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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 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 9:08 a.m. on September 9, 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; Ms. Patricia Parker, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Joseph Thomas, Purchasing Director; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Jill Bailey, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Mark Stump, Director of Direct Services, United Way Mr. Ignacio Ayala, Appointee, Community Correction Advisory Board Mr. Joe Johnson, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission Mr. Lonnie Wright, 1721 South Lulu, Wichita

INVOCATION: Moment of Silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A <u>15-0580</u> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2015. All Commissioners were present.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve Item A through Item H.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

		Commissioner UnruhAyeCommissioner NortonAbsentCommissioner HowellAyeCommissioner PeterjohnAyeChairman RanzauAye
		Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please." Approved
В	<u>15-0582</u>	SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2015. All Commissioners were present.
		Action on Item B was taken with Item A.
С	<u>15-0583</u>	SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2015. All Commissioners were present.
		Action on Item C was taken with Item A.
D	<u>15-0584</u>	SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2015. All Commissioners were present.
		Action on Item D was taken with Item A.
Е	<u>15-0585</u>	REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2015. All Commissioners were present.
		Action on Item E was taken with Item A.
F	<u>15-0588</u>	SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2015. All Commissioners were present.
		Action on Item F was taken with Item A.
G	<u>15-0589</u>	SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2015. All Commissioners were present.
		Action on Item G was taken with Item A.
н	<u>15-0590</u>	SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2015. All Commissioners were present.
		Action on Item H was taken with Item A.
	PROCLAMATION	<u>IS</u>

PROCLAMATIONS

15-0614 PROCLAMATION DECLARING PREPAREDNESS MONTH. I 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 events of September 11, 2001, forever changed the landscape of a US city, took the lives of nearly 3,000 Americans, and reshaped the manner in which we now defend our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, those events also proved that Americans will rally in the face of adversity and support those who are dedicated to ensuring our protection; and

WHEREAS, 14 years later, those events serve as reminders that we cannot allow fear to run our lives but instead work to be prepared to live in our new reality; and

WHEREAS, September 2015 marks the 12th annual National Preparedness Month, which was established in response to the tragic events of 9/11as an outreach of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in an effort to raise awareness for disaster preparedness in communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, agencies across the country work daily to inform, plan and prepare to reduce the possibility and impact of future attacks and disasters; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County residents also can take steps to be better prepared to reduce effects of an attack or disaster, beginning with an emergency kit and plan; and

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

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

In Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to be informed, make a plan, build an emergency kit, and get involved in preparedness efforts.

"Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Motion and second. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This proclamation uses the word tragedy. The events of September 11th, 2001, which are vivid for those of us who were old enough to remember where we were on that horrific day, it's not a tragedy. A tragedy is a tornado coming through a town. This was a man-made atrocity, series of atrocities, actually. The purpose of this proclamation is absolutely correct. I think atrocity is a more appropriate word for this resolution than tragedy, I'm

not going to get into wordsmithing today, what the Islamic jihadists did to us on that date and the subsequent events that continue, I think it's very important that we recognize, and I'm going to be happy to support this resolution this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "And we have with us Mark Stump, correct?"

Mr. Mark Stump, Director of Direct Services, United Way, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I represent United Way. I've worked with United Way for almost 30 years now and actually Commissioner Norton was the one who really got United Way of the Plains involved in the disaster world after the Haysville tornado. The community needed a leader to help coordinate volunteers. We stepped forward at that point and haven't backed away since. I serve on a lot of different committees. We do a lot of planning and preparation for the disaster world. I'm current president of the state of voluntary organizations active in disaster, and so that encompasses the [American] Red Cross, Salvation Army and United Way and all of the faith-based groups from the Baptists to the Methodists, the Catholics, the Adventists. All of them are very, very active. We don't wait for a disaster to happen, but we're constantly meeting, exercising.

"We do a lot with emergency management, not just in Sedgwick County but across the state. We want to be able to respond, to be able to help people in the process of preparing, but also then, when we get to that point of recovery and getting back to a new normal. So I appreciate the opportunity to accept this on behalf of the thousands of people that are working daily to try to meet that objective of preparedness and recovery when we get to that point."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mark. Thank you very much for being here. We appreciate all your work."

Mr. Stump said, "Thank you very much."

Commissioner Norton entered the Board of County Commission meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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

APPOINTMENTS

J <u>15-0605</u> APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF THOMAS OLDENETTEL (COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD. Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Resignation.

Ms. Patricia Parker, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you Mr. Oldenettel's resignation from the board. I would recommend that you approve the resignation."

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chairman, I move we approve the resignation and thank Tom for his service. He is taking a position with the Haysville Police Department, not just as Animal Control, but he's getting ready to go through the academy and take another position. He doesn't think that he's going to have the time to serve."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the resignation.

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."

K <u>15-0616</u> APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF DON KLAUSMEYER (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION. Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Resignation.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to make a motion that we approve the resignation, and I want to publicly take this time to thank Mr. Klausmeyer for his service to the community in this position. His circumstances, he contacted me and made this request, and I want to take this public opportunity to thank him for his work on this Commission."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the resignation of Don Klausmeyer.

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." Approved

L <u>15-0604</u> RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING IGNACIO AYALA (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD IN ONE OF THE AT-LARGE POSITIONS. Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Ms. Parker said, "Commissioners, you have before you a resolution reappointing Mr. Ayala to this board. I've reviewed the resolution, as has Mr. Pepoon who has approved it as to form, and I would recommend that you approve it."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "And I believe Mr. Ayala is here to be sworn in."

Mr. Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Could you 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 Community Corrections Advisory Board, so help me God."

Mr. Ignacio Ayala, Appointee, Community Correction Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Ayala said, "Thank you. I just want to say to all the Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to have been on the board and serve in the community up to this time and also into the future. So thank you for your time. I know you have a busy agenda, so have a great day. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you for your willingness to serve. We greatly appreciate it."

Mr. Ayala said, "Yes. Thank you, sir."

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

M <u>15-0607</u> RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOE JOHNSON (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION. Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Ms. Parker said, "Commissioners, Mr. Johnson's appointment is actually Commissioner Unruh's appointment. Again, the resolution has been, is in proper form and has been approved as to form. I would recommend its passage."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

Mr. Arnold said, "Please 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 the Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, so help me God."

Mr. Joe Johnson, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do. You know, as you get older in life, you need to have some defined things, and by being on this board, you know where you're going to be every other Thursday afternoon. That's good. I've enjoyed serving on it in the past and look forward to it in the future and thank you very much for the appointment."

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

N15-0608RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS AND REAPPOINTING A
MEMBER IN THE POSITIONS OF JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER,
MASTER PLUMBER, JOINTLY APPOINTED PUBLIC-AT-LARGE,
AND BOCC MECHANICAL ENGINEER (BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE METROPOLITAN
AREA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT BOARD OF
APPEALS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS.
Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Ms. Parker said, "Commissioners, this resolution appoints in the journeyman plumber position Seth Harrington, who replaces Jerry Short, whose term has expired. Master plumber position, Kelsey Leidy, replacing Erik Vail, again, whose term has expired, and the jointly appointed position, public at large, Larry Doughty, replacing Rodney Ketzner, whose term expired. You also have a reappointment of mechanical engineer Keith Brewer. Again, the resolution is in proper form, and I would recommend that you approve it."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolutions.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Normally we don't ask for any public comments on our appointments, but I think there may be some desire today. Just give us your name and address for the record."

Mr. Lonnie Wright, 1721 South Lulu, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. I welcome the appointments, particularly Kelsey Leidy. He taught our code and has been instrumental in our trade. I have no problem with the appointments. But I have two questions so I can understand the thinking that I feel is different here.

"When we appoint people on technical boards, we do that for their experience, you know, what they know, and in discussions here with Commissioner Howell, you've expressed your desire to have someone lacking experience or having less experience, so I'm wanting to ask for our trade boards and all of our citizen boards, is there going to be a preference for less experience, over experience, and then secondly on education. When we have established specific things, lawn sprinkler, drain layer, a worker or a master, we expect them to represent that voice. In our union, all of us are workers. We're all journeymen, but many seek additional certifications, like the master certification, back flow, medical gas. And a person, if they have that additional education, if I understand it right, then they aren't qualified.

