

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 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 9:03 a.m. on June 17th, 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. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager; Mr. Mike Pepoon, Acting County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Mr. Sherdeill Breathett, Community Development, Economic Developer; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Mr. Mitch Kolf, Intern, Manager's Office; Mr. Mike Borchard, County Appraiser; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk.*

#### **GUESTS**

*Mr. Abdul Arif, Executive Director, South Central Kansas Economic Development District  
Ms. Candace Cotner, Director of Operations, Global Aviation Technologies  
Ms. Karyn Page, President and CEO, Kansas Global Trade Services  
Mr. Wayne Bell, District Director, U. S. Small Business Administration  
Mr. David Alfaro, Director, Butler County Community Development  
Mr. Dave Jones, Appointee, Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board  
Mr. Darryl Roberts, Appointee, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board*

### **INVOCATION: Dr. Lorraine Madway, WSU Special Collections Curator.**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- A**      [15-0421](#)      REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2015.  
All Commissioners were present.

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, you have minutes before you, what is the will of the Board?"*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2015.*

*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	Absent
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item."*

**Approved**

**B**      [15-0420](#)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2015.

All Commissioners were present.

*Chairman Ranzau said, "This particular item we need to, can we skip it? Do we need to table it for the next meeting?"*

*Mr. Mike Pepoon, Acting County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We can table it to the next meeting."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. Do I have a motion?"*

MOTION

*Commissioner Howell moved to table the May 13, 2015 minutes until the meeting on July 15, 2015.*

*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."*

**Tabled**

**DONATIONS**

**C**      **15-0399**

ACKNOWLEDGE SEVERAL MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO THE  
SEDGWICK COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION.

Presented by: Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the donations and authorize the  
Chairman to sign the letters of appreciation.

*Ms. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item acknowledges several memorial donations made to the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Coalition following the suicide death of a local resident recently. Suicide continues to be a serious health concern, locally as well as nationally. The Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Coalition has been working for more than 12 years on ways to educate the public on how to look at evidence-based practice approaches to suicide prevention, interventions. The coalition will be presenting, they do every year, their annual report to you in the near future, but their initial findings show that there were 82 suicide deaths in Sedgwick County in 2014, or 16.4 per 100,000 population.*

*"You may remember that in the days after Robin Williams took his life, in August of last year, in the news they talked about crisis hotlines nationwide, including here, reported a surge in calls, and while those are common in high-profile cases where people have taken their lives, the increase in calls following Robin Williams' death was both larger and longer lasting than any other case since the establishment of the National Prevention Lifeline in 2005. We took calls where people mentioned Robin Williams' death, and the impact that had on them and their thought process for several months after his death last year. So the coalition is focusing this year on messaging about suicide, and suicide prevention, in a manner that is strategic and safe and positive and prevention-focused. So we are recommending that you accept these donations, and authorize the Chairman to sign letters of appreciation."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Marilyn. Commissioners, what is the will of the Board?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the donations and authorize the Chairman to sign the letters of appreciation.*

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

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

**Approved**

**CITIZEN INQUIRIES**

- D**      [15-0351](#)      REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING POSSIBLE BUDGET CUTS.  
Presented by: Abdul Arif, Wichita.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Please give us your name and address for the record."*

*Mr. Abdul Arif, Executive Director, South Central Kansas Economic Development District, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My address is 8214 Champions Court, Wichita."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you."*

*Mr. Arif said, "I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today. I have had the opportunity to speak to some of you individually in pairs in the months past to inform you about what SCKEDD does the mission of SCKEDD is to be an active participant in the economic development in 14 counties. That's the core of what we do. And how we do it is through a variety of loan programs which I will get into in a minute, and which has to do with small business lending, grant writing and administration, and a good part of our business has to do with weatherization of homes for low-income residents of Sedgwick County."*

*"Our operating budget, which I believe I had shared with you in the past, is just shy of a million dollars, and as you can see, there are operating costs about 25 percent of that. And the rest of it is a direct investment into the programs we operate. Currently we have a portfolio of about 89 loans which total approximately \$3 million, and about 4.6 million invested in small business through the SBA (Small Business Administration) 504, and approximately 24 active economic and community development projects."*

*"I might add Sedgwick County's portion of the county's investment in the operating budget is about \$84,000, or 36 percent of our operating costs. That breaks down to approximately 16 cents per resident per year. Our loan programs, as you can see, there is a variety of them. I am not going to go into great detail unless you can ask me. Suffice it to say, we have just about every loan program to fit the needs of the individual borrower. Often times, we fund opportunities that bigger banks usually don't want to, or are unable to for whatever reason. Our microloan program, for instance, starts at \$500. And average microloan program is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$14,000. And these are typically incredibly high-risk loans without any substantial collateral, or credit history, but I'm happy to report to you that our default rate is a shockingly low 5 percent. And that is no big credit to our loan staff, Christie, who is present here, she is a big part of being proactive and making sure that the borrowers are up to speed and pay in a timely fashion."*

*"I want to share with you some of our notable successes we've had in the past. For example, DJ Engineering was our loan customer some 25 years ago he had borrowed about \$20,000 in 1992 or 1993, and now that company is worth annual sales over \$100 million and a substantial number of those employees, including the management and the owners, live in Sedgwick County and pay taxes, and obviously are a big part of the economic stimulus that this company provides. I might add Wichita Business Journal recently ran a story about them that they had the contract from Boeing to build parts for NASA (National Air and Space Administration), so this company is obviously going all kinds of places. We hope to have more of those."*

*"The next one I would like to share with you is Global Aviation Technologies. Candace Cotner and Woody are sitting right here."*

*"They started with us some time back, and they are up to 18 employees, and I am sure they have every intention of becoming as big as DJ [Engineering], if not bigger. And we would like to be a big part of that success. Before you think that all we do is aviation, we actually do a lot of small business loans. Some examples that I can share with you, Ruben's Mexican Grill in the Delano District, Pribbenow Variety Store, Mr. Ranzau, Tracy tells me you frequent that place quite often. She specifically asks to mention the store to you so you could be kind enough to support it. So little plug for her. And Cooper's Honey, which is a very small business in rural Sedgwick County.*

*"Again, I have to emphasize to you the overall default rate is very low, five percent. Some of the things that are already touched upon, grant writing, grant research and administration are some of the things we do. Help local municipalities, prevent blight and slums. Help projects that have some need created by disaster when local funds are not available. We act as liaison with private, state and federal agencies to coordinate our resources, so this is not, at all, a duplication what other agencies do. We strive not to duplicate anything anybody else does. We some sort of a unique niche within these organizations.*

*"Some of the examples I can share with you, just very recently last Friday, we submitted a grant ET (Emerging Tech) Accelerator that's going to be located at Union Station, that's almost a million dollars, with a million dollars of private funds matching that. Senator Moran's office was hard core pushing this, and very active in helping those submitted in a very timely manner. The other one I believe I have shared with you, Commissioner Ranzau, is the City of Cheney, agreed the construction of some 1,500 feet of linear feet of sewer, and these are some of the examples, and if you have some questions, I will be happy to share those with you. But before I leave you I have to mention the weatherization.*

*"Weatherization is a huge part of our business. The last two years we have weatherized and improved 622 housing units in Sedgwick County, 62 for entire production goes to Sedgwick County, so as you can tell, you get an enormous bang for the buck that you guys spend on us. Average investment in each house, over \$5,000. You can see this pays way more than what you already invest in us. The weatherization budget is just shy of \$2 million. Again, as you can see, those numbers, we are on a very lean, mean, tight organization, 66 percent of the money directly goes to the homeowners. And 33 percent is just operating costs.*

*"Again, \$5,000 average investment. The money that we receive is a pass-through money that we received through KHRC (Kansas Housing Resources Corporation) at the state level, and they, of course, are funded by a variety of sources, Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Energy, and some large utilities who wish to remain anonymous. In short, Sedgwick County's investment pays for some of our staff salaries, matches some of the economic grants, community improvement grants, gives us a loss ratio for small business and helps grow some of our programs. So I would be happy to take any questions. I have several of our supporters and our staff present to answer any specific questions you may have. Thank you."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners, any questions. Seeing none, what is the will of the Board?"*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file the report.*

*Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.*

*Mr. Arif said, "I believe I have supporters who wish to speak. May I allow some speakers to speak?"*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "We are going to limit the speakers to five minutes."*

*Mr. Arif said, "Okay, Thanks."*

*Ms. Candace Cotner, Director of Operations, Global Aviation Technologies, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I will not take five minutes. Our address, for the record, is 1704 South Baehr, and 1410 South Airport Road. Good morning, Commission, and thank you for this opportunity to share just a little bit of background on why this is so important, and recently we were blessed to be able to pay off another SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District) backed loan. I would just like to share an excerpt from a letter of appreciation that I wrote. 'In 2002, we began as LJSC Limited and were awarded \$30,000 microloan. This loan would be the first catalyst to help us get our business started. After the business faced unique challenges with the partner on a major program in 2005, we were forced to close LJSC Limited and reopened, bigger and better, as Global Aviation Technologies.*

*"That happened in June of 2006. Shortly thereafter we sought out the assistance of our partners again, at SCKEDD, to assist with some additional funds needed for a new product development we were undertaking at that time. Without hesitation, Bill Boland and Christi Henry were eager to assist. We obtained another \$31,500 loan in February of 2012. And again, in 2014, received an invitation from Mrs. Henry to apply for the new Kansas [Capital] Multiplier Loan [Fund] program. We received \$60,000 to assist us through another challenging time in our business.*

*"Had it not been for this program being brought to my attention by Mrs. Henry, I would not have known of the program when we needed it most. Today these loans have all been paid in full as agreed; and early, in the last case. We cannot thank you all enough for believing in us, when others did not. Your service and support are invaluable to small businesses such as ours, and for our local community. So thank you so much."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much."*

*Ms. Cotner said, "And thank you, SCKEDD."*

*Mr. Arif said, "One more speaker."*

*Ms. Karyn Page, President and CEO, Kansas Global Trade Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just like to say a few words on behalf of SCKEDD and just for your information. I have worked with this organization, you know I have worked here for a number of years, a couple decades at least, and always played a role in working with SCKEDD. The role in the community to help small businesses is really invaluable. They offer financial tools that are otherwise not available to small businesses for startup and growth.*

*"These loans are made available through a partnership between local, thank you, Commissioners, and federal partners. These are an important tool for small businesses who really otherwise don't have the opportunity to access these necessary financial tools.*

*"SCKEDD is also a partner in the implementation of the [Wichita-]South Central Kansas Export Plan, playing an important role in outreach to small companies and economic development organizations throughout the community. Small businesses are the backbone of our national and local economy and their ability to steadily grow and add jobs is an integral part of our economy and our culture. Your continued support of these tools for a small company is important for our job growth and economic health for our community. I would like to thank you for your support through these years and hope you will consider doing so in the future. Thank you, Commissioners."*

