Sedgwick County

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 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 9:03 a.m. on January 13, 2016 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 Norton; Commissioner James M. Howell; Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Communications; and Ms. Erika Rice, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Lonny Wright, 1722 South Lulu, Wichita

INVOCATION: Rabbi Michael Gilboa, Ahavath Achim Hebrew Congregation

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

Chairman Ranzau said, "We do have somebody signed up this week to speak. Lonny."

Mr. Lonny Wright, 1722 South Lulu, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you for the things you've done this past year that I have liked."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Is this a short list?"

Mr. Wright said, "I really appreciate you inviting the audience to speak on different agenda items. It has resulted in some long meetings sometimes, but I enjoyed that, and then this newer policy where somebody doesn't even have to sign up in advance. It's not agenda item. A person can show up and may be able to speak on anything. So I appreciate that the way you've involved us more, and it certainly has not been boring. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Well, thank you, Lonny. This is something we've been working on for a while, and I think it's fitting that the first time someone took advantage of this new policy, it was Lonny Wright."

Mr. Wright said, "Well, thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you for your participation, and I appreciate the kind

words. Next item please."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A 15-0863 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2015.

All Commissioners were present.

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2015; December 9, 2015; and December 16, 2015.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau Aye

B 15-0865 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2015.

All Commissioners were present.

Action for Item B was taken with Item A.

C 15-0882 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2015.

All Commissioners were present.

Action for Item C was taken with Item A.

Approved

NEW BUSINESS

D 15-0857 PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD.

Presented by: Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Present Award.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, I want to talk a little bit about at Chairman's Award first. Each year since 1998, the Chairman of this Board elects a group or person that has exhibited a high level of dedication to public service or otherwise made strides in improving our community. Some past recipients of this reward include the Patriot Guard, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit and Wichita Independent Business Association.

"I am pleased to be able to present the 2015 Chairman's Award to an individual that I believe is making a significant difference for the youth of our community. I have chosen Bishop Wade Moore, Jr., founder of the Urban Preparatory Academy for the 2015 Sedgwick County Chairman's Award.

"Commissioners, I have a short video that I have asked staff to put together to

highlight Bishop Moore and his positive efforts.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

"Bishop Moore, I want to congratulate you and thank you for all the work that put into the community, and I know you'll continue to do great things.

"Your school has increased 300 percent from the first to the second year, and I'm sure you'll continue to have tremendous success in the future. I'm honored on behalf of the Sedgwick County Commission to present you with the 2015 Chairman's Award. Congratulations."

Bishop Wade Moore, Jr., greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, first, to Chairman Ranzau and the entire Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners. Thank you for this outstanding award.

"I believe that service is something that we owe to each other as human beings, especially to our children, that we have this obligation to teach them, train them, lead them, and show them that they can be successful no matter where they're coming from. That's our goal at Urban Prep to, continue to educate children. It's not the easiest job, especially with the way education has gone and how children have just been pushed through the system. Especially with a school like ours, it's not an easy thing, so we have to have a good staff of people that are willing to sacrifice and do the hard work. I really appreciate our team that makes all of this possible, and thank you. Thank you, thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "I just wanted to say, I got to hear Pastor Moore last Friday give a more thorough explanation of his passion for this school. I'm just extremely impressed. He stands out to me as someone who has a vision for better education. He really and truly loves education, loves these kids, and he has sacrificed a tremendous amount to get to this point. He plans on being successful. He's got a vision for graduation of these students, and he doesn't let barriers get in the way.

"So I just want to say thank you for what you're doing for this community. I'm extremely impressed and I hope your tribe increases. I just love the people that have a passion for education the way that you do. Please keep it up, what you do. Thank you, sir."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I just second the comments of the Chairman and Commissioner Howell. Leadership is often by being up front and doing some challenges that other folks might not see as even possible. Folks go out there and make it happen. I'm delighted to see this award provided today and wanted to thank publicly Bishop Moore. Enjoyed his comments last Friday, too. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "And in closing, I'll say, you know, you're doing tremendous work, and there's a lot of people that complain about problems going on out there, but you're a shining example of someone who is not just going to complain about something. You're going to get things done. You're making a difference in the community that will last for generations to come, and words really can't express how thankful we are for everything that you and your staff does, and please let everyone there, the staff, the parents, kids, understand how proud we are and we're behind

you. We support you 100 percent. Thanks, again, and congratulations.

"Madam Clerk, next item, please."

E <u>16-0002</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 7, 2016.

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 January 7th results in one items we would like to present to you this morning:

1. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

"Recommendation is to accept the best proposal from Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and execute a five year contract.

"I would like to point out an adjustment that was made in the minutes. I received a phone call this morning from our consultant, Hyas Group, the current plan was originally reported as \$364,556.53 as an annual payment or 89 basis points. That should have been \$280,890.74 or 68 basis points. There was a duplication in the record keeping revenue which represents 21 basis points. Long story short, on the savings between the new proposed plan versus the current plan, instead of a 44 percent savings, it's actually a 27 percent savings. This does not change, however, the numbers that are found in table, nor our recommendation and we wanted to point out that adjustment in the minutes.

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Would anyone from the public like to speak on this item? Seeing none, Commissioners, what is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh Aye
Commissioner Norton Aye
Commissioner Howell Aye

Commissioner Peterjohn Aye

Chairman Ranzau Aye

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

Approved

F <u>16-0009</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' SPECIAL

MEETING ON JANUARY 8, 2016.

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 January 8th results in two items we would like to present to you this morning:

1. BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

"Recommendation is to accept the bid from Wildcat Construction Co., Inc. & Subsidiaries in the amount of \$417,304.00

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Is there anyone from the public that would like to speak on this issue? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Madam Clerk, next item please." Approved

CONSENT

G	<u>15-0856</u>	Acknowledge donation of hygiene products to Sedgwick County COMCARE.
н	<u>15-0875</u>	Contract renewal for Community-Based Services with the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas.
I	<u>15-0876</u>	Renewal Affiliation Agreement with the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas.
J	<u>15-0880</u>	Plat

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2015 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Downwind Estates 2nd Addition

K 16-0001

General Bill Check Register for January 6, 2016 - January 12, 2016.

Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I recommend you approve the Consent Agenda Items Golf through Kilo."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Would anyone on the public like to speak on these items? It's your last chance, Lonny. All right. Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the vote."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau said, "Madam Clerk, next item please." Approved on the Consent Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

L 15-0858

SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN THROUGH JANUARY 11, 2017.

Presented by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: List slate of nominees and vote on each in the order listed.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "Before we get involved in that specific item, I think we're at a point at the meeting where there aren't a lot of responsibilities that the chair pro-tem has to do as part of this position during the Board during the course of the year. One is a presentation to the outgoing Chairman of a plaque for recognition of his service as Chairman of the County Commission. I've had the privilege of serving with Richard since he joined the Commission in 2011. It's been a challenging year and I think we are doing some good things for the citizens of Sedgwick County and laying the groundwork for a better future, so it is my honor and privilege to be able to present to you, Mr. Chairman, in recognize of your service,

Commissioners

your Chairman's plaque for 2015. Congratulations. Enjoy."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you very much, Commissioner. Well, it has been a good, interesting and challenging year. I want to take a few moments to say a few things and thank some people and kind of maybe review this past year. First of all, I have to thank my family for their patience and support throughout this. Certainly, being Chairman, being on the Commission in general can take time away from the family, and they're very understanding and supportive of that. I also want to thank the employees and staff of Sedgwick County who do tremendous work every day of the year. We appreciate all the work that they're doing.

"I do, however, want to thank one person in particular, and that's Assistant County Manager Ron Holt. This last year, we've gone through lot of changes. For me, it seems like it's been the busiest time we've had as a Commission simply because of some of the personnel changes, very important personnel changes. County Manager Bill Buchanan retired after 24 years. We also had County Counselor Rich Euson who retired. MAPD (Metropolitan Area Planning Department) Director John Schleagel retired as well. Those are three important positions that we had to fill, simultaneously, as we were going through the budget process. When Bill left, we had to finish the budget process, and Ron filled in during that transition time. We were doing all of these searches simultaneously and having all of these meetings, and then when Mike came onboard, he's assisted with that transition as well and has done a tremendous job, and without his hard work and effort, it just wouldn't have been possible, so I want him to know just how thankful we are for his efforts.

"And then lastly, I also want to thank the taxpayers of Sedgwick County, they are the ones that pay the taxes to provide the services that we provide and do the things that we do.

"It's been a busy year. I want to talk about some of the things that we've done. I think we've made some significant positive changes here at Sedgwick County, and I think Sedgwick County was already a shining example of the right way to do things in local government, but I think we continue to improve and get better and move the county forward and improve our financial position as we move forward.

"You know, there's been a lot of discussion about the budgets, and that's a big part of what we do our discussions actually began with a retreat, back in February, where we introduced our goals and these goals will carry through the 2016 budget process and are helping to put the county on a stronger financial footing for our future.

"Some of the highlights of what we've done include the Tag Office. We did approve a new Tag Office, which I know the County Treasurer wanted for years and years and years. So we're finally moving forward on that. We've also made a decision on the 271 building, which will find space with MABCD (Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department) and MAPD space, something they've been wanting for a long time. Sedgwick County has also taken the lead in cooperating with the City of Wichita on an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Law Enforcement Training Center, so we will continue down that process and we will also get that need met, because that's something that's been ongoing for a long time, as well.

"We sold some land on Northeast Park that got back on the rolls and brought in new revenue. We've also been allowing concealed carry in Sedgwick County buildings, which we've taken a leadership role on that, and I think that's turned out very well, and I think both our citizens and our employees appreciate that. We've also done some things as a result of employee suggestions, removed Environmental Resources into Public Works building. We've reopened the Bait Shop out at the Lake Afton. Both

of these measures will save taxpayer dollars, and these came as a result of suggestions from employees. While it took longer than what I would have liked to get those moves done, I would encourage our new Manager to keep an open ear to employees, because they often have good ideas and know good ways to save money and improve our services out there, and I hope as we go forward we'll continue to do that.

"We also provide new funding for a new EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Station to support an expanded Wesley Medical Center facility in Derby. We also bought land for another EMS station that will be built as well. We reduced the solid waste fee by, I believe, 22 percent, because we had reached that we had more than what we needed. We maintained our mill levy rate and reduced our dependence on bonding for roads and bridges, which in the long run will actually give us more money to provide services and help dig us out of the hole we have created from repetitive and unnecessary borrowing.

"Additionally, we have created the Judge Riddel Boys Ranch Correctional Alternative Program as well as the family engagement component that is being implemented in juvenile programs, as part of prevention to provide family support mechanisms and practices and help reduce recidivism.

"We opened the Community Crisis Center on 635 North Main. This is an expanded crisis program that COMCARE and other community partners with our 23 observation shares, sobering brands and social detox services. This program allows for appropriate crisis response rather than the jail or emergency room, and it provides for greater community capacity and better utilization of resources.

"We've also worked for the legislature to support reducing regulatory burdens as well as a regulatory burden here in Sedgwick County. That increase of cost under the Public Works Projects. We'll continue to work on that as we move well. KDOT broke ground on the I-235 and Kellogg interchange project that Sedgwick County partnered with, partnered on with \$11.6 million. And previously Sedgwick County committed \$10 million of county road funds to the Tyler and Maize interchange on Kellogg in the past. We'll continue to do those sorts of things.

"So it's been a very interesting and challenging year. The last several years, with the new economy, we've had deficits every year that we've had to face and deal with. I don't think that will be any different going forward. I think Sedgwick County remains committed to thoughtful, data driven decisions that will enable us to provide our basic core services while maintaining and in many ways improving our long-term financial stability. Sedgwick County taxpayers can continue to have confidence in knowing this Commission will continue to work for everyone, not just the local minority, but everyone to insure their tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently. I'm very happy with the progress that we've made. I hope to get a few things done; a few resolutions done that will give continued certainty to the taxpayers and help demonstrate where we're going in Sedgwick County.

"We're working on a few things that will come before the Commission here in the following weeks to be a culmination of this year's work and effort. I want to thank my colleagues and staff for all the support and everything that we've accomplished. With that being said, we haven't been perfect; we've had our challenges. Perhaps one of the biggest challenges that we have had is getting our message out and getting the facts out so the public understands what it is that we are truly doing. As Mr. Wright has said before, we have taken steps to allow public input, we like public input, we like public debate about issues. It is important to have public debate about things that we are really doing and about the facts.

"We live in a day and age where media stories are often driven by emotions and conflict. Sometimes the facts and the truth are a casualty, and so we end up having discussions and debates about things that aren't really happening, and that's not helpful for the community. I think vigorous debate about issues and facts is important and good for our community, but when we debate things that aren't really happening, that's not helpful. We, as a Commission, have to find a way to get the facts out better.

"Unfortunately, that's difficult, because I know that when people aren't interested in getting the facts and telling the facts and telling the story correctly, then it makes it difficult. I'll just throw out an example. There are some people that still believe and are still saying, in the media, that we cut WIC (Women, Infants and Children) benefits. That's factually incorrect. Not even close. In fact, we didn't cut anything out of. Nevertheless, without going through all the stories, there were stories about the budget that we're doing this and doing that, that were just factually incorrect.

"Time and time again, when people would ask me questions, I would explain to them the whole truth, and they would say, oh, I didn't know that. That makes perfect sense. And I've had other Commissioners have the same stories. As we move forward, I want to continue to debate things and have an open discussion, but we've got to do a better job of insuring that we have debates about the real issues and about the real facts and not debates that a centered on misleading information that people are putting out there just to premote their political agenda. That's not helpful to the community. I remain committed, as I said earlier, to thoughtful and data driven decisions. We'll continue to do that, and Mr. Manager, as we move forward, I know we've already had some discussion, we need to work on getting that information out there to all of our public so they can understand what we're doing, and I think that will make our community stronger and better, and we'll have more vigorous and meaningful debates about issues as we move forward.

"So with that being said, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, the item we have here is selecting one member of the Board of County Commissioners to serve as Chairman from now through January 11th, 2017, and I'd like to make a nomination, if that's in order, at this time."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Yes, you may."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I would like to nominate a fellow Commissioner, who I've had the privilege of serving with, but I've known a lot longer than the time that he's been on the Commission, and with the challenge going forward at the state level, I want to nominate one Commissioner who has legislative experience, and that's Jim Howell. I think he would be an outstanding Chairman for 2016."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes, Mr.Chair. I'd like to nominate Dave Unruh for Chairman for 2016."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. Commissioners, are there any other comments or nominations? Seeing none, I think what we'll do is we'll have a vote where we won't vote yes or no, we'll vote for the person. So we'll either vote for Howell or Unruh, if that's okay. Madam Clerk, call the vote please."

VOTE

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

Commissioner Howell
Commissioner Howell
Commissioner Howell

Chairman Ranzau said, "By my total, Commissioner Howell will be the next Chairman, by a vote a 4 to 1. Congratulations. Next item, please."

M 15-0859

SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIR PRO TEM THROUGH JANUARY 11, 2017.

Presented by: Chairman Richard Ranzau.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: List slate of nominees and vote on each in the order listed.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "Everyone up here, with the exception of two of us, have had the privilege of serving as Chair Pro-Tem, and one can't serve as both chair and Chair Pro-Tem, so sorry Chairman-Elect Howell, but I'm going to nominate Chairman Ranzau as chair Pro-Tem for 2016."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I will nominate Commissioner Unruh for Chair Pro-Tem for 2016."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Okay. Any other comments or nominations? We'll do the same voting process for this. Madam Clerk, call the vote please."

VOTE

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

Chairman Ranzau Chairman Ranzau

Chairman Ranzau said, "I will be the Chair Pro-Tem by a vote of 4 to 1. Thank you, Commissioners. Next item, please."

OTHER

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioners, is there anything for the 'Other' portion? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I would be remiss if I didn't point out Sedgwick County contributed equipment that it was allowed to use for creating mulch or disposing of, I'm not sure if it was just ordinary foliage or Christmas trees, out in Goddard yesterday, and I wanted to point that out as well as obviously mentioned earlier about the winter weather. I would also point out that January 13th is an important day in American history.

"January 13th, 238 years ago there was a sorely dark days during the American revolution, and the British had captured Philadelphia and they were residing in many cases in Patriot's homes, snug quarters inside the city while at this time on this date the Patriot Army was trying to put together a hospital, makeshift hospital for the soldiers who were literally in rags and in some cases close to starvation outside at Valley Forge. If you ever get a chance, it's right outside Philadelphia, and it's a beautiful place now, but I'll tell you, during the winter of 1777 to 1778, it was unimaginable suffering that was going on there, and I think that's important for us to remember as we proceed into 2016 with the challenges going forward.

"Also on this date in 1794, interesting footnote in American history, not a footnote in an unusual sense. Both Vermont and Kentucky entered the Union, and President Washington at that time, in 1794, added two stars to the flag, which we continue to do. Interestingly enough, they had a procedure at that time they thought, hey, let's add an extra, we add two more stripes on the flag, and we actually created a flag that had instead of 13 red and white stripes, it had 15, and of course, that procedure stopped after a number of states. We would have had a very strange looking flag today if we continued that process up to the 50 states we have today.

"January 13th is an important day in American history, and I wanted to get that on the record this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Now, we are scheduled to have a reception for the new Chairman at what 10:30 a.m. Okay. We'll be there or be square, right? Anything else, Mr. Manager?

Mr. Scholes said "That's it."

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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