"So my second question, first one experience. The second one, is this going to be, is education going to be a limiting factor for all positions for our trade boards or other citizen boards? And you don't need to answer. But those are two questions that I wanted to try to understand. I'm not going to argue with you whether I think it's right or wrong. I'm just saying from our past practices, this reflects some different thinking, and it would be a value of us to understand the thinking."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to go ahead and answer your questions, if you don't mind. That would be great. To your first question about advocating for less experience, that's not what this is about. This is a seven member board. The city has three appointments. The county has three appointments, and there is one member appointed at large, a joint appointment between the county and city. One of the appointments by the city, one of the requirements is it's a master plumber. One of the requirements for the county is we have one that's a master plumber, and we have another slot on the county that requires a journeyman. "I had talked with Mr. Stoltz about this, trying to understand why those requirements were listed the way they are, and I think the intent of the board, again, also mechanical engineers, there's a supplier position on there. I think the intent of the makeup of that board is to provide diversity. So they cover the perspective of people all over the spectrum, if you will, of the plumbing trade. Someone who is a journeyman is up and coming into the position of a plumber position.

"They started out as an apprentice, maybe even a helper, an apprentice to the journeyman and hopefully moving up to master at some point. So someone that's a journeyman is one that is presumably newer to the field, perhaps trying to get established in the trade, and they bring a different perspective, and I think that the intent of the seven member board with those descriptions provides diversity, which I think is healthy for that board. It brings a different perspective. So when issues come before the board, they understand the different viewpoints. And if you have three master plumbers on there and no journeymen, then I think that you're missing out on that aspect of it. To the extent that I think your second question was dealing with advocating for less education for all workers. Is that correct, or for all...?"

Mr. Wright said, "Yes, your point that if a person working as a journeyman, I mean, 80 percent of our people are journeymen and they are for their lifetimes, they're workers. We don't have that many people owning a company. Well, we do have quite a few. But most people are workers and they work up to master. That is a lifetime thing. So here we have a person that works as a journeyman, but you consider him not qualified because he also got the additional education as a master." Commissioner Howell said, "So the question is dealing with one of the positions is that we're replacing someone who is, just so the listeners understand, the person that currently filled that position is a master plumber, and what we're replacing him with is one that's actually a journeyman plumber. The one that's a master plumber has been doing some of the work as a journeyman, I understand, but he actually has been a plumber for a very long time and has done a good job. He is a master licensed plumber. So again, trying to find that diversity on that board, I wanted to get someone who is a journeyman, who represents that position as it's described on the board appointment description that we have. If they exceed that, then again, I think they bring a different perspective. I'm not advocating for less education necessarily or less experience, but I just think that having someone who is a journeyman who is, I guess, at that position in their career path brings a different perspective versus someone who is an established master plumber, and that's the intent."

Mr. Wright said, "I appreciate it. I can't say it's clearer in my mind, but I appreciate the discussion, and I'm sure as time goes on maybe there will be understanding, but I appreciate you talking with me. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Wright, if you would stand for a couple questions."

Mr. Wright said, "Don't ask me history questions. For years, I'm nervous you're going to ask me a history question that I don't know the answer to."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'll try and make it very topical. I've heard you described as a retired plumber."

Mr. Wright said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That is correct?"

Mr. Wright said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Do you know how many plumbers there are in Sedgwick County?"

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

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Do you have a ballpark estimate?"

Mr. Wright said, "Maybe 2,000. Mr. Stoltz may have a better idea."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Do you have any idea how many of that roughly 2,000 might be journeymen versus masters?"

Mr. Wright said, "No. I would say, out of the 2,000, about half of them are union people. And so I would say maybe 60 to 80 percent don't get that additional education."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So they would be journeymen?"

Mr. Wright said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Are you a master?"

Mr. Wright said, "Yes, master."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you very much."

Mr. Wright said, "Thank you, and thanks for no history questions."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "You're welcome."

Chairman Ranzau said, "We do have a motion and a second, correct? Madam Clerk, 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

NEW BUSINESS

O <u>15-0611</u> REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2015. Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department.

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

Mr. Joseph Thomas, Purchasing Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts for September 3rd results in only one item this morning for you to consider. And that item is:

1. TUB GRINDER – ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES FUNDING – TIRE ROUNDUP EVENT

"Recommendation is to accept the low proposal from J & D Equipment Co. dba American Equipment Co. in the amount of \$295,918.00.

