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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:08 a.m. on October 14, 2015 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Richard Ranzau, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner James M. Howell; Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk; Mr. Justin M. Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor; Col. Richard Powell, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Mr. Eileen McNichol, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Karen Bailey, Deputy County Clerk; Mr. Brent Shelton, Tax Systems Director, Finance; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Wes Ellington, I.T. Infrastructure Director; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Jill Bailey, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Kelly Bergeron, Appointee, Stormwater Management Advisory Board
Mr. Jeff Swanson, Sergeant, Wichita Police Department*

INVOCATION: Pastor Dave Fulton, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

- A** [15-0685](#) REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING PLASTIC RECYCLING.
Presented by: Bradley Brown, Wichita.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I believe we received notice from Mr. Brown that he could not attend today."

Chairman Ranzau said, "So we need to skip over that, go to the next item."

Mr. Holt said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

APPOINTMENTS

- B** [15-0690](#) RESOLUTION NOMINATING KELLY BERGERON (CITY OF GODDARD'S NOMINATION) FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a resolution appointing Ms. Kelly Bergeron to the Sedgwick County Storm Water Management Advisory Board. She has been nominated by the City of Goddard to fill a vacancy. Paperwork appears to be order, and I would urge adoption of the resolution."

Chairman Ranzau said, "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

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Kelly is here today. We can get her sworn in."

Mr. Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of the Sedgwick County Storm Water Management Advisory Board, so help me God."

Ms. Kelly Bergeron, Appointee, Stormwater Management Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do. Just thank you for much for this opportunity, I will do my best to serve on behalf of the City of Goddard."

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

NEW BUSINESS

- C** [15-0680](#) POST-ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GODDARD

ANNEXATION ORD. NO. 707 AS AMENDED BY ORD. NO. 729.
Presented by: Justin M. Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Open the public hearing; receive testimony;
close the public hearing and make the required statutory finding.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Justin M. Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "What is in front of you today is the post-annexation hearing regarding the five-year service plan for properties that were annexed by the City of Goddard in 2010. And referring to the map that's pulled up on the screen, the properties with the green diagonal lines in them are the properties that were annexed in 2010. The bluish-grayish shaded area includes the, what are now the city limits for the City of Goddard. These properties are in the area generally described as West Maple and South 199th Street West. For this matter your role is to determine whether the services were provided by the city in accordance with the five-year service plan. This matter will involve a public hearing and the Board of County Commissioners will act as a quasi judicial body. You should disclose any ex parte communications you've had on this matter. If you have become aware of any additional facts that you wish to have considered in hearing process, I would also suggest you disclose that on the record as well.

By statute, five years after any annexation, the Board of County Commissioners is to review the service plan to determine whether the terms of the service plan have been met. Statutes requiring notice of the hearing be provided to the landowners, whose properties were annexed, those notices were provided, there were 16 total of property owners, and they also receive pre-hearing questionnaires. No responses from those proper owners were received, the City of Goddard was also sent a pre-hearing questionnaire and they did provide a response, which is included in the backup materials. The service plan requirements included public street maintenance, traffic calming control, options for water and sanitary sewer service, some mention of solid waste collection, police protection, and then also fire protection, which would still be provided by Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1. And which their fire station is just to the south of the annexed properties.

"The city services plan that was formulated in 2010 substantially met the requirements established by statute. The city's response, again, is in the backup materials. To summarize, the city claims to have met the requirements of the service plan. The City of Goddard does have someone present today. As I mentioned, there does need to be a public hearing on this, unless you have any questions for me, my suggestion would be that you open the public hearing. If you have had any ex parte communications, again, that you disclose those at the start of the hearing is case there is any need for response by any of the property owners or the city, and then hear any response that they may have or comments they may wish to offer on this matter on this matter."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, so you have any questions before we open the hearing? Seeing none, I'll open the public hearing in regards to the City of Goddard Annexation Ord. 707, as amended by Ord. 729 and ask if there's anyone from the public that would like to speak on this issue? I'll ask again, is there anyone from the public who would like to speak on this issue? I guess even the city if they want to speak."

Ms. Kelly Bergeron said, "Just to reiterate the legal counsel's statement, we feel we

have met all the requirements and made offers of continuing assistance to the current property owners. We've included a report in your packet and I would be happy to answer any questions you have on the city's end."

Chairman Ranzau: I don't think we have any questions, thank you, Kelly. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, since we are in the situation, I am going to make a motion that we, that this plan..."

Chairman Ranzau said, "First let me close the public hearing."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Getting the cart before the horse, sorry about that."

Chairman Ranzau said, "All right. At this time I will ask one more time, if anyone from the public would like to speak on this issue? Seeing no one else interested in speaking, I will close the public hearing on the above-stated matter, and Justin, if you will come forward in case we have any questions."

Mr. Waggoner said, "Are there any questions that any of the Commissioners have on this matter?

At this point, I believe, if the Board is ready, then you can proceed with making your findings under the statute."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, since we are at this point, I think I would be happy to make the motion that this plan complies with all the relevant Kansas statutory requirements, and I move that we take the, approve this and take all necessary actions to comply with the relevant state statutes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Is that a good enough motion?"

Mr. Waggoner said, "I think really that you just need to make a finding that the City of Goddard provided services included in the service plan. Maybe that's..."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "You're a little bit more concise than I was. I will accept that as a friendly drafting modification, thanks, Justin."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Madam Clerk, are you okay?"

Ms. Jill Bailey, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to find the City of Goddard provided services included in the service plan.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

VOTE

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

Mr. Waggoner said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

D [15-0672](#)

CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SEDGWICK COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WICHITA FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,370.00.

Presented by: Col. Richard Powell, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Col. Richard Powell, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have before you this morning, for your consideration, an agreement between Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita regarding the transfer of certain funds from the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, grant funding in the amount of \$123,370. It is our recommendation once this has been discussed and reviewed that you approve the agreement as submitted and authorize the Chair to sign.

"A little history on September 15th, excuse me, September 21 of this year, the Sedgwick County's Sheriff's Office was notified of the grant award in the form of a cooperative agreement from the Department of Justice to continue funding operations of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. This is an annual funding agreement that we've renewed several years back to back. The task force includes two detectives, one from the Sheriff's Office, and one from the Wichita Police Department. The agreement provides also a sub-grant mechanism, whereas the county can reimburse the City of Wichita for grant-related costs of the Wichita Police Department and detective, and any other associated expenses as being a part of that Internet Crimes Against Children task force. The amount to be reimbursed to the city will be no more than the amount of the grant itself, \$123,370. Again, for all the costs related to that task force program and the Wichita Police Department personnel.

"The grant runs actually from July of this year, July 1 of 2015, through June 30 of next year. As you'll recall, you know, we've presented this many times. The Internet Crimes Against Children's unit that we have here in Wichita, Sedgwick County, is one of, I believe, 63 regional Internet Crimes Against Children's organizations across the United States. Our local ICAC office housed downtown also supports on a local level 29 affiliates across Kansas, affiliates defined as other law enforcement agencies and support organizations.

"A little bit of just historical information, you know, typically I talk about what we've done in the previous years, and make comparisons and things like that. And there's been such a significant increase in some of the cases that we've seen this year, I thought I would bring you some information on things that are just year to date to make some comparisons about what we have done so far this year as compared to the entire previous year. You are going to see some really interesting numbers. During the first

half of 2015, first off, ICAC locally established some goals of their own. Their goals that they had to establish dealt with the identification of child victims being exploited by and through technology. And to somehow stop and arrest that victimization. Also, to properly investigate and prosecute those who sexually exploit children through the use of that same technology.

"Another goal, provide training and equipment to those involved in the investigation and prosecuting process of Internet Crimes Against Children throughout the State of Kansas, by means of sometimes offering sub-grants, technology and training to our 29 affiliates across Kansas. And also to provide community education regarding the prevention of Internet Crimes Against Children.

"A few significant cases, just so far year to date in 2015. An ICAC investigator recently investigated some downloads of child pornography that is going across the internet, and the case actually started back in May of 2014, and it continued on through the process. Eventually search warrants were obtained for the residence of the individual that was being looked at. Investigators upon the serving of the search warrant learned the suspect had been collecting child pornography since 1995, and had an extensive collection of material on the computer media in house. This collection was one of the largest ever seen by Kansas ICAC. Subsequent further investigations revealed both the suspect and his wife had been sexually abusing their own children. The suspect was arrested and charged federally with one count of distribution of child pornography, and was subsequently sentenced to 20 years in prison. The wife was also arrested and charged with two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child. A total of five warrants, three state and two federal were completed within this investigation.

