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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 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 9:05 a.m. on September 2, 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. Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jason Scheck, Director of Outpatient Services, COMCARE; Mr. Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Marvin Duncan, Public Safety Division; Mr. Robert Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Michael North, Assistant County Attorney; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Erika Rice, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Jennifer Roskum, Speaker, National Recovery Month
Mr. Rosenhagen, Appointee, Morton Township Treasurer
Mr. Bob Dool, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission
Dr. Jodie Beeson, Appointee, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dr. Nicole Klaus, Chair of the Methodology Commission, Suicide Prevention Commission*

INVOCATION: Moment of Silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- A** [15-0596](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL RECOVERY 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, the focus of National Recovery Month this September is to 'Join the Voices for Recovery: Visible, Vocal, Valuable!' with a focus on bringing people

together to share real life experiences of the power of recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 there were a total of 3,471 admissions for addiction treatment in Sedgwick County (63 percent male and 37 percent female). At time of admission 31 percent reported their primary substance of abuse was alcohol, nine percent were unemployed, 10 percent were homeless, 30 percent reported having a mental health disorder, and 5 percent of females reported they were pregnant; and

WHEREAS, COMCARE of Sedgwick County promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use and we applaud the contributions and dedication of treatment and service providers across Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, Two-thirds of Americans believe that treatment and support can help people with mental illnesses lead normal lives. Recovery Month's message is that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover.

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

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

Mental and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, but with the commitment and support of our community, people with these disorders can achieve healthy lifestyles and lead rewarding lives in recovery.

"What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "With us we have Jason from COMCARE to receive the Proclamation."

Mr. Jason Scheck, Director of Outpatient Services, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here for Marilyn Cook who wanted to be here, but is in Topeka attending meetings. Thank you very much for the Proclamation. Addiction changes the brain. It really focuses the brain on that substance of choice at great cost to the individual. Oftentimes it costs the individual their relationships, their health, jobs, their education. One national estimate of the cost of addiction to the economy was over \$360 billion annually.

"Addiction-related brain changes can be reversed with treatment with counseling, medication, and support. For every dollar spent in addition treatment the community saves \$4 in healthcare costs and \$7 in public safety costs. This year COMCARE expanded access to addiction treatment in our community through a partnership with the Substance Abuse Center of Kansas or SAC. Since opening a sobering unit in February and a detox unit in May we served 298 individuals often referred by law enforcement, the hospitals, or maybe themselves reaching out for help. And those admissions and those services have been critical in helping us reduce our admissions to the state hospital. Comparing this year to last year we have reduced our state hospital admissions for Sedgwick County by half and these services have been really key to that success. It also represents a win for those individuals, because they have been able to get local treatment at the right time and it represents a win for our community.

"We have been able to again get the right kind of treatment at the right time and save some of those public safety and emergency costs that I mentioned. Individuals struggling with addiction can and do recover and make valuable contributions to our community. We have one of those individuals here with us this morning. She's nearing completion of the Sedgwick County Drug Court Program. As you know the Sedgwick County Drug Court Program is a program that you fund. It's operated by Corrections, and the treatment services are provided by COMCARE. Before I introduce Jennifer, I also wanted to recognize that Judge Flaigel is with us this morning. Judge Flaigel is the Drug Court Judge and we appreciate his support of that program. I would like to welcome Jennifer Roskum who is a Drug Court participant. She will talk about her lived experience with recovery. Welcome Jennifer."

Ms. Jennifer Roskum, Speaker, National Recovery Month, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I hope you folks can bear with me, because I am not the best speech giver. My name is Jennifer Roskum. I am a recovering addict. I have battled with addiction since I was 12 years old. I am currently 32. At one point in my life addiction pretty much cost me everything. It cost me my family, my husband, my kids, the trust of everybody around me. I had no aspirations. I did not care what happened to me. Today my life has changed. It is full of hope and accomplishment.

"This isn't the first time I have been through a treatment program for addiction. This is, however, the first time I have actually taken it 100 percent seriously. I know it was time to get my life together or completely lose everything I have ever cared about even possibly my life. When I was in treatment in the past, I only complied enough to get through the program. I knew that it wasn't going to be permanent. I didn't think I was going to be sober for the rest of my life. I figured as soon as I am done with this program I will go back to using. It doesn't matter. Nothing matters. I refused to make the lifestyle choices that are crucial in sobriety. I kept my old friends and was still constantly around drugs. At one point in my life I ended up pregnant and in jail. I had hit rock bottom.

"I have I was going to have my child in jail and I had nobody to help. My child would have been taken into custody and I would have lost rights to my child. Then one day I had a couple visitors, Chris and David Stark, they told me about the Drug Court Program. I didn't even know at that time that I would be available or an applicant for that program. I had lost all hope. I thought oh my gosh I am going to lose my kid, I am a horrible mother, I am going to be in jail. And they actually accepted me into the program. At first they didn't want to let me out of jail because they were worried about the baby and possibly me relapsing and harming my unborn child, but they ended up giving me a little bit of trust.

"They let me out, and I was under a zero tolerance policy. So, if I would have made

any mistakes during the pregnancy time they would have instantly thrown me back into jail. I actually got through everything and I am still to this day I have had no dirty urinalysis tests. I am almost done with the program. I knew it was time to grow up and make some serious life changes. I knew this was my last chance to get it together and attain the life I deserve. I have been in the program for a little over a year now. I haven't had any dirty UAs (urinalysis) and I completely changed my lifestyle. Everything is completely different for me now. I am completely back in my family's life. I am once again trusted. My peers respect me and I have full-time employment that I enjoy.

"My little girl is 11 months old. She is pretty awesome. She is a very healthy, happy little girl. She has grown up in the program. Gone to a lot of meetings with me which has been wonderful, because sometimes it is hard as a single mom raising a child as your own when you don't have daycare available all of the time. The program is actually pretty accepting of that. So she's met and grown up with a lot of the counselors and people in the program which is awesome, because they are like a second family to her.

"I have my self-confidence back, but most of all no desire to use drugs. Thanks to the Drug Court Program, my counselors, and my probation officer, I feel like I have learned many lifelong lessons. I can see myself having a bright positive future. I also see my true potential. I know I still have a long road ahead of me, but I also know that I have many tools to battle my addiction and win once and for all. I have taken my life back and it feels great. Thank you for giving me your full attention and time."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you. I just wanted to commend Jennifer. I know it is very brave to stand up before us and tell your story. I know people who have gone through a similar path that you have gone through. I want to say and get that message out there's hope and there's help. People need to know it's out there. And I think when people are at the bottom that's the best time for us to make sure they know there's a way out of that and I'm proud of Sedgwick County for taking a part of this and providing some of the services that you have been able to utilize, that your story is very encouraging to me. I appreciate you taking the time to come out and share that with us. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to thank Ms. Roskum for coming in to speak. Second, Commissioner Howell's remarks. Also, thank you, Judge Flaigel. I know you had a graduation last month unfortunately with my schedule I wasn't able to attend. I have attended some of those in the past and I know how big an impact it has had on a number of individual lives.

"It is a challenge. It is something folks who are struggling with addiction have to face every day and I want to thank everyone who is involved in this program, and appreciate those of you who came down as part of this morning. I am delighted to support the resolution today, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I am just pleased that the Commission could make the Proclamation and focus on the efforts that we have in this particular area to help folks. I think the message that we want to continue to put out is that treatment is effective, recovery is possible, and we have seen living

proof of that today. So, thank you for being here."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I was kind of late on the switch. Thank you for coming today and telling your story. I know that's not easy. We all have things in our lives we don't want to talk about. We don't want everybody to know about, and to do it in a public forum after what you have gone through is amazing to me. So, thank you very much."

"The second part of that is that it validates all the conversations that we had trying to make that decision to create the Drug Court. You know we looked at national models we tried to figure out if we had the money we wanted to know that there was really going to be results if we did it. Would the court support it? And obviously Judge Flaigel and others have been great to support it. But at the end of the day none of it matters unless individuals like you can change their lives, get back into healthy and happy, and raise your child. And that's really why we try to do those things. So thank you very much for being just one voice that validates some of the things we try to do with the taxpayer money in Sedgwick County. We really appreciate it. Thank you for being here today."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I will just echo everything my colleagues said. Thanks for being here Jennifer. You might have been nervous, but you did an excellent job. You should do that more often. Jason, thank you very much for everything you do and thank you, too, Judge. Madam Clerk, next item."

Adopted

APPOINTMENTS

- B** [15-0566](#) ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF GREG SEVIER (COMMISSIONER DAVE UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.

Mr. Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We can probably take B and C the same time if you would like. One is the acceptance of the resignation of Greg Sevier, Commissioner Unruh's appointment to the Sedgwick County Public Building Commission, and the next item would be a resolution appointing Lyndon Wells to the Sedgwick County Public Building Commission. Again, Commissioner Unruh's appointment. The resolution appointing Mr. Wells is in proper form and we would ask that you approve the resolution and accept Mr. Sevier's resignation."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I would like to first of all make the motion that we accept the resignation of Greg Sevier, and appoint Lyndon Wells to the unexpired term of Mr. Sevier to the Public Building Commission, and as a personal comment, I want to thank Greg Sevier for his service. He's done an outstanding job, and very committed to the responsibilities of this position. And he served the county in various positions as a volunteer. He's just a strong, concerned citizen. I appreciate his efforts. And on the other hand, I want to express appreciation for Mr. Wells' willingness to

serve in this position, and I think he is not here today to be sworn in, but I want to express gratitude for his willingness to serve."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the resignation of Greg Sevier from the Public Building Commission and approve the resolution appointing Lyndon Wells to the Public Building Commission.

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Approved

C [15-0565](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LYNDON WELLS (COMMISSIONER UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF GREG SEVIER TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Action for Item C taken with Item B.

D [15-0571](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD ROSENHAGEN (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENT) TREASURER TO THE MORTON TOWNSHIP TO COMPLETE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DEAN HILLMAN.

Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Pepoon said, "By statute, a vacancy in a township position is to be filled by Board of County Commissioners. You have a resolution before you today appointing Mr. Richard Rosenhagen as the Treasurer of Morton Township. Resolution is in proper form and I would ask that you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. I am going to make this motion and also thank the late Dean Hillman for his service on the township board and also thank Mr. Rosenhagen. I don't see him in the audience. Oh, yes. I'm sorry. We can have him sworn in."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution.

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Kelly Arnold is here to swear in Mr. Rosenhagen."

Mr. Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Raise your right hand. 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 Morton Township Treasurer, so help me God."

Mr. Rosenhagen, Appointee, Morton Township Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Rosenhagen said, "Am I supposed to say something?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "If you would like."

Mr. Rosehagen said, "I could spend a whole day if you want me to. I can make it real short and sweet."

Chairman Ranzau said, "You'll fit in then."

Mr. Rosenhagen said, "Dean Hillman was a close personal friend of mine. I lived in Kingman County up until eight years ago and I was Treasurer for Vinita Township for right at 20 years. So, with Dean's passing, the rest of the Board asked me if I would accept the position of Treasurer for Morton Township, and being it is not a long time I think the term expires in 2017, so if they are tired of me at that time they can get rid of me or maybe I will want to quit on my own. I don't know, but we'll find out. I will accept the appointment to that position."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you for your willingness to serve. We appreciate it. Madam Clerk, next item."

Adopted

E [15-0597](#)

RESOLUTION APPONTING BILL ELLISON AND BOB DOOL (BOCC APPOINTMENTS) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.
Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Pepoon said, "By joint agreement with the City of Wichita, we have seven appointments to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. Two of those appointments are at-large appointments, and today we have resolutions appointing Mr. Ellison and Mr. Dool to fill the vacancies in those two positions to fill out the board. Resolutions in proper form. I ask that you approve the resolutions."

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to adopt the resolutions.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "And Mr. Dool is here to be sworn in."

Mr. Arnold said, "Please raise your right hand. I do solemnly swear I support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, so help me God."

Mr. Bob Dool, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Dool said, "Thanks. Thanks for this opportunity to serve the county, and I look forward to my appointment. Thank you."

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

Adopted

F [15-0598](#)

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DR. JODIE BEESON (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD IN THE EDUCATION POSITION.

Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Pepoon said, "Final appointment is a reappointment, Dr. Jodie Beeson to the Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board. The resolution in proper form. We ask you reappoint Dr. Beeson to the board and approve the resolution."

Chairman Ranzau said, "What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn 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>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Ranzau said, "Dr. Beeson is here to be sworn in."

Mr. Arnold said, "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, so help me God."

Dr. Jodie Beeson, Appointee, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Dr. Beeson said, "I just want to thank you for the opportunity to have yet another way that we work with Wichita state in Sedgwick County and work together to make this a better place for everybody to live. Thank you."

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

Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

G [15-0547](#)

SEDGWICK COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT.

Presented by: Dr. Nicole Klaus, Member of the Suicide Prevention Coalition and Assistant Professor at KU School of Medicine.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Dr. Nicole Klaus, Chair of the Methodology Commission, Suicide Prevention Commission, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you may know, September is Suicide Prevention Month and I appreciate the community to be here and give you an update on the scope of this issue in our community. In 2014 we lost 82 residents of Sedgwick County to suicide, which is a rate of 16.4 deaths per 100,000. When we compare that over time to state and national rates, we see that the rate has been increasing over the past two years. While this is consistent with national trends,

Sedgwick County also typically has higher rates of suicide than the national average. In particular the rates of gunshot and hanging deaths by suicide has been rising. Suicide deaths have increased in all age groups over the past few years. Suicide deaths are much more common in males than in females. And suicide deaths occur much more often in Caucasians than other racial groups.

"We know that a significant portion of those who die by suicide have a history of health or mental health problems. So as the Suicide Prevention Coalition, we have identified several goals to address suicide in our community. The first of which is promoting effective practices for identifying, assessing, and treating those at risk for suicidal behaviors. By really looking for evidence-based approaches that we can implement in our community. We also work towards evaluating the impact and effectiveness of those local suicide prevention efforts. And promoting best practices in media reporting suicide and implementing local communication strategies to promote suicide prevention across the community.

"I have also included a few slides at the end about upcoming events in the community related to suicide prevention. There is also a crisis hot line that's available 24 hours per day to address any suicide crises. The number is [316]660-7500. In November, we have survivors of suicide loss day coming up, which is an event to help support friends and family members who have lost someone to suicide. And in October, we have an out of the darkness walk which raises awareness and funding in the community for suicide prevention. We also have some trainings that we support in the community one of which is a two day assist training, which is open to anybody in the community who would like to learn more about how to intervene and save lives from suicide. As well as a mental health first aid training that teaches individuals skills and in managing mental illness and managing crises. So there's a website here where training dates will be posted. The assist training is the next assist training is coming up in November, and the next mental health first aid training is coming up on October 16th.

"Finally, I wanted to acknowledge the work of the Sedgwick County Health Department and Forensic Science Center in helping to compile the data that we shared with you today. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You went through the data fairly quickly, but I think I saw the last year that we had state, national and county data available. I am not sure if it was [20]12 or [20]13. One of the first couple slides that you had up. Looked like Sedgwick County was a little lower than the state average. As I look at it although we were above the national average.

"We had been trending a little bit below the state trend. is that statistically significant in your opinion? It bounces back and forth if you go back and forth on the data. I was curious why the state average might be a little higher than our Sedgwick County number."

Dr. Klaus said, "There's so much variability from year to year that I don't know that any one year is statistically significant there. With Wichita being the largest city in Kansas, I think a lot of the state numbers are driven by deaths in Sedgwick County. But it is good news that we are a little lower than the state numbers there. And hopefully that trend will continue as we get some of the more recent data, we are much more up to date on our local data than the state and national numbers."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "The other figure that jumped out in your presentation,

Dr. Klaus, was the fact that the number of elderly. We at the front end of a tidal wave of boomers hitting a large number are already in their 60s, some of them are even late 60s if they were born after World War II. You indicated that the elderly and people with medical problems were more prone to suicide. Can you talk about that a little bit in term of what we are facing and how this demographic trend is likely to impact these numbers this year and in the near future?"

Dr. Klaus said, "Absolutely, that's something that we have been talking about and watching as a coalition. I think the baby boomer generation will affect all aspects of healthcare in the coming years, including mental health and suicide. I think it will be important to make sure that we have resources in place for those individuals as they age."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I notice that people who were having other medical problems are more likely to turn to suicide as a way if they felt like there was no easy or other way out and surprising implications in other areas. But if there's a special way, because we do a lot of programs with the agents, to tie this in any way, shape, or form I know it is kind of a little bit of an overlap even though both are aging programs, as well as COMCARE and suicide prevention are separate departments at the county. But there is an overlap. I think it might be, Jason, you look like you may have a comment. I welcome any thought you might be able to bring forward with this interesting data."

Mr. Scheck said, "I did want to mention COMCARE has a collaboration with the Aging Department called the Community Assessment Program for Seniors or CAPS and that's for anyone age 60 and older who is at risk of developing mental health concerns. What we provide there is outreach to somebody who is willing to talk with us, but outreach in the community at no cost to the older adults. We visit with them about potential mental health concerns and make sure they know how to access and get referred to the treatment they need. I think to access that program that would be through calling our crisis hot line, 660-7500. Anybody in the community can refer to that. I think that's one example of how we are working to reach the older population."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "I have a couple questions. Is it Dr. Klaus, am I saying that correctly?"

Dr. Klaus said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "Good report, by the way. I am just curious about a couple of trends I hear news stories about increases in suicides, amongst our military personnel. Can you speak to that? Is there any quote trending you can see in Sedgwick County, that's happened over the last say five or six years?"

Dr. Klaus said, "We don't currently have that data. That's one of the things we have been working with the Forensic Science Center and the Health Department on, is gathering additional data about who these individuals are in our community that are dying by suicide so we can better target populations. We do know that nationally suicide in the military population is a concern."

Commissioner Howell said, "Do you know if it's trending up or down or there's not any information? Do you know off the top of your head?"

Mr. Scheck said, "I would say that the VA (Veterans Affairs) is one of the participants in our coalition. They are actively monitoring that and they are collecting their own data as Dr. Klaus mentioned. We don't have, of the 82 deaths reported last year, we were not collecting military history as a data point. So we are working towards that and other data points, so we can better understand who these folks are that are dying."

Commissioner Howell said, "For clarity of the 82 deaths, does that include military people that are committing suicide?"

Dr. Klaus said, "It includes anybody who dies in Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Howell said, "Is there any correlation with respect to the economy or unemployment, are there any studies out there that try to determine whether there is a correlation in these factors?"

Dr. Klaus said, "It is hard to tell because there are so many factors associated with suicide, but certainly we can see the rising trend over the last several years, as there have been economic difficulties in the community, so I think that's a reasonable hypothesis, we just don't have the data."

Commissioner Howell said, "There's no data to back up the theory? I am also curious, if someone contacts the hot line, can you describe what happens next? Say someone is contemplating suicide. Are they going to be apprehended and taken into custody, or what is going to happen to that person? Can you describe that?"

Mr. Scheck said, "So our crisis hot line is staffed 24 hours a day by trained professionals at COMCARE. So our main job in answering that crisis hot line is to listen and understand what that person needs. The vast majority of folks that call that number are reaching out for help, and studies have shown that people who call crisis hotline do experience a decrease in suicidality, not just in that moment, but over time. We call and follow up with those folks, the crisis hotline interventions we really have an impact. No, we don't go apprehend people who call the crisis hotline. If somebody has attempted suicide and then called us, we do work with emergency responders to rescue that person, but our main goal is to make sure the person gets help."

"It could be talking with them on the phone, referral to resources in the community, or inviting them to come in to our center, voluntarily. It is only after we have exhausted everything and at the very last resort when there is immediate danger we would call 911, and work with them on a rescue plan."

Commissioner Howell said, "I think it's important, because I think some people may not realize what would happen, it may cause them to be reluctant to call, knowing they can get some counseling or get encouragement, not necessarily have to deal with emergency personnel, you know, taking them into custody. I think that's important. Final question would be this; if they have a history with calling the suicide prevention hot line, is that creating a permanent record or stigma that would follow them into their future indefinitely?"

Mr. Scheck said, "Folks are welcome to call the crisis hot line anonymously, so they don't have to identify who they are. For the folks that we know, so at times, current COMCARE clients call the crisis hot line for support or because they are experiencing thoughts of suicide. We document those in our medical records. That's protected information and is confidential record of the call, for folks who are open to our services."

Commissioner Howell said, "That's all of my questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Commissioners. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to receive and file the report.

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Dr. Klaus and Jason, very much. Next item, please."

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H [15-0536](#)

QUARTERLY INTRUST BANK ARENA REPORT.

Presented by: Ron Holt, Acting County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This report we would have normally done in August, but due to the budget discussions on the date the report was going to be presented, we are here today giving you the second quarter, 2015, report year to date June report on the Arena. The goal of course, established by the Arena, is to have a 15,000 seat basketball venue in downtown Wichita owned by Sedgwick County, operated by SMG. We continue, or we will continue to have this slide as part of our presentation just to make sure we don't forget where we have come from with this plan. We will speak specifically to these items in the report.

"Again, this is our arrangement with SMG, since 2007, the quarterly report will include ticket sales, community fares and a financial summary. See that the second quarter, 2015, we've had 21 events, 21 performances. Average attendance for performance is 3,579. And you see the overall attendance numbers, tickets sold, gross ticket sales, and the average cost per ticket sold, was \$30.09. Year to date June, the 37 events, 56 performances, for 3,832 per performance. Total attendance, tickets sold, gross ticket sales, and the average ticket cost per ticket sold, \$29.88 year to date, June. Comparing year to date, June 2015, year to date, June 2014, we see that we had nine additional performances, 45,375 additional attendees, 38,720 additional tickets sold year over year, for a gross ticket sales of \$1,531,498, and an average ticket cost per ticket sold year over year, \$2.29. Second quarter 2015, community affairs, net employee wages and benefits are at \$667,601. Employment range between 38 and 41. Full-time employment, part-time employment, ranged from 344 to 362. Year to date June, net employee wages and benefits, \$1,354,744. Again, full-time

employment range from 37 to 41. Part-time employment had a range of 344 to 374. Year over year, June 2015, June 2014, the difference in the wages is a positive, \$23,617, and you see those differences in employment, they stayed pretty much the same range from year to year. Second quarter, 2015, community affairs, total number of community groups volunteering in concession stands, second quarter, 2015, 51. Amount paid to those groupings, \$57,527. The spending with Sedgwick County and Kansas companies for the second quarter, \$1,111,891 and some change. Sales tax paid, \$128,713.76. We had four Arena tours or presentations during the second quarter, nine local events or activities that the Arena sponsored or held during the second quarter.

"Year to date June, the 125 groups volunteering in concession stands, again, some of those groups are repeats. These are not individual and separate groups necessarily. The amount paid to those community groups, \$216,038. Spending with Sedgwick County and Kansas companies, \$1,986,297.51. Sales tax paid year to date, June 2015, \$616,402.14. The area Arena presentations or tours, for the first six months of 2015, 22. Local events or activities for the first six months, 19. Looking at this report year over year, June 2015, June 2014, we have 12 more groups that were involved, or at least had opportunities, 12 more opportunities for groups to be involved. 2015 versus 2014. Those groups got \$37,901 more in 2015 than in 2014. The spending with Kansas companies, increase of \$581,308.58. The sales tax paid was an increase of \$123,289.87; June 2015, year over year to June 2014. Arena presentations, there were 11 additional ones, and the local events or activities, three less events year to date June 2015 compared to year to date 2014. I'll scroll through these next few slides showing ticket donations and other kinds of activities that the Arena is logged in the community this quarter, it was all ticket donations and marquee usage.

"Moving on to the financial summary, you see the second quarter report, financial summary, we had total of 21 performances. Second quarter, 2015, 21 events. New direct event income, \$107,643. Net food and beverage income, \$243,355. Other net income, \$180,050. For a total net event income, \$531,048; second quarter. Other operating income during the second quarter this year, \$346,710 for a total gross building income second quarter, \$877,758. The building operating expenses for the second quarter, however, amounted to \$1,175,552. So the net building income for the second quarter was \$297,794 in the red.

"However, when you look at the year to date report, we go to the bottom line there, and you see that the total gross building income year to date June was \$2,769,792. Building operating expenses for the first six months, \$2,575,762. So there is a positive number for the net building income year to date June, of \$194,030. Comparing these numbers year to date June, 2015, to year to date June 2014, we see that there were nine more performances this year, number of events, one additional event this year more than last year. Net direct income, \$90,128 to the positive. \$170,169 net food beverage and merchandise income to the positive. Other net income to the positive, \$152,356, with net event income in the black \$412,653. Again, you can see the differences here, and the other operating income, and then total gross building income 2015 compared to 2014 was \$368,079 to the good. When you look at the expense items, expenses were \$166,000 more in 2015 than 2014. The net building income difference there ends up being a positive \$201,461. Moving on to the parking. For the second quarter, we had a negative result, but year to date, we are still \$11,618.86 to the positive.

"The Arena sales tax reserve. These are the authorized uses for that reserve. We did not have any revenue expenditures second quarter, so at the end of June, our reserve stood at \$12,090,715. You see that was \$832,476.26 less than last year. And

the result, related to that has to do with the capital improvements that were approved and appropriated for the Arena, this year compared to last year. Upcoming events, looks like a full schedule going in to the remainder of this year. Bottom line this year, very positive, and the summer months, the third quarter is going to be a little less than what they would have hoped for, but, again, it is summer months. They have a real packed fourth quarter, so we should end the year in very good standing. That ends the report.

"Be happy to answer any questions that you might have. Otherwise I would say receive and file the report."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager, this is a better report than the same time period last year, but there are some troubling numbers from my perspective. Since we don't include depreciation on this, if we did include depreciation, which my recollection, it is a little over a million dollars per quarter, or between 4 and 5 million a year, if I am wrong with that number, I will look to the back of the room and see if Mr. Chronis will shake his head no if I am off base on that number or not. I think that's in the ballpark, at least. and that would be a concern, but I would point out to my colleagues on the third slide, I believe it was, the operation and maintenance reserve fund when we got started was at \$15.5 million, and we are down roughly \$3 million at this point from where it had been, we are about \$12.5, that's down about a little over \$800,000 from last year, and at that rate, somewhere in the next, this is accelerating a little bit, but sometime in the next five to ten years we will have used up that fund. At that point, we will have to come up with a revenue source to make up the differences or defer some things. I realize that's a long ways off, especially in government, but that is the main concern that I see from this report. If I missed something, Mr. Manager, I would sure like to give you an opportunity to respond, or anyone else in the audience that may have more knowledge on these numbers."

Mr. Holt, said "The only response that I would make is that the beauty of this whole project has been that the funds were raised ahead of time. We have a facility that's completely paid for and as you mentioned, around \$15 million, in the bank, to manage the capital improvement over the years, which is very few, if any, other facilities across the country have been in that wonderful position. The community was really supportive in that. The other thing that I would remind you, last year working with the Arena, we did a 20-year CIP program, recognizing that that's about the life, and 20 years after the first five years.

"So looking at it over a 25-year period of time, CIP program, and we have identified if you are going to keep the facility in good shape, going to be refurbished in a timely fashion we included all of those kind of things, Mr. Chronis, then, has compared those numbers estimates, compared to the fund, and the life of that fund is well into that 20 years. So we expect that Arena fund to be available throughout the life of the project, unless we have some kind of catastrophic or unknown events that come up that cause us to have to do something different than what we think will be the case."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Manager, I appreciate putting the whole Arena project in context, because it has been a tremendous community resource, in a lot of ways. They have some great events coming up later this year and the folks out at the Arena have done a good job, in a variety of ways, although you are right, if we didn't revise the agreement on how we are operating, and I think that might be reflecting some of these numbers, and in fact our operating and management (O&M) reserves, as of the end of the second quarter, are down from \$15 million to \$12 million. So, it is

something I am going to be watching going forward and I think it is significant. I wanted to get it on the record this morning. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I would like to highlight information on slide 16, and compliment A. J. and folks at Intrust Bank Arena for their great job in collaborating and coordinating with community groups. 125 community groups that you worked with, and made them \$200,000 and spent also, with Kansas companies, almost \$2 million. I think that's an important thing we need not overlook on how the impact it has wider than this Arena operation. So thanks for working with local folks."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, finally, you know, our Arena ranked very high through Pollstar and many of the ranking agencies for a venue of its size. We are very proud of that. I think they have won two or three awards for social media outreach into the community. I think that's dramatic."

"Finally, I would like to congratulate A. J., for being selected to the Chamber Leadership Program. I think that tells that he's involved in the community, that our leader of the Arena is highly respected, and he's pretty connected to the community. I think that's something we should be proud of, too. So congratulations, A. J."

Mr. Ron Holt, said "Just for the record, Mr. A. J. Boleski, the SMG General Manager is here with us today."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file the report of Intrust Bank Arena.

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES A, 2015, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS. Presented by: Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution and authorize the

Chairman to sign.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The resolution before you authorizes the competitive sale of general obligation bonds to be held on October 21st, of this year. It approves the form of the notice of bond sale that is attached to the resolution. It approves the preliminary official statement, that is also attached to your resolution, and finally, it authorizes me, as your Chief Financial Officer, in conjunction with our Municipal Advisor, Springstead and our Bond Council, Gilmore & Bell, to prepare any other documents and take any other actions that might be necessary to conclude the bond sale. The sale that we are talking about is intended to provide funds to provide permanent financing for a variety of county projects. All of which have previously been authorized by of the Commission, and additionally, previous actions of the Commission have declared your intent to finance these projects with bond proceeds. The projects include what we know as the 271 building, the former IRS building that's located at 271 West 3rd [Street] that the County has acquired with the intended use as office space for MABCD (Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department), MAPD (Metropolitan Area Planning Department), and other county operations, so the bond proceeds would reimburse the county for that acquisition, and the other costs that we already have incurred on that project, and it would pay for the cost of renovation and furnishing that building. That totals about \$7.4 million. Secondly, the bond issue would provide funds in the amount of \$4 million to pay for nine bridge projects throughout Sedgwick County that have been included in the 2015 capital budget. Third, this bond issue would provide approximately \$2.1 million of proceeds that would refund bonds that the county originally issued in 2006 for the purpose of paying for road projects and special assessment projects.

"The bonds that are to be sold for, what in the legal documents is termed, the Courthouse Complex, that is the 271 building, those bonds, as I said, will be used to reimburse the county for costs that it already has incurred, and then pay the additional cost of renovation that are planned for that building. As you know, there continues to be some discussion about whether or not we want to actually use that building for MABCD and MAPD. We have issued a request for proposals to offer alternative space for those two departments. Those proposals are due back into the county, approximately, the first of October, and the Commission and Staff will be evaluating those proposals in early October. The extent that the County Commission decides to change the plans, with regard to the 271 building, the amount of bonds that we actually sell to finance that project on October 21st will be altered, so we only sell the bonds that we need for whatever costs the County Commission has determined we actually want to incur. The new money financing, the bonds sold for the 271 projects and the bridge projects will add \$11.6 million of new debt to the county's balance of outstanding general obligation debt, and that new debt will increase the total to slightly above \$137 million at the end of 2015. The new debt is expected to carry a true interest cost of approximately 2.9 percent. It will be structured so that, as series bonds, meaning a portion of the bond issue matures each year during a 20-year term. The maximum maturity will be 20 years.

"Based on the current debt structure that we are looking at, the estimated annual debt service to repay the principle and interest costs on that \$11.6 million of new money debt will amount to approximately \$900,000 per year, in the first several years, and then it will reduce moderately in the outer years for the remainder of the 20 year term. We don't intend nor do we expect there will be a requirement either now or in the future to increase the county's property tax rate to repay that debt. The debt service on this new money bond issue in effect will replace debt service on bonds in a we have issued in past years that will be redeemed. So that will be replaced by this new \$900,000. The refunding debt, \$2.1 million of refunding bonds,

is expected to carry a true interest cost of approximately 2.1 percent. The refunding is being proposed for the purpose of obtaining debt service savings, that is reduced interest cost that is made available to us by current market conditions. We estimate that the refunding bond issue will provide a net present value savings of \$103,000 which equates to 5.1 percent of the refunded principle and interest of the bonds being refunded. The county's policy, provides we should entertain the funding opportunities when and if we can achieve savings of at least three percent of refunded debt service, and this well exceeds that threshold. The \$103,000 of net present value will be captured in the form of reduced annual debt service for the county, starting in 2027, and extending through 2026, which is the year in which the original debt was scheduled to be matured. We are structuring this deal so that it will extend to a final maturity the same as the debt that is being refunded.

"The county's debt policy provides five ratios that measure the impact of debt on our community. The ratios, in effect, constitute benchmarks that in combination, establish the county's debt ceiling or debt capacity. The policy specifies that we will not incur debt if the amount of debt that we have out outstanding would exceed three or more of those five ratios. Currently and with this new debt that we are proposing today, we exceed 2 of the 5 ratios, and so we are within the threshold that is permitted by county debt policy to issue the debt. The two ratios where we exceed the policy thresholds, the policy benchmarks, both pertain to solely to Sedgwick County debt, but rather to all municipal debt that has been issued in Sedgwick County, by any government, not just by Sedgwick County. And so our per capita direct overlapping and underlying debt, that's a term of art for this, exceeds the benchmark of \$3,000 with the new debt, it will be at \$3,894. And the direct overlapping and underlying as a percent of the full market value of property in Sedgwick County will exceed the benchmark of 6 percent, it will be 6.11 percent. After the issuance of this debt.

"The reason that the county exceeds those two thresholds, again, is not because of debt that Sedgwick County has issued, but rather because of the aggregate amount of debt that has been issued in Sedgwick County by all of the cities, all of the school districts, and some of the special purpose districts, as well as the debt issued by Sedgwick County. We are well within tolerances that are considered normal within the industry, within the investment banking sector, for a community of this size. If you have any questions about this resolution or the attached documents, I would be happy to try and answer them for you. We also have in the audience, Joe Norton and Garth Herman, who serve as bond counsel to the county, and are members of the firm of Gilmore & Bell, and I am sure they would be happy to attempt to answer any questions, that you might have, as well.

"I would note for the record, that as is always the case, the preliminary official statement and the notice of bond sale, that were attached to your documents are drafts and that will be changed as we move further to October 21st, based on changes in structure of the deal or market conditions. None of those changes will be a material change of anything that has been presented to you today, however."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, any questions for Mr. Chronis? I have some questions. Just to make it clear, we are estimating right now this would be \$15 million?"

Mr. Chronis said, "No, it will be about \$13,700,000. A little more, little less."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Total."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "That includes refunded bonds?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That includes \$7.4 million for the 271 building, \$4 million for bridges, and \$2.1 million for refunding bonds. Plus a little bit of issuance costs."

Chairman Ranzau said, "These numbers could change prior to the sale on October 21st."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I think the RFP (Request for Proposal) the 271 building maybe end of September, early October. So we'll have some discussions. We have had discussions about decreasing our debt here at the county which we are permitted to. We have some issues as far as, from this year, as far as roads in the 271 at that need to be addressed. I expect the \$7.4 million number to go down significantly. How much, we will wait and see. This reserve is the maximum amount."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I do have a question about the refunded bond here. Total amount, little over \$2 million. Couldn't we pay those bonds off ourselves and then pay ourselves back that money over time? And instead of spending the money on the interest?"

Mr. Chronis said, "We can certainly use county cash to redeem the 2006 bonds, yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "When is the time frame when we can redeem these?"

Mr. Chronis said, "The call date for the August 2016."

Chairman Ranzau said, "So we will issue the bonds now. August 16, will pay off existing debt and still have this debt."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Have we analyzed the cost benefit of paying these off with cash and then, instead of paying principle and interest, of somebody else?"

Mr. Chronis said, "We have not done a very sophisticated analysis. We consider the option of using county cash in lieu of using debt for either projects or refundings."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. I would like you to send that to me, the analysis that you've done. That's something else I think we need to take a look at. Any other questions from Commissioners? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you. I was just curious, on the second page of the material, it talked about expected interest rates of 2.9 percent and 2.1 percent. Should that change significantly, is there any further discussion that needs to happen, in other words, if something happens in the economy, between now and when these bonds are sold, interest rates are not close to those numbers, is there further decisions or discussion that needs to happen?"

Mr. Chronis said, "I don't believe so, no."

Commissioner Howell said, "I understand, with this plan, should we exercise the full sale, the bonds authorized today, \$11.6 million of new debt?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "What would be the expected total interest cost? If you can guesstimate. If we exercised the full \$11.6 million, what is the expected cost of that interest on that bond sale, at those rates you have listed?"

Mr. Chronis said, "If you can bear with me for a second, I think I can answer that question. Currently based on market conditions as of August 21st, when this analysis was run, we estimate the total principle and interest cost on that will be \$14.6 million. So the interest cost alone would be just a little over \$3 million."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "We have a motion and second. Any discussion? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you. I wanted to make a couple quick comments. Most of this, actually I think all of this is the result of decisions that were made prior to my being on this bench. To the extent that the Board made those provisions I will support the motion today.

"I guess I want to make it clear to the community that we are, with all the discussion about not going into debt, no more bonds, let us be clear, we are taking out \$11.6 million of new debt today. These are not decisions that I had any part in, but these are decisions that have already happened. I think we need to get on with it. I think that's a point that the community needs to, I guess, just needs to know. I want to point that out, and that's off I have, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I don't have any questions. I think it would be important, especially for the folks who are viewing this when we say bonds, I think the average citizen out there might, if we said mortgage, it is kind of a mortgage on Sedgwick County, and as was pointed out earlier, we are one of a number of local government organizations, in this county, that can issue, in effect, an expanded mortgage. We can discuss whether this is the 32nd or the 42nd, or the 99th mortgage that's being put here, and whether it's not only by the county, but by all the other local governmental institutions, and the fact that we have got a situation where our aggregate numbers are kind of outside the boundaries of the goals that we have set for ourselves I think is troubling, even though Sedgwick County's percentage of the whole is well within the limits, and I think within the means. But it is a concern. And when people hear the word bond, they ought to think, especially if they are a homeowner or own property and have a mortgage on it, when they think of bonds, they should think of mortgages. And so, that's what we are proceeding with today.

"You have got to make a decision how to proceed. And in this environment, I do plan to support this, although I do want to try and work in a situation where we have a

stronger county debt policy in the future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I will echo the comments of my colleagues. I will be supportive, that \$11.6 million of new debt is the most we will acquire under this action. I will be working in the meantime to reduce that significantly. I think that we will be able to do that. Hopefully we can change that in the future. Call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Adopted

J [15-0577](#)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION TO PROCEED WITH THE SALE OF REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE PBC'S OUTSTANDING REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS (EXPLORATION PLACE PROJECT), SERIES 2003-2; DECLARING AN INTENT TO ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE WITH THE PBC RELATING TO SAID REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REGARDING OFFERING DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO. Presented by: Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Chronis said, "Commissioners, in 1997 the Sedgwick Public Building Commission (PBC) issued bonds in the amount of \$16,700,000 to provide a portion of the cost of the Exploration Place Science Museum. The 1997 bonds were refunded by the Sedgwick County Public Building Commission in 2003, and that refunding was performed for the purpose of reducing the debt service cost of the PBC and the corresponding lease cost of Sedgwick County and its budget. Now, some 12 years later, market conditions are such that we have a second opportunity to refund the debt and obtain debt service savings, and so the action that's before you is a resolution that requests the Public Building Commission to proceed with this refunding, in an amount that we estimate will be just a little over \$7 million, provided that they can do so in a way that satisfies several terms that are established in the resolution. One of those terms is that the present value savings associated in the refunding that they structure, must exceed four percent. As I said in the prior presentation, the county's debt policy sets a target of at least three percent, so we are establishing a goal for the PBC to exceed even that, as a condition of them proceeding with this sale.

"Secondly, we are requiring that the debt service requirements of the bond issue that the PBC sells must be essentially level over the term of the debt. We don't want to have the debt structured in a way that the savings are heavily front loaded, so that costs are low, and they rise dramatically in the outer years.

"Finally, we are requiring the PBC structure the deal so the maximum maturity of the refunding bonds is not longer than the maximum maturity of the 2003 bonds that are to be refunded. And that maximum maturity is 2022. So if the PBC can satisfy those conditions, and we are confident they can, then this resolution before you requests that they proceed with the bonds sale.

"Secondly, this resolution says that if the PBC satisfies those terms and successfully sells the bonds, the County Commission agrees to enter into an amended lease with the PBC, through which the county will pay the debt service to the PBC that it in turn will use to repay its debt.

"The refunding, as I said, is being proposed for the purpose of obtaining debt service savings. We believe based on current market conditions that this debt will have a true interest cost of approximately 1.82 percent and that it will present net benefit value to the county of \$558,000. That represents 7.36 percent of the refunded debt service. Again, the target that is in the county's debt policy is three percent, the higher target that we are setting as a condition to moving forward with the transaction is four percent. Current market conditions provide, we believe, in excess of seven percent. The refunding bonds of the PBC will be secured by the lease that the county will execute as are all PBC bonds that are sold for the benefit of Sedgwick County, through that lease arrangement for people who are watching and may not understand how this transaction works, the county's PBC will sell the bonds. They own Exploration Place. They have leased Exploration Place to Sedgwick County, and Sedgwick County has agreed to make lease payments to the PBC that equal the principle and interest obligations that the PBC has to pay investors. Through this refunding, those payments will decrease, and so we will do an amended lease that continues to ensure the PBC and its investors that the county will pay the lease and the PBC will have a revenue stream to pay its debt service. That obligation to Sedgwick County will be reduced by this transaction.

"Once again, the county's debt policy provides five ratios that measure the impact of the county's debt on the community. As I said in the prior presentation, those five measures currently are exceeded in two instances. I already described those two. The other three instances where we are well below the thresholds established in the county's policy all pertain to debt that has been issued by Sedgwick County. Per capita direct debt, that is debt per person issued by Sedgwick County, debt for every person living in Sedgwick County, the policy limit is \$500 request both of these issues, we will be at \$270, or 54 percent of the allowed event. The direct debt, that is our debt, market value, 1.5 percent, after this debt is issued, we will stand at .42 percent, so less than 30 percent of the allowed amount.

"Finally, our annual debt service as a percent of the county's budgeted expenditures that is our debt burden, the policy establishes a threshold maximum of 20 percent, after this debt we will stand at 9.63 percent, less than half of the amount that is permitted by the county's debt policy. So we are well within those thresholds to proceed with this transaction. Once again, we have the county's bond counsel in the audience. I would recommend that you approve this resolution that's been presented to you. If you have any questions before you take action, either I or the bond counsel will answer them."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay, Chris, I have a few questions, just to clarify. So, we are going to issue this debt to replace existing debt, basically?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "The bonds won't last any longer than they normally are."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's right."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Because of interest rates we save money, about \$83,000 a year."

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "What will happen to that \$83,000 a year that we save?"

Mr. Chronis said, "It will be money that we don't budget."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Can we capture that \$83,000 and set it aside for other CIP projects?"

Mr. Chronis said, "The Commission could do that, yes. In effect what you would do is simply either create or add to the CIP reserve that's already in the 2016 budget by whatever amount of money you choose; \$83,000 or some other amount."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I would make an argument that would be a good decision to make. We are wanting to increase our ability to pay with future CIP projects with a cash. Doing this bond refinancing in order to save money. I would suggest any money we save from the refinancing should be put towards future CIP projects. So that's all I have to say. Commissioners, any other questions or comments? Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Adopted

K [15-0498](#)

PROGRAMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
Presented by: Marvin Duncan, Public Safety Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

Mr. Marvin Duncan, Public Safety Division, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you may recall, in the past, the Manager would give you quarterly update on the Criminal Justice Programs that we have ongoing, and so I will give you the second quarter update, as Ron mentioned earlier, August was a busy month. That is why we

are doing it now.

"Here is the average daily population for bookings, detention, work release, and out of county, the ADP (Average Daily Population) is captured as a snapshot in time. As you can see, there's been a little more activity this quarter than over last quarter, however, work release remains steady in that program. Out of county was a little higher, and then the total population for June of this year, was about 66 folks higher than last year.

"This chart compares the number of people who only have charges from the arresting agency, and the number of people who have charges from multiple agencies. So snapshot, on 30 June there were 1,443 folks in our system, and of those inmates, 197, or 14 percent were being held in only on charges from one municipality. Here's the municipal inmate hours just for the city of Wichita. And it is down from the previous year, but those hours at the end of June are a little bit over 111,000 hours. Here's a quick look at bookings versus releases. They were down slightly over the last year, same thing with releases, they were also down. This slide will give you the average length of stay, and then that's the top gray line.

"It picked up, a little bit, in June, but nothing to be alarmed at just yet. And then that also drove the red line which is bookings and housing combined. Obviously the bookings calculated in there, a lot of folks don't go on to jail, they are released, so there is a larger number of population when you add in the bookings. Average length of stay in June was down a little bit over the previous month. Here again, here's some data that will give you some numbers on the average length of stay. Bookings, those are hours, but the booking process is up a little bit, and this may be an agenda item for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the future month or two if we start to see this as a general trend. And then the average housing is up a little less than a day over the year. Then the combined days just up slightly, driven by the other two factors.

"Here's the trends, we were up a little bit, 44 folks, and but we will, again, the council will be watching these numbers, and looking for future trends. You also see on there the detention, ADP out of county ADP work release, and bookings.

"Here's the jail population, with all those things included, we just talked about it. It did hop up a little bit, but the trend line, we continue to work it hard, and the trend continues down. Adult supervision, these are the county-funded alternative programs. These are good to see them up, and most of them are up slightly, except for DA (District Attorney) Diversion, it is right on course to what they usually have.

"Adult supervision snapshot, these are the other funded areas. As you can see, the City of Wichita, most of these are up as well. Wichita probation is up significantly over the last year's trend. Nothing to be very concerned about there; so far.

"These are the vice holds. The snapshot in June, some of these slides have July data in them. But at the end of June, we had six vice holds.

"So on the inmates, I know we like to look at those. Those were down over the previous couple months, and then here's the data on the long-term inmates that have been in jail for a year or longer. 73 on the snapshot date, and that just lists where they were housed and their status. That completes that quarterly review. If there are no questions, I would ask that you receive and file."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the report, Marv. There are a couple trends in here, if they continue we will keep a close eye on. Overall it is a good report. I would point out slide 13 with the BICE (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement) holds, I think that belies some of the comments that have come in about where we are and the idea that there is some sort of a sanctuary statute here. I don't think it is valid in any way, shape or form. Slide 14, we talk about felony inmates, where instead of being with the Kansas Department of Corrections, we have got felony inmates serving their sentences in the Sedgwick County Jail. Even though that trend jumps around month to month, it is basically flat. Still, for the last year, we've had between 100 to 150 felony inmates serving their sentences in the Sedgwick County Jail, as opposed to the Kansas Department of Corrections. That continues to be a concern for me, as well as obviously situations where we have folks that are being held for over a year, too. I just wanted to get that on the record this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Marv, normally this report has a slide with the municipal inmates divided out, between all of the cities. Do you have that data?"

Mr. Marvin Duncan, said "I don't have that, but we will certainly get it. We will look for it."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Go ahead and get that and send it to us. I would put that back into this presentation, if possible."

Mr. Marvin Duncan, said "Yes, sir."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Received and Filed

L [15-0499](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE REPORT.
Presented by: Marvin Duncan, Public Safety Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

Mr. Duncan said, "Again, Commissioners, this is the second parts of what the Manager has given you in the past. This concerns the juvenile programs that we

have. I will start out by showing you the stairway, this is the Juvenile Justice Services Continuum. These are the prevention programs that we are involved in. The secondary programs serve almost a thousand youth, so far, in state fiscal year 2015. And then tertiary programs, listed on the slide, served 1,255 youth in the state fiscal year 2015. Here is what's going on in the Juvenile Intake and Assessments Center (JIAC).

"As you know, most of the juveniles are brought to JIAC by law enforcement, because they are suspected of some illegal behavior. I would point out on this slide that I think about two-thirds of these folks are released back as soon as they go through the JIAC process, released back to the families. Here is the JIAC placement disposition and, again, it will show you how many, that red line shows you how many do go back to the families. I think you have all went on tours down there, they have two doors, one goes to the long term place, the other one you go back to your family, but you are supervised when you go back. Here's the JDF (Juvenile Detention Facility) admit reasons. Most of the increase there has been in the warrants and new charges. Here is what the JDF average daily population is doing, it's up slightly, again, it's something that we watch. Here is what has gone on in the juvenile residential facility, down slightly and, so, when you see these alternative programs, if they are trending down a little bit you will also see what JDF is trending up a little bit. Home base supervision, again, it's down a little. Weekend alternative program, what wasn't bad at end of June, July shows significant decrease. Here is the graduated sanction in Sedgwick County, the programs that we operate; the Intensive Supervision Probation, Juvenile Case Management, and Residential Facilities Skip Program. And then here are two other programs that the DA has the diversion and then juvenile probation operated by District Court. Here is the Intensive Supervision, fairly steady, down just a little. Juvenile case management, fairly steady. Sedgwick County Youth Program is about steady, where we need it to be.

"Here is the funding costs for the juvenile programs. As you can see there is over \$12 million spent in Sedgwick County on juvenile programs. Here's the cost of the mandated programs, and the cost of the other programs that are operated, JRF (Juvenile Residential Facility), Home Base, SCYP (Sedgwick County Youth Program).

"That's the end. If there are no questions I again would ask you to receive and file."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner, are there any questions? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a couple questions, Marvin, if you don't know the answers and I need to talk to Mark Masterson, that's fine. Do you know how many beds we have at the JDF facility?"

Mr. Duncan said, "I think there's 108 and we are staffed for 81, so we are running about 62 there now, 60 to 62, so we are in good shape."

Commissioner Howell said, "Do you know what the average length of stay is for the juveniles at JDF?"

Mr. Duncan said, "I don't know, I will have to get that."

Commissioner Howell said, "Please. We had it in a previous report, I was wondering if we could get that type of data for this report, when we place a child in one of our facilities, it would be nice to know how long they are there. The home based supervision doesn't make sense for that one but does make sense for the other ones,

I'd appreciate getting the data, if you don't mind. Then, do you know what the cost per day is at JDF?"

Mr. Duncan said, "No, I don't."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, I'll ask for that one as well. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Any other questions? Seeing none, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Received and Filed

M [15-0575](#)

SETTING OF HEARING DATE FOR POSTANNEXATION HEARING CITY OF GODDARD.

Presented by: Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve notice of hearing.

Mr. Robert Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is one of the post annexation hearing matters that we have to have five years after the annexation took place. We are only setting a hearing date, today. The map, up on the screen, shows the area around Goddard. The highlighted yellow parts are what was annexed, back in 2010. There were a total of about 17 properties, some are along 119th Street West and some along Maple, it's a mix of agricultural farmsteads and agricultural use properties, none were over 20 acres, they were eligible to annexation joining the city limits. Fairly standard service plan from the city, they indicated their standard services to be provided; street maintenance, water, sewer on request, solid waste collection, police, ditch, culvert, general services. City contract for solid waste collection that they would offer after the annexation took place, they were considering at the time, my understanding is they decided not to go that route and the citizens of Goddard have the contract for their own solid waste collection, that was proposed part of the service plan that was not done.

"They did get into some specific provisions regarding traffic calming and traffic control devices but other than that, it was just the general city services proposed to be provided. We sent out our standard questionnaire to determine if there were any issues. We did not get any landowner responses back. That's generally a good sign,

people believe that they are getting the service they were due to receive. The city did provide you a report, it's in your back up. It indicates they believe they provided services including some of the specific traffic calming and traffic control devices that they proposed in their service plan.

"We will have a much more in-depth discussion of this in October when you have the hearing. Today, all we are asking to do is approve the notice of hearing for October 14, 2015. At that point we would mail out that hearing notice to the landowners and to the city. If you have any questions, I will answer, otherwise I would recommend you take the action."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the notice for hearing to October 14, 2015.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item."

N [15-0562](#)

SELECTION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Presented by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Select voting delegate and alternates, and complete certification.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, you have the item before you. I guess we need to appoint a delegate and a couple of alternates for the KAC (Kansas Association of Counties) meeting, which I believe is in November. I don't think that we have had any. Do we have any volunteers?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to say I volunteer the Chair and Vice Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "That's very generous of you. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I was going to volunteer the Chairman, so I'm going halfway for Commissioner Unruh's proposed motion, but I don't have any problem on the alternate side if we want to go that way or do both at the same time."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Well, anyone just dying to be the delegate or alternate?"

Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, do you know the date of this conference?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "That's what I was thinking. I think it's the first weekend of November if I'm not mistaken. Or, the week, I mean, the second week."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Second week."

Commissioner Howell said, "And the location of this conference is local?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "Is here."

Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, I would be glad to be the delegate if that would please my colleagues."

Chairman Ranzau said, "That would please this Commissioner a lot."

Commissioner Howell said, "I would make a nomination for myself."

Chairman Ranzau said, "And I agree with Commissioner Unruh, that the Vice Chair should be the alternate. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I will second Commissioner Howell's motion."

Chairman Ranzau said, "To make him the delegate?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "All kidding aside, I'm willing to be the alternate, this says two alternates, I don't know we need two alternates, we will probably all be there. Would you be willing to amend your motion, make you a delegate and me the alternate?"

Commissioner Howell said, "I would be pleased to amend my motion to make you the alternate."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'll amend my second."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to appoint himself as the voting delegate and Chairman Ranzau as the alternate for the Kansas Association of Counties annual meeting.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "I think we better call the vote while we can. Madam Clerk, are you clear on the motion?"

Ms. Erika Rice, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman I am. I have Commissioner Howell as the delegate and alternate would be you."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau

Aye

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

Approved

O [15-0574](#)

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY MANAGER POSITION.

Presented by: Ron Holt, Acting County Manager.

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

Mr. Holt, said "The County Manager search process started earlier this year with you selecting an executive recruiting firm to assist with the national search. After that firm was selected, the first step in the process was developing the position description. After much back and forth with the executive recruiting firm and Commissioners, we had a robust discussion early in the year, had a staff meeting to finalize the position description, following that began recruitment selection process. The Commissioners were provided, by the recruiting firm, access to 85 resumes that had been submitted for this position. All Commissioners had access to all of those resumes. Based on the position description and after one on ones with the Commissioners, the recruiting firm presented the Commissioners with eight candidates. On June 29th the recruiting firm consultant met with Commissioners to discuss each of the candidates and out of those discussions, we agreed six of those eight would be moved forward for interviews. The six candidates were interviewed by Commissioners, as a group, in Executive Session, on July the 23rd [2015] and then the following day, you did one on one with each of the candidates. From that process, four of the six candidates were selected as a finalist for the position.

"Those four candidates, two of them were internal, Tom Stolz, our Metropolitan Building and Construction Department Director, Tim Kaufman, Director of Health And Human Services, two were outside candidates; Brian Waller, who is Assistant County Manager in Illinois and Michael Scholes, who is currently on active duty in the U.S. military, Army. In discussion with the recruiting firm and the Commission, it was decided that each of these finalists would be interviewed by an external panel as well as an internal panel and that they would also have additional one on one interviews with Commissioners.

"After all of that process, Commissioners, late yesterday, I sent you the signed employment agreement and, so, this morning the action before you is to approve the appointment of Michael L. Scholes and authorize the Chairman to sign the employment agreement and I would so recommend."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I will make the motion we take the recommended action of the appointment and contract for Mr. Scholes to be the next County Manager. I would like to say a few things. Mr. Scholes is currently in the U.S. Army, he's had 33 years, he's Brigadier General. His most recent position is serving as Chief of Staff of Kosovo Services in NATO. He is now in Virginia and he is willing to end his career and bring his family and go to work on behalf of this county and we are tremendously honored and fortunate to have a man of his stature and ability to be the next County Manager. He does have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration he has a Master's degree in Public Administration and he also has a Master's degree in National Security Policy. He is EMT qualified, he's graduated both Firefighter and Police Academies, and he has extensive experience in Homeland Security, Emergency Management a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), as a result of his service.

"We believe he has strong skills and experience in Strategic Planning, Financial Management, Problem Solving and Crisis Management, that are essential to helping this organization as we move forward. The people who know him have nothing to say but good things about him. For example, his most recent appointment, position in Kosovo, he led an operation of 5,000 people and in a way was like managing a town. You have to be able to manage military, civilians, logistics, supplies, facilities and get people with different backgrounds to work together. He operated as a Mayor of a multi functional, virtual town, and he did that very well. Others have said that he cares about people. His leadership style exemplifies that and he doesn't ask anyone to do something he wouldn't do, himself. His attitude and style permeate throughout the organization. People appreciate the way he treats them and they want to work for him. His interpersonal skills are excellent and they are first rate. With that, that's some of the background of Mr. Scholes and I want to share with people.

"With that being said, all of the candidates, particularly the final four candidates, were tremendous candidates, this is easily one of the most difficult decisions I've made as Commissioner. We appreciate every one who applied and participated in this. We would not have gone wrong with any of the four finalists we had, that's for sure. And I also want to thank you very much to Ron and the staff. We've had a lot of stuff going on recently, the budget going on, we've had the manager search going on, we've had the search for County Counselor and we are doing a replacement for John Schlegel, so there's a lot of work going on behind the scenes, people don't hear a lot about juggling responsibilities, a lot of priorities, but we've managed our way through and addressed the vast majority of issues and I thank you, Ron, very much, and please extend our gratitude to the staff for everything they've done to resolve these issues."

Mr. Holt, said "Will do."

Chairman Ranzau said, "And I believe I have made the motion. Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to second your motion and make a few comments if you will allow me the privilege to do that. This has been a very interesting process and it's taken quite a long time. If I remember correctly, I think you started this seriously, back around March, maybe around the first of March is when we started the process, trying to find the search firm and we have plotted through the process trying to find the right person for this position. There is no policy or procedure that defines the steps we needed to take, so we relied on our search firm, heavily, to define the steps that we should take and they made many recommendations, which we followed.

"I appreciate the work of our staff, especially you, Mr. Holt, you've done a great job helping us get to this point. Appreciate the comments of especially the outside panel, I contacted virtually every one of them, had discussions about their opinions about all four candidates. I talked to, also, our agency leaders, that were also on the internal panel, talked to most of them and had conversations about the four candidates. I read the resumes over and over, I've enjoyed getting to know each one of these candidates. We've had, personally, about two and a half hours of our time with each one of these candidates, talking about things and asking questions, and I think we have four tremendous people before us, anyone of them would do a great job. I would have total confidence in any one of the four, to take this position, replacing someone like Bill Buchanan, it's a tremendously difficult task.

"We have four great people that, I think, would do a pretty great job. I have total confidence in all four of them. I think this is one of the most difficult decisions that I've

had to deal with, so far, in this position and I think we are really, it's razor thin, it was difficult. One thing I would comment and I think the skill sets are vastly different, they each bring something different to the table, in terms of experience, and in terms of personality and accomplishments. I think each one of these candidates is very unique, so the overlap between them is not as much as I thought there would be. They are very unique and independent, which made the decision more difficult. I understand that there may be some folks that will make points that Michael Scholes doesn't have direct experience, in managing accounting, but he does something similar, manages people, resources, budgets, and there are many things I think are very relevant.

"One thing I really like about Scholes, is his personality; he's a man who will do a lot who will get this county a lot of admiration, because I think he does a good job presenting a very positive image everything that he does. As I read the comments from some of the people who were his references, again, they were glowing references, but one things I saw throughout that was humility and allowing others to take the credit and really appreciation for his leadership, it was very obvious by reading the comments about him. I have confidence in Michael Scholes as the others but agree this is the right decision today and I'm pleased to make the second on this motion."

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to approve the appointment of Michael L. Scholes to the position of County Manager and authorize the Chairman to sign the employment agreement.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, I'd like to second my colleague's comment but also point out the fact that this is not only a key policy decision, but one that we haven't had to make for over a quarter of a century and that raises the bar, I think, in terms of the threshold of importance of that we've had to do here.

"I want to thank the folks who were involved, I want to thank my colleagues, because particularly Mr. Holt's outlining of what we went through this morning and the timeline, this was not visible, because of the reasons and process it had to be done this way, but there is an off lot of hard work that went through and I want t thank the folks involved in both the external and internal panels as well as staff and everyone who is involved in this process, which we still have, as the Chairman pointed out, Mr. Schlegel's position with the city. Personnel is a continuing challenge and I look forward to working the new management that will be coming onboard here in the near future. I wanted to express some public appreciation at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Any other comments from the Commissioners? Seeing none, we do have a motion and second. Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau

Aye

Mr. Holt, said "Thank you, Commissioners."

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

Approved

P [15-0600](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR
MEETING ON AUGUST 27, 2015.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department.

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of Board of Bids and Contracts results in five items for your consideration."

1. ELECTRONIC WAIT LINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE TREASURER'S
OFFICE.

FUNDING: TREASURER'S OFFICE

"This recommendation is to accept the best proposal from QLess, Inc. for an initial cost of \$53,800.00 and establish contract pricing for maintenance and support for three years for a total cost of \$123,800.00."

2. ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FACILITIES
DEPARTMENT.

FUNDING: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

"This recommendation is to accept the proposals from Hanney & Associates Architects and Schaefer, Johnson, Cox, Frey Architecture and establish contracted hourly rates as identified above for a period of one year with two one year options to renew."

3. PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE AGENT SERVICES FOR RISK
MANAGEMENT.

FUNDING: RISK MANAGEMENT

"This recommendation is to accept the best responsive proposal from Cretcher Heartland, LLC and execute a five year contract for an estimated total cost of \$152,500.00."

4. TRUCK MOUNTED SNOW PLOWS FOR FLEET MANAGEMENT.

FUNDING: ONE WAY REVERSIBLE SNOWPOLOW

"This recommendation is to accept the low bid from Midwest Truck Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$140,543.04."

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

FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS

"This recommendation is to accept the quote from Granicus, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000.00 in one-time implementation costs and establish contract pricing for

recurring maintenance and support at the rates listed for a three year total cost of \$109,278.64.

"I'll be happy to answer y questions you may have and I recommend approval of the items."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I have a question on Item 2, the on call and engineering services. There has been recommended, those have been with us for quite a while, as I understand, is that correct?"

Mr. Thomas, said "Yes, both of them."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Since 2012?"

Mr. Thomas, said "Yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Now, there's a couple others here, I thought their bids were also very competitive and similar. There a several lines here. Some are higher and some are lower, so we look pretty good. Is there any reason why we have just the two? Can we not add those two and have four of them?"

Mr. Thomas, said "I think the reason why we have two, is for the flexibility in case a also as you notice in the notes, the panel on the side of the project if it's between \$50,000 and \$350,000 then the two chosen vendors are allowed to quote and anything over \$350,000, we are allowed to go outside and do a complete bid. I think anymore than the two might be considered more difficult to manage, in the sense of having too many vendors doing the same thing. Is that clear?"

Chairman Ranzau said, "I understand that if we had ten, but seems to me if we had four and building on it, it's better than two. To me, that's a manageable number. I'd like to conclude the bid board, but I would like to add these two on this item. I would be interested to see what my colleagues thought, see if there is any opposition to that. Or, maybe we need to postpone this for a week and have some further discussions on that? Maybe that would be the best option."

Mr. Thomas, said "Sure, we could do that."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Is that okay? I'll make the motion we approve the bid board items except for item number 2 and we postpone that and have and bring it back next week. Can we do that Mr. Manager?"

Mr. Holt, said "Yes, sir. I don't think we are time critical."

Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman I'd like to second that but I have two questions. Item number 5, can you verify that we contacted more than a single vendor? Is that the sole source?"

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts, with the exception of item 2 (On-Call Architectural & Engineering Services for Facilities Department).

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

Mr. Thomas, said "This is a continuation of contact with a vendor as hardware

software maintenance so you wouldn't switch over to another vendor, but we are maintaining this contract with the current vendor supplier."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, thank you. I guess the last thing, it's more of a comment. I'm very excited for the first item, this is something I've been advocating since January. The QLess system, what it does, I want to elaborate on this a little bit. It allows people to stand in line virtually they can be at work or somewhere else doing something more important than standing line. They can get in line through texting or on a computer and I gives them an approximate time to show up and they can basically go to the Tag Office and go right to the front of the line. This is a customer service issue that I think will be tremendous.

"They are currently using this at driver's license offices around the state and my experience has been positive, I've talked to a lot of people about it, they've been positive. It's easy to use and I think this will be a tremendous improvement in our ability to provide customer service to our tag offices, I'm grateful to see it on here. That's all."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I am going to second Commissioner Howell's remarks. The comments I've heard from the public, improving customer service at the Tag Office, this is a good step in the right direction. I have seen this in operation at the driver license side and I'm glad were're going to be, I'll be delighted to vote for this, this morning, thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Yes, and I will echo my colleagues' comments and I will thank Commissioner Howell. This is something he's pushed since he got here, I appreciate his efforts in trying to make this a priority getting this done. This will certainly help our constituents, significantly, we believe. We've had a motion and second. Madam Clerk, call the vote, please."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

CONSENT

- Q [15-0570](#) 2016 City of Wichita-Sedgwick County Flood Control Program Interlocal Agreement.
- R [15-0576](#) Transfer of \$344,894 from the Storm Debris Contingency to the Environmental Resources operating budget.
- S [15-0557](#) Sedgwick County Department on Aging, Sedgwick County Housing Authority Five Year Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval by the governing body for the local program.

- T [15-0564](#) Annual contract between the Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services and the Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization.
- U [15-0579](#) Position reorganization for Human Resources.
- V [15-0599](#) Hire a County Counselor above policy and with 10 days of vacation available on his first day of employment.
- W [15-0578](#) Letter Waiving Objections to Appointments by Sumner County to Board of Peck Improvement District.
- X 15-0550 Order dated 8/5/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- Y 15-0568 Order dated 8/13/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- Z [15-0552](#) General Bill Check Register for August 12, 2015 - August 18, 2015.
- AA [15-0554](#) General Bill Check Register for August 19, 2015 - August 25, 2015.
- AB [15-0555](#) General Bill Check Register for August 26, 2015 - September 1, 2015.
- AC 15-0553 Payroll Check Register for the August 8, 2015 payroll certification.
- AD 15-0556 Payroll Check Register for the August 22, 2015 payroll certification.

Mr. Holt, said "You have the Consent Agenda, Items Q through AD. I recommend your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, I will certainly support the motion but I wanted to point out one item in this Consent Agenda, think some discussion and some highlight to this item is important because of recent discussion throughout the city and county with respect our partnership with the City of Wichita. What this actually is, is an agreement between us, Sedgwick County, and the City of Wichita, with respect to maintenance of the flood way, Big Ditch, Wichita/Valley Center Flood Control Program. With this item today we are going to obligate ourselves with \$1,091,129, which is 50 percent of the cost for one year.

"I want to point out our partnerships with the City of Wichita are still working and we are certainly looking forward to having them execute this contract, we provide the

money and they make sure that the job gets done. I appreciate what they do; it's important to our community and I'm glad we have this enforced today. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'd second Commissioner Howell's comments. There is a lot of, there's been a lot of discussion about how the city and county are operating in conjunction with one another and this has been a long standing agreement that's been in place, this goes back roughly half a century. I think I have the number in the ballpark, at least. I think it's important when talking about spending a seven figure amount even though it's on the Consent Agenda it's an item of significant importance in this community, particularly when the rains do come and while we've had, part of the time I've been on this Commission, we have been in a drought situation and storm water and storm drainage didn't get naturally as much attention, but as we revert to a more normal weather pattern as the climate changes through the four seasons I think that it is very important that the importance of the asset that we have that protects this community from flooding and the City-County cooperation that's been ongoing for half a century get a little recognition. I'm glad, even if we do run it on the Consent Agenda, I appreciate the opportunity to discuss it a little bit and have public attention pointed to it. I plan to support Item Q as well as the rest of the Consent Agenda this morning, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "We've had a motion and second. Madam Clerk, please call the vote."

VOTE

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

Adopt the Consent Agenda

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

OTHER

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, do you have anything for the 'Other' portion of our meeting? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since Kristi beat me to the punch this morning with the automatic teller machines which I had the opportunity at one time spending a little over a decade working for a company deeply involved in that. It was one of their avenues of business, the NCR Corporation, it was a walk down memory lane. Since I've used automatic teller machines it's certainly important to appreciate that."

"I would point out that September 2nd is important day in American history for a variety of reasons. We've had a lot of discussions out whether climate and the challenges we face, certainly the storm season we have to worry about here is an ongoing challenge. I would point out that on September 2nd, 1935, the Labor Day hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, and ended up killing 400 people. Think about that. Just a horrible, horrible, horrible weather-related tragedy. On September 2, 1944, future President of the United States was shot down, over the skies of the

pacific, George H. W. Bush, became the 41st American President, was shot down and rescued while serving as an U.S. Navy, Avenger Torpedo Bomber pilot and on this date a year later, September 2nd, 1945, there are a lot of iconic photographs of this event that are out there, Japan formally surrendered onboard the USS MISSOURI (BB-63), in Tokyo Bay, providing an official end of World War II.

"September 2nd is an important day in American history and for folks getting ready to enjoy their Labor Day weekend coming up, I wanted to get it on the record. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Seeing nothing else, we do have need for an Executive Session."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to recess into Executive Session for five minutes, to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return to the Board of County Commissioners chambers no sooner than 11:17 a.m.

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. and returned at 11:20 a.m.

Chairman Ranzau said, "We are now back from Executive Session and no binding action was taken. Mr. North has something to present to us."

Mr. Michael North, Assistant County Attorney, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm approaching the Commission today ask authorization for settlement of an imminent domain action that is pending in local District Court, in the 18th Judicial District Court, Case 15C-1870, Board of County Commissioners versus Wayne and Kate Woolsey. This involves property located at the southwest corner of Hydraulic Avenue and 53rd Street North, near Park City. This is an expansion of the roadway in that area. To do this we were required to file a condemnation action that the Commission authorized on July 8th.

"We filed the action, we've been negotiating with the landowners since then and arrived at a figure \$196,000 for all of the right away rights to the property. It involves replacement of fencing and some taking of trees on this property as well. With that said, I'm certainly open to the Commission members for a specific questions you

have but absent that I would ask for \$136,937 to arrive at settlement of case 15C-1870. Thank you."

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to accept the settlement.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mike. Mr. Manager, anything else to come before the Commission?"

Mr. Holt, said "No, sir."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Seeing one, we are adjourned."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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