"I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have, and I recommend approval of this item."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Mr. Chairman, I'd be pleased to make a motion that we approve the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts, but I do have a question. Was there going to be another piece of equipment in conjunction with this?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir. That piece of equipment, the dollar threshold allows it to go to the acting manager for approval."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you for that clarification. I'll let my motion stand."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "We have a motion and a second. And Joe, from last week, we had an item that was deferred. Is that going to be on next week?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir. That will be presented to bid board tomorrow and will come before you next week."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. Very good. I don't see any other questions or anything. Anyone from the public who would like to speak on this item? In seeing none, Madam Clerk, 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." Approved

CONSENT

- P
 15-0569
 Agreement between Sedgwick County and the Oaklawn Improvement District for Controlled Access to Certain Roadways.
- Q <u>15-0560</u> Approval of an agreement between Sedgwick County and Tanganyika Wildlife Park, LLC for the closure of certain County roadways for the purpose of hosting the Meritrust Tiger Trot at Tanganyika on Sunday, September 20, 2015.
- R
 15-0592
 Professional Service Agreements (2) to Provide Inpatient Psychiatric Care for COMCARE Consumers.
- S <u>15-0593</u> Agreement with the Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services and the Area Agency on Aging for the Senior Care Act (SCA) FY 2016.

Con	missioners	
т	15-0594	Order dated 7/8/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
U	15-0602	Order dated 8/27/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
v	<u>15-0561</u>	General Bill Check Register for September 2, 2015 - September 8, 2015.
		Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda items, Items P through J [sic], I recommend your approval."
		Chairman Ranzau said, "What's the will of the Board?"
		MOTION
		Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
		Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.
		There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.
		VOTE
		Commissioner Unruh Aye Commissioner Norton Aye Commissioner Howell Aye Commissioner Peterjohn Aye Chairman Ranzau Aye
		Chairman Ranzau said, "Next, we move to Legislative Issues. Do we have anything for that, Mr. Manager?"
		Mr. Holt said, "No, sir."
		Chairman Ranzau said, "So then we'll move on to 'Other'. Commissioners, do you have anything for the other portion of our agenda? Commissioner Peterjohn." Approved
	<u>OTHER</u>	
		Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have a couple items t bring up today. It was mentioned earlier that we've got the biggest Public Works

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have a couple items to bring up today. It was mentioned earlier that we've got the biggest Public Works project, Sedgwick County has 582 bridges, also 600 miles of roads that are the responsibility of our system. The biggest Public Works project we had this year we're going to be reopening a very important bridge for the folks who are in the northwest part of the county or folks in the rest of the county and out of county who travel through the northwest part. Basically, if you want to get across the river, the Big Arkansas River, you've got to, we only have two bridges from 151st Street West all the way to the county line, and one of those has been closed since, let me look at the Director of Public Works. I think we closed that bridge, I think it was, the first or second week of November last year or maybe the last week of October. Am I in the ballpark on that, Mr. Spears?"

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said,

"Yes, that's correct."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So it's been just under a year, but it's been a major imposition for the folks who are living in the northwest part of the county. This is an 800-foot long bridge. It's a major project. And the importance of it is such that I had requested several, actually when we started out this project, I knew how important it was for the folks in that part of the county. We're going to have an official reopening Friday morning, and I'm looking forward to attending there. And I welcome the public and anyone else interested. I plan to walk the bridge before we officially open it. It will be a, get a good piece of exercise just crossing that bridge over and back.

"Mr. Chairman, I'd be remiss if I didn't point out that this day is a very important day in American history. On September 9th, a number of interesting and important events, the second Continental Congress on this date in 1776 makes official the term the United States for the very first time. And on this date in 1850, California became a state. We had the first presidential birth on this date in 1893 when Francis Cleveland, wife of President Grover Cleveland, gave birth to a daughter, Esther, in the White House. Probably the most interesting from a Kansas perspective was on September 9th, 1957, Kansas' own Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first civil rights law that was enacted since reconstruction. So September 9th is an important day in American history. I wanted to get that on the record this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Seeing no other items for our other portion of the agenda, we'll move to the Executive Session portion, and we do have a need for Executive Session. Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 25 minutes to consider personnel matters of nonelected personnel and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:00 a.m.

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, "We now move to Executive Session."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m. and returned at 10:01 a.m.

Chairman Ranzau said, "We're now back from Executive Session. No binding action was taken. Mr. Manager, anything else to come before the Commission?"

Mr. Holt said, "No, sir."

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

RICHARD RANZAU, Chairman Fourth District

KARL PETERJOHN, Chair Pro Tem Third District

DAVID M. UNRUH, Commissioner First District

TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner Second District

JAMES M. HOWELL, Commissioner Fifth District

ATTEST:

Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED: