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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 23, 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 23, 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. Jim Weber, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Marilyn Cook, COMCARE; Mr. Bill Hinkle, Deputy Fire Marshal; Mr. Bob Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Joe Thomas, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Erika Rice, Deputy County Clerk.*

### **GUESTS**

*Dr. John Tomblin, National Institute for Aviation Research, Wichita State University  
Mr. Sean Weaver, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.  
Ms. Amanda Duncan, Workforce Alliance  
Ms. Ellen Schoffer, Wichita Manufacturing Association  
Ms. Kathy Jewett, Workforce Alliance  
Mr. Gary Plummer, Wichita Chamber  
Mr. Gary Winegar, Wichita Manufactures Association  
Mr. Ron Fuller, Wichita*

### **INVOCATION: Father John Lanzrath, Catholic Diocese of Wichita.**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- A**      [15-0639](#)      REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2015.  
All Commissioners were present.
- Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"*
- MOTION**
- Commissioner Unruh moved to*
- 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 item, please."  
**Approved**

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

**B**      [15-0624](#)      PROCLAMATION DECLARING MANUFACTURING 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, manufacturing supports more than 12.1 million jobs in the United States and more than 45,000 jobs in Sedgwick County; and*

*WHEREAS, the average annual wage for Sedgwick County manufacturing employees exceeds \$67,000; and*

*WHEREAS, an array of manufacturing employers, ranging from aviation and agriculture equipment to petroleum and textile products, operate in Sedgwick County; and*

*WHEREAS, Wichita is the Air Capital of the World and aviation manufacturing accounts for more than sixty percent of the manufacturing jobs in Sedgwick County; and*

*WHEREAS, more than twenty percent of jobs in Sedgwick County are in manufacturing, which is nearly twice the rate of the national average; and*

*WHEREAS, the region is home to high quality education and training institutions, such as the Wichita Area Technical College and the National Center for Aviation Training, which prepare the future workforce with the skills to utilize cutting edge technology in order to fill high demand manufacturing jobs; and*

*WHEREAS, manufacturing day highlights the importance of manufacturing in our nation's economy and to the many rewarding innovative manufacturing jobs available.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2015 as*

*MANUFACTURING DAY*

*In Sedgwick County and urge all citizens to join in recognizing the value of our citizens employed in manufacturing and the importance they serve in our community.*

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

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh 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, "I was told that Dr. Tomblin was going to be here. There he is."*

*Dr. John Tomblin, Executive Director of the National Institute for Aviation Research, Wichita State University, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for this Proclamation, because it is really what Wichita is about. I mean, I think with one of these Proclamations, it's use to see how we got where we are and where we going. So if you think about what Wichita is, I mean, where else in the world is the Air Capital of the world? Think about it; we make machines that defy gravity, that go near the speed of sound, that export all over the world. Pretty special manufacturing.*

*"I mean we hold the top slot, in my opinion. But then holding the top slot also means that we've got to protect the top slot. If you're the prize fighter, somebody is always trying to knock you off, right? They want to fight with you. So this is one of the things. You recognizing that we are special in manufacturing and that we have not lost sight of the ball is very special. So I want to thank you for that. I want to thank you for the support. I know Commissioner Unruh has heard me say this. My analogy is a football game. We too often play defense, where we're trying to protect what we've got, and instead of playing offense too. If you only play defense, the best score you can get in a game is what? Zero to Zero. So, I think what you've really done with your support of the innovation campus really turns it on an offensive game. So I just want to say thank you from the people I represent and the industry I represent. Thank you for seeing that, and thank you for your support.*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "I think Commissioner Unruh has a comment."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, Dr. Tomblin, I want to say in the best possible way that you're one of the most offensive guys I know, and I want you to keep being that way. We do need to be on offense, but I want to just recognize your efforts through NIAR (National Institute for Aviation Research) and your presence at Wichita State University, a lot of community partners who are all working together to try to support our community in general and manufacturing and our strength in that area in particular. So we're pleased to make this Proclamation and indicate our support of this particular sector of our economy.*

*"And although the front page of the paper today had an article that indicates we've got some big challenges and some work to do, I believe that we are at it and we will prevail and we will succeed, because we've got this good partners working together. So glad you're here today."*

*Dr. Tomblin said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The innovation campus, I had to get a plug in, because I know it's important not only in your world, Dr. Tomblin, but it's certainly important on Sedgwick County's end and our side. I wanted to take this opportunity. You had some other folks you brought here, and I didn't know if you wanted to give an opportunity to introduce a few of them who are here for that Proclamation, and you have a little public recognition for them, too."*

*Dr. Tomblin said, "Absolutely. Why don't you just introduce yourselves."*

*Mr. Sean Weaver greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am with AGH (Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.), representing Wichita Manufacturing Association."*

*Ms. Amanda Duncan greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am with the Workforce Alliance."*

*Ms. Ellen Schofler greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am the Communications Chair of the Wichita Manufacturing Association and Chair of the Regional Manufacturing Council on Technical Education."*

*Ms. Kathy Jewett greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am the Human Resources Manager at XLT Ovens and the Chair of the Workforce Alliance."*

*Mr. Gary Plummer greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am the President and CEO of the Wichita Chamber."*

*Mr. Gary Winegar greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am with the Wichita Manufactures Association and I work at Great Plains Industries."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you all for coming out and I very much appreciate your presence here today and delighted to be able to help with this Proclamation. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

**C**      [15-0625](#)

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS 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, each year hundreds of Sedgwick County residents face the reality of living with a mental illness. Every year during the first full week of October, participating organizations bring awareness of mental illness to our community; and*

*WHEREAS, mental illness affects 1 out of every 5 people and touches every age, race, religion and income. Mental illnesses are more common than cancer, diabetes, or heart disease. More than two thirds of Sedgwick County residents who have a mental illness live in our community and lead productive lives; and*

*WHEREAS, mental illnesses are not the result of personal weakness or lack of character. Mental illnesses are treatable. Most people diagnosed with a mental illness can experience relief by seeking treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, NAMI, Newman University, COMCARE, the Robert Dole Veterans Hospital, the Mental Health Association, Breakthrough Club, Via Christi Behavioral Health, and many other Sedgwick County community organizations continue to provide treatment, support, education and advocacy to help improve the lives of individuals affected by mental illness.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2015 as*

*MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK*

*Sedgwick County is dedicated to increasing public awareness in our community and ask that you reach out to someone who needs help. No one should have to confront mental illness alone.*

*"Commissioners, 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>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 Marilyn Cook to receive the Proclamation."*

*Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There is no disputing that mental health is a good part of our well-being. Last week our annual conference was held here in Wichita this year, and I got the privilege to hear*

*Kevin Hines, who was the keynote speaker that first morning of the conference, and I thought what I would do was to share the highlights of his very unforgettable story with you and the public who is listening.*

*"Kevin, who is in his 30s, was adopted by two loving parents. Despite living in a loving and supportive family, he felt depressed and suicidal for much of his childhood. These feelings started for him as a child and then became more and more pronounced as an adolescent, yet he never told his friends, he never told his family about how much emotional pain that he was in, and instead he suffered silently. He had what he called spells as a child where he felt so low in the mornings that he couldn't get out of bed and go to school, and his family thought he was experiencing some kind of unnamed physical condition. He had and has very high intellect, and all of those spells, he would scurry back to school, make up the homework that was past due and overproduce in all aspects of his life until he was caught up with whatever he missed during his downtime. However, he did get to the point where the depression was so profound that he began to feel that he was a tremendous burden to his family and everyone around him. And late in high school, he started hearing voices that told him how worthless that he was. The torment was so strong that he decided the only way out was to end his life.*

*"At age 19, he Googled the word suicide and instead of finding a list of resources that would be able to help him, the first site he opened was one that described various ways to complete a suicide. Kevin lived in San Francisco, and in the article, he Googled on suicide, he learned that jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge was a quick and very effective way to end his life. He read it, and he believed that he would be dead by the time that he hit the water that was some 25 stories below him.*

*"One morning, Kevin took a bus to the Golden Gate Bridge. He was tearful the entire way. He selected a spot on that bridge that wouldn't be too close to a pillar, wouldn't be too close to land, and he was still ambivalent about whether or not he wanted to go through the jump, and this ambivalence is very typical for people who are feeling suicidal. And he convinced himself that if even one person smiled at him or asked him what was wrong that that would be the sign that he should not go through with it.*

*"He stood on that spot for 40 long minutes, and finally a woman tourist came up to him and despite the tear-streaked face, asked him if he would take her picture. He did take her picture. He took several pictures of her. And she went on her way. He says he experienced that as the last straw, and he took a running jump off the bridge and instantly realized that he had made a mistake. He fell 25 stories feet first, plunged about 40 feet deep into the water. In the process, he broke both of his legs and his back, and those injuries made it almost impossible for him to get to the surface. He was shocked that he lived and amazed that he was still alive, although the pain he was experiencing really confirmed that he was very much still alive.*

*"Kevin said he survived that jump due to a series of miracles, and he was hospitalized, obviously, shortly thereafter for his physical injuries, and then over the next couple of years, psychiatrically hospitalized. Eventually he was diagnosed with a bipolar condition, and that diagnosis helped explain his ability to recover from the spells that he had as a child, and his ability to be energized enough to compensate for them later. He now makes it his life work to tell his story and to articulate the desperation that he felt, in an attempt to help others.*

*"I want you to know every day COMCARE staff hears stories like this, told to them by*

*people wanting to lessen their emotional pain and become productive members of our community, despite the impact the illness or addiction has on their lives. We have one such individual here with us this morning who has courageously and graciously offered to share his story and journey through treatment.*

*"Ron has been involved in COMCARE's services. He has been affected by homelessness, alcohol abuse and mental illness. So, I would like to introduce you to Ronald. He had put a great deal of effort into his personal recovery, and much like Kevin Hines, continues in his recovery by sharing his experiences with others. So, Ron, I'm going to ask you to come up."*

*Mr. Ron Fuller greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, gentlemen. I don't know where to start. I can tell you right off the gate that I've been an alcoholic for 40 years. Mental illness to me was a sign of weakness. I chose not to take that round of accepting that I had mental illness. Excuse me. But a couple years ago, I had a couple traumatic things happen in my life that caused me to just give up. I didn't want to live no more. I'm just tired. Just tired, you know."*

*"That took me down the road of homelessness. The word hope, it just wasn't there, you know, and I caught myself attempting suicide a few times. I wound up at [Via Christi Regional Medical Center] Good Shepherd a few times, quite a few. I just didn't want to live. I was tired. I had a really rough childhood. My structure in life was work hard, work, work, work. I wasn't supposed to have feelings or emotions or hurt. I come from a military background, my parents. They were very strict, you know. Don't cry, Ron. None of that stuff. You had to be strong."*

*"Well, that back-fired, obviously. But what I'm grateful for COMCARE, I'm on the streets homeless. The only thing I look forward to is the liquor store opening up. That's all I wanted and hustle up some money. Like I told you, hope, it wasn't there. But one of my visits at Good Shepherd turned out pretty good. I had a lady come up from COMCARE and she sat down with me and said Ron, there is hope. I see something in you that I don't see in a lot of people, she says. You're deep. You're a deep person. You come from within. There is hope, Ron. Come with us. Let us help you. And they did. And Kevin and Aaron and a few other caseworkers, it was a tough battle at first. Don't get me wrong. But finally it clicked that, you know, I've got to do something. I do have a mental illness. I can't be trying to kill myself and drinking vodka and just drowning all of that. I am a strong person. I am good people, you know."*

*"And now I'm getting ready to graduate here this month from COMCARE. It's been a couple years. I've got a lot of sobriety built up. I even learned how to tie a tie today, you know. I'm doing good. And I look in the mirror now, and I feel good. I feel strong. I'm reuniting with my kids again since their mother passed away and trying to get that life back to me. I am just so grateful. Everywhere I go, I share this with people that I see. I'm happy to be alive. Hallelujah. But if they had known me two years ago, they would be kicking me on the street."*

*"I was that guy that was on the sidewalk with the blown-out blue jeans and the panhandling guy. I didn't care. I just didn't. But it was COMCARE that stepped in. It was tough. I'm going to tell you. It was tough at first, but they worked through me, with me, and every time I fell, they picked me back up. And every time I had doubt, they gave me hope. Everywhere I go, like I said, I tell everybody, if it wasn't for COMCARE, I would not be here today."*



*"I'm grateful to be here, and I hope others will do what I did, and just don't give up. Just dig there's something there. Mental illness is something that needs to be made aware of, because a lot of people are like me. They look at it as a weakness. I ain't got mental weakness, or I ain't got mental illness. Yes, you do. You've got to get right medication, you've got to get the right therapists, the right doctors. A lot of these guys, they need guidance, and that's where COMCARE comes in. They guide you through those steps of getting back to where you should be. For that, I'm grateful."*

*"Thank you for listening, and I hope something works out great for everybody. I really do. If you have any questions, go ahead."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you for being here. Commissioner Howell does have some comments."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ronald, I just want to commend you for your bravery to come before us and tell your story. It's very inspiring, and I really appreciate you taking the time and effort to do that today. It means a lot. You mentioned a couple things. I'm interested in knowing a little bit more about that. You mentioned you were an alcoholic for 40 years. Have you been able to overcome that?"*

*Mr. Fuller said, "So far. I went two options. I did their two-month program, graduated. I fell one time a year and a half ago or so, and they picked me back up. It was only a one time thing, and I've been sober ever since. It's been 10 months now. I don't want to drink. I don't want to drink. I don't know what else to say. But I've got the desire not to get drunk. Before I had the desire because, well, these treatment places gave me a place to stay for a month or two. Now I did it for me, you know. I don't want to drink no more."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That is fantastic, a great story, great success."*

*Mr. Fuller said, "I hate to interrupt again. I see where I've been in the last year and a half, I've seen so much alcohol and drugs out here in the streets. It's everywhere. You can't get away from it. I feel so good to just say no. No, I don't care for it. To know me a couple of years ago, I'd be right in the mix. If it wasn't for COMCARE and a few others, I couldn't have done it. I was too weak. But they got me strong again. They gave me what I needed. They believed in me. That's probably the most important thing of all. A lot of people out there are down. They don't have family support or a support system to pick them up. And that's where COMCARE comes in. For what that's worth, I hope you guys, I really don't know why I'm here other than to give a statement. I don't know what the Proclamation or whatever all of that means, but I just wanted to share my story, and that's it."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Let me ask you one more question, if you don't mind. You mentioned a lot of great things about COMCARE and I completely believe, and I think that's a fantastic testimony of what they provide. I'm curious, was there any faith-based organizations or religious organizations that also helped you to get through this, some of these trials?"*

*Mr. Fuller said, "Well, the faith part comes in. To me, faith is an individual decision. I believe in God. I believe in God my way. I want to talk to God right now right, not going to church and all of that and people coming in and everybody gathering in one certain spot. I talk to him regularly, but it's one-on-one. I don't condone it, but there is a higher power."*

*"I wouldn't be here. I should have died many times. I think I had a heart attack one time. I'm happy to check on this story, but they told me I flat lined, and that was barely two years ago. And ever since then, I've had a whole new outlook on life. I drank too much vodka. Faith is always good, but it's on the individual, what they believe in, who they believe in, what the religion is. Mine is just one-on-one."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I'll wrap this up. I just wanted to say there is hope, and I know there are a lot of people out there hurting, and they feel despondent and feel like there's no way out, feel like they've hit the bottom, but there is hope through COMCARE, and I think the faith-based organizations are part of that solution as well, and I appreciate you sharing your testimony this morning."*

*Mr. Fuller said, "Sure. They've got to take that first step. If I could say anything at all, I want people out there that are hurting to take that first step. It's all it takes. COMCARE will take care of the rest. They'll love you like you are family. I'm going to get off here. I know I talk too much."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to add a comment and express appreciation to Ron for the courage you showed in coming here and exposing yourself to a lot of folks you don't even know, but that's probably part of the personal effort and energy, that Marilyn referenced, that it takes as you continue to work with this affliction and keep yourself healthy, and so thank you for being here, and I really am grateful for the work of COMCARE and from the other agencies that work to help folks who have to carry this particular burden. And one of the things from the day's presentation that we need to emphasize, so often it just takes a kind word, or a smile, or just a little bit of encouragement, and we can have a significant difference in someone else's life. And those of us who seem to have things going in the right direction often forget that others in our community are carrying a heavy burden and we can be helpful with just a smile and a kind word. Thanks for being here. That's all I have."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Ron, I want to second my colleague's comments but also point out that the opportunities I've had talking with folks, whether it's with Drug Court or in other places, where people have been fighting, I want to thank Ron in particular, because one of the fears for people, I've been told, is getting up and public and speaking. I want to thank him for being willing to share, because he's kind of the tip of an iceberg out there, and I hope folks who are hearing or seeing this meeting, and if they're struggling, too, there are resources out there. Marilyn, if you've got a couple phone numbers, it might be good to get those. I know we've put them on the record before, but it wouldn't hurt to do it one more time this morning."*

*Ms. Cook said, "Probably the most important phone number is our same day access, through our Crisis Program and Intake, and that's [316]660-7500. I would like to add one thing if I could, please. Every year our local chapter of NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) sponsors a candlelight ceremony and brings a speaker in. Lynn is here, part of our local NAMI chapter. She also has served on our Community Suicide Prevention Coalition that has been working on this. This year the speaker is John Shuchart, the author of a new book, it's called 'You're Not The Brightest Of My Four*

*Sons, And Other Depressing Things That Have Been Said To Me.' So he's going to talk and present humorous way his story that is also apparently very inspirational. That is always held on a Sunday, it will be held on October 4th, at Kansas University. There is a reception and exhibit from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., but then the program itself will start at 6:45 p.m. and go until 8:30 p.m. I would really encourage people to attend. It really is a wonderful evening of learning and it's very inspirational. Thank you for your support. Oh, yeah, Newman University. Sorry. Kansas University would be a long drive. It would be. Thank you, Lynn."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Ron, and thank you, Marilyn, for being here today. Next item, please."*

**Adopted**

**D**      [15-0628](#)

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING FIRE PREVENTION 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, Sedgwick County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and*

*WHEREAS, fires, specifically home fires, are a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, as they killed 2,430 people in the United States in 2014, according to the U.S. Fire Administration; and*

*WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in homes without working smoke alarms; and*

*WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires in half; and*

*WHEREAS, Sedgwick County residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and*

*WHEREAS, Sedgwick County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and*

*WHEREAS, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Working Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!' effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2015 as*

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

*"And I urge Sedgwick County residents to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement*

and to support public safety activities and efforts of Sedgwick County's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2015.

"Commissioners, what's 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**

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

"And we have Ron Hinkle here today to accept the Proclamation."

Mr. Bill Hinkle, Deputy Fire Marshal, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to thank you for proclaiming next week as Fire Prevention Week. It's always an important time of the year for the Fire District. We're very busy that time of the year. We start off on October 3rd, actually the day before Fire Prevention Week starts with an open house at Station 35 out in Goddard from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. We encourage you to stop by if you get a chance.

"Then on Tuesday, October 6th, we have our Annual Fifth Grade Fire Prevention Adventure at the Sedgwick County Zoo. I've seen a few of you out there in years past. Last year we had just over 3,000 students in attendance from the area. They get to come out and interact with first responders from the area and get to see some of our equipment and try different things, and then at the end of Fire Prevention Week on October 10th, we're hosting an open house at Station 37 in Bel Aire. And then on October 17th, we also have an open house at Station 34, located in Haysville. So as you and see Fire Prevention Week kind of extends for us to the whole month.

"We encourage you to stop by and see what it's all about. We encourage all the citizens to come by and meet the firefighters and first responders that work in their communities, as well as see the equipment that's there to respond."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, very much, for being here today and for everything that you do in your efforts to protect our community. We greatly appreciate it. Next item, please."

**Adopted**

**APPOINTMENTS**

<b>E</b>	<a href="#"><u>15-0652</u></a>	RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN RYAN (COMMISSIONER KARL PETERJOHN'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY
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MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item E is a Resolution appointing Sergeant John Ryan to the Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Boards. He is Commissioner Peterjohn's appointment to replace Mr. Oblinger whose term expired in August of this year. The paperwork does appear to be in order."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to make the nomination of Sergeant John Ryan to the Mental Health Advisory Board.*

*Commissioner Unruh 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, "Mr. Ryan is not here today. Next item, please."*

**Adopted**

F [15-0649](#)

RESOLUTION RE-NOMINATING RICH KERSCHEN (COMMISSIONER KARL PETERJOHN'S RE-NOMINATION) FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Yost said, "This Resolution is re-nominating Mr. Kerschen to the Wichita Airport Advisory Board. He is Commissioner Peterjohn's appointment. It's a re-appointment. Of course, we're not appointing him, we're nominating him. The Wichita city council makes that actual appointment. But we're recommending that. The paperwork does appear to be in order."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the County Counselor's remarks, because this is a nomination and not an actual appointment, unlike the previous item in front of us, and I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Kerschen for his service on this Board and his willingness to continue that capacity. I've had the opportunity to fly in and out of the new terminal, and that's been a major project that I think is very well recognized here in the community. I know Mr. Kerschen has worked very hard, in terms of helping us get to the point where we are today and having gotten basically to the finish line on this project. So I am delighted to be able to*

*re-nominate him for this appointment.”*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to nominate Mr. Rich Kerschen for appointment to the Wichita Airport Advisory Board.*

*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>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.”*

**Adopted**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**G**

[15-0640](#)

**SETTING OF HEARING DATE FOR POSTANNEXATION HEARING  
CITY OF WICHITA.**

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve notice of hearing.**

**VISUAL PRESENTATION**

*Mr. Bob Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’ll get you a map up on the screen. We’ve now finally moved into three year post-annexation review period. Before, it was five years, but the laws changed in 2012 and we began tracking the annexations from 2012 forward that will be subject to a three-year hearing. This is the City of Wichita Annexation that was effective on October 26th, 2012. There’s a couple commercial properties at the southern end of the annexation area. I’ll point them out in a minute with my cursor. KGE (Kansas Gas and Electric) owns one and the Sedgwick County Electric Co-Op owns the other. The other five parcels that were annexed as part of this annexation are along the east edge of 135th Street West, between somewhat mid block between 13th and 21st, so this is generally in the area of 135th Street West, and 13th and 21st Street North. The annexation number is 49387, so you can see it highlighted there and then down to the south these are the two commercial properties that I mentioned on the southeast corner.*

*“We have a standard Wichita service plan, which is to say that it is substantially compliant with the Annexation Act. It does provide pretty much everything that’s required by the Annexation Act for a service plan. They did indicate they would provide upon annexation the fairly ordinary services of street maintenance, ditch and culvert cleaning, providing water mains, fire and police protection, parks, code enforcement, those kinds of things. More specifically, they indicated in 2013 they would put in street*

*lights between 13th Street and 21st Street North on 135th Street West, along with a street improvement project that was planned for that right-of-way.*

*"We sent out our prehearing questionnaires to ask landowners if they had received services. We received one response back that noted that they hadn't seen any street lights put in. We've contacted the city. The city has indicated that that is in progress and should be completed in about 8 weeks. We didn't get any other complaints about issues regarding services provided by the city, so we believe all the services are being provided. We have not yet received a full report from the city on the services that they indicated they provided. But other than that, the street lights are the only issue being raised.*

*"We had originally proposed action to set a hearing date for November the 4th, the first meeting following the three year anniversary of the effective date of the annexation. Given the fact they're installing street lights and need a little extra perhaps, I'm going to recommend that you set the hearing date for the second Wednesday in December; December the 9th. If you have any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Not so much question as a comment, because I'm very familiar with this area. It's in the third County Commission district. It's an interesting area in the sense that it's one of the few parts of the city where you can actually enter the city from the west and end up going back into the county before you go back into the city. But I do want to emphasize that the city has spent a good deal of money improving and widening 135th Street between 13th and 21st Street as well as addressing a significant storm water problem that had been in place back in 2009 that was a concern."*

#### MOTION

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to set the Post Annexation Hearing for the City of Wichita for December 9, 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>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."*

**Approved**

**H**      [15-0655](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR  
MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2015.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department.

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

*Mr. Joe Thomas, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts on September 17th results in four items for your consideration:*

*1. BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS (B462) – PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING – PUBLIC WORKS*

*"Recommendation is to reject both submitted bids, in this case.*

*2. BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS (B486) – PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING – PUBLIC WORKS*

*"Recommendation is to reject the submitted bid.*

*3. ROCK SALT – PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING – PUBLIC WORKS*

*"Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Hutchinson Salt Company, Inc. and establish contract pricing for one year with two, one year options to renew.*

*4. LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE (32 PERCENT) – PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING – PUBLIC WORKS*

*"Recommendation is to accept the bid from Scotwood Industries, Inc. and establish contract pricing for one year with two, one year options to renew.*

*"I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. And I recommend approval."*

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

**MOTION**

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

*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, "Next item, please."*

**Approved**



**CONSENT**

- I      [15-0646](#)      Resolution levying Special Assessments for Road Improvements serving Cessna Addition (District 2).
- J      [15-0601](#)      Clinical Supervision Agreement for a COMCARE employee to obtain licensure as a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW).
- K      [15-0644](#)      Agreement with the University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute.
- L      **15-0643**      Order dated 9/10/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- M      [15-0648](#)      General Bill Check Register for September 16, 2015 - September 22, 2015.

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

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, 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	Absent
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Chairman Ranzau	Aye

*Chairman Ranzau said, "We'll go to the other portion of this meeting. Commissioner Howell."*

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

**OTHER**

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say thank you to one opportunity and talk about another opportunity that might come up this evening. On September 17th, Constitution Day, I was asked to come out and visit a fourth grade class. Actually it was two fourth grade classes at the Pleasantview Elementary School in Derby. It was a tremendous experience, and in preparation for that, I did read the Constitution a couple of times, in fact, I ordered some of these booklets. If you haven't seen these, they're fantastic. I was able to give these out. In this little booklet,*

*it has the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and it actually has a number of quotes in here, which I really love. I really felt inspired. I would like to share one of them. It says educating the people, the primary object should be the education of our youth and the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important. And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of this country. That was by George Washington. I was inspired by the quotes, and I really enjoyed teaching those fourth grade classes, about 50 kids, altogether, with students in Ms. Mercer's class at Pleasantview. It was a tremendous opportunity. I look forward to doing that again in the future, I hope.*

*"Second thing, there was an article in today's paper, in the Wichita Eagle paper. It says analysts presents sobering view of Wichita economy community. I find this a very interesting article. There is a gentleman doing some analysis that's going to present some of this information, talked about in this article. If I understand correctly, from the article today, there is going to be an opportunity tonight at 5 p.m., at the Exploration Place at 300 North McLean Boulevard, and it's free. I plan on attending that. One of the things they say, one of the solutions to the challenges we're having is for community leaders to work together, so I plan on attending that to hopefully learn more about his perspective and see what I can do, and I would encourage the public to come out and be with me as well. I just wanted to mention that and make sure it's an opportunity that people don't miss. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would be remiss if I didn't mention this weekend, Saturday, I believe the City and County leadership will be getting together to participate in the Wagon Masters Chili Cook-Off Saturday. So, if you're a fan of good food and good times, it's going to be occurring down along Douglas Street in the Old Town area Saturday. I think that's an important thing to bring forward.*

*"Mr. Chairman, I would be remiss if I didn't point out that September 23rd, today, is an important day in American history for several reasons. September 23rd, 1642, an important scholastic event occurred where the first Bachelor of Arts degrees were awarded in America, and that occurred at Harvard College. On September 23rd, 1779, during the American Revolutionary War, Captain John Paul Jones was in command of the aging Bonhomme Richard, a frigate, got in a fight off the coast of England with the Serapis, a British frigate, and it wasn't going too well for the Americans but John Paul Jones was asked if he would surrender his ship that was in trouble, and he replied, "I have not yet begun to fight!", which became a rallying cry. And Jones and the Americans ultimately ended up prevailing, although the Bonhomme Richard sank, and they had to take over the British ship, but those stirring words were important in those days. A year later on September 23rd [1780], we treated illegal combatants very differently back in the Revolutionary era than we do today. A British Major by the name of John Andre was a British spy and captured, and he was involved with the conspiracy with Benedict Arnold to surrender West Point to the British. Ultimately, as an illegal combatant, he was tried, and the same treatment that Nathan Hale, the American Patriot had, he was hung. On September 23rd, in 1845, on a much lighter note, the Nickerbocker Baseball Club of New York, first baseball team was organized in this country. So September 23rd is an important day in American history.*

*"And I wanted to also add a brief comment. I had some folks that I was surprised to see was controversial when we said all lives matter. Today will be a day in American*

*history with Pope Francis and President Obama meeting at the White House, I think the idea that all lives matter should be straight forward. As an American, I think all American lives matter. As a Kansan, I think all Kansan lives matter. As a Sedgwick County elected official, I think all lives matter here in Sedgwick County, and being a County official in leadership, we have 2,663 county employees, and all their lives matter, and all our public safety personnel, whether they're in a fire, emergency communications, EMS, whether they're Commissioned or Non-Commissioned in the Sheriff's Office, these live all matter. I think it's important to emphasize that on this day, September 23rd, when we look at the very important historic events that have occurred this day through American history. Mr. Chairman, thank you for that time."*

*Chairman Ranzau said, "I think we have a need for an Executive Session. Commissioner Peterjohn."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 1 hour 15 minutes to consider personnel matters of nonelected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 11:05 a.m.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

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

#### **VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>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'll now move to Executive Session."*

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 9:52 a.m. and returned at 11:20 a.m.*

*Commissioner Norton entered the Board of County Commissioners Meeting at 11:20 a.m.*

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

*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 11:21 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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Fourth District

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KARL PETERJOHN, Chair Pro Tem  
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JAMES M. HOWELL, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk

APPROVED: