB and today's children should expect to see a world where no one gets sick with TB; and

WHEREAS, TB organizations continue to pursue solutions for faster treatment, quick and low-cost testing that is accessible to all, and an effective vaccine; and

WHEREAS, TB remains a worldwide problem though great strides have been made to control and cure this disease and Sedgwick County continues to experience cases of active TB disease and Latent TB Infection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2015 as

SEDGWICK COUNTY TB AWARENESS DAY

And encourage all citizens to educate themselves about tuberculosis, its prevention and treatment.

"Commissioners."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the proclamation

Commissioner Norton 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>Absent</i>
<i>Chairman Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Ranzau said, "And here to accept the proclamation is Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, our Health Department Director."

Ms. Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for proclaiming March 24th, 2015, World TB Awareness Day, and also for this opportunity for me to provide information about tuberculosis. Before 1940, TB was top killer in the United States among infectious diseases, and the fourth largest killer overall. TB is a disease caused by bacteria, and there are two types, TB infection, which is also known as latent TB, and active TB disease. It's important to understand the differences between these two. People with TB infection have the bacteria that cause TB in their body, but don't have symptoms and are not sick because their immune system is keeping it at bay. These individuals cannot spread TB to others. However, they can develop TB later in life, and there are about 10 percent of those with latent TB infection that do develop active TB, particularly if they're in a high risk category, and I'll review those in a minute.

"Active TB disease, those with TB disease are sick and display one or more of the following symptoms: unexplained weight loss, loss of appetite, weakness and fever or heavy night sweats. Symptoms may also include a productive cough that lasts more than 3 weeks. People with active TB can spread infection to others. TB is spread from person to person through the area usually in confined areas for a long period of time. So it's not easy to get TB. It is easier to get the common cold or flu than it is TB.

"Anyone can get TB, but some people are at higher risk. Homeless individuals, alcohol and drug users, foreign born individuals from countries where TB is common. Prisoners, residents of long-term care facilities, those who are in close contact with someone with TB, and those with compromised immune systems.

"Today TB is a relatively rare occurrence in the U.S., but it is a serious disease and still does occur. Both latent TB infection and active TB disease can be cured. In 2014, we Treated 10 cases of active TB disease in Sedgwick County and approximately 400

cases of latent TB infection. Many more cases of TB infections than that, but we did treat that many. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Adrienne, I don't see anybody asking to speak, but I just want to applaud you and thank you for your efforts in trying to keep our community safe. This is, I think there's probably several different areas that we could name off where your department is active in trying to be at the forefront of prevention and the measuring of how these diseases affect our community. This is just one of them that is serious. We don't see it just running through our community without check, but that's because of the good work that you all do. So I just want to say thank you for keeping us in the front of our minds and help us in our responsibility of prevention. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Madam Clerk, next item, please."

RETIREMENTS

- C** [15-0176](#) PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO RICHARD EUSON, BUDDY PRESSNELL, AND SHARON WILLITS.
Presented by: Eileen McNichol, Director, Human Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Present the Clock.

Ms. Eileen McNichol, Director, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have the opportunity this morning to honor and to thank three of our employees who have served our community with dedication, commitment and pride. It's with great respect that I present to you these three employees who are going to be reaching an employment milestone and retiring on April 1st, 2015. The first employee is Richard Euson, our County Counselor. Richard was hired on January 1, 1981, as a senior trial attorney. He became acting County Counselor on September 18th, 1996. He was promoted to County Counselor on March 3rd, 1997, and his last day of service with us will be Monday, March 23rd, 2015. Thank you, Richard. For over 34 years of dedication to Sedgwick County. And if you would come forward please."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Well, I have a few things I want to read here first and then recognize Rich and allow him to speak. Richard is preceded by three generations in Kansas, his great grandfather co-owned Bittman-Todd Wholesale Grocery Company in Leavenworth, and was one of the first such establishments west of Missouri. When he was 11 years old, he attended a boys camp where he was awarded the trophy for the loudest camper, which was a brass bugle welded on top of a Hawaiian Punch can. In eighth grade, he and two of his classmates formed a folk music group called Old Town Trio, named after a section of a suburb in Chicago. Throughout high school, they played numerous school functions and at different venues around the Chicago area, including a private party for the movie actor Forrest Tucker. Their senior year, they made a record of the songs they most liked to perform."

"Some other interesting facts, when Rich was first hired on, there were only three County Commissioners, and just a few months earlier, Park City and Bel Aire had just become incorporated cities. The (Kansas) Coliseum was built four years prior, and the

building we sit in today was called the New Courthouse. Additionally during his 34 years, he's provided legal counsel to 23 County Commissioners, and he has attended close to or approximately 800 BoCC (Board of County Commission) meetings during his 18 years as County Counselor. So with that, I want to say thank you to Richard for all his work and congratulate him and wish him the best in his retirement."

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well, thank you very much. That's very humbling and, Chairman Ranzau, you left out the story about smoking a cigar in my office, which happened back in 1981 and a lot of people smoked in their offices, and in front offices, and I haven't done it since. That was going on at that time.

"Commissioners, I had no idea I had attended that many Commission meetings. I knew it was a lot. I've certainly learned a lot and enjoyed every one of them. It's just an absolute honor to work with you guys and your predecessors. You know. I think public service is an honor in and of itself. You guys are elected by tens of thousands of responsible voters, and that certainly makes it an honor for me and my office to represents you every day and to represent the department heads here at the county.

"I was in Chairman Ranzau's office a couple months ago, and he said, Rich, are you sure you want to retire? And I said, no, I'm not. I'm ready for it, but I really don't want to leave. You Commissioners and department heads and everybody have just been so, so very respectful of me and our office. You've given us the tools that we need. You've been very supportive of all of us. We've had some pretty serious litigation challenges recently, and you've allowed us to be able to handle those appropriately, and so I appreciate that.

"That's kind of hard to leave that. But on the other hand, you know, I do think this is time. I was going to retire a year ago, and a good friend of mine suggested that maybe I was a little too close to some things that happened in my life and maybe I should just go ahead and with your willingness stay a little longer. I've done that. I'm certainly glad I did, but this is certainly the time to do that. So with me I take that respect, I take the joy of working with committed and very dedicated colleagues who are very capable. They've certainly made me look better than I deserve to look, and I take that with me, too.

"I was going through some old articles and getting ready to vacate my office, and I ran across one about Bill Graves, who served as governor for two terms. And at the end of the second term, he was asked to name the most important accomplishments in his terms of office, and he said, I was honest every day, and I didn't embarrass the state. That's what I've tried to do for you, be honest every day and not embarrass the county, and I appreciate this great career. Thanks very much."

Commissioner Norton said, "Before Rich gets out of there, Rich, first of all, if you know Rich, when he's thinking, he's got his pen in his hand. So I'm thinking right now about you, Rich. First of all, my first thought is that under siege today are government employees, and you look at Rich Euson, and he's been a faithful public servant and government employee for 34 years, and I will stand before you to say we have a whole army of those at Sedgwick County, but that upholds the highest ideals of what public service is all about.

"I mean, Rich Euson could be the poster child for that in our community, but he represents so many other government employees that do that every day for the good of our community, and I appreciate it. I would like to apologize, though, as the longest

serving County Commissioner, for the 800 meetings you've had to endure. A public apology for that, because no man should have to endure that many meetings with us. Finally, you can be described in many ways, Rich, counselor, attorney, but for me, the greatest achievement you've given me is friendship. Thank you, my friend, and go Cubs."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Rich, I'd also like to make a couple of comments. I consider us to be good friends, but loudest camper is a part of our relationship that escapes me a little bit. I would never have thought that you would have won that award, because I can see you being somewhat embarrassed by the fact that we showed our respect by giving you the standing ovation. You do not look for that sort of accolades. I think that's actually part of the reason you've been such a great County Counselor, that you have not looked for headlines. You've never, in my opinion, ever promoted yourself, you just tried to do a good job, and in doing that, you've remained nonpartisan in all your comments and dealings. You've shown great leadership not only as our lead County Counselor, as you came and talked to Commissioners, but I see the way you operate your office. You have developed a great, great staff of attorneys, and they have their different niches where they seem to have a special expertise, but you manage that very well, and you've done a great job of bringing us outside counsel when we needed that particular expertise, so done a great job of leadership and management. I think you've been accurate in the advice that you've always given to us.

"In the times I've been here, I don't know that we've been on the downside of very many issues. You've done a great job of steering us through a lot of difficult times. And I would just like to second that you definitely fulfill the ideal or the standard that you mentioned where you always wanted to be honest and you didn't want to bring embarrassment to the county, and that simply has not happened. You've done a great job. Really appreciate you. We're going to miss you. And because we're friends, I'm not going away, so I'll still be around to talk with you. Thank you."

Mr. Euson said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Howell said, "If you don't mind, I'd like to say something as well. I've only been here for about three months, and so I guess I bring a different perspective. I wanted to say, as I came into the county, one thing that really impresses me is the quality of our leadership and our management that has gotten us to the point that we are at today. One of our chief staff that has been a great part of that, so I want to say thank you for carrying that baton as you have for 34 years. As you hand that off, I know we've got some very capable staff that you've prepared for this day. I have total faith and confidence that they will be able to do the great job you have done these last 34 years, but you have been quiet, but you've been extremely professional, and just done a tremendous job.

"As my colleagues have said, the loudest camper, I don't quite see that part, but you have just really impressed me. I just know whatever you're going to do the rest of your life, and you've got a lot of years ahead of you, because you're very young in spirit, and you picked a great time to retire. I am envious. I think you've done a great job and I just want to say thank you for what you've done. I've only been here about 3 months, and you've been here, by my calculation, 308 months. So I've got a long ways to go. Thank you for your service."

Mr. Euson said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Rich, before you get away, would you want to offer an opinion, now that you're leaving, is it three Commissioners or five Commissioners better to work with?"

Mr. Euson said, "You're all good to work with. Thank you."

Ms. McNichol said, "Our next employee is Buddy Pressnell. He is a Fire Division Chief. Buddy was hired on as a firefighter on December 31st, 1981. He was promoted to a Fire Lieutenant on April 8th, 1990, a Fire Captain on March 1, 1998, and on July 11th, 2004, Buddy was promoted to a Fire Division Chief. His last day of service with us will be Saturday, March 21st, 2015. Thank you, Buddy, for serving our community for over 34 years."

Chairman Ranzau said, "A few more things about Buddy, he started in the fire service May 1973 for the City of Augusta and Butler County Fire District No. 2 and continued on with Sedgwick County for a total of almost 42 years in the fire service. His nickname is Boxcar Buddy. One of his hobbies are trains. Another hobby is live steam. He has operated a 1913 Case Steam Traction Engine along with several skilled tractors. He has been the fireman and engineer on a former Denver and Rio Grande Western Locomotive in New Mexico and Colorado on a 64-mile run."

"Buddy has a loving spouse, Dorothy, along with four adult children and seven grandchildren all under the age of 12. His immediate future plans will probably include driving a Redi-Mix truck part-time and building a garage that he's been waiting on for a while. On behalf of Sedgwick County, we'd like to thank you for your service here and your total of 42 years of service and wish you the best in retirement for you and your family. Thank you very much and congratulations."

Mr. Buddy Pressnell, Division Chief, Fire District No. 1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My bosses are all afraid I've got a real big bad speech. Anyway, here hold that. Thank you. Congratulations, Richard. I've been around as long as you have. Actually December is when I came to work. So I was trying to think how long Richard has been here, because it seems like every time you turn around, Richard has been here. It's been an interesting career. Like I said, I started, actually it was called Future Firefighters at age 14 with Augusta volunteers."

"Back in those days there wasn't so much legal ramifications of everything, so we got to ride on trucks and ride on the front of the grass trucks and put out grass fires. They taught us how to pump so that we could free up the older gentlemen to go, older is a bad term, isn't it? But more experienced and of age that could go in and fight the fires. I worked up through there, became a volunteer firefighter. Actually, I was kind of born into it a little bit. My father was a volunteer with Augusta, and I can remember 8 years old sitting in a station wagon with two siblings, and if you get out of this truck, I'm going to beat your...and watching them put out a fire."

"So I've been around it a day or two. Sedgwick County's experience, it's been a lot of fun. I've met a lot of good people. Once I got promoted to the Division Chief rank, I got more headaches, got to deal with the County Manager's office and legal."

"There's several persons out here that have helped the Fire District out on quite a few things and me personally, dealt with risk management, worked with the Sheriff's department, worked with EMS employees. That's kind of the coolest thing about at"

least this level of the department. There's so many people you get to meet, so many things you get to do and stuff you get to see. You know, there's a lot of agencies you work with.

"The bad thing is you also get to see some very detrimental things. We've been through several tornadoes in 34 years, a few plane crashes, some pretty serious wrecks, couple of train derailments, that kind of stuff. That goes with the job. So I won't miss the bad things. I miss running calls. I got to go out the other day. We had a spill out by Goddard, and it was kind of like, this is where I should be, out here doing this. The younger guys are more able to do that. My physique and my fitness level don't quite let me do that so much anymore. As you get older, you kind of lose a little bit of that. And so it's time to step back and do something different. I'm not really sure what.

"Like I said, I drive Redi-Mix. That's what I started out of high school, kind of. It's a comfort zone. It's just something to do right now to kind of bide some time. I've got some other hobbies to do, the trains and that kind of thing, and like I said, we've got seven grandchildren. One of the couples is talking about adding another one, and if you put all of them together, it's a circus in the house. That keeps you rather busy, and settling arguments between adults. So again, I thank the past Commissions. Chief Nichols hired me, promoted me once, I believe. Chief Curmode promoted me to Captain and Division Chief, and now I'm working under Chief Leake. Like I said, it's been a good experience. I worked with some of the Commissioners, and I will miss that. I will miss the people that I get to interact with and talk to and hopefully I'll bump into them off and on. Thanks for your time."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, Buddy, thank you for your years of service. One thing I know about firefighters, they don't go away very easily. They're still in the brotherhood. You'll stay connected to your brothers in the fire service. We hope that you'll stay connected to Sedgwick County, too, because you have had years and years of service. I know, I've been through some of those disasters, the DeBruce Grain and a tornado, and I understand the importance of fire service and individuals like yourself that are willing to run in when others are running out, and we really appreciate that. I hope that your big garage houses all your hobbies and that you can spend a lot of peaceful time in that garage having a good time in your retirement, regardless of what else you do, and enjoy those grandkids, because there's never enough time for that. We appreciate your service, and it's great having your friendship for all these years. Thank you."

Mr. Pressnell said, "Thanks, Commissioner."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And Buddy, I would just add to Commissioner Norton's remarks that we appreciate your service to public safety. Sometimes we don't have quite as much interaction with everybody in the Fire Department, you guys are busy and you kind of have your own structure and organization. Every time I've had involvement, you've been there, and I know in your leadership position that you have exerted influence, and to me, in my evaluation, we have an excellent, outstanding fire district, and it's folks with your type of leadership and dedication to public safety who have made it that way. So thanks for your service to our citizens and our county."

Mr. Pressnell said, "Thanks, Commissioner."

Commissioner Howell said, "I'll just go ahead and add to that. I miscalculated. It's over

400 months. It's a long time. It's a faithful, faithful service to a position of public service, public safety, I just want to say thank you for what you've done. Sounds like a guy after my own heart, firefighter, a Redi-Mix truck driver. I would love to do that, too. And then, of course, trains. And so those are three things I think that any one of us guys would probably just really like to be in your shoes. So a lot of things to look forward to, and I thank you for your service."

Mr. Pressnell said, "Thanks, counting months, just to put it in kind of a perspective, 34 years, we work a 24-48 schedule, so we're here 24 hours, off 48, 11 years I have spent in a firehouse in four walls 24/7, 365. That's just an interesting take. Thank you all."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Ms. McNichol said, "Our last employee to recognize is Sharon Willits. She's a Detention Captain with the Sheriff's office. Sharon was hired on November 13th, 1989 and was promoted to Detention Sergeant on January 18th, 1997, and to Detention Lieutenant on January 4th, 2004. December 19th, 2011, Sharon was promoted to Detention Captain. Sharon's last day of service with us will be Saturday, March 21, 2015. Thank you, Sharon, for serving our community for over 26 years."

Chairman Ranzau said, "And a few more items of interest. Sharon's favorite hobby is traveling. She has been to the Dominican Republic, Canada, Tahiti, Hawaii, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, England, Scotland, Italy, France, Spain and Monaco. I also think she's at least been to Saudi Arabia, as well. She has listed all but four of the United States. A goal of hers is to visit every unit within the national park system. That's got to be a lot."

"Sharon started with the Sheriff's office in 1989 at the old jail when the current jail was just finishing construction. To get the jail finished a little quicker, she said some of us were drafted into helping putting epoxy coating on the floors in the new jail. So that's her second job now I guess in retirement. She was also a military policeman and Corrections MP (Military Policy) in the (United States) Army on active duty where she served three years at the military prison of Fort Leavenworth on the right side of the bars, she wants to make sure you know."

"And another interesting tidbit is Sharon and I were in the same honor reserve military police unit, and we served together in Desert Storm where we transported probably tens of thousands of prisoners, I think. I've known Sharon previously in the (United States) Army Reserves. She was an excellent soldier, she's very professional, very capable and I'm proud to have served with her then as well as now. I know she's done a wonderful job at the Sheriff's office as well. I wish her good luck and congratulations on her retirement."

Ms. Sharon Willits, Detention Captain, Sheriff's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "That's true, I did leave off Saudi Arabia. So I guess I could add Kuwait and Iraq to that as well, briefly, not as a tourist. I just wanted to say that I've really enjoyed my time with the Sheriff's office, been proud to have worked for the county and Sheriff's office."

"In the last few years, I've had the opportunity to work pretty closely with folks from other departments within the county, the County Counselor's office, Purchasing, HR (Human Resources), especially, and DIO (Division of Information and Operations). I've

had nothing but good things to say about all of those interactions. I've got no long speech, that's it."

Commissioner Norton said, "Sometimes short and simple speeches are very effective."

Ms. Willits said, "Especially when you're the last one and everybody is ready to go with the rest of the meeting."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I don't know about that. One thing I learned just now is that my bucket list sucks big time. And if you haven't traveled to Haysville, come on down sometime. I know that was one place not mentioned, so I'll offer it up to you. Thank you for your years of service. You know, so many times folks in the Sheriff's department and in Detention are those unsung heroes that work in law enforcement that people just don't see every day but that continue the grind and working in some tough conditions and protecting our citizens in a different manner, and we really appreciate those years of service that you've done that. As a side note, thanks for your service to the United States of America. We appreciate that, too. Thank you and have a great retirement."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Sharon, I'd just like to add my comment. I want to thank you for your service in public safety to the citizens of Sedgwick County. You've worked in an environment that is oftentimes not the best environment to work in. I think that's evidenced by the fact that over in the detention facility there seems to be always a need to fill vacant slots, because there's quite a bit of turnover. But you've persevered and done a great job and advanced in your rank. It shows your leadership qualities, and we're just proud that you've been there through quite a series of changes from building that jail to a couple of expansions and to try to keep up with that detained population and going through the changes we made to get that under control. So you've seen a lot of changes in criminal justice and how we apply it in the adult side. Appreciate your service, and I also hope that you have a great and rewarding retirement."

Commissioner Howell said, "I'd like to continue on. I just want to say thank you again for your service as well. Desert Shield, I participated in that same part of our nation's history, so I thank you. It's just nice to know that we have that in common. I was touring the facility, Sheriff Easter's facility, just next door here a few weeks ago, and he went out of his way to point you out. He was very proud of you. I could tell he was anxious to show me some of his staff, but he made a point to talk about you specifically, and I know he was really proud of you and wanted to let me know that you were, unfortunately, going to be leaving his staff. I think he was just making a point that sometimes replacing good people is difficult, and you were one of his best. I just want to say thank you. Clearly came from his perspective, one of my takeaways was that you were very special that day. Thank you for your service. You're leaving a very key role that's going to be hard to fill that position. Thank you again for all of your years of service to our county. Thank you."

Ms. Willets said, "Thank you. And we consider it time served, by the way."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you all very much. Madam Clerk, next item."

APPOINTMENTS

D

[15-0183](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN ERLLENWEIN (COMMISSIONER

DAVE UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY
ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Euson said, "This item together with Item E are both appointments. Item E is Commissioner Norton's appointment to this board, and it is to appoint Thomas Oldenettel. They are both four-year terms, and I would recommend you approve the resolutions for Items D and E."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve Item D and Item E.

Commissioner Unruh 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	Absent
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "Susan and Thomas both are here. We have Karen Bailey with the Clerk's office, you can swear them in."

Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Raise your right hand. I do solemnly swear that I'll support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of Sedgwick County Animal Care Advisory Board, so help me God."

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Appointee, Animal Care Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Thomas Oldenettel, Appointee, Animal Care Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "I'd like to thank Commissioner Unruh for appointing me to this board. I deal with animal issues in my job in environmental and also talk about them in courses I teach at WSU (Wichita State University). So really looking forward to learning more by being a member of this board and really appreciate the appointment. Thank you."

Mr. Oldenettel said, "I'm not real big on speeches. I'm more of the brass tacks, get it done. It's an honor to be appointed to a board of this stature. I'll do my best, everything I can. I'm not in the business of right and wrong, like most people think, because regardless of law enforcement stature, animal control is part of the nitty-gritty. And a lot of people on the street say, you're not right, or that's wrong. We're not in the business of right and wrong. We're in the business of what is legal and illegal versus

city ordinances, state statutes, and it's my personal history that better upholding these and staying true to one thing will get me through everything I try. I'm a Kansas farm boy, born and raised. I've moved around from Midwestern Kansas to Sedgwick County to Butler County, and I have found that every step of the way public safety is a rewarding career. And as I start out my career, I want to say thank you for giving me the opportunity."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would like to express thanks to both individuals for their willingness to serve. This does require a little bit of time and paying attention and probably doing a little bit of research, but we do take these boards seriously and appreciate that you're willing to step up and serve that way. I know Susan brings a special category of expertise to the board with her experience in the environment, and I think that is appropriate to bring to this board, and so we're looking forward to the way that you can help advance our understanding and the perspective on some of the issues you face."

"I know that the board has gone through some iterations of development and kind of changed its structure and went back to the way it was before, but we're looking forward that this board will be active, productive and helpful to our citizens. Thank you, both, for your willingness."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm certainly glad to vote to keep Susan Erlenwein on the board, and I'm glad that Thomas was willing to serve. I talked to Mayor Armstrong and Will Black down in Haysville, and they have great faith in his ability to serve, and I like the attitude that he has that he's kind of the boots on the ground, because as you have an animal control board, you need a real life experience. You can have someone in the academic community kind of talk at the macro level, but having somebody that does it every day and deals with citizens and animals, there's times that's going to be very profound for the new board we put together. So I thank Thomas and Susan both for their willingness to serve. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you both very much. Madam Clerk, next item."

E [15-0186](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS OLDENETTEL
(COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE
SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Action on Item E taken with Item D.

F [15-0151](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREE' SISCO (COMMISSIONER JIM
HOWELL'S APPOINTEE) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY
COUNCIL ON AGING.
Presented by: Richard Euson, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we have prepared this resolution. This is also a four year appointment to this board, and I would recommend you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the resolution.

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>Absent</i>
<i>Chairman Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Ranzau said, "I don't believe Andree is here today, so we'll have the Counselor's office connect with her later. Next item, please."

NEW BUSINESS

G

[15-0072](#)

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE WITHIN THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED BUILDING AND TRADE CODE ("UBTC") TO REPLACE THE EXISTING RESIDENTIAL CODE WITHIN THE UBTC. Presented by: Tom Stolz, Director, Metropolitan Area Building and Code Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set a public hearing for the April 22, 2015 Board of County Commissioners meeting and instruct the County Clerk to publish the Notice of Public Hearing once in the official county newspaper.

Mr. Tom Stolz, Director, Metropolitan Area Building and Code Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you may recall, this jurisdiction adopted new trade codes at the first of the year, and are similarly now looking to adopt 2012 International Residential Codes which will give us code guidance regarding construction of single family and duplex styles of residence. Over the last year and a half, staff and members of the Wichita Area Builders Association have been reviewing local residential building code together so that a reasonable and best practice building code can be adopted. These discussions have been shared at numerous meetings that have been open to the public, and we've gotten good input from citizens and contractors.

"Like other government jurisdictions around the country, Sedgwick County has historically adopted local building codes from recognized national and international

organizations. Members of these organizations are industry experts in the fields of residential and commercial building construction. The code guidelines they produce every three years are generally viewed as best practices for the construction industry nationwide. As mentioned, when we adopted the trade codes, there are three main reasons why local jurisdiction adopt codes in this manner.

"First and foremost, it represents a way to enhance safety for our citizens through best practices applications regarding designs and construction of homes and commercial buildings. Secondly, it helps to insure basic consistency of building practices between jurisdictional lines and consideration to building professionals who operate in and around Wichita and Sedgwick County. And finally, it serves to achieve consistent and fair operational protocol for building professionals who are licensed and operating in Sedgwick County.

"Both the Wichita Area Builders Association and the Board of Code Standards Advisory Board have supported the adoption of this code and moving forward with. If this public hearing request is approved today, our plan is to continue public discussion with citizens and contractors regarding proposed amendment, adoptions and changes to code. Additionally, I will recommend that we defer a commission vote after the public hearing to at least allow another few days for any potential discussion, which may arise from citizens during that meeting. The staff request today is to set the public hearing for April 22nd, Board of County Commission meeting and instruct the County Clerk to publish the notice of public hearing once in the official county newspaper. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Tom. Lonnie, would you like to comment on this item?"

Mr. Lonnie Wright, 1721 South Lulu, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I also want to recognize the people that have been involved in going through these code reviews. It takes a lot of time. Sedgwick County supported the first joint review for the 2012, and we had inspectors from the surrounding cities involved, builders, maybe 25 or 30 people, because we had to identify the changes in two code cycles, from 2006 to 2009, and from 2009 to 2012. And after we identify what those changes are, we do our normal process of amending or deleting out requirements that are so strict, you know. It's a national code, and the people do a good job of that, and I think still protecting the people, anything that could be too costly, you know, we normally delete out. So thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Lonnie."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to set the public hearing for April 22nd, 2015 and publish notice as required.

Commissioner Unruh 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	Absent
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

H [15-0191](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR
MEETING ON MARCH 12, 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 March 12th for the Board of Bids and Contracts has three items
that we'd like for you to consider. Item one:

1. CHANGE ORDER #1 - AMENDMENT TO CLIENT DRUG TESTING -
CORRECTIONS
FUNDING - CORRECTIONS

"The recommendation is to accept the change order to increase the not to exceed
amount from \$40,000.00 to \$75,000.00 with Technical Resource Management, Inc.
dba Norchem for the established contract term of three years with two one year options
to renew. Item two:

2. FOOD STAPLES FOR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES --
CORRECTIONS
FUNDING -- CORRECTIONS

"Recommendation is to accept the best proposal from US Foods, Inc. and establish
contract pricing for three years with two one-year options to renew. Final item, item
three:

3. 2015 CRACK SEAL (R175-H) -- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING -- R175 PREVENTIVE MX-15

"This recommendation is to accept the low bid from Pavement Pro's , LLC in the
amount of \$116,650.40.

"I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have, and I do recommend approval of
all three items."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner's, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and
contracts.

Commissioner Norton 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	Absent
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

CONSENT

- I [15-0177](#) One (1) Right of Way Easement and One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 797-V-4060; Bridge project on 183rd St West between 47th St South & 55th St South. CIP# B-458. District 3.
- J [15-0171](#) An Agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants for engineering investigation design services for Sedgwick County Project 628-28-5200; Bridge redeck project on MacArthur over the Big Arkansas River. CIP# B-483. District 5.
- K [15-0164](#) First Lease Amendment between Sedgwick County and 2716 Partnership for leased property at 2716 West Central (Health Department Clinic).
- L [15-0165](#) Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement between Sedgwick County and Jim Ramsey Company, Ltd. for leased property at 940 North Waco (COMCARE ATS).
- M [15-0154](#) Transfer Full-Time Senior Developer Position to the General Fund and Eliminate Part-Time Developer Position.
- N [15-0096](#) Approve permanent staffing table adjustment for the Sedgwick County Health Department Epidemiology Program.
- O [15-0157](#) Agreement with Central Plains Regional Health Care Partnership (CPRHCP), Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Wichita to partner with the Sedgwick County Health Department under the Project Access program.
- P [15-0182](#) Eight vendor contracts to provide in-home services for the Senior Care Act Program (SCA).
- Q [15-0188](#) Establish 2015 Budget Authority in the amount of \$270,263.45 in the

Prosecuting Attorney Trust Fund.

R [15-0189](#) Establish Budget Authority in the amount of \$13,157.32 in the Asset Forfeiture Fund (Federal).

S [15-0181](#) Plat
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2014 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Glaser Addition

T 15-0166 Order dated 2/26/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

U 15-0178 Order dated 3/4/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

V [15-0168](#) General Bill Check Register for Mar. 11, 2015 - Mar. 17, 2015.

W [15-0169](#) Payroll Check Register for the Mar. 7, 2015 payroll certification.

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Norton 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	Absent
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "Now we have reached the time for 'Other'. Commissioners, is there anything you would have for the other portion? Commissioner Unruh."

OTHER

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just would like to let our citizens know that we had a group of three folks from Tulsa, from the State of Oklahoma, up here to check out our adult detention and juvenile detention and corrections activities. They have an overcrowding problem in their adult facility, and they're faced with the requirement to build a new juvenile detention facility, and because of the great work

done here by Mark Masterson and leadership of our public safety, Marvin Duncan, and the great strides that we've made in trying to help the Sheriff administer the jail population, they thought this was the place to come and check us out. So three folks came up. They were here for about a half a day on Thursday last week and a half a day on Friday, and the Sheriff gave them a tour of the jail, and Marvin Duncan and Mark Masterson took them through all of our Corrections and Juvenile Justice programs. I've heard back from them, and they were very thankful that we were able to offer this tour, and the information on how we have been managing our populations.

"The main reason, I guess, I want to bring it up is I would like our citizens to know that we do present an example in how to best manage a population, provide public safety, do it at as low of a cost as we can and have evidence-based practices that do produce positive results. So they had a good time, and we're very grateful that we were able to share some of the things that we've learned over the years. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I didn't really have anything, but I would like to dovetail on what Commissioner Unruh has said. We were started down the path probably 10 years ago of having to build a pretty significant addition on to the jail, and all of us lamented that. We swallowed hard. We put together the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. We had some consultants give us some data and some information and kind of open up the belly of the beast of our law enforcement and judiciary and jail and incarceration system, and at that time, we decided not to build an addition onto the jail and embarked on a lot of programs and investments in trying to reduce that population, and today, where the trajectory would have been 2,200 to 2,400 population in our jail, it's around 1,300. I think the savings out of that is well into the millions now, and it is a hallmark, a benchmark for many communities like Tulsa to come and look at, because of the hard work done over many, many years to try to figure that out.

"And it wasn't just the County Commission. It was the County Manager's office, the Sheriff's office, the Judiciary, the DA (District Attorney), all thinking in orchestration about how do you make this work and how do you reduce the population in times when it's pretty tough and you don't have any money. So I think it was a testament to that hard work that Tulsa would recognize, maybe they need to come here and see what can be done if you make some tough decisions. So thanks for sharing that, Commissioner. That's all I have."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Mr. Manager, anything else to come before the Board?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, sir."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Would it be indecorum if we said Go Shocks?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "It might be, but it's okay. Go Shocks."

Commissioner Norton said, "Just on one last night, Susan and I are heading out tomorrow to travel to Omaha to be there to represent the County Commission. Well, maybe not, just to represent. We're pretty excited. We're great Shocker fans, and hopefully they'll move forward and the State of Kansas will get to see their two great teams play each other, and we can all be proud of Kansas and root for both teams equally, because it is a great day for us to have that kind of basketball presence in our state. So Go Shocks."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Well, we don't want to count our chickens before they're hatched. The Shockers may end up playing Northeastern or whoever. Let's just wait and see what happens. With that, I think we better adjourn."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

*RICHARD RANZAU, Chairman
Fourth District*

*KARL PETERJOHN, Chair Pro Tem
Third District*

*DAVID M. UNRUH, Commissioner
First District*

*TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
Second District*

*JAMES M. HOWELL, Commissioner
Fifth District*

ATTEST:

Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED:
