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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, April 18, 2016**

**6:30 PM**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

**Derby Welcome Center, 611 N. Mulberry Rd., Ste. 200, Derby**

## **Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners**

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*The Special Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 6:31 p.m. on April 18, 2016 in the Derby Welcome Center, Suite 200, Derby, Kansas, by Chairman James M. Howell, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner David Unruh; Commissioner Tim Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Daniel Pugh, Emergency Manager, Emergency Management; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Mr. Steve Stonehouse, Interim Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Kate Flavin, Communications; and Ms. Erika Hills, Deputy County Clerk.*

#### *Guests:*

*Mr. Dion Avello, Former Mayor of Derby  
Ms. Jennifer Kelley, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
Ms. Rebecca Davis, 960 West 49th Street North, Wichita  
Mr. Mike Brincefield, 4830 Ida Street, Wichita  
Colonel Phil Heseltine, Vice Wing Commander, McConnell Air Force Base  
Mr. Byron McNary, 1712 North Nelson Drive, Derby  
Ms. Leah Howell, 125 East Buckthorn Road, Derby*

### **INVOCATION: Pastor Caleb Bowman, Calvary Baptist Church.**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Chairman Howell said, "We do have four people who are signed up to speak to us tonight. These are just general comments to the Commission, it can be on any topic. Since there are only four, I will not give you a time limit, but if it goes on too long, I may need to ask you to abbreviate your remarks. First of all, I would like to call up Former Derby Mayor Dion Avello. You are welcome to talk about any topic, thank you."*

*Mr. Dion Avello, Former Mayor of Derby, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am a little bit concerned about economic development in our community. Recently there was an article in the paper from Cargill that they may be leaving the state. I'd like to know if the Board of County Commissioners is going across the street to work with the City of Wichita and the governor and trying to keep them from leaving."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Is that the only question that you have tonight?"*

*Mr. Avello said, "There are about 100 more, but I don't want to hold everybody up."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Let me go ahead and answer the question. If there are any other Commissioners who would like to answer, please get my attention and I will recognize you, as well. Normally in a Board of County Commissioners meeting, we have a light system to make sure that I notice them. Tonight, please get my attention and I will be glad to recognize you. I can tell you that I am working very closely with Mayor Longwell on a lot of topics. The community doesn't have, I think, any awareness right now on how many meetings that we've had on various topics. Commissioner Ranzau, when he was Chairman last year, initiated a regular meeting schedule with the Mayor and the Vice Mayor and we have continued that as I became the Chairman this year. The issue of Cargill has been a topic that he has talked about a great deal."*

*"As of right now, I know there are a number of things that are being proposed of Cargill, in terms of trying to retain those jobs. I know that Mayor Longwell is very committed to that. So far, they have not asked the county to engage in any type of response from the county, specifically. I know that we care very much about this. I do know that I have talked with one of the developers who has a proposal in south Wichita and I'm excited about that, because if this ends up being the answer, it gets all of the employees that are currently employed by Cargill get to stay employed with them instead of moving to a place like Plano, Texas or to Michigan or to wherever. The reality is this is a great place to live. We have a lot of really good reasons as to why they'd want to live here, in fact I understand they're going to expand from about 900 employees to 1,500 employees in this move. We certainly want to retain that health and I know that the City of Wichita is very engaged and we are very supportive of them. We are trying to be a partner with them in every way that we possibly can. They also say that the State of Kansas is very, very much engaged in this discussion with Cargill. Specifically, they have a revenue stream that they use to retain and attract jobs to Kansas. I know that the State of Kansas has also been very engaged in this discussion. This is a dynamic discussion that is moving very quickly and we are going to be supportive if we can, it depends on what that is and up to this point, nobody has approached the county for any type of assistance at this time. Thank you for your time tonight."*

*"Next, I would like to call up Jennifer Kelley."*

*Ms. Jennifer Kelley, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACSCAN) advocates for public policies that will help reduce the risk of cancer including those which protect people from the harmful effects of tobacco products. Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are battery operated devices that allow users to inhale an aerosol produced from cartridges filled with nicotine, flavors and other chemicals. Nicotine is an addictive chemical found in tobacco that makes it difficult to quit. E-cigarettes are not regulated, so consumers do not know how much nicotine or other chemicals are in these products. While e-cigarette manufacturers may claim the ingredients are just water vapor, without federal regulation there is no sure way for e-cigarette users to know what they are consuming, nor is there any way of knowing what non users are exposed to and to the extent of the risk to their health."*

*"Additionally, there are hundreds of types of e-cigarettes on the market today and the products vary considerably by ingredients and quality control and assurance. The use of e-cigarettes in public buildings has a potential to undo decades of progress in changing acceptable practices around tobacco use. E-cigarettes are not a proven tobacco cessation tool. In 2014, a study of Kansas adult smokers found that those*

*who used e-cigarettes are actually less likely to stop smoking traditional cigarettes than those who did not use the devices.*

*"Furthermore, the policy change that you are proposing may encourage the use of these devices by county employees and visitors, even though there is lack of evidence that e-cigarettes are a wholly safe product or effective cessation aide.*

*"The proposed changes are beyond the scope of the Human Resources policy as they will impact visitors to county buildings and will be difficult to enforce. Studies have shown that the use of e-cigarettes can cause short term lung changes and irritation while the long term health effects are unknown. In addition to the potential risks to e-cigarette users, the aerosol produced by these devices could be harmful to bystanders. Both exposure to and health effects of second hand aerosol from e-cigarettes require further research. Preliminary studies indicate that non users can be exposed to the same potentially harmful effects as users.*

*"In addition, e-cigarettes are often made to resemble a traditional cigarette, making it difficult to distinguish between the two and making enforcement of the existing smoke-free law difficult if e-cigarettes are allowed in public buildings. As a result, municipalities should prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in all venues where cigarette smoking is prohibited, including public buildings. Prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in workplaces, restaurants, and bars can protect the public health by preventing non users to being exposed to nicotine and other potentially harmful chemicals found in these products.*

*"Despite the lack of evidence to support the policy change or the potential for wide ranging consequences, the policy is being rushed through without adequate discussion or proof from stakeholders. Sedgwick County should approach such serious policy proposals with transparency and inclusion. For these reasons, ACSCAN opposes the proposed changes."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Jennifer Kelley. I appreciate you presenting those remarks tonight. Is Rebecca Davis here tonight? Thank you for coming to our meeting tonight. Please step up to the podium and state your name address for the record."*

*Ms. Rebecca Davis, 960 West 49th Street North, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am very disturbed by the fact that this was brought on the Consent Agenda, which is typically not used for controversial policy changes. As an employee, I am also disturbed by the fact that I was asked to give input, nor were other county employees, on this policy change which would negatively affect me and coworkers.*

*"Public opinion is on my side. In a national study of smokers and nonsmokers, overall, respondents considered secondhand cig vapors to be moderately harmful to their heath and tended to favor restricting vaping in public areas. This proposed policy is directly against the FDA's (Food and Drug Administration) recommendation on e-cigarettes, which stated that local government units should strengthen their ordinances against smoking in public places and on second-hand exposure of harmful substances. This is going directly against the trend nationwide. California, right now, is in the process of raising the smoking age to 21 and completely banning e-cigarettes in public spaces; their entire state believes strongly about it.*

*"E-cigarettes are harmful to both users and people exposed through second-hand vapor. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), nicotine is a naturally occurring toxic chemical that was at one time used in the United States as an*

*insecticide and fumigant. So, what's in our air and that vapor is what used to be used to kill insects. That is scary.*

*"The FDA stated that e-cigarettes are not emission free and that they contain volatile organic substances like propylene glycol and carcinogenic metals like nickel and chromium. The ultra-fine liquid particles of less than 2.5 micrometers may penetrate deeply into the lungs and second-hand smoke exposure to e-cigarette emission which means that health effects cannot be excluded. The particle size is between 100 and 600 nanometers, which is comparable to the particle size found in tobacco smoke of a conventional cigarettes. The harmful substances do accumulate in indoor air. Sodium, iron, aluminum and nickel were present at higher levels than those known in cigarette smoke. Five others, namely copper, magnesium, lead, chromium are carcinogenic or substances that might cause cancer, while lead is suspected to be a carcinogenic. If several people are using e-cigarettes in a room at the same time, considerable indoor air pollution will accumulate and may result in harmful second-hand exposure.*

*"In a research study reported in April 2016 by the American College of Chest Physicians, it was found that measurements of airway obstruction and inflammation were worse after e-cigarettes sessions versus conventional cigarette sessions, and these findings were more severe in asthmatics. E-cigarette smoking has more deleterious short-term effects on asthmatics compared with healthy smokers. This research adds to the growing body of research pointing to the dangers of e-cigarettes.*

*"A study published in the Nicotine and Tobacco Research journal found that in certain conditions e-cigarettes might expose users to the same or higher levels of formaldehyde as tobacco smoke. Using e-cigarettes may make bacterial infections resistant to antibiotics, according to a recent study published in June of 2014 in ScienceNews. They also reported that e-cigarettes deliver high levels of nanoparticles, which can trigger inflammation and have been linked to asthma, stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions where inflammation is involved. There have been 18 studies on e-cigarette vapors found that most contain at least traces of solvents which can transform into carbonyls such as formaldehyde and suspected carcinogens such as acetaldehyde. Formaldehyde levels can reach that found in tobacco smoke when vaping liquids contain a solvent mix of glycerin and propylene glycol. Vapers can inhale huge numbers of very small aerosols, the most toxic size that can then deposit into the lungs tiniest airways, which are pivotal to moving air into the body. The mass of particles in the vaper's airway is about three milligrams per meter of air, or about 100 times as high as the EPA's (Environmental Protection Agency) 24-hour exposure limit for levels of fine air particles. The study's authors predict that some 40 percent of these inhaled particles would deposit in the lung's smallest and deepest airways.*

*"A study in JAMA Pediatrics in 2015 found that baseline cigarette use was independently associated with progression to traditional cigarette smoking and to susceptibility among nonsmokers among adolescents and young adults. It's kind of a gateway drug; you start with an e-cigarettes and you move onto traditional cigarettes, which is the exact opposite of this intended policy.*

*"E-cigarettes are known to explode. The United States Fire Administration reported in 2014 that 25 fires were caused by exploding e-cigarette devices between 2009 and 2014. The use of e-cigarettes has exploded since then and anecdotal evidence suggests that those fires and explosions have gone up since then, although they have not issued any new reports.*

*"If you have a cylindrical shaped lithium-ion battery with about 3.7 volts and you pop it into your pocket with some loose change, there is a risk of that shorting the battery and causing an explosion in your pocket. Larger units, which require higher watt batteries, often called tank e-cigarettes, they require higher watt batteries and people start stacking batteries and if they don't understand the electronics involved, it can effectively become a pipe bomb in your hand or in your face.*

*"An 18 year old bartender in England was serving drinks when a colleague's cig exploded and caught her dress on fire. She was an innocent bystander and didn't want to have anything to do with cigarettes and she burned horribly when her dress caught on fire.*

*"A Florida man had an e-cigarette explode in his mouth, burning his face, throat and lungs and it left him briefly in a coma. His injuries are permanent and require constant care. He is now disabled for the rest of his life."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Excuse me, Rebecca, it's been about six minutes, so far. How much more do you have?"*

*Ms. Davis said, "I have very little."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, and please hurry."*

*Ms. Davis said, "Sure. A Kansas man's e-cigarette exploded, reported by KWCH 12 in November, there was damage to property and the potential of shrapnel injuries. Pieces of his e-cigarette pierced walls, can you imagine that going through your body?"*

*"Many e-cigarettes batteries plug into USB ports for charging. If left on too long in a common USB port, some e-cigarettes batteries can fry, causing explosions or fires and damaging computers or other devices that they are plugged into. Why would we want that plugged into county computers, damaging our county property?"*

*"I also believe that this would harm productivity as opposed to what some of the Commissioners say that it would increase productivity. Using e-cigarettes requires the use of one or both hands would negatively affect typing speed, for instance. They say that less people would take breaks, but when it comes down to it you're entitled to two breaks and a lunch and whether we can vape or not has no effect on the number of breaks that we are allowed. I do not think that it is going to save us in productivity, because people are still entitled to breaks whether they vape or not.*

*"Sick days by employees would increase as asthmatics, people with chronic bronchitis, people with autoimmune diseases and migraine sufferers are exposed to this. I, myself, have an autoimmune disease and migraines and this would trigger my diseases and like I said, it would be bad for me and lead to lots of sick days.*

*"The county would be exposing themselves to possible lawsuits from both employees and members of the public who would be exposed to harmful vapors, against their will if this policy change passes. I believe that e-cigarette use in public buildings is probably a violation of OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), which has to deal with the health of employees while they are at work.*

*"My request is that you would take this off of the Consent Agenda, hopefully vote it down. If not, at least postpone it until you can get input from the county employees that it would affect, because there are a lot of us, I have talked to a lot of coworkers and I have yet to find a single person that is in favor of this."*

Chairman Howell said, "Well, Rebecca, thank you for your remarks. Let me just make a quick couple of comments. The reason this is on the Consent Agenda is because all Human Resources Policies go to the Consent Agenda. I understand, you may have a seat please, anyways, there is no intent to be sneaky and any Commissioner that wants to remove this from the Consent Agenda to have a discussion in a more, in depth discussion, has the right to make that motion when we get to that point in time.

"With respect to myself, I have been studying this issue for probably close to four years now. I am not a smoker and I don't vape or use e-cigarettes. It's probably not my issue, but I don't believe that the science is as clear as Rebecca has indicated tonight. I would be glad to provide further remarks should we get into that deep discussion later tonight. I will withhold my remarks for now, until later. Is Mike Brincefield here? Thank you for coming tonight, Mike. You've got a few minutes here to address the Commission. Thank you for being here tonight."

Mr. Mike Brincefield, 4830 Ida Street, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for taking the time to have an evening meeting. There are a lot of people who have a hard time getting free for a 9:00 a.m. meeting, but we can make it to an evening meeting. I am not suggesting that you do away with the early ones and I wouldn't think that you intend to but I really appreciate the effort and work that it took. I talked to one of the fellows over here and he said there were several hours of work went to getting this set up and I appreciate their efforts and yours, both.

"I didn't know when I signed up that they were going to be talking about vaping and smoking, but I don't want to get to that first. First, I would like to talk about annexation in general. I don't like the idea that they annex property as easily as they do. They shouldn't be able to, if you're next to me, I can annex you for profit and tax money and give you very little in return for it. That seems to be the case in many instances, and a lot of almost small communities get swallowed up that would rather not be bothered. Sometimes it's 100 percent of the residents that are against it, and sometimes it's not 100 percent, but it's a large majority and they can still be unilaterally annexed. That's not right to change their form of government against their will, without a binding vote of any kind. I know that has to be changed at the state level and I know you guys have done some work towards that end and I would like to see that continue.

"I would also like to express my appreciation for the work on shifting more of the load from property to user taxes. I think this is a more equitable way to spread that burden. We all need to contribute to the things that we need in the community, but I think it needs to head more in that direction and I think that's what you are trying to do. I think that this Commission has been looking at that and working a lot. I think there are a lot of other people out there who appreciate them also.

"As far as the smoking thing goes, I smoked for a couple of years when I was young. I'm not a great proponent of it, neither am I adamantly against it. I have seen bad effects from it in my family and I have seen others who have had no apparent effect. I quit smoking so that I could pollute more. I stopped smoking cigarettes so I could put gas in my car. I couldn't afford to do both, so one of them had to go. I was dating my wife at the time and I also had a job and it seemed more important to do those things than cigarettes.

"I see this quite similar. I know the physical properties are quite different, but they tried prohibition with alcohol and they're trying it with cigarettes now. It's just one bite at a time. Government prohibition of things doesn't seem to always work out with the

*intended consequences. I am not arguing that there aren't benefits to not smoking. There are some studies that have shown some people with certain metal issues actually get some respite from chain smoking. I don't know whether that's a good tradeoff for other health problems, but there are a lot of things that bother me when they try to get the government to ban it. When they got the cigarettes banned in most public places a lot of businesses had already done that on their own. I didn't see that it was necessary and it just bothers me when the government is involved in prohibiting so many things. I would like to see, you know, that persons can work that out themselves and that's fine.*

*"The other thing that I would like is to see if a lot more of the charitable groups to stop coming and asking for money and try to do more self-funding on their own. Most churches are quite successful at that. The rescue mission that I am involved on the edges of does a lot of their own work and they don't take any government funds. I would like to see that continue. I am not against charities, a lot of people say that I don't care about those people. Well, I do care about those people. That doesn't mean that I get to take someone else's liberty and property to support my charitable inclinations and I don't think that any other person wants to do it for another other person. That's all that I have."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Brincefield for coming out tonight. I appreciate your comments. We are ready for the next item. Madam Clerk."*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A     [16-241](#)**

#### **McCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE PRESENTATION.**

**Presented by: Vice Wing Commander, Col. Phil Heseltine.**

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.**

*Chairman Howell said, "I would like to welcome Vice Wing Commander, Colonel Phil Heseltine and say thank you for being with us tonight. If you'd like to come up for a moment and give us a few remarks and we have a little bit of a presentation as well, so we will do both things. Thank you for being here tonight."*

*Colonel Phil Heseltine, Vice Wing Commander, McConnell Air Force Base, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's neat to represent the 3,500 men and women of McConnell Air Force Base (AFB) tonight. I am sorry that Colonel Miller couldn't be here tonight, you get the JV team, so you get the Assistant Deputy. We are truly honored to be here and amongst your community. We are deeply honored at the Spirit of Wichita Award that bestowed upon us just this past week. It's very special to be assigned to McConnell AFB and I hope that all of you or at least some of you have had a chance to come out and visit your McConnell AFB. It's quite a special deal. Those 3,500 men and women are active duty, guard and reserve men and women. Our guard members and our reservists are Kansans, just like you and as I consider myself because I live here now. It's very special for us to be honored by the Wichita Chamber of Commerce and for being considered for this award. I am not going to take too much time, because I really want to get through the video and I would love to see what your thoughts are on it. I think it's very special, the folks that contributed to the production of this video. It means a lot and I am sincere when I say that I think it was a very smart investment and endorsement in support of this effort. Thank you very much to those who were very influential in doing that for us.*

*"Why is it special to be here and in your community? You are going to see that here in a minute, but I will tell you that not a time goes by that I'm not wearing the uniform,*



*any iteration of the uniform and sometimes not in uniform, where I am visiting one of your restaurants here in Derby or in Wichita where I will get thanked for my service. What is special and unique about that isn't so much that someone would stop and say thank you for your service, but quite often they are little kids. That really strikes you after 23 and in some cases some folks have been in service for 30 plus years, it still makes you pause when a young child walks up to you and thanks you for your service. What that tells me is that this community is raising their young people right, to embrace and support their men and women in service. I want to thank you very much, for those of you who have ever told someone thank you for your service. That means so much to us. A lot of times, it's happened to me more times than I can tell you, I will get up from a meal to have it paid for. I sincerely, deeply want to thank the individuals who do that. We don't ask for that, but it means so much that you would pause and just say thank you to the service men and women.*

*"With that, I would like to get to the video. I will be around here if you do have questions or if you have commentary about what you see today. I really am proud of what the folks who have supported this video have done for your Team McConnell. With that, we can go ahead and cue up the video."*

#### AUDIO/VISUAL PRESENTATION

*Colonel Heseltine said, "Thank you very much. With that, if there are any questions I will open up, but I don't want to take up too much more of your time."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Any further comments from Commissioners for Colonel Heseltine? Let me just say I am really proud of you and proud of Colonel Miller and the other commanders that we have here. We have an extraordinary base and I know that it's critically important to the military, but it is critically important to this community. We are so grateful that you are here and that we are partners. We love what McConnell AFB represents in this community. I think that we couldn't be prouder of what the mission is and what you guys are accomplishing there. I am glad to be a small part of that and thank you for being a part of our community."*

*Colonel Heseltine said, "I am deeply honored to be here, so thank you very much."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Madam Clerk, next item please. Oh, actually we need to make a motion to receive and file."*

#### MOTION

*Chairman Howell moved to receive and file.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

*There was no further discussion and the vote was called.*

#### VOTE

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

*Chairman Howell said, "Next item, please."*

**Received and Filed**

**B**      [16-240](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION.  
Presented by: Daniel Pugh, Emergency Manager, Sedgwick County  
Emergency Management.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

*Chairman Howell said, "I would like to introduce Mr. Daniel Pugh. He is with our EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Department. I would like to say one thing before you get up there and that is, please come on up, I believe it was just this week in 2012 we had a tornado that came through District 5 and it tore up the community that I represent, the Oaklawn community and Spirit [AeroSystems] and Boeing both received much damage as well. This is a good time to be talking about this, so I have invited Daniel Pugh to just remind us what we can do to be prepared."*

