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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 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 November 4, 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. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director, Division of Health and Human Services; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Erika Rice, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Autumn Lawson, Development Director, Arts Partners
Ms. Nancy Duling, Executive Director, American Heart Association
Mr. David Barber, Advanced Plans Manager, Metropolitan Area Planning
Department
Ms. Cindy Miles, 1506 East 59th Street South, Wichita
Mr. Lonnie Wright, 1721 South Lulu, Wichita
Mr. Charles Peaster, 9453 North 135th Street West, Sedgwick*

INVOCATION: Pastor Daniel Syrcle, First Salem Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A** [15-0706](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2015.
Commissioner Norton was absent.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2015.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh Aye

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| Commissioner Norton | Abstain |
| Commissioner Howell | Aye |
| Commissioner Peterjohn | Aye |
| Chairman Ranzau | Aye |

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

B [15-0707](#)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2015.

All Commissioners were present.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2015 and October 15, 2015.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

C [15-0711](#)

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2015.

All Commissioners were present.

Action on Item C taken with Item B.

PROCLAMATIONS

D [15-0627](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY.

Read by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Greater Wichita Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals fosters effective and ethical professionals to inspire the spirit of philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Wichita Chapter of the Association of Fundraising

Professionals is committed to supporting development professionals throughout Wichita and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Greater Wichita Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals work to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The Association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the charitable sector and the increasing role it plays in our societies and countries around the world contributes billions of dollars a year and creates millions of programs and services, connecting individuals to causes and each other; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy fosters civic participation and improves the quality of life of all individuals; and

WHEREAS, National Philanthropy Day is a special day set aside to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy – and those people active in the philanthropic community – have made to our lives, our communities and our world.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2015 as

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

“Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, “And we have Autumn Lawson and Amy Tully here to receive the Proclamation.”

Ms. Autumn Lawson, Development Director, Arts Partners, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We want to thank the Commissioners for celebrating the important role that philanthropy plays in the Wichita community, and we at AFP (Association of Fundraising Professionals) believe it is the result of the generosity of Kansans that have made this community a better place to live, work and raise a family, and it is with pride that we honor the philanthropic contributions of Tanya Tandoc, outstanding

philanthropist awarded posthumously, Justus Fugate, outstanding volunteer fundraiser, DeAnn Smith, outstanding fundraising executive, Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, outstanding corporations, Dakhil Family Foundation, outstanding foundation, Carol Nazar, distinctive community service award and Robert Swanson, President's Award. And we would love to see you at the awards luncheon, the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon on November 13th. It begins at 11:30 a.m. and it is at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, and we will celebrate the amazing contribution of these honorees. Thank you so much."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much, and thank you to all the individuals that you have recognized as well. We appreciate everybody's hard work and contributions, thanks you. Next item please."

E [15-0684](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNIOR ROTC LEADERSHIP 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, Junior ROTC was officially implemented in American high schools in 1916, began in Kansas in 1917 and in Wichita in 1994; and

WHEREAS, cadet Leadership Programs were started in selected middle schools in 1997 making Wichita a leader in the nation in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Junior ROTC and Leadership Programs are recognized in Wichita for building citizenship and good character in our youth; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 2,300 Wichita youth participating as cadets in 19 of our public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 7 – 13, 2015 as

WICHITA JUNIOR ROTC LEADERSHIP WEEK

In recognition of these fine young men and women who are becoming better leaders and citizens for the future through their involvement in the Junior ROTC and Leadership programs.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "And we have Colonel Robert Hester here today to receive the Proclamation."

Colonel Robert Hester, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you very much, sir, thank you, Commissioners. It's great to be here. I've got Colonel Strifler here; he is our Corps Commander this year. He's going to tell you about our Junior ROTC program and our Veterans Day activities here in Wichita."

Cadet Colonel Nathaniel Strifler, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's my privilege to be a Commander of the USD 259 Junior ROTC program. On Saturday, November 7th, Wichita Junior ROTC will be hosting the 2015 Spirit Aerosystems Veterans Day Parade. The parade will start at 11 a.m. at Central and Main, and will conclude at the Water Walk where there will be food vendors, a car show and family activities. We currently have over 70 entries, which will be one of the largest parades in Wichita seen in years. The First Infantry Division, from Fort Riley Kansas, will participate both on the ground and in the air with personnel and vehicles such as Blackhawk Helicopters, an Abrams Tank, and after the parade, the American Legion will be at Water Walk serving in their mission to collect toys for children of soldiers who are currently in the transition program. Several organizations will be collecting nonperishable food items to send to troops overseas in Afghanistan.

"The second opportunity to show support to our veterans is on Monday, November 9th. The USD 259 Junior ROTC program will host a Salute to Veterans at 10 a.m. This will be the 21st annual event that will be held at Century II, and is a recognition of veterans who have served our country. We will be having our 2,400 cadet corps with a review. Veterans will be in attendance, and we are honored to have Colonel Allen Hobson as a guest speaker. One of the core values is selfless service. I believe these community events are an opportunity to show support to our veterans and current active military personnel and families. I invite you to join us all Saturday, or at Century II on Monday. Thank you for your time."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much for being here and thank you for your leadership and everything that you guys do. I believe Commissioner Unruh has some words."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, did Colonel Hester want to speak?"

Colonel Hester said, "Well, Commissioners, I'd just like to mention that in our veterans state ceremony this next Monday at 10:00 at Century II, this is the only time during the school year that we get all of our cadets in one place at one time, and we're up to 2,400 this year. Most of them are going to be in formation in the Expo Hall. That's the only facility large enough to hold us now, and it's a pretty impressive site. When they do the pass and review at the conclusion of the ceremony, they're not going to be perfect, but they're going to look very, very good. I encourage everyone to come out

and see them. You will be, I guarantee you, you will be very impressed with these cadets who range from the 6th to 12th grade.

"Our Veterans Day Parade, on Saturday, we have been conducting the Wichita parade for 13 years now. This year, Spirit Aerosystems is our primary benefactor for supporting the cost in conducting this parade, and we're very happy that they are doing that. Nathaniel said we got over 70, we've up to over 80 now. So we're getting a lot of entries. This is potentially going to be the best, the largest and the best parade that we've ever had."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to congratulate you both on a good job this year with your continued success with the Junior ROTC. Having a parade that large is really quite remarkable, and I want to congratulate you on the success of that. More than that, I just want to say we really appreciate your influence on the young people in our community and giving them an important alternative for the use of some of their time. You build in discipline and respect and patriotism in these young people, and those are lessons and character qualities that I think stay with them throughout their lives. So this is an important program, and Colonel Hester, thank you very much for your continued dedication to blessing us with this activity in our community."

Colonel Hester said, "Thank you very much, sir."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I've been to many of the assemblies at the Century II, and I have to tell you, to see that many young people, that many teenagers, staying that disciplined for that long is an incredible sight. I had four teenagers at one time in my home, and it was incredibly hard just to keep them together. I can't imagine 2,400 plus, but you do a wonderful job with the young people and we're so proud."

"I won't be able to be there for the Veterans Day Parade, because I'll be in Haysville, they have a ceremony there. It's always the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, so, if you know about Veterans' Day, there's many ceremonies that happen at that same time, including parades and memorial services. So I wish you all the luck with your parade. I would encourage people to bring toys and food, because I heard today on the news that a lot of people are going to go up to Fort Riley for the wounded warriors that have come back to help them with the process of integrating back into society and dealing with the issues that they've brought back with them from being overseas. And this Veteran's Day we'll have a little bit of a special time for us. My son-in-law has just arrived in Qatar and will be there for six or seven months in his deployment."

So we'll be thinking of a military person right in our family on Veterans Day to keep him safe, like we think of all of our men and women that serve us overseas to protect us from whatever threats might be. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just going to add that I have also had the opportunity to attend the ceremony at Century II. It's very impressive to see that many young people, because high school kids in my experience often have pulled things that the students who are really excelling or doing well, but the middle school students, the ones that really impress me in terms of that regard, because at the younger age, it's a challenge. Regarding the 11th hour of the 11th day of November, that was often called Armistice Day, or the end of World War I. Since we're rapidly approaching the 100th anniversary of that very important date, the 100th anniversary will be in 2018, I think it's important to kind of get that historical footnote on the record this morning, Mr. Chairman, thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say I had the privilege of speaking at a Junior ROTC event just a couple of weeks ago with Colonel Dillard. I guess I remember learning at that time some of the staff that are in this proclamation today, and it was jaw dropping to see what's really going on in our community. For people who work all day long and get involved in the business of life, they may not realize what's going on in our community. This is one of those positive things that to me was really impressive."

"When I was in high school, I graduated from Southeast High School, I don't remember any type of program like this. Of course it says this was adopted in Wichita schools in 1997, so maybe my memory is correct. I hope that's right. What's going on around us right now, to know there are more than 2,000 high school students, sixth grade through 12th grade that are involved in this program, it's just really impressive. To me it is an amazing factoid to people in the community. I hope they understand what's going on. There are young people in our community that are self-driven, volunteering, learning discipline and service and patriotism and they're showing maturity in their actions. So I'm just very, very impressed, and I know that when I realized this just a few weeks ago, I wanted to find a way to tell others, and so I'm really glad you're here today to receive this proclamation, I hope that this gets a lot of visibility, I hope the newspapers put this in the headlines, and I just think the people in our community need to know what's going on around them."

"To me, it's an extremely encouraging and I'm just very, very happy to see such great participation. I want to say too to Colonel Stifler, am I saying that right?"

Colonel Stifler said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "Your uniform looks fantastic. I remember my Airforce days, my 3510 was always a challenge. You look fantastic. Your fruit salad is amazing. That's that little placard up there in the upper left hand part of his uniform. The fact that they wear their uniform so carefully and they are respectful in the way they conduct their ceremonies, showing respect to the flag, and just really getting involved in the things in our community. I'm just really impressed with what you guys are doing. Please keep it up and I hope you guys will increase. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Colonel for being here today."

Colonel Hester said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

F [15-0698](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL EATING HEALTHY DAY.

Read by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a proclamation to read into the record this morning:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases are the nation's leading cause of death, accounting for one out of three deaths nationwide; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 percent of the United States adult population is projected to have some form of cardiovascular disease by 2030, with direct and indirect costs exceeding \$1 trillion annually; and

WHEREAS, the research is clear that there are preventive strategies, such as eating nutritious, healthy foods and eating only enough to meet energy needs, that can increase survival rates from cardiovascular diseases; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association created National Eating Healthy Day to help companies keep their employees healthy, which will help both their company and our country improve cardiovascular health.

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

NATIONAL EATING HEALTHY DAY

In Sedgwick County and urge all citizens and employers to recognize the importance of improved nutrition and healthy eating both at home and in the workplace. By doing so, we can prevent cardiovascular disease and reduce healthcare costs due to cardiovascular disease."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh

Aye

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| Commissioner Norton | Aye |
| Commissioner Howell | Aye |
| Commissioner Peterjohn | Aye |
| Chairman Ranzau | Aye |

Chairman Ranzau said, "And we have Nancy Duling with us here today from the American Heart Association.

Ms. Nancy Duling, Executive Director, American Heart Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes. Thank you so much. The American Heart Association is committed to helping all Americans live longer and healthier. By joining our National Eating Healthy Day celebration, you can take a big step toward a healthier lifestyle by making small changes to incorporate healthier food choices. More than two-thirds of American adults and one in three children are overweight or obese, putting them at risk for heart disease and stroke as well as many other chronic illnesses and conditions. Eating healthier and specifically eating more fruits and vegetables, is an important way to help maintain a healthy weight and prevent disease. By 2020, we want to improve that cardiovascular health of all American by 20 percent while reducing deaths from heart disease and stroke by 20 percent.

"We cannot reach this aggressive goal alone. Together, with partners like you, we can make a significant impact and reach more Americans with life-saving information. I truly appreciate this opportunity and thank you for letting us communicate about National Eating Healthy Day and hope you enjoy your fruit bags that you have on your table. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Absolutely, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I sit on the Health and Wellness Coalition Leadership Team, and we've distilled down over the years to really two very, very important issues. One of them is physical activities, and the other one is eating healthy. It is pretty simple. Trying to promote that in the community is critical. We know that there are portions of our community that are considered food deserts. In fact, we're working on an area around West High School with the Wichita Promise Neighborhoods right now to try to figure out how to affect that area neighborhood. I see Luella Sanders here today. She works on that through the United Way. Critically important in our community to find ways to get healthy foods, fruits and vegetables to every segment of our society.

"It is just not good enough to say there are portions of our community that don't live within three miles of a full service grocery store that offers fresh meats, fruits and vegetables, whole grains and many other healthy products. We need to work on that as a community. I know our Health Department thinks about it, the Health and Wellness Coalition thinks about it. The Heart Association thinks about it and many other nonprofit organizations. You're right. We all have to pull together to change the dynamic in our community. Thanks for being here today."

Ms. Duling said, "Thank you. And I would like to go back to the physical activity. We do have our Heart Walk on June 18th out at Wichita State University. We would invite you all to participate in that activity, also. So thank you.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Because I was going to, I appreciate the segue into the activity side of it, because I had the opportunity this weekend to see a whole bunch of young people who were definitely in shape. I used to be in that category when I could run 20 to 30 miles a week like these young people are doing. If you do that, certainly a little opportunity to expand your calorie options when you put that type of activity in place. And for folks who aren't into running, swimming, bicycling, a variety of other activities, and even walking can be perfectly excellent substitutes, and so it's not only the food side, and I appreciate anything blue this week. Go Royals. But it's really a two-part equation in terms of not only healthy eating but also getting out there and get active."

Ms. Duling said, "Yes, definitely. Thank you."

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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[15-0665](#)

DER2015-00001: COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PLAN 2015-2035.
(ALL DISTRICTS).

Presented by: David Barber, Advanced Plans Manager, Metropolitan Area Planning Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Community Investments Plan 2015-2035 as the new Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan, including those neighborhood and area plans itemized on Attachment "B" to the Resolution of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission dated August 20, 2015, authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution and authorize the Resolution to be published.

Mr. David Barber, Advanced Plans Manager, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's my pleasure today to introduce this item to you. This is the approval of the Community Investments Plan 2015-2035 as the new Wichita/Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan. I'll take you through a brief overview of the need for the plan, the planning development process and the plan highlights. As you know, cities and counties in Kansas are required to have a comprehensive plan if they wish to authorize subdivision regulation within their jurisdiction, and the City of Wichita has had a Comprehensive Plan since 1923, and we've had a joint Wichita/Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan since the early 1960s.

"Our existing plan dates back to 1993. And new policy guidance is needed at this time to address current issues that are facing our community. So I'll take you through the plan development process. In 2011, the city and the county partnering with WSU(Wichita State University) to undertake a comprehensive assessment of city and county infrastructure and facilities, and in late 2012, an 18-member committee was jointly appointed by the city and county to begin the development of a new joint comprehensive plan. Seven of the plan steering committee members are also members of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. And then during 2013 and 2014, the steering committee developed and evaluated three possible long-term growth scenarios for Wichita. Following an extensive community engagement process in the spring and summer of 2014, which included four open house meetings and 9 community discussion meetings, a preferred growth scenario was selected by the committee to serve as a basis for development of the new comprehensive plan.

"And in March of this year, the steering committee released the draft, community investments plan for public review and feedback. The Planning Department organized four public open house events earlier this year and provided over 40 presentations during the month of April through June to over 700 people on the plan. We also received feedback from the activate-wichita[.com] website. The steering committee met in late June to finalize changes to the draft plan based upon the feedback that they had received from community engagement, plus the feedback from two workshops with the Wichita city council and feedback from yourselves. In all, the steering committee met a total of 46 times over two and a half years to develop and finalize this plan. In late June, early July, staff briefed members of the Commissioners and the Planning Commission, as well, on the status of the plan. In early August, we presented the draft community investments plan to the six district advisory boards in the City of Wichita. All six boards voted unanimously to recommend the plan be adopted as the new comprehensive plan for Wichita in Sedgwick County. And at a public hearing held August 20th, the MAPC unanimously approved a resolution adopting the community investments plan as the new comprehensive plan for Wichita Sedgwick County.

"Now, this plan does not take effect until it is approved by both governing bodies. The plan did go before the Wichita City Council for approval on October 6th. City council decided at that time to table action until the November 10th city council meeting next week to see what their county partners would be doing with the plan today.

"I'll take you through some of the plan highlights. The plan primarily is focused on the City of Wichita and it's continued growth into the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County over the next 20 years. There is a strong focus on setting public infrastructure spending priorities for both the city and county. Now, the plan contains the seven core community values that lined on the slide, and they describe and reflect our community approach for the purposes of developing this plan, and these core community values are: common sense approach, fiscal responsibility, growth oriented, inclusiveness and connectivity, cultural richness, vibrant neighborhoods, and quality design.

"The plan also contains these five guiding principles that reflect at a very basic and high level the overall guidance and direction contained in the plan, and they are as follows: one, support an innovative, vibrant and diverse economy; two, invest in the quality of our community life; three, take better care of what we already have; four, make strategic value-added investment decisions; and lastly, provide for balanced growth but with added focus on our established neighborhoods.

"The plan also has a strong focus on setting future public infrastructure spending priorities. These priorities at a very high level are: one, maintain and replace what we currently have; two, then enhance what we currently have; and three, expand our current system of infrastructure and facility assets. The plan essentially advocates for better alignment of future expenditures with available funding and financing sources. This may involve scaling back projects in terms of scope, differing projects, or in some cases eliminating projects currently planned. The plan also contains what we call the plan element section. This is comprised of 10 goals and 46 strategies, and they help set spending priorities across the four infrastructure categories of transportation, water, sewer and infrastructure, arts, culture, recreation, and public safety.

"The plan also contains important updates and new direction with respect to future land use policy direction in the city and the county. The 2035 urban growth areas map

depicts coordinated future urban growth areas for the cities in Sedgwick County as they grow into the unincorporated areas of the county. These areas were identified based on discussions with each city, and the map reflects their anticipated extension of municipal services and growth over the next 20 years. This map would update the current map, which dates back to May of 2005. The second important map is the 2035 Wichita Future Urban Growth concept map. This map represents generalized conceptual guidance to future growth patterns in Wichita over the next 20 years, and you can see that there are really only two growth categories identified. They are the new residential growth areas in the tan color, and the new employment growth areas in the dark brown color. And where they overlap is indicated with the colored hatching. And the purpose of these conceptualized growth areas is to help the City of Wichita better anticipate and plan for public infrastructure and facility spending that will support private sector growth and development.

"The blue dashed line that you can see on this map, which essentially extends from 29th Street on the north, Pawnee on the south, Rock Road on the east and Ridge on the west, this encompasses what the plan refers to as the established central area of Wichita. And the plan contains an urban infill strategy to help increase the likelihood that accelerated rates of the residential urban infill development in this area over the next 20 years. This area also happens to have the highest percentage of existing infrastructure in need of replacement and repair.

"Now, the Wichita Urban Infill Strategy is a key component of the plan. It's intended to facilitate greater levels of infill and redevelopment in Wichita's matured urban area and it targets inflow opportunities according to what we call the area of the opportunity and area of stability. Especially significant are four strategies proposed in the plan that are intended to address infill issues and impediments associated with neighborhood concerns, existing regulatory barriers, infrastructure modernization needs, and land assembly and financing issues.

"The plan also has, under plan implementation chapter, a three level infrastructure investment decision-making framework. This is a key part of the plan. It's intended to provide for a more systemic and objective evaluation process to help guide staff and elected officials in making decisions in future public infrastructure and facilities. An annual plan monitoring the reporting system is also proposed in the plan along with some key performance indicators in order to keep this plan current and relevant, as the future changes in a way that may be unanticipated by this plan so we can do course corrections as required and keep the plan current and relevant to our community. And with that, I would be happy to stand for any questions."

*Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, are there any questions today?
Commissioner Norton."*

Commissioner Norton said, "Not really a question. It's just been a long period of time that this has been mashed at, pushed around, looked at, opened back up and looked at by a lot of community members. We've been briefed on it several times. So I don't know that this is a lot of new information for us today. So if we don't have a lot of conversation, it's not because we haven't looked at it, tried to understand the information, visit with not only staff, but citizens that have been involved to move this forward, and I applaud you for the time you've taken to put this together. I know comprehensive plans are not easy. This is like my third iteration of the 1993 plan that I've worked on, and it makes it pretty tough to look at your community and try to not only figure out where we're at today, but where you would want to be 20 and 30 years

from now. It's the old expression, when do you plant a tree? Twenty years ago. If you want shade and you want fruit today, you've got to make plans 20 years ago and put the tree in the ground, and that's what the comprehensive plan is trying to determine, where do you plant the trees, what kind of trees do you plant, how do you keep them alive for 20 years and at the end of 20 years, did you plant them too close to the house? Did you plant them over a waterline? Is it obstructing some other person's building of their home or whatever? So that's the analogy I use. You're trying to figure out where our community is going to be, and that's not always easy, and at the same time, you're trying to figure out where the money comes from to do those projects in the future.

"So my hat is off to you, Dave, and all the staff that tried to work on this and to the citizen volunteers and electeds that were involved all along the way with trying figure that out, the future of our community county wide, but focusing on not only Wichita but allowing the cities of the second and third class to weigh in on what they're thinking about their growth potential over the next few years. That's you all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was going to make some general comments in the sense that, to start this out, to thank the 22 citizens who were joined with Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Ranzau who were involved in this plan from the get-go and started it several years ago. I also want to publicly thank the citizens who came out because there are a number of public forums that were held where people could see the information that was being developed and also provide input into the process at that time. I struggled with part of this process, because I'm kind of a bottom-up type person and looking for ways things can percolate up as opposed to a centralized top-down approach. Since we've got this mandate, we've got to come up with a comprehensive plan to what degree it comes out of Topeka, Washington or some other area or level, it's an area I struggle with.

"Because for the average citizen who is busy trying to pay their bills, take care of their family, you know, what's going on and whether it's city government or school board, other local units, the state, the feds, it can get overwhelming very quickly and very easily. So this comprehensive plan is kind of a template. There are a lot of people who have been involved in getting us to this point, and there's some areas where I continue to struggle with the draft that's in front of me, but I wanted to start this off by thanking the folks who have played a very important role over an extended period of time to get us where we are today, and I'd be interested in hearing from folks who were more directly involved than I happened to be. Although I will say I attended a couple citizen forums, but it was a while back. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also would like to commend the folks who are involved in the process. You said it started in 2011. That means this has been a four-year document, and to get to this point, the number of man hours must be very, very high. So thank you for doing a very thorough job, I guess, in trying to figure out what to do here. The old plan, you said was adopted, the plan we're working on now was adopted in 1993?"

Mr. Barber said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Howell said, "Just so I understand, how is this document actually used? What's the points of having this document? Does MAPC feel constrained to view this as a guide to make decisions? How was this actually used?"

Mr. Barber said, "I think it's safe to say that the [Metropolitan Area] Planning Commission is the entity that most frequently makes reference to this document as they meet every two weeks as a commission, review zoning, platting approvals, they do consult this document to get general policy guidance on certain issues. The governing body, [Wichita] City Council, and the Board of County Commissioners probably don't use it as frequently as perhaps they might, and particularly in regards to capital improvement programming, because the 1993 plan was never really set up to provide a lot of emphasis on public infrastructure investment, and that is the intent under this statute, to have a plan, provide a lot of guidance to public spending decisions and infrastructure. So that's, and the planning commission, as I worked with this document, the 1993 document, came to us in the mid 2000s and said, you know, we probably need a new plan, and it took several years to finally get momentum to initiate the development of a new plan. And in late 2010, 2011, the Planning Commission gave us some guidance on saying we need a new plan, providing guidance on investment. Also the land use guidance that we've done in this plan as well."

Commissioner Howell said, "Curiously, the plan that was adopted in 1993, what was the term of years? In other words, was that a 20-year plan?"

Mr. Barber said, "Yes, sir, it was."

Commissioner Howell said, "A 20-year plan."

Mr. Barber said, "Yes, and several amendments were made to it in, I think, 1996 and 1999. And then we made a couple of amendments in 2001. We updated a map in 2005, but it was in essence a 1993 plan with some tweaking."

Commissioner Howell said, "So, MAPC is a joint board between the county and city. Before 1993 was there still a joint board MAPC? Was it still a county city joint?"

Mr. Barber said, "Yes, I think it goes back to 1958, I'm sorry, 1985, corrected, yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "And did they have a joint comprehensive plan before 1993? How was it...?"

Mr. Barber said, "Yes. We did a, I think it's the early 1960s I think we had a joint city county."

Commissioner Howell said, "I think someone said that during the presentation. I may have missed the year. Okay. I am curious. I know we've got some options today to either adopt this or to make changes and potentially send it back to MAPC. The three options before us right now, I am curious, if we were to make a change and then adopt this, does the City of Wichita at that point start with the version that we send out of our board or start with the version passed by MAPC?"

Mr. Barber said, "Well, right now, they have the version that was submitted and recommended by the MAPC, but they did not take any action back on October 6th. So they have the latitude, I would believe next week to either adopt the plan as originally submitted by the MAPC or, if they wanted to make changes to it, to reflect

perhaps changes you might consider, and it would take a super-majority vote, as it would yourselves today to change the plan as recommended by the MAPC."

Commissioner Howell said, "I guess my question is, if we were to make a change, just theoretically, if that were to happen, does the City of Wichita then consider two different versions, the one that we send out of here and the one from MAPC?"

Mr. Barber said, "I think they would. Obviously I would be, I'm reporting to them next Tuesday, and I would report to them your actions today, and they would have the option of considering that in their decisions on how to move forward."

Commissioner Howell said, "If they wanted to adopt, sat we wanted to stay as a joint comprehensive plan and they wanted to adopt what we approved and they made changes to that, would we have a chance to consider the changes?"

Mr. Barber said, "Well that's a question I think for your legal staff."

Commissioner Howell said, "In an effort to adopt a joint plan, if they make a change to a document, would we have a chance to..."

Mr. Barber said, "I think you would. I think you would have a chance to readopt a revised plan."

Commissioner Howell said, "So what we do here today, based on what they might do next week, we might have a chance to look at this again?"

Mr. Barber said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner Howell said, "Did the City of Wichita give us any dialogue or reasons as to why they chose to table their action?"

Mr. Barber said, "No, they did not. I can tell you that I think they are generally pleased with the plan, but I think in deference to yourselves they wanted to just wait, because the intention was originally to have this go before you last month, so this was deferred to today's meeting, so in light of that, I think they wanted to just defer action just to make sure you were comfortable with the plan document as they were, or as they indicated at least to me a month ago."

Commissioner Howell said, "As a document that gives us constraints, or gives us guidelines on how we do our business, the 1993 plan, do you have any idea about how many pages that document was?"

Mr. Barber said, "It's quite a lengthy document. It's at least over 100 pages."

Commissioner Howell said, "Just a note from my colleagues, this document today is only 44 pages long, but there is an appendix. Are we also adopting the appendix today?"

Mr. Barber said, "That isn't part of the plan, but yes you are."

Commissioner Howell said, "So there are guidelines in the appendix potentially that would give you constraints or guidelines as to how we conduct our business?"

Mr. Barber said, "No. The appendix is just data. There is no guidance in that. It's just a collection of data and information. The only policy element in the plan is contained in the first 44 pages."

Commissioner Howell said, "I will stop talking for a minutes for my colleagues, but will probably have at least one more comment in a little while. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Just to clarify for the record and citizens out there, we have some different options here. We can adopt this recommendation that MAPC has given us. And that would take three votes, the simple majority."

Mr. Barber said, "That's correct."

Chairman Ranzau said, "We could vote to modify the plan as they presented, but that would take a super-majority of four votes today."

Mr. Barber said, "Correct."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Or we could vote to send it back to the MAPC, ask them to make some considerations or consider some things, and that would take three votes?"

Mr. Barber said, "That's correct."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to express my opinion that I also appreciate the hard work of the staff and the citizens and the stakeholders that worked hard at trying to come up with this plan, four-year process, I think, indicates that they worked hard and very diligently. In their presentations to us, there were opportunities for us to weigh in and make statements. I'm respectful of that work. I think this comprehensive plan reflects what citizens want going forward, so I'm willing to be supportive of it. And Mr. Chairman, I don't know if you're ready for a motion yet, but, or if we need more discussion, but in light of all the work that's gone into it between staff and citizens and stakeholders and the length of time that this has been chewed on and worked on to come up with something that represents the will of the community and is a good plan for the future, I'm willing to adopt it and move forward."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Going through the material, one of the things that jumped out at me in the area of transportation was that we were moving and making a serious and significant change to one of the priorities this community has had in place for several decades, moving in terms of freeway enhancements and bypasses, determining that they're a low priority. Of course, in the 1980s, this community passed a county-wide sales tax, one cent, with half the money to be used for property tax relief and the other half to be used for roads and bridges with the priority of making Kellogg a freeway. I think arguably one could say the city limits of Wichita in 1985, if they were the city limits of Wichita today, you could say we probably met that goal. But the city limits of Wichita are not today what they were in 1985, and Sedgwick County has provided a tremendous amount of tax funds to improving transportation throughout this county and in Wichita. I can think of several intersections that are connected that are tied to Kellogg out in my area and the west part of town that that's been the case."

"One of the areas where I struggle with this comprehensive plan in its current form was this would move us away from that commitment that we have in place, and I think it's a commitment that we ought to fulfill, and keep in mind that from economic growth, it's been a while. In fact, we're back in the 20th century when the K-96 northeast freeway, which is now the Georgia Virginia Outlaw Expressway portion on K-96 was built and I think a portion of it is also dedicated to the late representative Bonnie Huey. When that was built, it was a catalyst for a great deal of economic growth and expansion in northeast Wichita. And to preclude that, which I think this plan goes forward and lowers the priority is an area I'm uncomfortable with in its current form. And I thought we made a commitment to voters that we ought to keep. I know commitments come and go in political world. When I look at Washington in particular, I see that commitments sometimes can change almost as fast as Kansas weather, but having said that, with this comprehensive plan that we're looking at today with the transportation focus here, I have a lot of problems with that portion of the plan, and that would be troubling for me to approve in its current form, Mr. Chairman. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I'll make a few comments. I was on the committee. At various times, as Dave said, it is Wichita centric. I ask the question oftentimes why am I here? I kind of felt like a lot of the stuff could have been and should have been done more at a city staff level, and so there was a question of how useful was this for Sedgwick County. But nevertheless, I have some concerns, at it is currently written as well. I actually have put together a list of suggested changes I would like the MAPC to consider."

"I'd like to at least enter this into the record, Madam Clerk. I've actually worked hard to narrow the suggested changes down quite a bit from what I originally had. So my preference would be to send this to the MAPC to consider any suggestions or changes that any Commissioner has, if any Commissioners have any other concerns. That being said, if I'm in the minority and we vote to pass it, then so be it. But that's where I'm coming from. I just think there are some changes that need to be made. Some small, some bigger and more important, but nevertheless, that's where I'm at. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm going to be supportive of moving ahead today. I think plenty of work has been done on this by very smart people that understand our community. One thing I found from being on a city council and being a mayor, we had a comprehensive plan. We reviewed it as a small city. A tornado came along, and then we had to start all over. So comprehensive plans, one, are living documents. They change. They ebb and flow based on current conditions, current funding, and the mood of the community. So it's going to be subject to review and change and interpretation every time we look at it, we open it up. It is a living document that even as County Commissioners, if we see flaws in it, we can move to change them. We can work with MAPC, the MAPD, and make sure that it meets our needs as a county, but also takes into consideration cities of the second and third class, which are in our districts, and the City of Wichita."

"It is consistently reviewed. I know the 1993 plan. As mayor, I was part of the review in 1997. And then as a Commissioner in 2001 I was on the review committee. Several other iterations. So it's constantly reviewed for where the community is growing that we didn't expect. Things happen. I think if 20 years ago you had said Derby is going to be the size it is today with its growth potential, a lot of people would said, no, that's a

small town. You know, it's just along K-15. You go look at Rock Road right now, it is comparable to Rock Road north in many respects. So things change, and we have to be willing to understand that this is not a static but a very dynamic document that tries to guide us, serves as a template.

"The other thing I worry about is that perfect is the enemy of great, you know, we can spend another five years hashing at this saying that we want to get it exactly perfect for everybody's ideas in the community, but along the way, we have to get along with developing our community, making decisions, spending money wisely, and understanding where we want to go. So I'm, I don't want to keep hashing at this until we think we get absolutely perfect for everybody out there that wants to have some input. You'll never get there.

"And finally, anything written in this document does not handcuff the Commission for future decisions on spending of money on infrastructure, how the community grows. We still are economists as far as making those decisions. They will still work their way through the process of going to an appointed board, going through a staff level review and coming to the elected bodies for final decisions. So it's not a reference to the document, and we never see it again. That's just a guidance to start out with. So I'm ready to move forward today. I don't know if Commissioner Unruh is ready to make a motion, but I would certainly support that to accept the hard work that's been done, and this is a starting point for us to start thinking about where our community goes in the next 20 to 30 years. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did not know that Commissioner Peterjohn would make those comments regarding the sales tax, and I appreciate his comments, and I think he's right on, and the fact I have also in just the last few minutes looked at the handout that Commissioner Ranzau handed out for some changes that should be considered, I've not seen this before, this opportunity, I did not know what you had in mind, but as I'm reading this, I'm thinking you're making some reasonably good points. So I would like to suggest that we would send this back to MAPC to consider the changes that you're suggesting, and I have one I actually prepared.

"I was going to give this out, I'll give this to the Clerk. My comment would be, I think we need to include a statement like, maybe this isn't exactly worded right, but this is the way I'd like to see it, and it's a statement I prepared that basically I think is missing from the document. In 1985, Sedgwick County voters approved a county wide one cent sales tax to help maintain road projects, as well as reduce property tax. The distribution formula is determined by statute and based on property tax mill levy rates as well as population. It is imperative that this revenue stream remain and continue to be distributed as it has been since 1985. Sedgwick County funds portions of the Kellogg Improvement Project among other road projects, but also funds agencies and services to the benefit of all Sedgwick County citizens, and there's two natural places for this to go in the document. I'd like to see it under page 3 under the heading, setting up public infrastructure investment properties and on page 39 under the heading infrastructure investment decision making framework.

"This is not a motion in and of itself, but I would like this language to be submitted for the record for MAPC to consider adopting something like that. Maybe that's not exactly what they would say, but something to that effect. I think it does belong in the

document to establish the history of this revenue stream and what it's intended for and how important it is to the county."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to send this item back to the MAPC.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Did you want to expand on your motion just a little bit?"

Commissioner Howell said, "Well, MAPC to consider the language that I have submitted as a consideration as well as the document that you handed out a few minutes ago with suggested changes, have them consider adopting those ideas or whatever they feel is appropriate."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Are you okay with that?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'm okay with that. I wanted to kind of comment at an appropriate time, but I did want to give a second for Commissioner Howell's motion."

Chairman Ranzau said, "We have a motion and a second. I would just say that if any Commissioners have any thoughts or suggestions for MAPC, I would support sending their comments back as well, not just mine. I would support any Commissioner having comments in that regard. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to hasten to add, one cent doesn't sound like much, but the one cent county wide sales tax generates approximately \$100 million a year, and even though that's described as a county wide sales tax and the Sedgwick County is involved in officially receiving it, the cities in this county, actually the ones who get to spend most of it, of over \$70 million, maybe even approaching \$75 million, somewhere in that range, goes to the municipalities for spending. With roads and bridges focused as a priority. Now, of course, the challenge there has been, while Kellogg has been the primary focus, I would say there have been comments about how relationships are between the county and the city, but I'll commend my respected colleagues across the street, because I think the City of Wichita, up to this point, has done a very good job in terms of spending their share of this county wide sales tax, which I think is somewhere between \$55 and \$60 million a year, on Kellogg improvements, and there have been a lot of them.

"You can see them as you're driving from the east turnpike exit along Kellogg West to 111th Street. So I think it's very important that this document reflects the history here, and in the current form it doesn't, which is one of the reasons I'm uncomfortable with it in its current form. I would like to see it modified and like to see MAPC take another shot at it. I don't think there is any way we could probably come up with a super majority here, but I think it's important discussion in terms of do we continue trying to make Kellogg a freeway from the east side of Wichita to the west side of Wichita from 167th Street West on the west side of town where it runs into the City of Goddard all the way east over to K-96 and potentially depending upon where the city annexation stop. I think that's an important public discussion and really making a plan for the future and talking about the future. I think that's important to have. We can talk about the fact that this is a living document and it can be revised and changed. I would hope so. I would hate to think that we're straight jacketing ourselves.

"If we don't appreciate what we've had in place for three decades, roughly three decades, and we're going to make it a change, this is a very significant public policy template that we're working with here and I think it's important to have language, I'm not completely comfortable with what Commissioner Howell has drafted here, but I think something like this needs to be included as part of this plan, and that's why I would be supportive of a motion to send this back to the MAPC. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Are there any other Commissioners that have any other suggested changes or considerations from the MAPC that they would like to go forward? I think I know the answer, but I want to give everybody the opportunity. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, I don't think there is anyone here who is part of the citizen portion of the planning for the, but if there are, I think it would be important also to allow citizen input, too, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "If there is anyone in the community wanting to speak on this, I would allow that. If not, that's okay. Please give us your name and address for the record."

Ms. Cindy Miles, 1506 East 59th Street South, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would just like to say we did put a lot of effort and work into this, creating this document, and when we talk about, when we talked about priorities for this document, there was a lot of conversation about priorities, and bottom line is everything can't be the highest priority. We had to decide what was going to be priority and what wasn't going to be priority. And it wasn't that transportation wasn't important to us, but as we saw the growth of the city and some of the, and the county, and some of the things that we've done over the years, we just didn't envision that there were a lot of opportunities to build new freeways other than just expand on what we currently had, but anyway, I just wanted to say we did gain a lot of community input, and the result is a document that was created with a lot of opinions, and Tim said, you're right, it's not going to be a perfect document. We could work forever trying to create a perfect document. Anyways, I'd like to see us hopefully move forward on adopting this very soon. Thank you."

Mr. Lonnie Wright, 1721 South Lulu, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This was an interesting process. I would attend the meeting for people to give their input and stuff. One of the surprises I heard was to not keep expanding our highways and stuff, to kind of infill and take care of what we've got. I never got the idea that it meant not enhancing and improving Kellogg. I thought it just meant, you know, instead of trying to extend out all of our infrastructure, let's take care of what we've got and protect it. So I'm surprised. I didn't know that this document meant no further Kellogg expansion."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, anyone else from the public like to speak?"

Mr. Charles Peaster, 9453 North 135th Street West, Sedgwick, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I attended several of these meetings, also, and the funny part about it was they had pins they were sticking in a map, and they decided one time they had too many pins there, so they moved them. Now I heard this morning that the MAPC approved this. What was the vote? Was it unanimous or was there part of the

people on the MAPC that didn't approve this particular comprehensive plan. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Anyone else from the public that would like to speak. Dave, could you answer that question, do you know what the vote was?"

Mr. Barber said, "Yes, I do. It was unanimous."

Chairman Ranzau said, "We do have a motion and a second; is that correct?"

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. You know, I appreciate the mechanism whereby we can keep the conversation going and we can consider the recommendations by Commissioners, and I am fully supportive of those sort of compromise actions, however, I feel strongly enough that we should approve this plan and the hard work of our citizens and departments and staff that I won't support the motion, although I will acknowledge that it's a pretty good compromise in the situation we're in. That's all I have."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to, I guess, make a statement that is sending this back to MAPC is not killing this document. It's just giving them a chance to consider some of our thoughts at this level. I think the document overall is a pretty good document, but I do think there's some points we would like to have them consider. So this is not something that's going to set is back for a year or set it back for six months. I think they can, in the next couple of meetings at MAPC, take these comments and review this document and make considerations of whether they would like to adopt those suggested changes or not. So this is just a small delay in the overall process. I think it's worthwhile for us to go ahead and do this. It's worth the time to do it right. If we add a couple of weeks to the process, that's okay. We might have a document we like much better and has more usefulness to us. It's worth taking a couple of weeks, if we need to, to have that consideration. Again, I stand by the motion to send this back across the street."

Chairman Ranzau said, "And I'll say I agree. We'll never get a perfect document. But I would argue that even with these suggested changed, it won't be perfect. This is an important document. We talk about this is supposed to be used as a guide and not the bible. We talked about it in the meetings, and we talked about it here, and that's true. The thing is, some people will, in the future, attempt to use it as a bible and say, we have to do this because it's in here or we can't do something because it's not in here, so I think we may need to make an honest effort to get it done as best we can for that reason."

"I mean, we put a lot of time and effort into it. There's no need to rush it through. Just look at these suggested changes. That being said, I'm not really interested in turning this particular issue into a debate about the sales tax. I would like my suggested changes to be considered, however, so I'll be supportive of this motion. Madam Clerk, call the vote, please."

VOTE

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| Commissioner Unruh | No |
| Commissioner Norton | No |
| Commissioner Howell | Aye |
| Commissioner Peterjohn | Aye |
| Chairman Ranzau | Aye |

Chairman Ranzau said, "Motion passes three to two. Thank you, Dave. Thank you, everyone, for being here today. Madam Clerk, next item, please."

NEW BUSINESS

H [15-0719](#) CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$916,079 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE SHELTER PLUS CARE HOUSING PROGRAM. Presented by: Tim Kaufman, Director, Division of Health and Human Services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, if awarded approve the acceptance of the grant, and authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign all necessary grant documents; and establish additional budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this request.

Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director, Division of Health and Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today is a grant application for a housing program that is part of the larger community response to the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) notice of funding availability process. This is a renewal application for the Shelter Plus Care Funds, which are funds targeted to three specific homeless populations. Those experiencing a severe mental illness; persons with substance use disorder; or persons with HIV/AIDS. The division partners with three different referring agencies, COMCARE of Sedgwick County, Miracles, Inc., and Positive Directions, and those three organizations will be responsible for the referrals for the housing vouchers and for providing the care component of Shelter Plus Care through case management services for those receiving housing vouchers.

"The goal of the program is to provide participants with safe and adequate housing while working on the skills to increase their income and self-sufficiency. The long-term goal is to successfully address any barriers that contribute to their homelessness and to graduate to some other type of self-directed housing. For 2014 and 2015, about 35 percent of all exits of program participants have met that larger goal, which is very significant considering the barriers that individuals in this program face. While the typical program participant is a single adult household, this program also allows for families to participate. Program guidelines are consistent with fair housing guidelines and are generally based on bedroom occupancy with one bedroom assigned for every two household members. For example, a household of 8, 2 adults and 6 children, would qualify for a four-bedroom voucher. The income guidelines for this program are similar to many other federal programs and they limit program participant's income to less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level based on household size.

"For example, a household of three would need to have an annual income of less than \$37,166 to be eligible. For those with an income, it is a program expectation that they pay up to 30 percent of that income towards rent. The grant request of \$916,079 represents 112 housing vouchers at fair market rent as determined by HUD and also supports the administrative fees that fund one position that works with the applicants, tenants, landlords and case managers from the participating programs. For 2015, of those currently housed, 50 percent of the referrals came from COMCARE, 35 percent from Miracles Inc., and 15 percent from Positive Directions.

"The Shelter Plus Care component is the largest portion of the community grant application representing about 38 percent of the total request. Today I'd also like to recognize Dr. Luella Sanders with United Way, the lead applicant for this community grant application.

"I'd like to describe two different success stories of individuals that have participated in this program. We have had a household that was able to reintegrate the spouse into the home with his children and his wife following incarceration. At this point in time, both adults are participating in treatment and they are working, and we've also got another story around reintegration. Reintegration of children has been possible with 60 percent of the women who enter the program with the reintegration plan since the program transfer. The reintegration is possible because safe, affordable and stable housing allows that family to focus on the other things that they deal with as a family rather than worry about where they're going to spend each night. So it's a very valuable program to the community, I'd recommend your approval of the application for the grant, authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award and make any necessary budget adjustments. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the briefing that you've provided me prior to this. Let me repeat in public a question I threw out to you in private. Since this is a renewal of an existing grant, are there any new mandates or requirements coming out of the federal agency that's providing this grant that would be different going forward than we've had in the past?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "No, there are no new expectations. In fact, the program expectations have been very stable for the past few years, as well."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I wanted to get that on the record. Thank you. Second question. Can you talk a little bit about, in terms of how are we doing overall, because I know there is a census that's taken each spring, or I should say in mid winter, in terms of the homeless population here in the county, and this is not only a national problem, it's an international problem. And I see it around the world every day. So how are we doing?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "Well, I'd like to say that we're holding on own. The most recent count that we had was pretty flat compared to prior years. One of the advantages we've seen this program is in the last couple years, we've been able to increase participation levels around 90 percent. Those vouchers are actively in use. That helps take somewhere between 95 and 112 folks off of the streets. And one of the other advantages to this particular program is that it does serve families in addition to individuals. Many of the programs that are available for homelessness are focused on individuals, and this program will allow for families to participate as well. And so it really

does make a big impact in addressing the homelessness issue that we face in the community like any large community does."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I don't know that I have any questions, because I've been intimately involved with this through the United Way and through the Homeless Coalition for many years. You know, we have to realize that there's many components of trying to solve the homeless issue. There's the chronic homeless, which is described by the feds as a certain population that we've worked really diligently on, and I know Shelter Plus is an add-on that tries to solve the chronic homeless issue. Then there is the new homeless. Many times it's families that are falling in there because of socio-economic conditions or whatever. And then another area that really concerns me now and school aged homeless. The young people that don't have a housing unit that they call home. They're couch surfing, living with relatives, really don't have a home. And they end up becoming the new homeless.

"So there is a whole population out there that is segmented that we're trying to solve all at the same time. Shelter Plus really focuses on chronic homelessness. And one of the things that's worried me in that chronic homeless population is that a large percentage of them are ex-military or veterans, and I know we've worked with the Veterans Administration and COMCARE, mental health, and some of the drug agencies, because many of them are dual diagnosed. They have multiple problems. Homelessness is just a final symptom of all the other things they have issues with. So I'm very supportive of this today. It ties in with the super-nova that has just gone through its opening up and looking at and being, I think it went to the United Way here just recently, and I think that's ready to be moved forward.

"So all of this ties together, and to start eliminating and taking any of the parts of it that we worked on for many years and minimizing them is not going to work for this system, because we've worked real hard to create the system. So I will be supportive of this today. I think it's critically important to the overall look of trying to solve not only just the chronic homeless, but all the other maladies that tie to homelessness in our community. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to ask a couple of questions. It's hard to remember what we talked about in my office when you came to visit me about this grant. In the past, we've not used all of the money on this grant; is that correct?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Howell said, "What happens with that money that's not used?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "That money is, actually it's a drawdown process, and so that money is not drawn down, and so it's not expended in a given year. The way the application process works is they determine a number of vouchers or slots for a community, and then they fully fund that amount in the event to make sure that if all of those vouchers are in use all 12 months in that grant period of time, and there's no

participating income from the tenants, they want to make sure that a community has enough money to fully fund all of those slots.

"In many instances, we have participants who have an income, and so they participate. So we don't spend the full HUD voucher there. The program participant is paying part of that rent, and then there is always going to be turn where a tenant moves out and someone else moves in a month later. So the full amount is very rarely going to be expended because of those sorts of things, and so we don't draw that down."

Commissioner Howell said, "Is the money then also provided to other communities that may have a greater need than they anticipated?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "There is a process to make that happen, and in fact, in this grant applicaiton, it's actually three different grant applications. It's the main application for 102 vouchers and then over the years there have been two different opportunities for the community to apply for additional or bonus funding, and that bonus funding generally comes from another community who has determined that they don't need that anymore. This is a competitive application each year, and so that's how the allocation happens across the country."

Commissioner Howell said, "Compared to previous years, how does that amount compare?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "This is about \$20,000 less than last year's request in part because of the fair market rate number that HUD assigns to our community."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. I just wanted to say, you know, again, we get criticized for sometimes being, people, I guess, think we are cold and calloused and don't care about our community. I don't think that's true at all. We want to make sure what government does is effective and efficient. I believe this is a necessary grant."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the application for the grant, if awarded approve the acceptance of the grant, and authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign all necessary grant documents; and establish additional budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this request.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT)
TO ACQUIRE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE NORTHWEST BYPASS
(K-254) AND APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2020 FUNDING AGREEMENT
WITH KDOT. DISTRICTS 3 AND 4.

Presented by: David C. Spears, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer.

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

Mr. David C. Spears, Director of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On Item I we are requesting that you take action on two items concerning our ongoing partnership with KDOT to purchase right-of-way for the future construction of the K-254 highway around northwest Wichita, which is locally known as the Northwest Bypass. In 2010 new entered into a five year partnership agreement with KDOT, Goddard, Maize, to set aside funds that can used for opportunity purchases or hardship purchases of right-of-way. During the life of the original contract, KDOT matched every local with two state dollars. KDOT has asked that we extend the partnership another five years. Due to their funding constraints, KDOTs match for the next five years with me 1:1. The county contribution will continue at \$325,000 per year from 2016 to 2020. The 2016 budget and CIP were both developed before it was clear that KDOT wanted continue the partnership. Funding for this project was not identified in the 2016 budget and CIP.

"In order to move forward with the agreement, you will need to amend the 2016 budget and CIP to include our \$325,000 match. During development of the budget you created a roads and bridges reserve fund within the budget that is to be used to fund projects that you select. Last month you approved a CIP amendment and selected projects to link \$2,860,000 funding from the roads and bridges reserve fund. That left a remaining balance of \$430,000. We propose that you allocated \$325,000 from the remaining funds to this project and 2016. We recommend that you approve the CIP amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. I'll stand for any questions."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I'll be happy to make the motion at the appropriate time. You mentioned a number of cities and the State Department of Transportation is involved, and if we approve this obviously Sedgwick County is going to be involved. The City of Goddard and the City of Maize are also involved."

Mr. Spears said, "Correct."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "The City of Wichita is not involved."

Mr. Spears said, "They are not."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. I think that's significant to get on the record. We're acquiring properties so we're getting right-of-way at this point in time, we still have a lot of right-of-way yet to be acquired. Do you have any sort of an estimate in terms of how much right away has already been acquired on this project and how much has yet to be acquired?"

Mr. Spears said, "About a third of the right-of-way has been acquired, \$17 million, there's \$51 million total. Now that's as of appraisal values, recent appraisal values."

They may go up in the future. We also have a protective overlay zone. We're the only ones to do this in the state over the entire proposed alignment. That means if someone comes in to plat or somebody wants to build, we're made aware of that by the Code Enforcement or building folks, they come and see us, we call KDOT, KDOT notifies the owner that hey, there's going to be a highway coming through here. Instead of buying your house, we'd like to buy the right-of-way. And they negotiate with them to do that. Which is cheaper to buy the land now then buy the house later. It's really a good way to do it, because this is a long term project."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "We had some comments earlier today about planning, you know, planning 20 years for advance for what it is. I don't know whether I'll be fortunate enough since I've lived the average age of both my parents at this point in time. If I'll ever see this road in place, but I think it's an important project and necessary project, and I think very simulative for economic development in Sedgwick County if we can have this project taking place. But I do know that it's a heck of a lot cheaper to acquire the right-of-ways now then if, I know other local units have had to do. One of the expenses of Kellogg, often they have had to acquire right-of-way in areas that have been developed and it's very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very expensive. And I think being proactive in this regard is positive and so I plan to be supportive of this effort, Mr. Chairman, in the firm knowledge this will only move the ball in this direction a very small amount. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Dave, let me clarify. You said this was originally included in the budget, but because of this Commission's foresight in developing the budget with respect to roads and bridges we're able to accommodate this important project and pay cash for it, is that correct?"

Mr. Spears said, "Right, we deleted the 183rd Street project, which was over \$1 million, and then we were also cut by about \$710,000 so that left a remaining balance in there that we could certainly miss."

Chairman Ranzau said, "If we had cut more as some proposed then we would not be able to do this project. Thank you. We don't have a motion, do we?"

Ms. Bailey said, "We do not, Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the CIP amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign the document.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| Commissioner Unruh | Aye |
| Commissioner Norton | Aye |
| Commissioner Howell | Aye |
| Commissioner Peterjohn | Aye |

Chairman Ranzau

Aye

Mr. Spears said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

J [15-0712](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Presented by: Rick Durham, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. Rick Durham, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Finance division produces a report that identifies the financial health, I am going to back this up a couple of slides here. There we go. This document has been delivered to you and it will be placed on the county's website. At this time I want to provide you some highlights of this report. As always, this report is developed and prepared by the staffs of the Accounting division led by Sara Jantz and the Budget division led by Lindsay Poe-Rousseau.

"So let's begin with the end, if we will. By the end is this is year-end projections by fund type. So, beginning, I'm going to go column by column. On the left we start with the general fund. That's the county's primary operating fund and accounts for the county services that don't have a designated fund of their own. This includes most general government and law enforcement functions, it's the operation of 42 departments funded from the general fund. Expenditures are estimated to exceed revenues by \$1.5 million at year end, and a large portion of that is due to the \$5.3 million for the [Sedgwick County] Zoo project. So as we move to the right, debt service funds, revenues from debt service funds are estimated to be \$1.8 million greater than expenditures.

"Then we move into other county tax funds. Those special revenue funds, property tax supported. The county has seven other property tax supported funds including bonded interest, EMS (Emergency Medical Service), COMCARE, Aging, Highway, Noxious Weeds and WSU (Wichita State University). Each fund provides services to a specific function and are used only to support the specific function. These funds are expected to have a net decrease of \$360,000 by year end.

"Other non-tax funds, the county has 31 other budgeted operating funds which are not supported directly with property tax funds. These funds are estimated to decrease by \$700,000 in combined fund balance by the end of the year. And then the Fire District, the fund balance is projected to decrease approximately \$176,000 by the end of the year largely related to anticipated increases in personnel costs for retirement payouts.

"County tax supported funds. This is the general fund plus all other property tax supported funds. Year to date revenues total \$205.8 million for county property tax supported funds. This excludes the Fire District. This represents an increase of \$3.1 million or 1.5 percent compared to the third quarter of the previous fiscal year. Year to date expenditures totaled \$178.6 million for county property tax supported funds. This increase of \$7.3 million is \$7.3 million as compared to last fiscal year. The increase is primarily due to the onetime payment to the Zoo. Additionally more cash funded capital improvement projects totaled \$2.1 million were approved in the 2015 as compared to 2014. So as we look at the revenues and expenditures in this format here, revenues increased 1.5 percent while expenditures increased 4.3 percent. If we were to take the Zoo portion out of that, the \$5.3 million, the revenues would have increased, excuse me that would have been expenditures, would have been 1.2 percent. So the net

income on a budgetary basis is \$27.2 million.

"Staying with the county property tax supported funds, here's some revenue highlights. The top four revenues listed here, as you recall revenues had increased \$3.1 million from the same period last year. The top four revenues listed here as you see, ad valorem taxes, sales and use taxes and motor vehicle taxes and insurance fees account for \$4.44 million of those increases alone. Of course those are offset by reductions in Medicare fees, mortgage registration fees and the city/county highway fund.

"Personnel represents the largest single category of expenses that we incur. The most significant increases as we have a breakdown of those expenditures of personnel costs, salaries and wages is a 2.5 percent increase. But the largest increases occurred in retirement contributions and overtime costs. And of course retirement contributions is a direct result of what KPERS is trying to accomplish.

"Personnel expenditures in the county property tax supported funds are listed here. The largest increase is on the top line, the grant awards. Again, that is direct reflection of the \$5.3 million for the Zoo. As I stated at the beginning of the presentation, the county has 31 budgeted operating funds which are not supported directly with property taxes. Here we're going to talk about those now. So they include grants, enterprise and internal funds. Year to date revenues total \$57.3 million. A decrease of \$1.5 million from the same period of last year. Year to date expenditures at the end of the third quarter in the non-tax funds \$58.7 million, or \$1.2 million more than a year earlier. So the most significant decrease recorded in the reimbursement revenue group primarily due to the manner in which we receive payment for the Affordable Air Fares Program. So if you recall, and let me jump ahead here to the specifics of that. If you recall, the 2.5 percent decrease in revenue, so the agreement we have with the State is that we receive 90 percent at the beginning of the State fiscal year, and then the remaining 10 percent at the end of the State fiscal year. So fiscal years don't match up, that's representative of the large decrease that we see, the 90 percent decrease, so we received only 10 percent.

"Here a breakdown of the non-tax fund expenditures. Salary and wages is the largest single source of expenditures. So now we turn back to the general fund. But now we look at the fund in a manner similar to the private sector business does based on a GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) basis. It shows a clear pattern that the general fund balance follows. So the third quarter identified by the red notations on this slide show a very narrow range over the past six years and that total fund balance of \$93 million. So you can follow the pattern over the past six fiscal years. Staying in the general fund, the county has a fund balance policy that states that unrestricted general fund balance be at least 20 percent of budget expenditures. Not unlike the previous slide, you can follow a clear pattern of the third quarter being identified in red again that the county maintains a fairly narrow range and it's above the established policy of 20 percent.

"We'll shift gears here. Brandi Baily is responsible for managing the county's investment portfolio. A total investment portfolio at the end of the quarter is \$201 million and the yield to maturity is at .69 percent. So the benchmark for the investment portfolio is the one year Treasury bill rate which is currently at .25 percent. So considering the current investment climate, I'd say Brandi does a pretty good job with our investment portfolio. Here we have listed significant capital projects and these are going to be different than some of the ones that you've seen in the past, I know we've

shown the same projects quarter after quarter. We looked and reviewed some and showed completed projects this time. So, the jail master control completed; 135th Street west completed October 23rd; the 159th Street west, the turnpike bridge to 21st Street North will be completed this year. Of course prevention maintenance on selected roads all completed. Maple Street completed August 10th. And then of course the bridge, the Mount Hope bridge was completed and that is all done except for seeding.

"We'll move away from some specific county financial data and look at key metrics for the county, and the trend. Again, the next several slides are same data that we've seen before because it's annualized data, but it measures the county's fiscal health. So we're talking about liquidity and flexible, our flexibility, and that's the unrestricted balance as a percentage of our expenditures. Our property value, our debt burden and our reliance on property taxes. These are the same measures from the previous slide. Except what we do here is that we compare Sedgwick County's information to benchmark counties. Those benchmark counties are from a database that is provided to us from GFLA, and then we extract information from the counties that have received the award for excellence and financial reporting, which means they are providing financial information in the same way that we are, so we have confidence that we are comparing apples to apples; and then also those counties population is between 250,000 and 750,000 so that corresponds to Sedgwick County's population. As we compare those similar in size and those reporting financial data in the same way, we actually fair better than those benchmark counties in all but two categories, property value, which is taxable value per capita, which a constant, it's the same each quarter; and then our debt burden which is 14 percent as of 2014 and our benchmark counties is 11 percent.

"This slide is from data that's received or derived from the center for economic development and business research at Wichita State [University]. And they compile the leading economic indicators to provide insight into the State of the Wichita economy. That circle represents a 20 month average of January of 2014 through August of 2015. That average for that 20 month period is 94.59, that's the measure of the leading economic caters. That average was 94.59. Current is 94.1. Which means there is a range of 95.4 and the low being 93.7. So there's a very slight variance and only 1.7 points. What is important to notice is that while it shows quite a wide variance, I think it is irrelative because of the axis on the chart. If we were to narrow that down you would see that he a very narrow range so it's almost flat.

"Staying with the economy, again, annual data that you've seen before, tax base growth and home sales, new home permits, all up or positive trend. Sales and use tax also a positive trend and the unemployment rate is lower than in previous years, also a positive trend. Only the number of mortgages registered shows a downward trend. So if we look at a short term trend we see that half of our measures show a positive and half of our measures now show not a positive trend. Home sales increased, and these are comparing the third quarter of 2015 to the third quarter of 2014. So that's the measure.

"So what does it all mean? Here's some of the threats that we see that are potential threats to Sedgwick County's fiscal position. State programs of course looking to fill funds, looking for local funds to fill the gap. A couple of examples there. The state budget. Of course they're projecting deficits. The state legislation and moves they make in the future and of course the local economy and the aircraft industry obviously being sluggish, and then there's the modest growth of property sales and the home construction.

"Key points. Our expenditures outpace revenue by 2.8 in the county property tax supported funds. Largely due to the onetime payment to the Zoo and more cash funded capital improvement projects. The general fund deficit projected for, there is a deficit projected for 2015, but it is less than originally forecasted due to onetime revenues. We're talking about the sale of the Furley land primarily. Sedgwick County continues to be smaller and more focused. The local economy recovers slowly. Aviation job cuts are offset by increases in other sectors, and we still consider the greatest risk to its fiscal health to the county is from the State.

"And I am missing a slide...so I guess with that I'll conclude and wrap it up and say that through the third quarter our financial performance is consistent with expectations. We have use fund balance in tax and non-tax funds, our fundamentals continue to reflect a strong position and that's reflected in the triple-a ratings. And we do have deficits projected this fiscal year. I would stand to answer any questions and if there are no questions, I ask that you receive and file."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I appreciate some of the points in terms of potential threats. But one that you didn't mention that I think is serious and ongoing and one that's been in place for quite a while is the war on savers from the Federal Reserve banks, basically their zero interest rates. Can you talk for a minute in terms of where we are, because both Sedgwick County earns interest on money before it gets distributed to other units as part of the property tax statutes the state has established, but also in terms of how that's effected, you know, we benefit in the sense if the Federal Reserve drives down interest rates when we are going to market to borrow money. It's a two edge sword, and I want to know this morning if you can spend a minute please and talk about how the sword is cutting this morning, please.

Mr. Durham said, "I don't know that I want to comment on that what the Federal Reserve does as far as the movement of the interest rates, but you're right. It is a two edged sword. As we use debt, obviously the lower the Federal Reserve rate is the better the, the more opportunity or the better it is for us to borrow money. Just like it would be for anyone. Investing money, then there's the other side of the blade, or the other side of the sword as you say is that there's no return. So, it would be no different in the county than it would be any other business that is looking to have an investment portfolio for income. Conversely, it is cheap to borrow money, so therein lies the balance, how much do you invest and how much do you borrow? Right now money is cheap. We all know that."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well that's why I was asking in terms of the two ends of it. Because haven't we borrowed around \$11 million just a couple weeks ago and we struggled in terms of what's the right amount to borrow and how that leaves our balances in terms of the flipside of it in terms of measuring our interest rate income that we're receiving off the money and basis points not percentages. It's a serious aspect and another potential threat, I think I would be remiss if we didn't consider, there is a lot of focus here on what the State may or may not do. Federal government, I think, is in the same category and I think they're a much bigger threat both in the short term and in the long term in terms of for the health, the economic health of this community, which leads to the economic health of Sedgwick County. We're dependant on the strength of the private sector out there and if we have, if we have regulatory uncertainty which I think is a massive problem coming out of Washington, I think that

is a huge potential threat that faces challenges for us, and so I'm very appreciative of this report.

"But I did want to throw out a couple of things at least on my system of potential threats to Sedgwick County that I think need to be included and need to be considered because we've got manipulation of interest rates whether we're talking short term, long term or anywhere in between, and we have new rules, regulations, whatever you want to call it, bureaucratic mandates, we have to jump through hoops to perform with. That's going to make not only our county jobs more difficult, but I think for other local units and the State more difficult and these are also coming down on to the private sector, too. And the uncertainty out there is significant and I think it's showing in the fact that you look at some of these economic trends it's definitely a mixture, but you did an excellent job, Rick, in presenting it and I wanted to put that on the record and at the appropriate time I'll make a motion that we receive and file."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Go ahead."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I just made it."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "And I'll just add that I agree with the comments of my fellow Commissioner. Every time we have one of these, we're always told the greatest risk to fiscal health is the State. I'll continue to disagree with that. I think our greatest risk to our fiscal health is the federal government and our current economy and our new economy and our willingness to deal with that new reality. That is the greatest risk. The State is suffering from the same poor economy, much of which is being driven by bad policy at the federal government and it's having an effect on us and having an effect, as the Commissioner said, on the private sector. We're feeling those effects and we must be realistic to deal with that reality. Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "May I make one comment that Sedgwick County is continues to be smaller and more focused. Can you qualify that, what are we referring to when you say Sedgwick County is smaller and more focused? What do you mean by that?"

Mr. Durham said, "If we go back to 2012, when, and Lindsay is pointing me to the executive summary page is what she's saying. What it says, if we go back to 2012, the county eliminated \$10.3 million in expenditures, \$7.3 million in 2013 and then in 2014 an additional reduction of expenditures of \$2.7 million. That's what we are talking about when we talk about smaller."

Commissioner Howell said, "One of the other comment that's was made on here, it says deficits projected beginning this fiscal year. I understand the deficit in 2015, because of decisions were made regarding the Zoo. But can you project the deficits out into the future years for me?"

Mr. Durham said, "That I'm referring to this slide of course, because what this is is year end projections. This is only for this fiscal year. But I know that there are

projections that are not in this, are they? They'll be in the adopted budget that will do projections out through 2020."

Commissioner Howell said, "And in what year do we see deficits really becoming concerning to you? What is the, I think 2018 is where I think I saw a deficit in that projection. Is that about right? So we need to do some corrections at some point. We still have things to work on, I guess. We're not on cruise. We have things to fix, right?"

Mr. Durham said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "That's the point I am making. I would agree with my colleagues, this is my fourth fiscal report that I've heard and I would agree. I wrote down notes regarding the greatest risk to fiscal health is by the State, I would also disagree with that. I'm just thinking about Obamacare and the healthcare cost that are happening in this nation. It is impacting our county in a dramatic way. Second of all, the unsustainable dependency that they create and also handoff to locals, I think that there's a risk there that they're well intentioned, but if they can't sustain the programs they create that is something we'll have to deal with at some point. So, I would agree. I think the biggest threat to our fiscal health is probably not the state but the federal government and that's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Rick, I'm going to get out my green eye shade and have a timing for you, and if there is anyone who wants to jump in, please feel free to do so. Here's my timing question. Last year the Commission, towards the end of the year in December, approved a purchase of the 3rd Street building, the 271 building, rough cost about \$5 million. But we actually closed on that building this year, so the money came out of that. Just a couple of weeks ago we went to the market to borrow \$5 million. Will that \$5 million, part of the \$11 million that we borrowed, of that \$11 million, is that included in these numbers so that transaction kind of balances out for our 2015 year? Or is there a timing issue in terms of when that money will arrive and could that be impacting these numbers the way you described the \$5.3 million expenditure for the Zoo and the elephants out there, that one time expenditure had an impact on these numbers?"

Mr. Durham said, "It's all encompassed in the capital improvement plan. It's not."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So, it's not part of these numbers, okay. Well, a lot of people I know who follow county government have focused on, those were the two big expenditures that came out and of course they were approved last year and actually showed up in 2015 and so these numbers, this presentation is an important part of the county budget but not the whole enchilada."

Mr. Durham said, "It is not, its highlights."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

K [15-0744](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR
MEETING ON OCTOBER 29, 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 29th results in one
item for your consideration:*

1. *Adult Detention Facility – Public Restroom Main Lobby
Facilities Department*

*"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Van Asdale Construction in
amount of \$68,600. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have, and I do
recommend approval of this item."*

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 Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

CONSENT

L [15-0710](#)

License Agreement for farming on County-owned property.

M [15-0732](#)

Restated and Amended Economic Development Grant Agreement -

Hawker Beechcraft & Textron.

- N** [15-0728](#) Annual fee for membership in the South Central Kansas Economic Development District
- O** [15-0727](#) Membership to the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition effective January 1, 2016.
- P** [15-0615](#) Consideration of bylaws established for the Sedgwick County Animal Care Advisory Board for the Animal Control Program at the Sedgwick County Health Department.
- Q** [15-0726](#) Resolution stating Findings made after Post-Annexation Hearing City of Goddard Ord. No. 707, as corrected by Ord. 729
- R** [15-0708](#) Hire a Residential/Agricultural Project Leader above the pay range minimum.
- S** **15-0718** Order dated 10/14/2015 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- T** [15-0713](#) General Bill Check Register for October 21, 2015 - October 27, 2015.
- U** [15-0714](#) General Bill Check Register for October 28, 2015 - November 3, 2015.
- V** **15-0715** Payroll Check Register for the October 17, 2015 payroll certification.

Mr. Ron Holt, Acting County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Consent Agenda Items L through V, recommend approval."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, what's the...Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "There are a couple of items I would like to have pulled off for discussion. Items N and O. I ask to pull them off."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to remove Items N and O from the Consent Agenda, and approve the remaining Items.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "So everything passes except for Items N and O. We can open it up to the Commissioners. No one wants to....Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Chairman, I guess on Item N, I assume we'll take these one at a time. It's the annual fee for the membership of the South Central Kansas Economic Development District. I am supportive of what we call SCKEDD. They have done some, I think, very necessary and effective things trying to move business into success. Some things they do are very complicated and difficult and I think they perform a really necessary service for companies, specifically I'm thinking of the tactical firearms is a great example. That would have never happened had it not been for SCKEDD. So I am supportive of SCKEDD, however, looking back at the budget cycle, you know, we do spend a lot of time looking at different budget cuts, and what's before us right now is a full restoration of the full amount that was considered even before the budget cycle. During the budget cycle, I made a lot of comments regarding the value of SCKEDD. At the time I had supported this at a level of \$60,000, and I would like to suggest that's the right amount today. It's not exactly what they would want. I'm sure they could use the full amount, \$84,000. In light of the fact we didn't have a lot of budget cuts to various agencies, I think it's right that we go back to the mindset of our budget adoption process and think of this in terms of other priorities. I would suggest we approve this funding for SCKEDD, but only at a level of \$60,000 a year."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved approve funding for SCKEDD at a level of \$60,000.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Mr. Manager, or Sherdeill, do you have any comments on that?"

Mr. Sherdeill Breathett, Economic Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As a President for SCKEDD the five, or should I say 14 counties that make up this organization have agreed per citizens at \$0.17 per their citizenry population. And that's why we arrived at that figure and that's based off the 2010 census data. If we look at it from the 2015 population for Sedgwick County. Of course, that would take us in the range of \$85,000 to almost \$86,000. We're currently without an executive director for SCKEDD and for someone to provide that leadership. The former director resigned, part of the reason is as we look at the financial climate for the organization, we know that Sedgwick County being the largest county, particularly in this region, and within the state, if we take that position, then the other counties, smaller counties, they may take that role as well too. We can see an organization that was initially established by Sedgwick County dissolve. And that would be detrimental to small businesses in our region, and I know that's something we do not want to see."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank Mr. Chairman. You're saying that if we reduce our per capita contribution the other partners will also reduce theirs?"

Mr. Breathett said, "That is a strong possibility. We had others, as a matter of fact when Sedgwick County basically pulled out of support of SCKEDD we had Kingman

County also to take that same posture. Of course with the concerted effort with the Board and have we kind have taken some leadership board stepping up and engaging, Kingman County as stepped back up to the table. Of course with their \$0.17 per citizenry for their area as well. And so it's kind of an equal share for each county."

Commissioner Unruh said, "The per capita assessment is determined by a budget process that implies this is what it takes to effectively run the organization."

Mr. Breathett said, "That is correct, Commissioner."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Is that per capita what we paid last year, the year before? Is that \$0.17 or a different amount?"

Mr. Breathett said, "That is \$0.17, yes, sir."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "If I understand what you're saying is, you're saying the whole organization's at risk if we don't appropriate \$84,722, or appropriate \$84,721 the whole thing may fold?"

Mr. Breathett said, "There are some challenges that's based off of the decline with regards to some of the other grant opportunities that have come through for SCKEDD as a not-for-profit organization. Of course it puts a tremendous strain on the organization, and when you look at the staff, we have reduced some of the staffing to try to maintain, or sustainability at the level that we are currently at. And we could definitely see that there are additional [inaudible] for funding for SCKEDD could be problematic."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Help me out, my memory isn't as good as I'd like it to be. This \$84,000 is how big a percentage of your current year 2015 budget, which I assume our amounts are roughly the same this year that you're asking for next year, so that amount for SCKEDD, its total operation, they're planning to spend how much this year?"

Mr. Breathett said, "I have our CFO with us as well, too. If and could you speak to that number with more specifics."

Mr. Daniel Base, CFO, SCKEDD, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The current budget for SCKEDD is \$900,000 approximately, including Sedgwick County's full investment. So without that, you're looking at about an \$815,000, so Sedgwick County's investment is approximately 10 percent of our total budget."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, because if Commissioner Howell's notion went into place it would be a reduction of roughly \$25,000, somewhere in that neighborhood, out of a total budget of a little less of than million, right?"

Mr. Base said, "Correct."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I think that we ought to continue our support for SCKEDD. I think it's a valuable organization and a partnership for the region. Changing our support level when it's been the level for several years is not being a good partner and I don't know what our justification is for that reduction, so I won't support the notion. I will be supportive of the funding request."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Would you like to make a substitute motion?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Sure if that's appropriate, Mr. Chairman."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved approve funding for SCKEDD at a level of \$84,722.00.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm a little concerned. We've gone through this gyration through the budget. We should have never defunded SCKEDD. In fact in my mind there are other organizations that are of regional significance that we should have never gotten out of, and REAP (Regional Area Economic Development), is one of them. There were long term collaborations with a lot of counties and municipalities and it was focused on Regional Area Economic Development, so it concerns me that we're kind of kicking this ball around. Not to mention that we still haven't resolved what we're going to do with the Greater Wichita partnership, because they are so critical to what is happening in our area as far as economic development. I've been involved with the leadership council. I know Commissioner Unruh has been involved with it and there are tremendous plans coming out of GWDC and WDDC and the partnership that will add to the economic vitality of our community, and we're just kind of piece-mealing our thoughts about economic development and how we participate, and I don't think it's good. It makes it hard to keep their organization stable and I think we should be players in that conversation. We've been players and leaders for many years when it comes to economic development and infrastructure and helping build this community and now we play around with it. We hold it out as a carrot for people to come and talk to us, and I don't find that the way I want to do business.

"I'll be supportive of this motion. I will not be supporting the one that would limit what we're going to do. But I have concerns that we're not doing what we should totally for economic development in our community. That's all I have to say."

Mr. Breathett said, "Commissioners, if I might add one thing, that SCKEDD had looked at and continued to look at establishing a not for profit entity that could help support the not for profit portion of SCKEDD. It was rejected and there were some reasons that they did not see in our initial proposal that truly encompassed the economic development portion of it, which was a very narrowly scoped. So we're putting our heads back together again and talking to stakeholders as well as the regional director locally who is very much supportive of our initial letter to do that. And the reason for that is so that we will not, or better be positioned in case funding from Sedgwick County or any other entity for that reason should decide that they did not want to continue to be a part of the organization."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I just want to say that I appreciate Commissioner Norton's comments, and I am assuming, or hopeful anyway that approval of this motion, the substitute motion, would not preclude our involvement in GWEDC, and from the comment made by our CFO at staff yesterday, hopefully even at last year's level. But I agree that some of the conversations that we made in economic development in the last year for me have been painful decisions, but at this point in time we should support SCKEDD and I look forward to a presentation by GWEDC."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm struggling because we talked a lot about economic development and we had the presentation from the third quarter on how we stand financially and the numbers aren't where we want them to be. And the question is why and what can we do about it. The thing I like about SCKEDD, it does work on a regional basis. The things I have some concerns about though are performance for the amount of money. To try and figure out a rate of return, and is this the best way best way to do it or would these projects have occurred otherwise, this is hard for me in terms of trying to find out and we struggled budgetary on it, and to give 100 percent restoration with the other budgeting problems that we have, I can't be supportive of this motion."

"I certainly don't want to leave you all in the position where you would not have support. But I'm trying to figure out the way we can get the best performance, the best value and best achievement in terms of the money that we would allocate in terms of trying to strengthen the local economy. The challenges that we face that were outlined in the third quarter financial presentation, that's leaving me, if we would restore you all to this 100 percent of where you were funded. That's just not a number that I'm comfortable with today and I appreciate your information and both your efforts to try to give us the data that we could make a better decision. But this is a motion I can't support. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to remind my colleagues and audience that the budget did include a \$310,000 allotment for economic development. I think it's presumed by some on this bench that should we fully restore the funding for SCKEDD that there will be other moneys needed to support GWEDC to its fullest amount, which is \$300,000. We have discussed at staff meetings the idea of an ombudsman, I don't know what the cost of that would be, but my assumption would be somewhere between \$75,000, right around \$75,000 for that, if we were to do that. And there is a reason it might be an effective way of dealing with some of the complexities of starting a business. We're trying to support the Wichita Chamber and Wichita Independent Business Association and their efforts as well, and we also have never really discussed and honed in on a dollar value if we are going to support at all, the Greater Wichita [Economic Development Coalition] partnership."

"I guess my question is, you know, if we were to support this at the full amount, what about these other entities? Where is that money going to come from? I would say we, again, another negative report from a financial statement, or financial snapshot if you will, of where we are at right now. Some might argue the way to solve that problem is to

invest more in economic development, and that's how you pull yourself out. We've done that in the past, we've been investing in these things for a very long time and the numbers just don't reflect, I guess, an effective response to this type of investment.

"I'm not saying we should not invest money in some of these things. I think it's worthy, but to what level and how do you measure success? So I'm going to, I'm going to oppose the current motion and support my motion to go with \$60,000 if this one should fail. I guess I would ask my colleagues who are supporting this motion to indicate what is their plan for these other entities, where is that money going to come from? I'd like to hear the answer to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I struggle with the work investment any time that a governmental body is involved, because it seems to be the politically correct word for government spending. And we're allocating taxpayer funds, it's government spending, and we don't have the setup that the private has, in terms of an investment, in terms of being able to say here's a rate of return, here's a dividend, here's a return of capital, and in that sense. So, I think what we have in front of us here is a piece of government spending discussion that we have, and that's why I uncomfortable when the word investment gets thrown out and I want to get that on the record. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Sherdeill, there's been an implication that SCKEDD's been less than effective, hasn't met any of your goals, and that's the basis for a 30 percent cut in your funding. Can you give me any data points that would show your effectiveness and whims in the community?"

Mr. Breathett said, "Well, I can speak specifically. I think I made reference earlier to the artillery range that was established there on north Greenwich Road, that was part of what we call a 504 program where we work in conjunction with SPA, and as a result of those funding as those dollars are created they stay continued in the system support until that loan is paid for. Of course as we get a number of those in the pipeline, which we plan to do, and we have some, but we of course plan to increase them because they can help us from the standpoint of sustainability to do what we do. Now if it a new construction, it takes a little longer, before you see the realization of those dollars.

"For example, if we initiated 2015, and we may not see that manifested until 2017. So of course as we continue to build those up in the pipeline and SPA requires for us to a minimum of those two of those for four years, but we plan to increase that, and I'm saying that as a board member. I work for Sedgwick County, I'm just the representative for Sedgwick County on that board to make sure and ensure the success of the organization. In my 14 years of being part of the board we've done nothing but create small businesses that continue to grow and create jobs that have poured back in the tax economy."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, it seems, I recall, that you sent us a document that had about 20 different businesses that used your services in one way or another. Helped them secure financing and they were all, I don't know, I shouldn't say, I was going to say nearly all were in Sedgwick County. In my estimation you've done a good job and produced for us what I think is a reasonable value for our participation. And so

that's why I'm going to support the motion."

Chairman Ranzau said, "All-righty, we do have a motion and second. Madam Clerk, call the vote."

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| <i>Commissioner Unruh</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Howell</i> | <i>No</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i> | <i>No</i> |
| <i>Chairman Ranzau</i> | <i>No</i> |

Chairman Ranzau said, "So that motion failed 2-3. We're back to the original motion of \$60,000, is that correct? Do any Commissioner have...Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll support this underlying motion although I don't approve of the amount. I don't understand the arbitrariness of the reduction. But I'm fearful that not supporting it could be worse for you, so that's my position, thank you."

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

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| <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>No</i> |

Chairman Ranzau said, "Motion passes 4-1."

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Now we're to Item O, which is the only remaining item on the Consent Agenda. Anyone have any comments on Item O? I don't see none, I'll make a...Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the membership effective January 1, 2016.

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "The reason is, I attended a meeting, there were 30 Kansas counties that are members of this organization, but what has impressed me about the organization is the fact that their leadership, they've been able to get in front of finding out the regulatory burdens that are coming at us and also coming up and non-judicial, but regulatory response options that I think have the opportunity to try and make sure that the federal government is complying with their own rules and regulations internally. It's really important. Because if the federal government isn't passing many laws and congress isn't doing much and they approve a post office every

now and then and get a new name for naming that post office and every once in a while do some other businesses. But what is actually coming out is the bureaucracy is issuing rules and regulations five day as week. The other two days the government is closed. But we have, I think, like 80,000 pages a year of new federal rules and regulations come out, and the federal government has a very structured environment in terms of how they have to go through the process of approval.

"Now the waters of the United States has been through an extended regulatory process in terms of the federal takeover of every puddle, drainage ditch, infrequently running low-lying area in the entire country. And efforts to change this in the Legislative side in Congress, the majority of the Senate wasn't able to move in that direction even though that's the direction they wanted to go earlier this week. So, this is an effort, this is an organization that would be a positive for Sedgwick County to have a membership in and I'll support this motion and will make a motion that we make a membership in this organization, the fiscal price tag is between \$7,000 and \$8,000 a year. It's well worth it in terms of having an impact in the regulatory area because related to new mandates focused on not only regulations relating to water and similar rules in that regard, but also issues related to challenges with fish, bats, skunks, mammals in general, birds, and other wildlife."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "I just wanted to speak to a couple of comments that I read in the paper regarding this issue. I don't believe this is just a western Kansas City issue. I think every county in Kansas is dealing with the federal regulations that impact their operations and we are not exempt from that. We have had a number of restrictions here in our own county, and how it impacts our road projects specifically. I saw that in their article there are projects even in 2016 that will be impacted by federal restrictions on what you can do and when you can do it.

"This is a new organization that I think has a very narrow focus and I'm hoping that their very effective because of that. One of my criticisms of some of the other organizations is they are very broad focused, and because of that you find things you may not agree with on their platform, and also I believe that because that because they are so broad focused that they are also somewhat ineffective in accomplishing any of their goals. This organization is narrow focused and I believe they'll be more effective as a result of that and they'll have much more passionate agreement with the things that they're fighting. So, yes, we have our own Sedgwick County lobbyists in Topeka, and they are fighting issues that we have raised, but these are issues I think are also very important. I would like to partner with these other 30 counties, and I believe once we do this we'll see other counties even east of Sedgwick County that will agree with us.

"Let me also say, after the first year, the dues go down to \$5,000 a year. These other organizations are much more expensive, this is a fairly small amount of money, it has a great impact on what we do here. If they're successful in their goals, than I think this is money very well spent. I'm willing to support this, at least initially, to find out how they do. I'd like to give them the chance to fight for Sedgwick County and in the future if they prove themselves to be ineffective then I would reconsider. But right now I think it's worth the effort. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I'll say I attended one of the meetings out in Oakley, Kansas. It was a very good meeting and very well attended by Commissioners and some State

elected officials as well, and people around the country as speakers. It was very good and very well done. I'll be fully supportive of joining this. I haven't read the papers, but if someone is saying this is a western Kansas issue then they don't understand what it is all about. Certainly it did start in western Kansas. It is a true grassroots initiative, but it affects all of us, the federal government, it will affect us all. If we can create a positive partnership I think we need to do that.

"We've been in some other partnerships. If you look at the materials we get, its high quality and very well done, they know what they are doing. And they provided this information and feedback that we would never get from any other organizations, because they're so focused and they know what they're doing. This is a, you know, we've gotten out of some other organizations that were actually counterproductive to what they're trying to do, and this is a positive step for us. If we can partner with them and work together I think this is a positive step forward. Those who have concerns I would encourage to attend their meetings in the future and I think you'll come away very appreciative of everything that they're doing and have a better understanding of the fight they're trying to fight for us. I'll be supportive. With that, Madam Clerk, call the vote."

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| Commissioner Unruh | Aye |
| Commissioner Norton | No |
| Commissioner Howell | Aye |
| Commissioner Peterjohn | Aye |
| Chairman Ranzau | Aye |

Chairman Ranzau said, "We're done with the Consent Agenda. We have no legislative issue to discuss. We're now at the 'Other' portion of our meeting. Commissioner, do you have anything for other? Commissioner Peterjohn."

OTHER

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll go back to my old days when I first came on this Commission one of the things that we challenged was our jail population. Had a little over 1,400 people in the Sheriff's custody as of this morning. I mention that because I was looking back at what's important November 4th in American History, and dog-gone-it, almost everything they had listed November 4th was related to who got elected at which election, and frankly I didn't want to go through that this morning.

"But history is important to understand the present. And what we do have, and I'm not sure if Kelly Arnold, our County Clerk, has provided this, in terms of having it online yet today, I hope it is, I know it will be shortly if it's not already. But the 2015 property tax mill levies are up. And of course, as a County Commissioner, I firmly believe, every elected body should not only be voting on our budget, which we do, but also vote on the mill levy, which under State law we can't. I think that needs to be changed. That's a continuing issue that I have. We have a number of taxing jurisdictions here and the bad news I would say in terms of people focused on mill levies, we've got the county wide mill levy and all the municipalities have theirs and the townships have their mill levies and the school districts including, we've got school district boundary don't respect county lines in any way, shape or form as do the cities. We have two cities that straddle county lines. But the information in terms of what the mill levy and the property taxes are going to be for the 2015 year versus last year are available and up

and it's important information for folks who want us to understand where we are financially and what the property tax bill that he going to be going out shortly looks like. I wanted to take this opportunity, Mr. Chairman, to emphasize that the County Clerk has pulled this information together and he's been kind enough to provide it to all of us on the Commission, and I hope he's provided it to the news media as well as having it up on the Sedgwick County website here.

"It's interesting because there is some significant variations by jurisdiction. I won't go through them one by one. But in my opinion it's interesting reading. I wanted to call that to the attention at this part of the meeting. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I see nothing else for the other portion of our meeting we have no Fire [District No. 1] agenda today. We do have a need for Executive Session. Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 45 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to legal advice, preliminary discussion 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 12:25 p.m.

Chairman Ranzau seconded the motion.

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

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| <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'll now move to Executive Session."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:38 a.m. and returned at 12:25 p.m.

Chairman Ranzau said, "We are now back from Executive Session, no binding action was taken. At this time I would like to recognize Tonia Cole."

Ms. Tania Cole, Project Manager, Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have one item I would like to present to you this morning. On August 17, 2015, a request for proposal (RFP) was sent to 80 vendors and advertised on the county website for a move in ready building for MABCD and MAPD. On September 29, 2015, purchasing received 16 responses for this RFP. Of those 16, were four viable responses, while the other 12 were a no proposal response. There was a thorough evaluation of the responses with County Commissioners, as well as a staff team, including: Ron Holt, Acting County Manager; Tom Stolz, Director of MABCD; Chris

Chronis, CFO; Kristi Zukovich, Director of Communications; Steve Claassen, Facilities, Fleet and Parks Director; Management Interns Jessica Ostmeyer, and Mark Bowman and myself.

"Based on the needs outlined in the RFP, and the responses received, it is staffs recommendation that all responses be declined."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, do you have any questions, comments? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to take the recommended action.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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| <i>Commissioner Unruh</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Norton</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Howell</i> | <i>No</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Chairman Ranzau</i> | <i>No</i> |

Chairman Ranzau said, "Motion passes 3-2. Mr. Manager, is there anything else to come before the Commission?"

Mr. Holt said, "No sir."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thanks everybody, appreciate it."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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