

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 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 9:09 a.m. on September 16, 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 James M. Howell; Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. Michael Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Jim Weber, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Erika Rice, Deputy County Clerk.*

#### **GUESTS**

*Ms. Holly Dyer, Wichita Bar Association  
Ms. Ellen Estes, Daughters of the American Revolution  
Ms. Vada Bowen, Black Women Empowered  
Mr. Dan Stockemer, 21421 West 37th Street North, Colwich  
Mr. John Todd, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission  
Ms. Kristen McGovern, Purchasing Department*

### **INVOCATION: Moment of Silence.**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

- A**     [15-0563](#)     PROCLAMATION DECLARING WICHITA BAR ASSOCIATION'S  
100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY  
Read by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, I have the following Proclamation to read into the record:*

*Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, the Wichita Bar Association was formed on September 30, 1915; and since that time it has been dedicated to promoting the highest standards of professionalism within the legal community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Wichita Bar Association seeks to encourage the legal profession,*

*elevate the standard of professional learning and integrity, attain the greatest degree of respect for the efforts of the bar in the administration of justice, cultivate fraternal relations among its members, promote public access to the law, maintain a law library, and to do such other things as may reasonably promote learning, respect, and appreciation of law and the administration of justice; and*

*WHEREAS, for the last century, its members have served in numerous positions of leadership and volunteer service at all levels in the community's civic, professional, religious, service and charitable organizations, and have devoted themselves to the service of the community through thousands of hours of pro bono legal services every year; and*

*WHEREAS, today, the Wichita Bar Association is comprised of more than 1,300 members, with many active committees, which serve to advance the professionalism of its members in various areas of the law.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2015 as the*

**WICHITA BAR ASSOCIATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY**

*And call upon the people of Sedgwick County to acknowledge the contributions of the Wichita Bar Association and all its members.*

*"Commissioners, what is the will. 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**

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Absent</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 today I think we have Holly Dyer here today to receive the Proclamation."*

*Ms. Holly Dyer, Wichita Bar Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much. It is an honor to be here and thank you so much Commissioners, for recognizing the Bar Association 100th Anniversary. I have very short remarks to make. Since 1915, the WBA (Wichita Bar Association) and its members have been guided by our mission to provide services to our members, and to the Wichita and Sedgwick County community, but promote learning, respect, and appreciates of the law and administration of justice. We remain committed to this principle.*

*"As lawyers, we are privileged to serve the community in which we practice, and we*

*have an obligation not just to represent our clients the best we can, but to give back to the community. The Wichita Bar Association does this in many ways through programs like grow your own lawyer, and our summer intern program. Both of which give high school students an opportunity to see the lives of lawyers and judges, firsthand. We do this by volunteering time in area classrooms every law day, and this week Constitution day, to talk about the importance of the law and the judicial system and the judicial branch in our democracy. We do this by helping our members to practice at the highest levels of professional skill, and to the highest standards of ethical conduct.*

*"On behalf of the Wichita Bar Association, thank you for this great honor. We look forward to another 100 years of service to our members, and to the citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Thank you."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Holly, for being here today. Congratulations on 100 years. Madam Clerk, next item, please."*

**Adopted**

**B**      [15-0620](#)

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING CONSTITUTION WEEK.**

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 Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and*

*WHEREAS, September 17, 2015 marks the 228th anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and*

*WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and*

*WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a Proclamation each year by the president of the United States of America designating September 17 through 24 as Constitution Week.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 17-24, 2015 as*

**CONSTITUTION WEEK**

*In Sedgwick County and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.*

*"Commissioners, what is the will of the Board?"*

MOTION

*Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the Proclamation.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Absent</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 today, we have Ellen Estes, Daughters of the American Revolution."*

*Ms. Ellen Estes, Daughters of the American Revolution, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In mid-September, 1787, the U.S. was a nation on the brink. It had won the Revolutionary War, but losing the peace. The National Treasury was virtually empty and the economy faltering. While inflation soared, and national and state debts went unpaid. Against this backdrop this Constitution was written. Our U.S. Constitution will be 228 years old tomorrow, the 17th.*

*"Our American patriots sacrificed lives and fortunes for this country. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) celebrate those American patriots. There are six chapters in Wichita, of the DAR, Randolph Loving, Flores del Sol, Martha Loving Ferrell, Little Arkansas and the Wichita chapter. Thank you."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Ellen, for being here today. I appreciate this resolution. We get lots of resolutions every year, but this has always been my favorite throughout the years I have been a Commissioner. I appreciate it.*

*"I think it is true that we should celebrate the principles that embody the Constitution. This talks about limited government, and I would argue that that particular principle is under attack, particularly in Washington, D.C., and some of our masters there, but I have been in the process of reading a book called 'Lion of Liberty' about Patrick Henry, that was given to me by a constituent, and very fitting. I encourage everyone to get a copy of this book and read it. Talks about Patrick Henry, but it has a very good history of how our country was founded, from the time before the Declaration of Independence, all up and through the time this Constitution was signed and subsequent to that. So it's been very interesting, because it is a very good history lesson, and it really reinforces the values and principles that you are talking about here today. And I appreciate that.*

*"And once again, I encourage everyone to get this book, 'Lion of Liberty.' Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If we are going to mention books that are appropriate on this topic today, I think I would be remiss if I didn't mention two books that used to be required reading in a lot of school situations. I think they have become passé in our current age, but they are I believe timeless. The first one is 'The Federalist Papers', which was the argument that Jay, Madison, and*

*Hamilton wrote in support of ratification of the Constitution. And also the two-volume set, 'Democracy in America', written about a half century, roughly a half century later in the 1830s, and talked about what an incredible and remarkable experiment the American Revolution and the Constitution that came forth from it was, and particularly in light of other events, and the challenges of good governance in the 19th and now for us into the 21st centuries. So if we are going to mention books, I wanted to at least put those on the record, Mr. Chairman, to join yours."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Very good. Would I say if you are going to take the time to read 'The Federalist Papers', you may want to read the 'Anti-Federalist Papers', which Patrick Henry and James Madison were two of the people involved there. A lot of their fears and concerns are coming to fruition nowadays. So very informative."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, I would be remiss if I didn't mention James Madison was actually a big supporter of the Constitution."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "I am sorry, I meant Patrick Henry and..."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "George Mason."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "George Mason. Yes, sorry."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Absolutely."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you. Well, we have had enough of a history lesson today, I guess."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I haven't even gotten started, Mr. Chairman, I will be back later."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "We still have 'Other' at the end of the meeting. Next item, please."*

**Adopted**

**C**     [15-0622](#)

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING BLACK WOMEN EMPOWERED IN WICHITA, INC DAY**

Read by: Chairman Richard Ranzau

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, I have the following Proclamation to read into the record.*

*WHEREAS, Black Women Empowered in Wichita, Inc. strives to serve women who have experienced and are experiencing adverse situations in their lives through spiritual, mental, and physical awareness; and*

*WHEREAS, Black Women Empowered in Wichita, Inc. is honoring 11 dynamic women who work hard, persevere, succeed, and inspire others; and*

*WHEREAS, each of the honorees have found success in their own unique way and inspired thousands of women to follow in their footsteps; and*

*WHEREAS, the honorees are: Vernetta Dixon, Reverend Carieta Grizzell, Danielle Johnson, Rhonda Kingwood, Dr. Cynthia Wolford, Melody Miller, Margaret*

*Thompson, Christina Long, Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Fran Jackson, and Representative Gail Finney; and*

*WHEREAS, these honorees have empowered other women of color through their careers, community service, and the time they give to help others; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2015 as*

*BLACK WOMEN EMPOWERED IN WICHITA, INC DAY*

*And encourage residents of Sedgwick County to congratulate these eleven inspiring women.*

*"Commissioners, what is 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**

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Absent</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 have someone here today to receive the Proclamation. Miss Bowen."*

*Ms. Vada Bowen, Black Women Empowered, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We do consider this an honor to accept this Proclamation. And I just wanted to say, you have already covered most of the things that we are part of, and what we do in this community, as a group. I would like to say we have events, the one he mentioned, for our honoring of our women and we are doing that on this Friday, September 18th. So we do this every year, it is an annual event.*

*"And we are so honored to be able to do this for our community, and we hope that it has been an improvement in the way we do things as far as black women are, and that we are coming together as one, and that we will hope to be empowered to even be better stewards in our community. Thank you so much for this honor."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you all for being here. Thank you for the work you do. Next item, please."*

**Adopted**

**CITIZEN INQUIRIES**

**D**      [15-0633](#)

**REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY**

COMMISSIONERS INVITING THEM TO AN EVENT FOR YOUTH  
HORIZONS.

Presented by: Dan Stockemer, Prairie Hill Vineyard.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

*Mr. Dan Stockemer, 21421 West 37th Street North, Colwich, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here on behalf of Youth Horizons, but before I do that, I think Thomas Payne's 'Common Sense' ought to be included in the list of the required reading."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Duly noted, I appreciate that."*

*Mr. Stockemer said, "And they would all admit that without the Holy Scriptures, none of them would have been there, nor the country. We have that as a fundamental foundation. The reason I am here, actually, is one of my good friend's sons is a house coach, him and his wife, at the [Kinloch Price] Boys Ranch. I actually went out there to see the place, and was so impressed by the work they were doing, and I had met Earnest Alexander previously and found they had a fundraising effort to raise money for two additional houses. They were doing a fundraising effort to raise money. If they get money raised by the 30th, the [J.E. and L.E.] Mabee Foundation will double the funds. About 80,000 trying to get raised.*

*"I would like to read this. It's very concise, and to the point about what Youth Horizons does. I think it is one of the best non-profits in the county. There are so many good ones, of course. But this one does the hard work that I know the Commissioners have struggled with relative to the Lake Afton Boys Ranch, and they are doing a wonderful work out there, one that I think the community should be aware of, and support if we can, not necessarily a check from the County Commission, but by the community, and I know the state helps as well.*

*"Youth Horizons, established in 1989 by Earnest Alexander and Jeff Wenzel, has grown since then to be one of the most successful local services in the Wichita area serving at risk youth. Youth Horizons serves kids of all races who come from broken fatherless backgrounds. Youth Horizons accomplishes their mission by matching children with Christian mentors and providing a safe and structured home environment for boys ages 10 to 22 in a residential program located at the Kinloch Price Boys Ranch on North Woodlawn Avenue, north of Wichita, Kansas. Currently there are two homes on the 80 acre property with two additional homes under construction which will allow Youth Horizons to house up to 28 boys in 4 group homes on the property.*

*"A professionally trained married couple, called a family coaching couple, lives in each home and along with an family coach provide the oversight needed to apply behavioral principals that teach life skills including home management, personal finance, and the work and relationship skills necessary to become a productive and successful member of the community. The boys are taught work skills while tending the ranch's garden and helping with maintenance at the facility. They are also raising goats and I am encouraging them to plant a vineyard, we will see if that happens.*

*"Youth Horizons cares for children who want a family environment, but need more structure than a typical foster home can provide. The boys who live at the ranch are educated on site through Valley Center USD #262 overseen by a professional onsite teacher who monitors the boys' progress. Coach parents and tutors also help them reach their academic goals.*



*"Youth Horizon uses the Girls and Boys Town Teaching and Treatment model which has been proven to be effective in helping youth actually transition from a difficult background into a successful adulthood. Studies have shown that 90 percent of Girls and Boys Town students graduate from high school.*

*"There are currently two additional homes being constructed at the ranch. Due to funding shortfalls Prairie Hill Vineyard, which is the vineyard I have out near Colwich, is sponsoring a Thank You to Youth Horizons fundraiser, which will help with the construction costs while helping them receive a matching grant from a local foundation if received by September 30, 2015.*

*"Mr. Earnest Alexander is the President and founder of the Youth Horizons and has devoted his life to serving and reaching out to help troubled and at risk children. He has personally adopted two boys, now adults, and has helped many others individually and through Youth Horizons.*

*"In addition to his work at Youth Horizons, he has travelled extensively both in the United States and overseas performing at concerts, schools, and other venues. He has received numerous awards and has performed with many different groups including most notably Wichita's own Singing Quakers from Friends University.*

*"So when I saw what they were doing, I said I have got this beautiful venue out there. We have been doing a few weddings, and I said let's do a fundraiser. So I offered to do that and I have been passing out these flyers everywhere I can go. I know I left some in your offices, but I figured the best way to get it in front of you was to come and tell you. We will do this Saturday, September 26th. A lot of other events going on that night. I realize. But we are going to do it anyway. I happen to have a client by the name of Everest Transford who used to be head of the Boys and Girls Club. When I was at his house he said we have a group called ARISE, a black choir, we do story telling and negro spirituals. I said are you sure you want me to say negro spirituals? He said I say it negro spirituals. I said okay. So we are going to have them sing. They are an amazing choir.*

*"So we are going to do 5:00[p.m.] to 7:00[p.m.], hor d'oeuvres and vineyard tour. Silent auction. If anybody wants to donate anything, let me know before I leave. Then a concert by ARISE (African Americans Renewing Interest In Spirituals Ensemble), and lights on around the vineyard, a beautiful evening. Dave Solo at Grace Hill Vineyard will be serving their wine, we have food trucks, and of course some cheese and bread and it is just going to be a nice evening. Then after that, you can hang out, or leave, and I'm hoping that the community will respond with a good show up for them. And Sierra Scott will be our Master of Ceremonies.*

*"So I jokingly say this, ARISE is all black, and Earnest is black, and if I don't get some white folks there, I will be accused of being racist. So please. I need some white people there. And if you want a flyer, I will leave a few over there, and I appreciate the opportunity to address. Any questions, I will be happy to answer them."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thanks, Dan. You will have at least one white person there. I will be there."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I have a question."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dan, are you related to Matt in any way?"*

*Mr. Stockemer said, "Yes, he is my nephew. Although he might not admit that, he is my nephew."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I wanted to make that connection. He is a good friend of mine as well. I want to tell you, you were very eloquent in your speech today. Thank you for raising the issue. I think Youth Horizons is a jewel in our community."*

*Mr. Stockemer said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "We are blessed to have them. They have real heart. Earnest Alexander has created Youth Horizons, I believe, but he has a heart and the organization has a heart for these kids. I want to be clear to the community as they listen to this, that this is a YRCII (Youth Residential Center), it does get funding from the State of Kansas, but they have other needs, and just like Judge Riddel Boys Ranch had other needs, this is a tremendous opportunity for our kids. One thing that makes this one different than Judge Riddel Boys Ranch, this one deals with children in need of care. These are kids that come from broken homes and just terrible situations, that need a family structure. He provides that. They love these kids, bring them into a structured environment, really gets them to rethink their lives from the inside-out, just like Judge Riddel Boys Ranch."*

*"Those kids at JRBR were juvenile offenders. So it is confusing to the public that we have YRCII's that have two different types of kids. One under the department of corrections, that's the juvenile offender children. There are a number of homes that deal with those in the Sedgwick County area. The one that has been in the news so much is the Judge Riddel Boys Ranch, that closed last July. We have children in need of care homes as well. They do a tremendous job. These kids unfortunately, depending how you look at it, I suppose, the population of these kids cannot be mixed, or intermingled in any way."*

*"That's a state requirement. So the CINC (Children in Need of Care) kids fall under the Department of Children and Families, so it is a very important asset for our community. And I am so glad that they are there. And I am really glad you stepped up to help this fundraiser happen. I am excited about that. I will be there at least part of the evening, as you said, there is a lot of events that night. I will be juggling events I have to attend that night. But I am looking forward to this one especially. Just want to say thank you for what you are doing."*

*Mr. Stockemer said, "Thank you for bringing that up, and thank you, I know it is hard decisions you all make about Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. This one, however, everybody tells me they do one of the best jobs. They are growing. So we are not that far, we are west, by Saint Marks, about, from here, a 25 minute drive. Maize and 21st Street. Seven miles west and two miles north. It is on the corner of 215 West and 37th Street North. You know where Saint Marks is, it is a mile and a half west and a mile north of Saint Marks. And we planted a vineyard there. Been working on it for almost 15 years, and it's really becoming a beautiful place. I would love to show it to you as well."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I am looking forward to seeing that. I have seen the two new facilities that they are building at the Kinloch Ranch, and they are fabulous. Very, very needed. We have I think a growing need in our community for these types of resources, I just wanted to say also one more time that, it would be a great opportunity for people to enjoy, I think, see a local musical artist in our area. He has a heart for these kids, and you mentioned something about broken, fatherless families. I have a heart for that as well. I think that Earnest and I have developed a friendship a*

*little bit around that issue. I really want to say thank you to Earnest for taking a heart about that issue. That really changes the culture of our community. We need people like him to step up. Thank you for what you are doing."*

*Mr. Stockemer said, "Thanks for sharing that. Thank you, sir."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. It to join, Dan, in thanking you for coming out this morning. And this presentation, and second Commissioner Howell's remarks, and in that regard."*

*"And you are absolutely right, September 26th is going to be a busy evening. There is a lot of things going on in this community. I hope you will not only the weather cooperates fully for you on that evening, I recently drove by on 215th Street. Your house and on another matter, county business, and I noticed that your grapes looked absolutely great, Dan. So, I wanted to throw that out. It looks like the rain, the weather this summer has been at least kind, in terms of growing grapes, But I'm glad you came in and wanted to thank you for your presentation."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dan, I also wanted to express appreciation for your efforts in trying to raise funds for the Kinloch Price Boys Ranch. I have known Earnest a long, long time, back when he was starting his service to the community back at the Mathewson house, around 1st and Mathewson Street, which is my home neighborhood. And I was also present when they did the groundbreaking at the Ranch, up on north Woodlawn, so I have a real interest in seeing it succeed. But if someone was not able to attend but had an interest in being supportive, what would your advice be?"*

*Mr. Stockemer said, "Well, I would call Youth Horizons and ask them what you can do to help them. If you really want to see firsthand how wonderful this is, go up there and check out the facility. They have their own teachers there that are teaching the kids, they are working. I would get involved somehow, just find out how wonderful of an organization this really is, and you will find out its worth, if you have got money to give or anything that you could share with them shall it's one of the best organizations in town to get involved with. I think once you see the facility, that motivated me."*

*"Brian Prahm, my friend's son, brought the boys out to the vineyard once. They were learning to work, and I said the biggest need we have half the time is to learn how to swing a hammer or dig a hole, or use a pruning shear. So these kids are learning to work. It is a great organization, with great principles. So that's what I do. I would just call Earnest up at Youth Horizons, and find out what they could do. Because once you get involved just a little bit, you see how good of an organization it is, and you might want to give, then."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "That was actually my question. Where do you send a check?"*

*Mr. Stockemer said, "I don't have the address, it's on east Douglas, and I don't have the address right here, but I do have a phone number. I can give you."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "They are accepting money?"*

*Mr. Stockemer said, "Yes, they're taking checks right now, because I got on their Facebook page, Earnest said there is they are \$80,000 short of their goal. Hopefully we will be able to kick in a portion of that. It's really, when people show up, it's \$1 to \$1,000. I am not charging for this event."*

*You just show up and give what you want to give. And sort of tongue in cheek, again, I tell people, well, if it were 1969, you wouldn't want to have missed Woodstock, or maybe you would have. The fact is, this will be a great concert. ARISE is a great group, it is going to be beautiful music, and I am hoping for a good night, if the weather cooperates. So if not, we will receive a check, and turn you away if we are raining or something like that. But it will be a lovely evening. I got a feeling. So thank you very much."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, I would interject Youth Horizons does have a website that provides information about their program, and they also do a really good mentoring program, so people throughout the community that want to basically have a relationship with one of these young kids that needs a family structure, you can bring these kids into your home and sit around the table and have dinner, go out and go bowling, play sports together, things like that. And they have really nice mentoring program, and they connect these kids with families who are willing to take them in. They would meet up with them once or twice a week, and develop a relationship that lasts for years. So I just wanted to point that out. But the website also does provide information about how to donate and be a partner with Youth Horizons. Please check out Youth Horizons website. You will find it easily if you Google it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Absent</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 very much, Dan. Next item, please."*

**Received and Filed**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**E**      [15-0619](#)      RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN TODD (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENT) TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DON KLAUSMEYER TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION. Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Mike Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And first item, the appointment of Mr. Todd to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Don Klausmeyer. The resolution is in proper form and I ask that you approve the resolution."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to take this opportunity on this item to thank Mr. Klausmeyer for his service. He had commitments that he felt that prevented him from providing the attention that this position deserved. So, I have asked, we've got Mr. Todd in front of us this morning, and I am absolutely delighted that he's willing to serve. I am going to nominate Mr. John Todd to fill the unexpired term on the Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC)."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution.*

*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>Absent</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, "I believe Mr. Todd is here to be sworn in."*

*Ms. Karen Bailey, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good morning. 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. John Todd, Appointee, Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do. Thank you. Thank you so much for this honor. I will do my level best to execute the responsibilities that you entrust me with to the best of my ability. Appreciate it. Thank you."*

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

**Adopted**

**F**      [15-0637](#)

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAX WEDDLE (COMMISSIONER HOWELL'S RECOMMENDATION) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.**  
**Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Pepoon said, "I believe this item is being requested that it be tabled for some*

*period of time."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell moved to table 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>Absent</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."*

**Tabled**

**G**     [15-0635](#)

**RESOLUTION NOMINATING DAVID ESLINGER (COMMISSIONER JIM HOWELL'S NOMINATION) FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD.**

Presented by: Michael Pepoon, Acting County Counselor.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.**

*Mr. Pepoon said, "This is Commissioner Howell's appointment or nomination for appointment. The City of Wichita's City Council makes the actual appointments. His nomination for appointment to the Wichita Airport Advisory Board is Mr. Eslinger. The resolution is in proper form and ask that you approve the resolution."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a couple comments. I have known Mr. Eslinger for a long time. He's worked on the dock project at the boating facility for a long time. He's been involved in aviation, his entire career. He knows a lot about aircraft and aviation, tremendous experience. I would be very pleased to nominate David Eslinger to the appointment of the Wichita Airport Advisory Board."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I was also going to thank Mr. Eslinger for his work on the B29 project for dock, and also I know he's given tours, including some to some young people I am very close to. So appreciate very much his work. I hope the City Council gives his nomination the appropriate attention and response it deserves. Thank you."*

*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, "Thank you, David, for your willingness to serve. I don't believe we can swear him, they have to approve it. They will do that. Thank you very much. Next item, please."

**Adopted**

**NEW BUSINESS**

H     [15-0634](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2015.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department.

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

*Ms. Kristen McGovern, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts on September 10th results in one item for your consideration. This was previously presented on September 2nd. At that time we made the recommendation for two vendors. You asked us to review the possibility of adding additional vendors for these services.*

*"With that in mind, here is our new recommendation for on-call architectural and engineering services, for Facilities Department, the recommendation is to accept the proposal from Richard B. Kraybill, doing business as Kraybill Architect, Hanney and Associates Architects, and Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture, and establish contract hourly rates as identified for the period of one year, with two one-year options to renew.*

*"I will be happy to answer any questions, and recommend approval of this item."*

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

MOTION

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

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Absent
Commissioner Howell	Aye

Commissioner Peterjohn                      Aye  
Chairman Ranzau                              Aye

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

**Approved**

**CONSENT**

- I      [15-0617](#)                      VAC2015-00005 - Request to vacate the platlor's text to amend the uses permitted in a platted reserve on property generally located on the north side of Central Avenue and east of 127th Street East (County District 1).
- J      [15-0618](#)                      VAC2015-00023 - Request to vacate a plat located on the northwest corner of 63rd Street South and Clifton Avenue (County District 5).
- K      [15-0586](#)                      Professional Services Agreement between Sedgwick County and Vera Institute of Justice, Inc.
- L      [15-0591](#)                      Termination of Agreement between the Kansas Department Of Health And Environment (KDHE) and the Sedgwick County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program.
- M      **15-0621**                      Order dated 9/2/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- N      [15-0606](#)                      General Bill Check Register for September 9, 2015 - September 15, 2015.
- O      **15-0612**                      Payroll Check Register for the September 5, 2015 payroll certification.

*Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Consent Agenda, Item I through O and I recommend your approval."*

**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                      Absent  
Commissioner Howell                      Aye  
Commissioner Peterjohn                      Aye  
Chairman Ranzau                              Aye

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Next we move to the 'Legislative' portion of our agenda."*



*Mr. Holt, said "We don't have anything, sir."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "We do have need for Fire Agenda, right?"*

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

*Chairman Ranzau said, "We will recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners."*

*Board of County Commissioners Recessed into Fire District Number 1 meeting at 9:45 a.m. and returned at 9:47 a.m.*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, anything for 'Other?' Commissioner Peterjohn."*

**Adopt the Consent Agenda**

**OTHER**

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, " Mr. Chairman, I wanted to mention a couple things. We look forward to some items, but I wanted to make sure that there was some attention paid to some recent events that I think are very significant. Sedgwick County Zoo had a very successful Zoobilee on Saturday night, the weather was great and there were a lot of people in attendance. I would also add that last Friday the largest Public Works Bridge Project for 2015 was officially opened on Bermack Road, the road north of Mount Hope, which is northwest corner of the county. But this is a large bridge over the Big Arkansas River, over 650 feet long. The project 3,750,000. We were able to complete it in less than a year. It's open now for the fall harvest, which is important for the agriculture community, which is a key economic mainstay. Not only in that part of northwestern Sedgwick County, but I think in the entire part of Sedgwick County. Those were two items we have had in the recent past that we had an official opening planned for several months. In fact I talked with our Communications Department roughly this time last year to make folks aware I knew how important this project would be, the detour with that bridge closed for a little over ten months, was roughly 16 miles, and it was a major inconvenience for a lot of folks having that bridge out and having to go to Bentley Road to get over the big river on the official county detour.*

*"Mr. Chairman, I would be remiss if I didn't point out that September 16th is an important day in American history for a number of reasons, particularly in this area. Let me begin with first on September 16th, 1620, 102 pilgrims set forth from England, as well as the crew on the Mayflower, and they had a storm-tossed journey across the Atlantic. It took them over 60 days to make the voyage into the New World. Of course a lot of them did not survive the first few years, which were very tough once they got to what is now the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but they set forth on this day in 1620.*

*"Now, September 16th, 1893, in arguably the wildest land run that occurred in our history, about 100,000 settlers poured forth into the portion of Oklahoma, and they left from Kansas, it was called the Cherokee Strip, to claim homesteads.*

*"September 16th, 1908, William Durant founded General Motors in Flint, Michigan, and on this date, especially in light of the problems we have had with Veterans and September 16th, United States Congress provided a National Charter to the American Legion, shortly after the end of World War I.*

*"So, Mr. Chairman, September 16th an important day in American history. I wanted to*

*get that on the record. Thank you, for that opportunity."*

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

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matter privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to legal advice and contract negotiations and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 10:10 a.m.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

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

#### **VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Absent</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 moved to Executive Session."*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 9:52 a.m. and returned at 10:33 a.m.*

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

*Mr. Ron 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 10:34 a.m.*

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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*RICHARD RANZAU, Chairman  
Fourth District*

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*KARL PETERJOHN, Chair Pro Tem*

*Third District*

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*DAVID M. UNRUH, Commissioner  
First District*

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*TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner  
Second District*

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*JAMES M. HOWELL, Commissioner  
Fifth District*

*ATTEST:*

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*Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk*

*APPROVED:*