*Mr. Daniel Pugh, Emergency Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just wanted to talk briefly to you and to the folks in the room and to everyone who is watching us. I wanted to talk just a little bit about emergency preparedness and how you can be better prepared in Sedgwick County and these work anywhere you go. I want to just talk a little bit about how you can be better prepared for anything that happens; whether that's a tornado, like we had a few years ago; whether it is flooding, like we very well could still have later this spring; any other types of events: lightning, hail, a winter storm or who knows, maybe Mother Nature will kick us a winter storm before we get out of here, you never know."*

*"I wanted to talk just real briefly about Emergency Management and our mission creating an environment of readiness for the whole community. The whole community is everyone in the community and I will talk a little bit about our customer bases in just a moment, but that is everyone in the community; businesses, individuals, government agencies, it's everyone in there and that's our focus. We're focused on everyone in Sedgwick County. We are looking at the whole community and we really think that it takes the whole community to come together to be able to recover from a disaster. We create this environment of readiness by a comprehensive program of protection, prevention, mitigation, response and recovery. Those are our five core mission areas."*

*"We have three broad customer bases; we have individuals and households, we have businesses and nonprofits, and we have governments and first responders and first receivers. Most of those are pretty self-explanatory. Individuals and households are you at your home and your families. Businesses and nonprofits include private businesses, nonprofit organizations, a lot of our partnering agencies are nonprofit organizations, and they do a lot of great work in the community. Then, it also includes governments. First responders, those are your law, fire and EMS and those people that are out there day to day putting things on the line for every body and first receivers. Sometimes we don't talk a lot about those folks, but those are the hospitals. They may not be going out into the field, but often times the patients that are injured in something are going to come over to the hospitals, too. Those are our three broad customer bases."*

*"Preparedness is consistent. It doesn't matter where we are or what group you fall in, everybody has to be prepared and everybody is going to take the same general steps to be prepared. The first step in that is to make a plan. If you don't have a plan, you are going to be in trouble or you are just going to be winging it when the times comes."*

*"We want to make a plan, we want to build a kit, and we want to stay informed. I am*

*going to talk about each of those and I am going to talk about this from the individual and household level, but for those of you who are business owners, who work in businesses, who work in churches, different nonprofit organizations, for those of you who might work at a hospital or in first response, you will see the ways that this ties into what you do at home, as well as at work and in your day to day lives.*

*"Make a plan. The first thing here, you have to have a plan, otherwise you are just winging it when the time comes. We want you to involve your entire family in developing the plan. There are a lot of folks out there that have kids that are out in college, but they come back during certain times of the year. There are a lot of folks from blended families, so you've got kids that are in the house sometimes but not all of the time. You might have grandkids that come over or nieces and nephews or just lots of people that come over and if they're over there with any regularity, like if there is babysitting a couple of days per week, make sure they are included in making this plan. We want them to have buy in, but we also want them to have an understanding of what is happening and what they can do. So, make sure that you are including everybody in your plan. You want to identify evacuation and shelter in place concepts.*

*"Everything that we do from fire drills to tornado drills to any type of a concept before a disaster, what we are really talking about is evacuation or shelter-in-place. It really all boils down to those two things. For a fire drill, we're evacuating; we will find an orderly exit out of a building. A tornado drill is often times just a shelter-in-place; you want to go to the lowest level in the building, the most interior room. Most of our plans and our concepts that we think about most of the time are actually just evacuation or shelter-in-place, so know what that looks like in your home, know what that looks like if you are going to evacuate. If it's a fire drill and you're just going to evacuate to the neighbors front yard or if it's something that has affected your whole community and you're spread out, so maybe you're meeting at the school down the street. If you're sheltering in place, know the best place to go for tornados; that's often times in the basement if you have one, if not, it's the lowest level of your home or business and in the most interior room, find a place without windows. If you are in your business, you want to identify stuff ahead of time. If you have places that you go with any frequency, think about that. Write those things down and practice that so you understand where to go.*

*"The other thing is to go with enough time to get there. If you are in a mobile home or trailer of some sort, like you are staying out in your RV, make the understanding that is not a safe place to be, so you should know where your closest shelter is and where you intend to go ahead of time. Don't wait. Once you find out that there is any type of situation that is going to start, make your way over there, immediately. We don't want to wait until the last moment. I will talk about this in a moment, but waiting until the sirens go off is too late to try and get to your shelter, because those sirens are going off because something is happening right now and you don't want to get out in it now. It's definitely important to have an understanding of where you need to go, ahead of time, and then go with enough time to get there.*

*"We want you to identify communications. Write down phone numbers. Know who you are going to call. Know the phone numbers for everyone in your family but also know the numbers for loved ones that are outside of the area. As part of your plan, you should identify someone that lives outside of your neighborhood or outside of your city so that you can say if something happens in the area, everyone in my family is going to call this person. That person can start writing things down. Someone who is probably not affected by the disaster and they can keep track of who all has called in. So, when I call in and I ask if you have heard from my wife or my kids, they can say yes, your wife called, both of your boys have called in and your daughter is with*

*your wife. You can then relax knowing their all safe. That's exactly what we want to do, so have someone identified ahead of time.*

*"Set up a meeting place, we talked about that. It can be somewhere near the home and somewhere outside of the neighborhood, as well. If you have to evacuate, everyone will know where they are going. For us, if we are just evacuating the house because of a fire, our first step is to go into the neighbor's yard; it's right across the street and it's very close by and I have a quick chance to make sure that all of my family has safely made it out of the house and if not, I can let the firefighters know that there is a problem and then they know what they're looking for. We also have a school just down the street from us. I live in Derby, so we just head down to the school if we can't get back to the house. If the whole neighborhood is blocked off and I'm in Wichita or something, we have friends that live in Wichita that we can go to their house or family out in another county over, if for some reason we were out. So, have an idea of where you can go.*

*"We also want everyone to understand that you have to make a disaster kit. We like to say the first 72 [hours] are on you. It's a nice little catch phrase, but the idea is that the first three days are things that we want you to be able to take care of on your own. We have amazing first responders; our fire, our law enforcement, our EMS guys are the best that there is, but we don't have all of the resources to take care of every single person all at the same time. It's very important that everybody understands that the first 72 hours you've got to be able to take care of yourself to start with, because our law enforcement and our first responders and fire and EMS, these guys have to make decisions and prioritize where they are going, try and take care of the most affect first and then work their way down. It is of the most importance that we take individual responsibility for ourselves to start the process of trying to make sure that we are taken care of through the first 72 hours. In the most serious of situations, it is our sincere hope that we can get to everyone in the first 72 hours. We just want you to start with that. If you can take care of that, then our folks will be in there for you as quick as they can.*

*"Some of the things to have for a 72 hour stay are three days of food and water per person. The recommended water is one gallon of water per person, per day. That should include drinking and sanitation needs. Don't forget your pets. Whatever your plan is for your pets, make sure that you've got something for them, make sure that you have water for them and food for them, as well. We always encourage a change of clothes and sturdy shoes. I think that I shared with the Commission a few weeks ago that if we had to go down to the basement, my daughter is probably going down in her flip flops; that's about it. So, we have extra shoes down there that are sturdy shoes so she can change. During the summer, she's not wearing sturdy shoes. It's important to understand what you have and what you need for your family. We also recommend that you have a battery or hand powered tools or supplies in your kit that could be flashlights, weather radio, and different things like that. You can have candles, but there is always a need for caution that needs to come into that, because it's an open flame. We definitely recommend battery powered things over anything that would create an open flame. We also recommend copies of your important documentation. Anything that proves who you are or that you own what you own or that you did what you say you've done, those are important things to keep in there so that you have proof. If your home gets destroyed by a tornado or even straight line winds, because it doesn't have to be a tornado, then you've got evidence with you, in your bag, to say that this is my house, this is my insurance information, here is my credit card information because I don't know where those are and I need to get those cancelled. Preferably your originals are in a safety deposit box or somewhere safe like that.*

*"The third concept that we really want everyone to understand is to stay informed. So staying informed is a layered approach. There is no one way to cover everyone and no one way is going to work 100 percent of the time, so it's important to take that layered approach. We want to make sure you are using media outlets, we want you to use NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radios, your weather alert radios are battery powered as well as plugged in, normally so even if the power goes out you will still have a backup. There are applications that you can download to your phone or to your tablet, so those are good methods that you can get notifications no matter where you are. We have a county emergency log if you go to [\[www.sedgwickcounty.org\]](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org) and go to Emergency Management you will be able to see the public emergency log and we post on there whenever anything is going on. That's just one more way of trying to stay informed and know what is happening. Social media, I wouldn't advise making that your first priority, because often times the information there hasn't been vetted, so unless you trust the source, use it with caution. It is a good place to kind of get the talk of what's going on and can give you an idea if something may be going on in an area. As a last line of defense, outdoor warning sirens. The reason I say this is a last line of defense is exactly like I talked earlier. When those warning sirens go off, something is happening. That isn't the time to do what we do in Kansas; walk outside and take a look to see what is going on, that's not the time for that. That is the time to go take your shelter now. If we are waiting for that to be our first warning that something is going on, we've waited too long and the potential is already there that the situation is very, very bad. By the time the outdoor warning sirens go off, we want you to already be in your shelter.*

*"The other thing that I want to say about outdoor warning sirens, because I keep announcing outdoor as we go, is that they were only designed to be heard outdoors. There is a reason that you probably aren't going to be able to hear them in your home or in your car and that's because they weren't designed to be heard in those places. They were always designed to be heard by people who were outside. This was a long time before the invention of technology like cellphones that buzz in your pocket now, they are there to warn you if you are not inside. Inside, you should have your weather radios or many of these other ways that we talked about.*

*"It is also important to understand where you can get information ahead of time. You shouldn't start making your plan during the moment. You should start making your plan ahead of time. You can go to [\[www.sedgwickcounty.org\]](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org) to get information there and also [\[www.ready.gov\]](http://www.ready.gov) is a good opportunity if you want to get some broader information. That site will talk about some broader things like tsunamis that we don't really have here, we don't address tsunamis a lot, but if you travel or if your kids are going away for spring break somewhere it's good to look at some things like that; disasters that they have in areas. You can get some of that information there.*

*"Last, but not least, everybody has to practice. If you don't practice, you aren't going to do it right when the time comes. That's where you build your comfort level and when you're scared you are going to do it like you've practiced it and trained it. Practice, practice, practice.*

*"Again, preparedness starts with you. We want you to make a plan. We want you to build a kit. We want you to stay informed."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Mr. Pugh, Daniel, you are actually from the Derby area, right?"*

*Mr. Pugh said, "I am, I am a Derby resident."*

*Chairman Howell said, "So I am going to come to your house."*

Mr. Pugh said, "That's fair."

Chairman Howell said, "Actually, you know I've thought about this. I keep so much information in my phone. If I lost my phone I think I would be lost. I got to thinking as you were talking about keeping maybe a copy of my contacts in the glove box in my car or someplace where I could find it in an emergency, but I noticed that you have a brochure, could you talk about the brochure real quick?"

Mr. Pugh said, "I do. When you get ready to leave, we have set these on the table and Commissioners, you all have one. This is a ready to respond guide. It talks about a lot of the things that I just spoke about here. It's an opportunity to look at different things; you can see how to contact us, it says things that you should think about when you're planning, if you open it up, there is a whole list of things that you can put in your disaster kit. Not everything is applicable for everyone, but this is meant to cover broad bases so you identify what is important to you and your family and make sure that you have those with you. It talks a little bit about family safety and things. On the back, there is an opportunity to write down some of those numbers that I talked about, your family plan, and other important information. If you do write down identifiable information on here, like social security numbers, make sure you keep this in a safe place in your kit, you could also put it on your refrigerator if you want, but I found that most people when they go to their basement don't think to go take it off of the fridge, so I recommend that you put it in with your kit.

"These are out here. You can grab one or you can grab three or four of them, we'll make more. Anything that you can do to help be safe. I think this also can help move you in that direction."

Chairman Howell said, "As I look at this document, it's a great memory jogger. No one can probably think of everything to plan ahead, but this is a great way to jog your thinking before you really need it. I know that I will confess that I am not a good planner and if an emergency came right now, I would probably be a bit unprepared. I appreciate the encouragement to be prepared and to use this as a way to jog my memory and my thinking to hopefully be prepared if something happens, I'll be ready for it. Thank you for being here tonight. Any other comments or questions from Commissioners?"

#### MOTION

Chairman Howell moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion and the vote was called.

#### VOTE

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

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

**Received and Filed**

C [16-242](#)

2016 SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 5.

Presented by: David Spears, Director of Public Works.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

*Chairman Howell said, "I asked our Public Works Director to prepare a small presentation. It won't take very long; just a few minutes. He is going to go over basically the bid projects and things that are happening around the district. A lot of this is really relevant to Derby, so thank you for being here."*

VISUAL PRESENTATION

*Mr. David Spears, Director of Public Works greeted the Chairman and said, "I would like to tell you about 13 projects in the District 5 Commissioner Howell's district that we're going to do this year. Some of them are carry overs from last year that aren't finished yet.*

*"First, and all of them are on this map that we made. You can look at that later if you can't see that from back there. Bridge replacement on 143rd between 63rd and 71st South. About, \$475,000 project, and KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) is going to participate in that 80/20 split. So the County share about \$95,000.*

*"Bridge replacement on Clifton between 55th and 63rd, a \$400,000 project, all County. Bridge replacement on Pawnee, two bridges being replaced on Pawnee. One just West of 143rd, and one just East of 143rd, and they are identical. Each of them will cost about \$800,000. Both on the County.*

*"Bridge repair on MacArthur, maybe some of you have seen that. We are redoing the deck on MacArthur Road Bridge over the Arkansas River. That's almost a \$2 million project. Seems like a whole lot of money but if we replace the whole bridge it would be \$5[million] or \$6 million. Also doing some work scoured beneath the bridge.*

*"A couple of projects we are partnering with Derby. Aviation pathway we call it. This is going to be like a bike / walking path. It is between, along Oliver from the Derby City limits up to 47th, that's phase one. Then two years later will be phase two, which will go West on 47th across K-15 over to Clifton then North of Clifton to tie into the bike path with Wichita.*

*"This is about a \$1 million project, and it's an 80/10/10 split with the State paying 80 percent, Derby 10 percent, County 10 percent. Going to do a Super Seal, what we have named a Super Seal Project with Derby on 87th Street South between Rock & Webb Road. This is about a \$488,000, and it's a split, Derby about \$225,000, Sedgwick County the same. Rockford Township will participate \$234,000.*

*"Another what we call Super Seal Project on 127th Street East, a half a mile South of Pawnee to 31st South. This is to help accommodate the new Southeast High School that's going to go in. Next is asphalt rejuvenation on Oliver between Colfax Street, which is City of Wichita, and 55th Street South. What that does is recycles the top one inch of the pavement, and it puts that back plus another inch of new material. That's about an \$800,000 project.*

*"Nova Chip, six and a half miles in various locations. Nova Chip is a half inch thick of a close grated asphalt, one of our favorite preventive maintenance applications. By the way, we do 120 miles a year, per year throughout the County of preventive maintenance. So all of our roads get something done to them in a five year time frame, every road has had something done to it.*

*"Crack sealing going to do about nine and a half miles in various locations. Then we have our own bridge replacement crew. They are going to do two bridges in this area, they do about eight County wide, but there will be two in this district and one is on MacArthur, 4/10th of a mile East of Webb Road. The other on 103rd Street South, 2/10th of a mile West of Webb Road. One of those, the first one is \$76,000 and the second one is \$50,000. That all adds up to about \$7.5 million."*