"Another investigation, ICAC received what they refer to as a cyber tip, made through a social media organization called Tumblr, regarding the user who had uploaded a picture file of possible child pornography and was using the particular screen name. The suspect was identified, a warrant was executed on the residence, the user was found to be in possession of additional images reflecting sexual abuse of his own 8-year-old daughter. The suspect was arrested and charged with sexual exploitation of a child, rape, and aggravated sodomy.

"Another case, ICAC locally investigated a report made by a mother in Florida who located Facebook conversations on her 13-year-old daughter's cell phone that was sexual in nature. The suspect was identified as a prior teacher's aide from her daughter's school in Kansas. The family resided in Wichita, Kansas, during the beginning of 2014, and after school was finished that particular year, they moved on to the State of Florida. After interviews were conducted and forensic works was completed on the 13-year-old's cell phone, it was learned the suspect continued his contact with the 13-year-old, requesting pictures of the, nude pictures of the 13-year-old, and movies of the 13-year-old performing certain sexual acts. The suspect was eventually charged with one count of sexual exploitation of a child, and one count of aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

"We talked about community education and trying to inform the public and our young people about these things, and to be aware. Investigators presented what they referred to as an Internet 101 class for parents locally at the K-State Extension Center at 21st and Ridge, our Extension building. The class was offered for parents to have hands-on practical knowledge and teachings of the venues that their children are using and looking at on the internet. Another training event, we had an investigator from ICAC assisted with a presentation, he worked with a senior at a local high school, this senior

shadowed the investigator as part of a spring mentorship program. The presentation consisted of her work, the students and also other students involving the mentorship at the local high school.

"Another program called Operation Brokenheart, ICAC investigators were involved with 34 different internet safety presentations to students, parents and teachers as a part of this program, Operation Brokenheart, during the month of April and May of 2015, contacting more than 900 individuals in the education program.

"Again, we mentioned we have about 29 affiliate law enforcement agencies across the State of Kansas, and this year to date, they've added, let's see, looks like three new affiliates, Dodge City Police Department, the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office, and the Shawnee Police Department as affiliates.

"Before I finish up, I brought with me this morning our sergeant from the ICAC office. If you would like to come up, introduce yourself, sir. He has, if there's no objection, he has a couple comments he would also make, Sergeant Jeff Swanson from the Wichita Police Department."

Mr. Jeff Swanson, Sergeant, Wichita Police Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you. My name is Jeff Swanson, I've been a Sergeant with the Police Department, and I've worked with the department for 29 years now. I've been assigned ICAC for the past 14 months. And upon my arrival there I was looking at how the operation was being conducted and I intentionally changed our mission from reactive cases, being when we receive a phone call, police typically go out and we make a case, then we conduct the investigation of crimes already happened. What we've done since I arrived, we started going proactive. We developed these cases in advance, and we go after these people instead of waiting to hear what they've done. As a direct result of that, to date this year, we've recovered over 30 children who were being abused, but those crimes were never reported to the police. So what I am saying, this is money well spent. We intentionally go after these people, they are going to hurt our children, and those effects will last that child's entire life.

"Last week we taught an undercover internet crimes class. We had 24 students in that class, and during that class, we developed six targets, six predators, three of which have already been arrested. That's not bad for a training class, where we can actually train and conduct the actual investigations during the training and have a result at the end of the training. I ask for your continued support, and I thank you very much, and I'll take any questions that you may have."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I don't know that I have any questions, but thank you for being here, Jeff. We really appreciate that work you do. I'm very proud to say that the EMCU (Exploited and Missing Children's Unit), ICAC, our human trafficking folks and division, the DA (District Attorney), a medical provider and a forensics pediatrician, DCF (Department of Children and Family Services), and an educational component will be soon going into the Child Advocacy Center that's the old Lincoln Elementary School. And it will be around a \$7 million project that will completely refurbish that. And you have to know that these men and women that do this work are now in the basement, by themselves in the state office building. It's been vacated by everybody else but the Child Advocacy Center, EMCU, ICAC and some human trafficking folks.

It's never been the best scenario for children and families, but I'm proud to say that Sedgwick County stepped up, helped with the funding at \$1 million level, and that's going to happen this next year, it's going to be world-class. It's going to tell our community, the State of Kansas, that we're serious about these crimes. And you know, Colonel Powell, you told us about four of them. One of them is too much."

Colonel Powell said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Norton said, "And four is just the minimal ones that you had the time to talk about. There's many, many, many more. And I appreciate how hard you work. It scares the bejeebers out of me that we have that going on in our community. It's our dirty little secret. But the men and women of the Sheriff's department and Wichita's Police Department, the DA, other law enforcement agencies and DCF are making sure that our kids are taken care of responsibly, and that their parents and the perpetrators are taken care of in a criminal fashion. So thank you for what you do. But I'm pretty proud that next year we are going to have you in a space where you can even do better work. We will be honored to have you in a place that looks like you are pretty important."

Mr. Swanson said, "Actually, my new office, I have windows. I'm very excited."

Commissioner Norton said, "I think you will be on the second level, is that correct?"

Mr. Swanson said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Norton said, "Good. Well, I have been in the area in the state office building, and you can paint as many flowers and mushrooms on the walls as you want to. It doesn't make that building kid-friendly, family-friendly. And what people don't know is that families show up there with an abused child, but many times have other siblings that have to be taken care of and put to the side to be out of that situation. And many times have to be interviewed, and it needs to be a very warm, family-friendly atmosphere to be able to solve these horrendous crimes. So I really appreciate what you do. But I'm pretty excited that you will have new digs next year."

Mr. Swanson said, "I am as well, thank you."

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sergeant and Colonel, I appreciate it. I appreciate getting an understanding what the situation looks like at your end today. I am interested in terms of trends, because like Commissioner Norton pointed out, this is not only a dirty little secret for this community, but, I mean, this goes way beyond the borders of Kansas, way beyond the borders of the United States, it is a worldwide situation, and having said that, really would like to get some insight, Sergeant, if you can give us some kind of an overview in terms of how the, where the trends are heading, and whether they are bad, so we have a better understanding from a policy making side of it. What we need to understand looking at this issue from our perspective on the County Commission."

Mr. Swanson said, "I think the best tracking mechanism to understand the overall picture is through cyber tips. Cyber tips are called in by internet service providers, they

are called in by parents, members of the community, of concerns with regards to child exploitation, child human trafficking, child pornography, distribution, and that type of thing. In 2013 there were 750,000 of them called in to the national center, which is the national clearinghouse, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. In 2014 we had 1.5 million. Year to date we have 3.8 million, for 2015. If that's any type of indication."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That's a huge indicator. Do you have any idea in terms of locally what, have we seen the same doubling every, you basically described a situation where it's doubling every year. And let me put it this way, as a practical matter, if somebody is hearing our dialogue right now and says, hey, I have something I'm concerned about, I'd like to get in touch. What should they be doing, Sergeant?"

Mr. Swanson said, "To get in touch with our office?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Sure."

Mr. Swanson said, "Our office, the best way to get in touch with us is through calling 911, the Sheriff's Department, or the Wichita Police Department, we have our number which is [316]660-9447, that goes directly to my office. You can contact us through the National Center [for Missing and Exploited Children] or the ICAC website, or any ICAC depending on where you live. I think most of the contacts come through the National Center. But the world is much smaller than it used to be before the internet.

"An example last month, or two months ago, we received a cyber tip from New Zealand about an image of a child that was posted on a Russian website. That was a child from Sedgwick County, Kansas. And within 24 hours of us receiving that information from the National Center we actually had the perpetrator in jail in Sedgwick County. He had manufactured, he had uploaded, and he had sexually abused this child. But it's worldwide. I currently track about 47 different categories. Year to date, I've exceeded almost every one of them, in some cases doubled them from last year. I don't know what the answer is besides education. Educating parents, educating their children. Go to the National Center, go to netsmarts.org, there's a lot of public information out there for children, to help parents educate their children.

"There's a lot of information out there for parents. Parents, you know, we know about Facebook, we may know about Twitter, but we may not know about Kik, we may not know about some of these other social networking sites, and there's literally hundreds of them. Get in to your child's phone, you pay the bill. Look to see where they are going. Monitor what they are doing. These people are out there. We get a lot of cases where children are self-manufacturing and distributing through sexting cases. There's a new trend out now called sex-tortion, where a child will self-produce an image, send the image out to somebody they identified as an adult and then extort them, saying what you've done is against the law, you need to send me x amount of money to x account or I am going to go to the police. So it's a criminal enterprise, in and of itself. There's the general knowledge of the social media sites and some of the peer to peer networks, but also the Dark Web out there that's used through the process of onion routers that is extremely difficult to get into. And these people are very, very scary and very, very dark. We have a lot of work ahead of us. The key to it is parents being involved in what their children are doing, what their children are going through, who they are talking to and them being aware of it."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Can you give us the definition, or more information

about what you described as the Dark Web?"

Mr. Swanson said, "It initially was designed by the Department of Defense as a way of securely and anonymously sending information from one point to the other. That system has now been transposed where information is, personal information is sent from one router to the other, and it is effectively anonymous, and in that place there is narcotics trafficking, there's arms trafficking, there's child trafficking, there's sexual exploitation of children, and it's extremely difficult to get into, it's extremely difficult to investigate. And that's where some very ugly people are living."

Commissioner Peterjohn, "I think it important that recognize the reality. There's certainly evil in this world, and when I look at the atrocities that seem to be committed all too often on a daily basis, whatever we can do to try and keep this community safe, it is part of our responsibility as an elected body to try and help that area, and any information that you can provide us and allow us to try to get out to the public and anyone who's hearing our discussion this morning, I think it is very helpful. So Sergeant, Colonel, I certainly appreciate having this update, and Mr. Chairman, I'm going to recommend that maybe this is something, when this is growing at a, doubling each year, we're not quite Moore's Law in terms of the expansion, but at this growth rate, this is an absolutely terrifying trend in my opinion, and I think we need a regular update so that, at least try and get the word out for particularly parents and for young people to understand what the risk they have in this digital age. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "To follow up on that, I don't think that we could be investing in this system at a more opportune time in the community's history. It is expansive, internationally, nationally and locally. But now is of the time to increase capabilities, facilities, partnerships, working relationships, because this will not solve itself by itself. There are many entities out there that deal with this, certainly the CAC, the Child Advocacy Center, will have plenty of information. They do education programs, they have a website that can give you all kinds of information and tips about how do you identify child abuse, how do you report it, what does it look like, what are the key factors that you need to be looking for in a neighborhood, or in a family, or in a business that might indicate that there's child abuse, neglect, going on. The Kansas Children's Service League deals with child abuse and those issues, and the Junior League put together a website called [www.jchildabusewichita.org] that has information, national information, all kinds of parenting tips, understanding the issue in our community. So there are plenty of resources out there. And as we get this new facility built, because it is an old elementary school, there will be plenty of educational kinds of facilities in there to do symposiums and conferences and parenting training, and training with our law enforcement, criminal justice system, to make sure that we bend the curve on this in our community. It is not easy business. It is scary business, in fact, I worried for years about the young men and women that have to do this all day long. I don't know how you do it. My hat is off to you, because it is very sad business, to be wading in that muck day after day after day. Thank you for what you are doing. Once again, I am pretty excited that we are going to turn the corner and really push this issue in our community in the future. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Colonel Powell, Sergeant Swanson, thanks for being here today. Please extend our gratitude to everybody on the staff for the work that they do."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Colonel Powell said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

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

E [15-0678](#)

ESTABLISH 2016 SEDGWICK COUNTY HOLIDAYS.

Presented by: Eileen McNichol, Director, Human Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Ms. Eileen McNichol, Director, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you today a resolution establishing holidays to be observed by Sedgwick County for 2016. Sedgwick County will observe ten holidays in 2016. This set of holidays matches the set to be observed by the [18th Judicial] District Court, with the exception that they observe Columbus Day as a holiday, and we use that day for in-service training.

"So the 2016 holidays are: New Year's Day, which is Friday, January 1, 2016; Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 18th, 2016; President's Day, Monday, February 15th, 2016; Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th, 2016; Independence Day, Monday, July 4th, 2016; Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, 2016; Veteran's Day, is on Friday, November 11th, 2016; and for Thanksgiving, the holidays are Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th of 2016; and then we round up the year with Christmas Day on Monday, December 26th, 2016. So if you have no questions, I would recommend that you approve this resolution."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thanks, next item, please."

F [15-0694](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 2015 PUBLIC SERVICE CHAMPION
AWARD TO BRENT SHELTON.

Presented by: Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer and Karen Bailey,
Deputy County Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Each year a company called Thomson Reuters, which is a major publisher of books and software about various government services, announces its Public Service Champion Awards to public servants who have performed exceptional service in the field of tax administration. They have eight, sorry, they have five categories in which the awards may be provided. Jurisdiction of the Year, Officeholder of the Year, Excellence in Business Process Transformation, Excellence in Office Leadership, and Excellence in Constituent Service. I am pleased to tell you that on October 2nd, Thomson Reuters announced that Brent Shelton, Sedgwick Counties Tax System Coordinator, had been awarded the 2015 Public Service Champion Award in the Excellence in Office Leadership category. He is one of eight individuals that received Public Service Champion Awards throughout the country this year, and we're very pleased to have him working for us.

"I would characterize this award, the Excellence in Office Leadership Award, as the herding cats award. Brent's job as Tax System Coordinator is to oversee and coordinate the efforts of five separate county offices that share responsibility for administration of the ad valorem tax system, three of those offices are headed by elected officials, and so as you, and as people can imagine, very often those five individuals, each of whom is very strong-willed, have different ideas about how business ought to be conducted. And it's Brent's job to negotiate those waters and make sure that the tax system that funds not just Sedgwick County, but all 100, more or less, governments in Sedgwick County, which rely on ad valorem taxes, make sure that that system works effectively, and efficiently. He does that very well. His nomination was provided to Thomson Reuters by Karen Bailey, our Deputy County Clerk, who is one of the cats that Brent is responsible for herding. I would ask her to come up at this point and tell you about her nomination and why she felt it was appropriate for Brent to receive this award."

Ms. Karen Bailey, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I don't know about being a cat. I am just going to let you know that I did have a nomination for Mr. Shelton, it took me two years to get him an award. I think that he deserves it. But part of the words that I sent to Thomson Reuters talks about the history, where he was involved in the initial development phase, which started with the request for proposal. He visits some onsite software users to see what they were using in their departments and what was working. He helped develop our, what we call our gap

analysis, what don't fit in the box software that you buy. What do you have to do to make it work for our county.

"He worked with the Appraiser's Office, the Clerk's Office, he actually worked in the Clerk's Office at the time, and the Treasurer's Office to receive all of our data from the conversion of the main frame, legacy data, through our preliminary testing on to implementation, the headaches that we had, and all the testing and case documentation to our final go live in 2010, and then we actually had full tax rolls that year. Brent has been the lead individual in keeping our county above board and on task to maintain our property tax accountability for all of our citizens. The multiple facets of the taxing parcels, and property is guided by statutes, which of course change as our legislators change their revisions. The communication between Thomson Reuters and Sedgwick County has been channeled through Brent to maintain our focus on tasks and duties, and allow our departments to concentrate on searching our citizens.

"Providing that continuity of service throughout the tax year calendar has proven very beneficial, and has decreased the number of issues during our tax roll process, because of our dedicated testing and practice tax rolls, before what I call the big kahuna of tax rolls in November. Brent's ability to help each one of the departments, including our IT Department, through their respective responsibilities has been proven to be very effective and efficient management for our Sedgwick County. So I would like to take this opportunity to represent his award as he received it in Fort Lauderdale at our national convention, congratulations."

Mr. Brent Shelton, Tax Systems Director, Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you to Chris, and thank you to Karen for the nomination, and for the support that I have received over the years, working with the Property Tax Administration. When I tell people what I do, they tell me you must be a really popular guy. When I was first notified that I was going to be the recipient of this award, I thought, well, that was kind of easy. And then I got to thinking, well, it really wasn't easy, but it's part of a simple process. And that process is that I'm part of a pretty phenomenal team of people that all get together and work together to achieve a common goal.

"And I think the thing that makes the team that's involved with and supports our Property Tax Administration phenomenal is that they demonstrate a couple of county values day in and day out, and that's accountability and commitment. They are not just accountable or committed for taking care of their own individual responsibilities, but they are accountable for and committed to making sure that the organization meets its goals. So whether involved in valuation, setting tax rates, sending out bills to collect taxes, they are all part of the same team. We are all working together to get this job done as efficiently and effectively as possible. And to quote Harry Truman, who once said that 'It's amazing how much you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit.' Today I want to share the credit for this award with everybody that does support and does administer the property tax in Sedgwick County. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Brent, I just want to express my personal congratulations to you on receiving this award. I think that this organization, [Thomson] Reuters, has just recognized something that we've known for a long time, that you are a high-performing public servant, and you exercise leadership, and

cooperation among all the various departments that you touch. And I think you represent actually the high standard and performance that all of our employees endeavor to exhibit. So good job. I really pleased that you got this award and, you know, I have known your mom and dad and brother for a long time, and I know they are just as proud of it as you are. So congratulations to you and your whole family for this great award."

Mr. Shelton said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to second Commissioner Unruh's remarks."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "All right. I will also say congratulations and thanks for all the work that you and everybody else does. It is a tremendous honor. We are fortunate to have you as a member of our organization."

Mr. Shelton said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Brent. Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

G [15-0700](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 8, 2015.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department.

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of October 8th results in two items we would like to present to you this morning:

**1. EMC AVAMAR DATA STORAGE UPGRADE LEASE – DIVISION
OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

"Recommendation is to accept the quote from De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. and establish a lease agreement for three years.

*2. NUTANIX HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SOLUTION – DIVISION OF
INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS*

"Recommendation is to accept the quote from Dell Financial Services, LLC and establish a lease agreement for three years.

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. These are sole source and also multi-year lease. How do these compare to previous agreements with these two companies? I assume they are renewals of existing agreements. Am I correct in that assumption?"

Mr. Thomas said, "I am checking to see if we have the figures from the last time of the lease real quickly."

Mr. Wes Ellington, I.T. Infrastructure Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Avamar lease is a continuation of a six-year. We've leased from this company for six years, this is going on the seventh year. There is, I believe, about a \$6,000 increase per year on the lease. The Nutanix system..."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Can you repeat that?"

Mr. Ellington said, "I believe it's about a \$6,000 per year increase. It also doubles our storage agreement under the new leasing agreement. The Nutanix will be a new lease, so there is no previous precedent on that."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Let me just get your name for the record."

Mr. Ellington said, "I'm Wes Ellington, I'm the I.T. Infrastructure Director for Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Got to get it on the record, thanks Wes."

Mr. Ellington said, "You bet."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, what is 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

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

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

CONSENT

- H [15-0681](#) VAC2015-00031 - Request to vacate portions of a platted floodway easements and minimum pad elevations on property generally located west of 127th Street East on the south side of 37th Street North (County District 1).
- I [15-0687](#) Request for additional budget authority in the 2015 Risk Management Fund Budget.
- J [15-0679](#) 3rd Quarter 2015 Range Reallocation.
- K [15-0686](#) A Resolution Amending Resolution 88-2015.
- L [15-0675](#) Plat
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2014 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Gilbert Addition
- M [15-0676](#) Plat
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2014 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Claars First Addition
- N [15-0691](#) General Bill Check Register for October 7, 2015 - October 13, 2015.
- O **15-0692** Payroll Check Register for the October 3, 2015 payroll certification.

Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Consent Agenda Items H through O, recommend your approval."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next we have Legislative Issues, we don't have anything on that. So we'll move to the 'Other' portion of our meeting, Commissioners. Commissioner Peterjohn."

OTHER

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did want to point out, October 14th is an important day in American history for several reasons. Actually both items I am going to mention today have a Kansas connection. On October 14th, 1890, the 34th President of the United States was born. I say this softly, in Denison, Texas. That was Dwight David Eisenhower, who grew up and is Kansas's favorite son and favorite President. On October 14th, 1947, a very important event occurred where something was broken that had never been broken before and some said it could never be broken. Also a Kansas connection, I believe of sorts. During World War II near the end, as the planes, aircraft had been developed, got close to the speed of sound, there was an instability that occurred, and there was many who thought you could not break, go faster than the speed of sound. It was going to be an impenetrable barrier, and a number of pilots, including some famous folks like Jeffrey de Havilland actually died in crashes when their plane tried it approach that speed. But on October 14th, 1947, Chuck Yeager got in a B-29, I suspect we all know where the B-29's were being made, or had been made, and that B-29 took the X-1, which was kind of a rocket with a cockpit attached, bullet with wings, some folks called it, and Chuck Yeager managed to break the speed of sound. So, October 14th was a very important day in American history. I wanted to get that on the record. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to share with the Commission and with our citizens a couple of opportunities I had to experience what a great community that we live in. I know at least Commissioner Peterjohn was with me when we went to Meals on Wheels last week, and had the opportunity to not only hear about their operation and get some information about all of the volunteers that are involved in that program, but actually got to go out and deliver some meals to some of the citizens in the community that need that help and support. It's really an encouragement to see how much these volunteers brighten the days of those who have to receive that help and support. It was a fun opportunity. I'm glad I got to be able to be involved."

"And secondly, last Sunday, my wife and I were able to partake in the dinner at the St."

George Orthodox Church. It was the 82nd Annual Lebanese Dinner, and 82 years by itself is pretty remarkable. But it's also remarkable about how that church organizes and puts together their whole congregation to serve; I think they told me they had over 5,000 meals that they serve. Don't bank on that number, but big number. Food is delicious. People are working hard, and the money that they get off of that they pass on to local charities, one of which is their local private school that they have related to the church, and it's pretty amazing. A lady that we know was talking to us, she said those youngsters in this grade school age are learning Latin and French and they have completely memorized the liturgy of that church. I don't know, just pretty impressive, if you ask me. Not only the meal, but the whole operation and the way those folks were happily supporting their charitable work. So just wanted to share that with the folks. So thank you, that's all I have."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just wanted to remind everybody that this weekend is the Haysville Fall Festival. A lot of the small towns have festivals and fall celebrations, and Haysville has theirs this weekend. It starts with a parade Saturday morning, there will be a carnival, a car show, crafts, all kinds of entertainment on the stage in Riggs Park, and plenty of food vendors, with roasting ears and funnel cakes and turkey legs and pronto pups, all kind ever fair food and celebration food. So if you're looking for something to do in the cool weekend coming up, I would say you can travel south to Haysville and enjoy their fall festival. Most of the activities will be on Saturday, but there will be some on Sunday, and I believe there will be an all-church worship service in the park on Sunday morning."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to segue off of Commissioner Unruh's comments, because I did participate on the Meals On Wheels, but also we had some prominent local folks, both from the business and media side, who were participating in this event, and of course Sedgwick County and the State of Kansas are both involved in helping fund Meals On Wheels, but I wanted to give a shout out in particular, some of the folks I got to visit with at this event, Susan Peters, Dawson Grimsley and Rene Steven Brand. So, I just wanted to add those names for the record, because it was a great opportunity to see Meals On Wheels, and talk with some folks who are participating in the program, thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I would like to say a few things about the action we took last week with respect to the WIC (Women, Infant, and Children) benefits, I think there just might be a little bit of confusion about a couple things. I am not sure why, I know I was quoted on a couple things that I thought were clear, but maybe it was the headline or something, but first of all, I want to make it clear that last week we did not reduce the amount of funding for WIC benefits at all. The amount of dollars for WIC benefits was not affected by this at all; we did, however, reduce the amount spend on administrative costs. So the reduction that we did last week was purely for administrative costs. Our assigned caseload in 2010 was 16,298, compared to 11,769 for next year. So that's a 38 percent reduction in assigned caseload since 2010. So the majority of the Commission felt that with that significant of an amount of reduction in assigned caseload, we should take a close look at administrative costs because they shouldn't stay the same or go up if we have a reduction by 38 percent."

"That being said, I'll point out that we did approve spending \$1.9 million on

administrative costs next year, which is still \$100,000 more than what we spend this year. So, and that this reduction will not have any effect whatsoever on WIC participants' ability to receive their benefits, nor will it affect the amount of their benefits. I'll also point out that every year, we spend less than what we're given, for example, last year, or this year we spent \$321,000 less, so at the end of the year that money goes back and it's used in the future. This year we are just simply proactive, we accepted the \$350,000 less than what they wanted to give us, because quite frankly, we didn't need that money to administer the program. So that frees up that money sooner, so those are some, a think a lot of this stuff was in coverage, at least, in the [Wichita] Eagle, maybe not all of these facts, but I think there's been a little bit of confusion. This is just my attempt to try to make sure people understand the main thing is the amount of benefits that people are receiving was not changed by our action. It was purely an attempt to be more efficient and reduce the administrative costs to administer the program.

"That being said, I think we do have the need for both a Fire District [No. 1] and Executive Session today. So at this point I will recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District No. 1 meeting at 10:02 a.m. and returned at 10:05 a.m..

Chairman Ranzau said, "I do believe we have a need for Executive Session. Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved recess into Executive Session for one hour to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property for public purposes, 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>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Ranzau said, "We will now move to Executive Session."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:06 a.m. and returned at 11:39 a.m.

Chairman Ranzau said, "We're now back from Executive Session, and no binding action was taken. Sorry to interrupt the talk about the Kansas City Royals. I know that's important. That's not what we were doing for the last hour. Mr. Manager, anything else to come before the Commission?"

Mr. Holt said, "No, sir."

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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