*Mr. Wayne Bell, District Director, U. S. Small Business Administration, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In regards to SCKEDD, they are one of our certified development companies, non-profit lender, with a specific focus of helping underserved communities. In terms of SBA (Small Business Administration) lending activity for the past five years, through SBA's 504 Loan Program, SCKEDD has delivered six 504 loans totaling approximately \$5 million, or \$4.5 million, accounting for 95 jobs that were either created or retained in that five-year period. Through the microloan program, SCKEDD has accounted for 102 microloans in the past five years, totaling \$529,962 which also accounted for 317 jobs.*

*"Speaking on behalf of the U.S. Small Business Association, it is through lending partners such as SCKEDD that we are able to do our most important work, and that is giving every aspiring business owner the opportunity and access to opportunities to create new jobs and ultimately create thriving businesses. So it is my hope that you will continue to partner and support SCKEDD as we will within the U.S. Small Business Administration. Thank you for your time today, and certainly thank you for your service."*

*Mr. David Alfaro, Director, Butler County Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Reason I am here, well I am acting as a [SCKEDD] board member, and two, wanting to ask for your support as well. I know that Butler County has utilized the services of SCKEDD for a number of years, and I would like to touch on the fact and then expand upon what DJ Engineering has done to date. Like he said, in 1992 or [199]3, Rezaul Chowdhury, the owner, needed actually \$50,000. He bought the business with nine employees. Short on payroll, went to SCKEDD with our assistance, SCKEDD was gracious enough to lend him the money. And today, as you have seen, they have grown immensely. They have 200 and approximately 80 employees in the City of Augusta. All due, and I will say this again, to the support that SCKEDD gave them years ago. As noted the majority of those employees live here in Sedgwick County.*

*"SCKEDD has also supported numerous loans to small businesses in all of Butler County; provided assistance through loan administration. Also assisted a company in El Dorado working through EDA (U.S. Economic Development Administration) in administering a \$1 million loan to the City of El Dorado's Industrial Park. With that company as well, a majority of those employees came from the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. As you can see, they work regionally, with the number of counties that sit on the board, for SCKEDD.*



*"I think it's very important that you see the impact these people make in providing services to the 14 county region area that they service. So once again, it is very important to me personally, important to all of Butler County as well. We think that you understand that it's important to Sedgwick County that you participate as well and provide the funding that has been requested. Thank you."*

*Mr. Sherdeill Breathett, Community Development, Economic Developer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "SCKEDD are game changers. They basically allow the community as well as each county to have representatives, and of course because Sedgwick County is the largest county in this area, we have four representatives that are on the board that help with the governing portion of that. I would just like to say that I have been on the board for 13, 14 years and I can say that we have made a tremendous difference as far as helping small businesses. The thing I like about it, we don't compete against the banks. We do gap financing, that makes a tremendous difference for those underserved residents of our community that have entrepreneurial ideas and suggestions and they would like to pursue. So we stand in the gap, and to assist them in that process."*

*"If they need operational capital, they allow them to do it that. It may not be a large portion. Banks don't want that on their portfolio, but SCKEDD is available to do just that, and I can say from my position serving on that board, and seeing it from a tangible standpoint, they have truly served this community quite well. And not only this community, but this region. I think that we definitely have to look at it from the economic development standpoint on a regional level. So I would also just continue to put a stamp of approval on what they are doing and ask that you guys consider it as well."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you. We have a motion to receive and file all those comments collectively."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "We do."*

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

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wonder with the guests we have, how many are board members of SCKEDD. Can you raise your hands so we can count? Can we identify how many? Thank you. Just want to get an idea who is who. So thank you for that."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you for coming in today and speaking to us. Thank you. Next item, please."*

**Received and Filed**

E [15-0385](#)

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMCARE CHANGES.

Presented by: Cynthia Gardner-Meerian, Wichita.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Please give us your name and address for the record."*

*Ms. Cynthia Gardner, 1133 S. Pershing, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners, COMCARE changes a better future for the mental health clients, patients of Sedgwick County. Good morning, gentlemen. I was born with type II bipolar [Bipolar II]. In 2000, when I was 30 years old, I wrote to my great aunt, my oldest living relative with a mental illness. Three weeks later I received a letter on purple lavender stationery, dated January 19, 2000. I have it right here in my hand. I picked up the phone, excited, and called my mother, my aunt Juanita wrote me back! Three days later I received a call from my mother. Your aunt Juanita got a hold of your uncle's gun and shot herself. She would become the second relative to take her life with a firearm in my family. My great-grandfather shot himself, too. Both were in and out of psychiatric hospitals throughout their lives.*

*"I keep this letter on top of my night stand, where I can look at it every night when I put my glasses away as a reminder of the importance of wanting to live. I have been compliant for over 19 years, which means keeping my medication check appointments and taking my medications as prescribed. This is nearly unheard of in the psychiatric world and, according to them, I am a fascinating case. I share this because I believe in leading by example. We can work on these recommendations in the court of public opinion, we can work on these recommendations in this venue, or we can roll our sleeves up and work together to provide the Sedgwick County residents with severe and persistent mental illness the best care possible. At the May 20th, 2015 meeting, one of the leaders of the EMS, Emergency Medical Service, spoke about how they have the best equipment and professionally trained medical staff to provide the best medical care to the Sedgwick County residents. Yet the Sedgwick County residents with mental illness are not even worth having AEDs, Automatic External Defibrillators, on patient transportation vehicles. Hopefully the majority of you will advocate for the mental health clients, patients of Sedgwick County and do the right thing at the right time for the right reasons.*

*"When will the AEDs be on the Apple Bus Company transportation vehicles? May 24th, 2012, Apple Bus Company received a 17 percent increase in compensation, yet they are not providing new services. Then you wonder why the county has budget problems. Do the first aid kits have one-way valve pocket masks that are required when performing rescue breathing? If a 16-year-old lifeguard can use to an AED, then Apple Bus employees could learn to use one, too.*

*"When will the clause be removed from the contract that gives Apple Bus Company employees any kind of power to override a qualified mental health professional's decision on whether a patient is transported in restraints? When will the COMCARE website be changed to reflect the words client and/or patient, rather than consumer?*

*"What is being done about Marilyn Cook's employment with the county? Leopards do not change their spots. If Marilyn cared and advocated for her clients/patients, then she would not have allowed..."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Excuse me, ma'am. Mr. Chairman, I think we should remind the speaker that we do not allow personal attacks in our comments from the podium."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "I will allow her to precede, thank you."*

*Ms. Gardner said, "Okay. My husband had to lay across the seat of the Apple Bus van with his hands cuffed behind his back as he tried to get comfortable. This has been going on for years. The only difference was that this time COMCARE and Apple Bus Company got caught. This was going on even before 2006. Gentlemen, you have my home address, my post office box address, my email, and my cell phone number. Please give us some good news."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Ms. Gardner, appreciate you coming here today. I want to say a couple things. I know you have brought Ms. Cook up on several occasions. I would encourage you to make an appointment to speak with her directly and talk about some of these issues if you are so inclined. The county is not going to terminate the employment of Marilyn Cook from COMCARE. So I just want you to know where we stand right now, but I appreciate all the recommendations, and information you put in this, and I am willing to recognize your right to come and address us, and I will continue to do so, but you need to know where we stand."*

*Ms. Gardner said, "Okay. Are any of the recommendations being considered?"*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "We have evaluated all of your recommendations and will continue to do so."*

*Ms. Gardner said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you. What's the will of the Board?"*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell 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>Absent</i>
<i>Chairman Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."*

**Received and Filed**

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- F      [15-0410](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVE JONES (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Pepoon said, "You have before you a resolution reappointing Dave Jones to the Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board. This is Chairman Ranzau's appointment. The resolution is in proper form. We ask that you adopt the resolution."*

MOTION

*Chairman Ranzau moved to adopt the resolution.*

*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	Absent
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

*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 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, so help me God."*

*Mr. Dave Jones, Appointee, Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do. Good morning. I just want to say, we sure appreciate all the support that the Commission gives to the CDDO (County Developmental Disability Organization). I am amazed at the job that Dee and Jeannette do, up with the new regulation[s] and MCOs [Managed Care Organizations] and all of the stuff they are having to deal with. They do an amazing job. I appreciate your confidence in me to continue on the advisory board. Thanks."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you for your willingness to serve. Next item, please."*

**Adopted**

- G      [15-0435](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DARRYL ROBERTS (COMMISSIONER

DAVE UNRUH'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Pepoon said, "This is a reappointment of Darryl Roberts to the Mental Health Advisory Board. This is Commissioner Unruh's appointment. The resolution is in proper form. We ask that you adopt the resolution."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we adopt the resolution. The fact that my appointee, Mr. Roberts, is a strong KU [University of Kansas] fan notwithstanding, but as a purple guy, Darryl, I appreciate it."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.*

*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	Absent
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Good morning."*

*Mr. Darryl Roberts, Appointee, Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good morning."*

*Mr. Arnold said, "I do solemnly swear 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 Mental Health Advisory Board, so help me God."*

*Mr. Roberts said, "I do. I would just like to thank the Board for letting me serve. This is a reappointment for me. I finished out a year last year of a previous term of somebody who had left, and I was glad to be able to serve this time with Dave Unruh asking me to serve again. I come with a little different perspective of the whole thing. I was on the governing board for Sedgwick County mental health, over 25 years ago. Now I'm on the advisory board, serving on the advisory board this past year. I was completely shocked what I found on that advisory board, and with Sedgwick County Mental Health. And it wasn't bad shock, it was good shock. Back 25 years ago, the governing board was at each other's throats and at the director's throats the whole time."*

*"I don't know if any of you had any input, or any memory, probably most of you, I am older than most of you. That goes back quite a way. The new board, or the new advisory board is a very cohesive group of people, and the thing I found back 25 years ago, I visited the site. I wouldn't have invited any of my friends to go to any county*

*mental health sites at that time. The one thing, the vast improvement that helped is that there's no smoking at any sites now. At that time, there were cigarette burns in the carpet, cigarette burns in the upholstery. It was utter chaos in these centers. Last year when I was visiting, is what really shocked me, I came into an atmosphere of professional care. The offices are clean. They look like a doctor's office. In fact, we've had a couple of people that I have met, during this last year, that I said that they had problems with kids, but they couldn't take them to psychiatrists or, actually they weren't kids, they were kids, but they were older adults. And I said, call Sedgwick County mental health, call COMCARE. Because I think now you will get professional treatment there. So that's what surprised me, from that aspect to this aspect, to currently. What I am hoping is to see a continuation of that care going on, because I think the citizens of Wichita and of Sedgwick County, along with actually the COMCARE works with throughout the state, is getting very good care, and I think it is a good way to pay the taxpayers' money. So I do appreciate that.*

*"Now, to get to the more important question of KU. I will, when I grew up I lived next to Wichita State [University] (WSU). My parents told me when you go to college, you grow up. So they said anywhere but Wichita. So that's why I ended up at KU. My kids are the same way. I have one daughter at KU, God help us, one daughter at K-State [Kansas State University], and the third daughter decided she didn't want any part of it. She went to Drake [University] in Des Moines. So as a result, we are a very scattered family. But I do appreciate your supporting me on this new appointment. Thank you."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much. Next item, please."*

**Adopted**

H [15-0431](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RICK REKOSKE (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SCKEDD).

Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.

*Mr. Pepoon said, "Thank you, Commissioners. We have received the resignation by Mr. Rekoske from the board of South Central Kansas Economic Development District. I believe from the backup, he moved out of the community. We ask you to accept the resignation."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "What is the will of the Board? Commissioner Unruh."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the resignation.*

*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>

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Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Absent
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

**Approved**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

I      [15-0347](#)      CONTRACT FOR A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOTE  
COLLECTION EVENT ON JUNE 20, 2015 FOR CITY OF HAYSVILLE,  
KANSAS.

Presented by: Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the contract.

*Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick County has a Household Hazardous Waste facility located 801 Stilwell. This is the place where residents can take unwanted items such as paints, oils, cleaners, old gasoline, fluorescent light bulbs, items like that for proper recycling and disposal. We encourage people to go there. The facility is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 to 5:00, and Saturday, 9:00 to 3:00. To help better serve our community, we offer five remote Household Hazardous Waste events every year. Our third event coming up this Saturday in the City of Haysville. It will be located at 200 West Grant, which is where the Haysville City Hall is. So we encourage citizens in that area to go there. It is from 9:00 a.m. To 1:00 p.m. This Saturday, the 20th. So, again, if you are not sure what materials to take to an event like that, go to [www.]sedgwickcounty.org, our website, and see a list of what you can and cannot take, or call [316]660-7458 for more information. The City of Haysville has approved this contract. I would recommend your approval and ask the Chairman to sign. Be happy to answer any questions."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Susan, I see the next item is the same thing for the City of Derby. Would you like to speak on that as well?"*

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "Sure. On June 27th, we will be having a Household Hazardous Waste event in the City of Derby. At the Derby High School, located 920 North Rock Road in Derby. It is from 9:00 to 1:00 on the 27th. And we really encourage residents to go there, who live in that area, or around that area, take the material and Derby has approved that contract, and I would recommend you to sign."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "We have one June 20th in Haysville and the 27th in Derby."*

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "Right."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Two shots at it, down south."*

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "Two shots, and if you can't make those, we encourage people to go to the facility. And actually use the swap shop there. You don't have to take material to use the swap shop. It is material that other people have brought in, it's still good condition. Labels are readable; they can come there, and get that material for free. All of these services are free to the community."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am excited to see the second one of these being in the middle of District 5. Appreciate the program. I think it will be really good for a lot of people residing in the southeast part of the county."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell moved to approve the contracts for Item I and Item J.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Motion and second. Do these both at the same time, can we do that, Mr. Counselor?"*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "Yes."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. We have a motion and second. Call the vote, please."*

**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>

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "Thank you."*

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

**Approved**

**J**      [15-0348](#)

CONTRACT FOR A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOTE COLLECTION EVENT ON JUNE 27, 2015 FOR CITY OF DERBY, KANSAS.

Presented by: Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the contract.

*Action for Item J was taken with Item I.*

**K**      [15-0290](#)

AMENDMENT TO EXTEND EXISTING GRANT FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,020,000 TO PROVIDE OUTREACH, PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SERVICES THROUGH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S HEALTHY BABIES PROGRAM AND THE HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICAN PROGRAM AT THE KANSAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE LEAGUE (KCSL).

Presented by: Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Director, Health Department.



RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the award; authorize the Chairman to sign the grant award amendment; authorize the Purchasing Director to provide written notice to the Kansas Children's Service League of the County's intent to exercise the second of the three one-year options to renew the parties' agreement; and establish budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request.

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh"*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would, with the Board's agreement; I would like to move that we defer this item to our next meeting. I apologize, but I would like to seek more information before we discuss this. So I would move that we defer until our next regularly scheduled meeting."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Which is July 1st. Any problem with that, Mr. Manager."*

*Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, said, "No. I believe we discussed that yesterday, that would work."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. Do we have a second?"*

*Commissioner Unruh moved to defer Item K until the July 1, 2015 meeting.*

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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, "We will take that up July 1st. Thank you. Next item, please."*

L      [15-0406](#)

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$306,097.00 FOR THE 2015 EDWARD J. BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT: 2015 PUBLIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

Presented by: Mitch Kolf, Management Intern, County Manager's Office.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Open the public hearing, accept public comments and close the public hearing. Approve the grant application and related Agreement with the City of Wichita and authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit the application through the Justice Department Grants Management System (GMS) and accept a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application. Approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant documents are executed.

*Mr. Mitch Kolf, Intern, Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here to present to you the 2015 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, also known as the JAG Grant. Currently the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County are classified as disparate jurisdictions. This means they receive funding in one lump sum. The sum can then be divided up through a memorandum of understanding between the city and county. The total amount of funding available for both jurisdictions for 2015 is \$306,097. Sedgwick County and City of Wichita have decided to split the amount 50/50. Sedgwick County's share for the year is \$153,048.50. Today in addition to accepting staff's recommendation to accept the grant, we also ask that you conduct a public hearing to accept public comments as required by the grant.*

*"The JAG Grant allows funding for a variety of components. These components include law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections, drug treatment, planning evaluations, technology improvements and victim and witness programs. We received funding requests from five different departments. These departments are as follows; six items from the Regional Forensic Science Center, two from District Attorney, one from Corrections, one from Courthouse Police, and six from the Sheriff. Total requests were \$153,070.68.*

*"After submission, these requests went to an internal advisory board. This advisory board was made up of elected officials and county staff. This board met on May 28th, and it consisted of Chairman Ranzau said, Sheriff Jeff Easter, Richard Powell, Marv [Marvin] Duncan, Darryl Haynes, Melinda Wilson, Mark Masterson, Dr. Shelley Steadman, David Miller, Marty Hughes and myself. Normally these members review requests, prioritize and determine which projects are most deserving of funding. This year the requests were only \$22.18 over our allocated amount of \$153,488. And as you can see, the only difference from the department request in the recommendation by the advisory board is that Courthouse Police have their requests reduced by \$22.18 to match our allocation.*

*"Now a little bit of information about what this money is going to buy. The Regional Forensic Science Center submitted six items. They are as follows; a data analysis computer upgrade for toxicology mass spectrometer for \$32,000, two replacement printers for \$1,200, automatic micro vial crimper for \$1,050, drug desiccator for \$850, a leak detector for gas chromatograph for \$1,500, and a copy machine for the drug I.D. (Identification) Lab, \$6,000. This adds to a total \$43,050.*

*"The purpose of these requests is to require equipment to support forensic analysis of evidence from criminal activity for all municipalities. These items will increase capabilities and timeliness of forensic service.*

*"The district attorney submitted two items; education materials for children and adults for \$2,539, and request to purchase \$1,264.90 of electronic equipment for a total of \$3,803.90. The purpose of these items is the District Attorney's office distributes crime prevention and educational brochures to children and adults, multiple community agencies and events, and there are two separate equipment projects, first the blu-ray disk duplicator, in order to provide copies of evidence during discovery, and two microphones used for depositions, interviews and training.*

*"Corrections submitted requests for drug testing and electronic monitoring for Adult Intensive Supervision Programs for \$40,000. The purpose was without additional resources, it would be difficult to continue to provide these services at current levels because drug testing and electronic monitoring are needed.*

*"The Sheriff submitted six items; and they are an EdgeFX diagramming software, for \$14,754, range classroom update, for \$4,798, generator installation at Property and Evidence, for \$16,650, Digital Mobile Video surveillance, for \$15,475, Avant Gas masks, for \$3,704, and a cyanoacrylate fuming chamber for \$4,434, for a total \$59,816.78. The purpose of these items, the EdgeFX diagramming software is used to determine bullet trajectories and diagram car crashes. The range classroom is currently using outdated and borrowed equipment. The generator, property and evidence is needed to protect sensitive refrigerated items. The digital mobile video surveillance will increase transparency and safety of deputies and inmates. The Avant gas masks will protect deputies from airborne threats and the cyanoacrylate fuming chamber will help collect fingerprints on large bulky items.*

*"Finally, the Courthouse Police submitted one item; an access control for the main lobby, and employee entrances to the courthouse \$6,300.72. This will enhance safety of the Sedgwick County courthouse, by allowing employees to scan identification cards as they enter the courthouse, to verify that they have valid access.*

*"It is staff's recommendation that you open the public hearing, and allow comments, then accept the advisory board's recommendation for disbursement of funds, as well as approve the agreement with the City of Wichita. If you have any questions about the projects, I believe there are representatives from the departments here."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mitch. Commissioners, any questions before we open the public hearing? Seeing none, I will open the public hearing. Ask if there's anyone from the public who would like to speak on this item. Anyone who would like to speak? Seeing none, we will close the public hearing. Take comments or motions from the bench. What is the will of the Board?"*

#### MOTION

*Commissioner Unruh moved to open the public hearing, accept public comments and close the public hearing. Approve the grant application and related Agreement with the City of Wichita and authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit the application through the Justice Department Grants Management System (GMS) and accept a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application. Approve established budget authority at the time the grant documents are executed.*

*Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Seeing no comments, 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>Absent</i>
<i>Chairman Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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

PRESENTATION.

Presented by: Michael S. Borchard, County Appraiser, CAE/RMA.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

*Mr. Mike Borchard, County Appraiser, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioner Peterjohn had requested that after we certified the values to the [County] Clerk that we give an update on where the appraised values ended up, and how the appeals process went. Just want to review our key dates in the property tax calendar. Again, we presented March 1st, a report on real property value notices. Since that time we have received renditions on all personal property, completed all real property formal hearings, we have noticed personal property owners of their values, completed informal hearings for personal property, and Monday we certified the appraised values to the County Clerk.*

*"Just a quick review of the equalization process. We want to focus on the three or four primary value types that make up 98 percent of the assessed value in Sedgwick County, which is residential real property, commercial real property, commercial industrial machinery and equipment, public utility, and then we are required to appraise the rest of those property types, but they only make up about two percent of the property in the county.*

*"The appraisal problem, this is just a diagram to kind of show the history of residential development in the county. It is a box plot, is what it is. See those blue bars represent the inner quartile range of the values within the year built. You can see as the county has developed, the average for median values has increased.*

*"We've got that same chart for commercial property. I have also posted the median appraised value and the averaged appraised value for commercial property on there. You can see that nobody really owns the median or average appraised value on commercial property. Its development is a little bit, about ten years behind the residential development in Sedgwick County.*

*"So, again, that's a big part of our appraisal problem. We also measured inequities and equalization process. We look at what we call vertical inequities, comparing the appraisal to sales price ratio and along the x axis, we look at price range. We applied, or looked at the progression line on that data. If that line is flat, then we really don't have any price-related bias. It is going downhill like it's indicating there might be some bias that needs correction. We also look at horizontal inequities. As an example here, I just used four neighborhoods and the median appraisal to sale price ratio for those neighborhoods, you can see that neighborhood one, median was right about 105 percent. Two was just above 95 [percent], three closer to 90 [percent], and four was at 95 [percent]. So you can use this process, looking at all types of subcategories of property and our goal is to adjust the ones too high downward and the ones too low, upward.*

*"Based on the equalization processes, as we mentioned in the earlier report, residential property saw about 85 percent of the properties either saw a decrease or no change in value. And about 75 percent of commercial properties received a decrease or no change in value. So the impact of the equalization on assessed value, you see in 2015 that the majority of the assessed value growth was from new construction. There was a slight increase in existing property value. Less than compared to [20]14, but it is*

*positive, and 2009 to 2013, there was actual value loss on existing property.*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Mike. The fact that it went down, and there was a small increase, is that concerning? Does that indicate that we are heading in the wrong direction next year, or what is your thoughts on that?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "It's a little too early to tell. Our ratios through June, were right about 95 percent on both commercial and residential properties. So it is still through the first half of the year, it appears to be flat."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay."*

*Mr. Borchard said, "These are the values that we certified to the Clerk, Monday. Primary categories of property, real property assessed right at \$3.9 billion. That was an increase of 1.61 percent. You saw from the prior slide, most of that was due to new construction. Personal property, 2015, was right around \$250 million, down 7.2 percent. And state-assessed was right around \$213 million, up over 12 percent. So, the net gain in assessed value, 1.56 percent.*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Do we know how that 1.56 percent compares to what we had predicted when budgeting, Mr. Manager?"*

*Mr. Holt said, "I was just sitting here trying to, I will have to check. I think it is 1.9."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "You can email us. Thank you."*

*Mr. Borchard said, "Commissioner Peterjohn also asked that we give a report on the appeals process. This line chart shows just the volume of appeals since 2004. These are the hearings that occur in our office after value notices go out. 2015 was the lowest number recorded since reappraisal, and was about one percent of the total properties in Sedgwick County that appealed. This graph will show all classes of property, the informal hearings, and compares with the value of those properties and the number of hearings over the last four years. This chart compares the appraised values and volumes of residential properties. This is the total appraised values of those properties, not the difference between our appraised value and the opinion of the property owner. This is for commercial property values and volume of appeals, 2015 is right at \$1 billion total appraised value. This chart is comparing value and volume of hearings for farm properties, and the final one on the informal hearings is for agricultural properties.*

*"Now, if property owners are not satisfied with the results of these informal hearings, if the appraised value is equal to or less than \$3 million, they can take it to the board of tax appeals small claims division. These hearing officers are appointed by the Board of Tax Appeals (BOTA), and most of the time they are held locally, here in Sedgwick County. This is the fee schedule for those appeals. Single family, residential, farmstead or manufactured homes, are all exempt from any fee. And ag[riculture] land cannot be appealed to small claims.*

*"This chart will compare the last three years of value and volume at the small claims. This is for all property types. We break it down by residential and commercial. If folks are not satisfied with the results at small claims or they decide to skip the small claims division, then they can go straight to the regular Board of Tax Appeals. Again, this is the fee schedule for those appeals. Single family, farm homesteads, are exempt*

*from any fee and the rest of the fees depend on the appraised value of the property. This is the total Board of Tax Appeals value and volume for the last three years. Break it down by residential, commercial, value and volume. Farm homesteads, value and volume. And agricultural land.*

*"So just to conclude we certified those appraised values to the Clerk on the 15th, so we turned the roll over to them, so now they go about their business of certifying abstracts to PVD (Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Property Valuation), the governing bodies will certify that it to them and County Clerk will certify the tax roll to the Treasurer, in November. That concludes the presentation. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Any questions, Commissioners? Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Go back to the slide that has residential, commercial, and increases and everything."*

*Mr. Borchard said, "Is this the slide?"*

*Commissioner Norton said, " Yes. Ag[riculture land] increase, 62 percent. Is that all ag[riculture] land in Sedgwick County?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "That's the number of properties that had an increase in appraised value. In the 2015 appraised value."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Who sets that value?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "That value is calculated from Property Valuation Division, Department of Revenue."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Your office does not set that number."*

*Mr. Borchard said, "We don't set the value number. We use data collected from the soils and water usage."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "If 62 percent of them raised, do you have a percent how much they were raised?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "If I recall, I think it was somewhere between 6 [percent] and 10 percent. I think."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The slides aren't really numbered, but I think it is slides 21 and 22, about the appeals summary for spring equalization appeals from farm appraised value and volume. These slides stand out in my mind; there is such a sharp increase in 2014 and a sharp decline in 2015. On both of these slides. One deals with the spring equalization appeals, and spring appeals agricultural appraised value. I don't know if you see those two slides or not. I hate to rush where you are. That's one of them. There's the other one."*

*Mr. Borchard said, "These are the spring appeals."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Go back one more slide, please. There you go. So those two slides have a tremendous amount of property being appealed, and the appeals are way up in 2014, and then drop back down, 2015. Is there anything legislatively, or anything we have done as a county that would drive that type of interest or that type of volatility in these two trend lines?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "2014 was the first year we actually saw a significant increase in ag[riculture] land value. So both the farm, if the property is a farm property, that means it's going to have ag[riculture] land associated with it. And then just the pure ag[riculture] values also saw that increase in 2014. This also was the year that based on horizontal equity analysis we identified some properties that were significantly undervalued in the rural areas, and those properties were the ones that had the farm utility buildings."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Seems like the out buildings we have been hearing about, a lot of the complaints we have received, some of the people who talked about this said their value depends on the situations I am sure, but some of the values went up 3[00 percent], 4[00 percent], 500 percent because of the age of the building, that type of thing. So is that what drove a lot of this?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Is that policy the same as it was, or has that changed in any way?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "It has not changed."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Would you indicate was a statewide movement, or statewide policy, or something Sedgwick County is doing independently?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "This is something we identified locally in Sedgwick County as an equity, and we corrected that in 2014, and remain using the same depreciation tables as we did in 2014."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Do you have data to show us what the depreciation, what the years of depreciation table would look like for our counties in the State of Kansas?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "We can collect that."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thinking back to Commissioner Peterjohn's question, with respect to the number of appeals, do we have any data letting us know exactly how many of these appeals resulted in some type of a correction, any type of report on that?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "For the spring appeals, residential properties roughly 55 percent, received a reduction in value. Commercial properties, 35 percent received a reduction."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That's just Sedgwick County. Is it Sedgwick County level, or BOTA?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "This is Sedgwick County informal hearing."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Do we track that as it goes up to BOTA?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Are there additional numbers for that level of appeal?"*

*Mr. Borchard said, "Yes. For small claims, these are just three-year averages. Small claims, residential property, roughly 60 percent saw reduction. Commercial properties, 50 percent [saw a reduction]."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Would you mind putting that data in some type of email and sending that out to us? I would appreciate getting that data, so I could look at this a little more closely. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, that's all of my questions."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, what is the will of the Board?"*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.*

*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, "Thank you, Mike. Next item, please."*

#### **CONSENT**

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| <b>N</b> | <a href="#"><u>15-0427</u></a> | One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Aviation Pathway - 47th & Oliver to Commerce Drive. CIP# R-330. District 5. |
| <b>O</b> | <a href="#"><u>15-0434</u></a> | Amendment to the 2015 Capital Improvement Program to Replace the Salt Storage Building at the North Yard. District 1.                   |
| <b>P</b> | <a href="#"><u>15-0404</u></a> | Amendment to the agreement with South Central Mental Health Counseling Center, Inc.   |
| <b>Q</b> | <a href="#"><u>15-0417</u></a> | Amendment of the Benefits Plan Retail Fees to the Participation Agreement between Careington and the Sedgwick County Health             |



Department.

R      [15-0429](#)      State Fiscal Year 2016 Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) renewal agreements for the Juvenile Residential Facility (JRF) and the Sedgwick County Youth Program (SCYP).

S      [15-0430](#)      Local Emergency Operations Plan.

T      [15-0423](#)      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:

HIEGER EAST ADDITION

U      15-0407      Order dated 5/29/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

V      15-0424      Order dated 6/4/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

W      [15-0418](#)      General Bill Check Register for June 10, 2015 - June 16, 2015.

*Mr. Holt said, "You have the consent agenda, items N through W. Recommend approval."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "What is 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*

<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>

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Next, legislative issues. The legislature is done and we are currently evaluating the part that puts a lid on spending. Exactly what it all means when it takes effect, what all the staff is looking at it and will get back with this at a later date. Is that correct, Mr. Manager?"*

*Mr. Holt said, "That's correct."*

*Chairman Ranzau said "Okay. So we will move to the other portion of the meeting. Is there anything for other? Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to announce that I was notified that Bel Aire was recognized as 2015 Playful City U.S.A. Community. I think that some agency recognizes about 241 communities each year, approximately five per state."*

*"Bel Aire was identified as one of those that has such things as hopscotch sidewalks, and structured recreation programs, and city wide play dates, those kind of things. So I know Bel Aire works hard on that, making themselves a very family oriented, and welcoming community, so congratulations to Bel Aire. That's all I have."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Anything else? Seeing none, we will move to Executive Session. I do believe we have need for Executive Session."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell moved that the Board of County Commissioners recesses into Executive Session for 30 minutes, to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, legal device and contract negotiations, that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 10:46 a.m.*

*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, "With that, we stand in recess for Executive Session."*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:16 a.m. and returned at 10:46 a.m.*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "We're now back from Executive Session. I call the meeting back to order. No binding action was taken while in Executive Session. Mr. Pepoon, you have an item for us?"*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman. We would like your agreement to pay for a settlement for a workers' comp settlement to an employee by the name of Lucas*

*Powell, who was injured March 11th, 2013, by a gunshot pellet in the eye. The amount that we have tentatively agreed to is \$82,051.51, still subject to approval by a Workers' Comp Judge and still leaves medical open, but today I would like to ask for your approval of that settlement."*

**MOTION**

*Chairman Ranzau moved to approve the workers' comp settlement payment to Lucas Powell, in the amount of \$82,051.51.*

*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, "The motion passes 4-0. Mr. Manager, anything else to come before the board?"*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "No, sir."*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.*

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*Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk*

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