*Chairman Howell said, "That's great information, so \$7.5 million for District 5, is what's being done this year."*

*Mr. Spears said, "That includes the carry over projects, plus the ones this year."*

*Chairman Howell said, "That's a great investment in this community. Thank you so much for the presentation. Any questions or comments from Commissioners?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file the report.*

*Chairman Howell seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, Madam Clerk, please call the vote."*

**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you David Spears, Madam Clerk, next item please."*

**Received and Filed**

**D      [16-199](#)**

**CONTRACT FOR A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOTE COLLECTION EVENT ON APRIL 23, 2016 FOR CITY OF PARK CITY, KANSAS.**

**Presented by: Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the contract.**

*Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick County has a Household Hazardous Waste Facility. It's located at 801 Stillwell. This is a location where residents can take unwanted materials from the home, such as paints, oils, old gasoline, cleaners, solvents, fertilizers, herbicides. This is an area where you can take them for free, safe disposal and recycling. So we encourage people to do that, and the facility is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m."*

*"But in order to better serve our community we also have remote collection of household hazardous waste. This Saturday we'll have our first remote collection event for this year. We have five remote events each year. This Saturday, April 23rd, it will be in Park City, at McLean Park located on North Hydraulic, 6801 North*



*Hydraulic. It will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday. So we encourage any of the citizens of Park City or surrounding areas to come to that event.*

*"It looks like it will be good weather this Saturday, and we encourage them to bring any unwanted chemicals from the household to that place. If you're not sure of what chemicals you have that may not be accepted, or are accepted, just check our website, [www]sedgwickcounty.org or call 660-7464 for more information. We are looking forward to this event. Park City helped to get the contract before you. I would recommend the Chairman to sign and I will be happy to answer any questions."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the contract.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Howell said, "We have a motion and a second. We have a small amount of discussion. I would point out for District 5, we have selected a date, and it will be at the Oaklawn Community Thrift Shop, like we saw earlier. So Clifford Helms, same spot. Okay. We'll do a household hazardous waste collection site there on Saturday, June 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in District 5.*

*"But today we are setting the date for the Park City event. So with that motion and second, seeing no other discussion, Madam Clerk, please call the vote."*

**VOTE**

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

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item please."*

**Approved**

**E      [16-211](#)**

**CONSIDERATION OF A KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (KDOC) GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$597,303 TO STRENGTHEN PROBATION SUPERVISION, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CLIENT SUCCESS BY INCREASING BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS PROVEN TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM WITH ADULT FELONY OFFENDERS.**

**Presented by: Steve Stonehouse, Interim Director, Sedgwick County Department of Corrections.**

*Mr. Steve Stonehouse, Interim Director, Department of Corrections greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present for your approval the basis for your 2017 Behavioral Health Grant Application to the Kansas Department of Corrections.*

*"The purpose of this funding is to enhance and develop behavioral health interventions for community corrections clients and reduce revocations as a result of these services. Sedgwick County has received these services since state fiscal year*

2014. In state fiscal year 2015, 329 offenders received these services that are a mix of services between COMCARE, the Department of Corrections and services from Higher Ground Substance Abuse.

"Of the 329 individuals who received the programming, only 13 percent or 43 individuals were revoked to prison. This is significantly lower than the rate of the regular corrections population. The 2017 budget includes funding to sustain current positions that provide cognitive skills programming, peer mentoring and mental health strategies, proven to reduce recidivism. No new full-time equivalents are being requested. The grant application budget is for \$597,302.65 and is due on or before May 13th to the Department of Corrections. On April 14, the Community Corrections Advisory Board reviewed the application and recommends your approval, as do I. I will be happy to answer any questions or comments."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you for the presentation, Commissioners do you have any questions or comments?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the Grant Application.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell said, "We have a motion and a second. Seeing no other discussion, Madam Clerk, please call the vote."

**VOTE**

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

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

**Approved**

**F      [16-212](#)**

**CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,172,699  
FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADULT OFFENDER  
PROGRAMS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

Presented by: Steven Stonehouse, Interim Director, Sedgwick County  
Department of Corrections.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant and establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this Request.

Mr. Stonehouse said, "Community Corrections is a state-mandated program in Adult Corrections System. The State of Kansas and Sedgwick County partnered to promote public safety by providing highly structured community supervision of felony offenders. These correctional programs provide district court options in sentencing felony offenders to probation versus prison sentences. In the fiscal year 2015, the Community Corrections program served over 2,820 clients with an average daily

population of 1,573 individuals.

*"In order to continue to receive grant funds an annual plan must be submitted on or before May 1st. The plan for the fiscal year 2017 is before you for approval this evening. It reflects continuation of existing programs which are the Adult Intensive Supervision program and the Adult Residential Facility. Community Corrections consists of 81.25 full time employees in these two locations. The planning contains a great deal of data that we use in managing our programs. In state year 2015 many clients were successfully discharged from the Adult Residential Facility which is an increase of eight percent from the year before and 86 percent maintained employment. In Adult Field Services the percentage of negative drug screens increased to 75 percent and 80 percent of these clients were employed.*

*"As you know, the legislature is still in session and the state budget has yet to be approved. Annually, we are given a planning allocation which is used to build the comprehensive plan. Once the state budget is approved, we will be notified of our allocation and any necessary modifications will be made to fit the available resources. We expect this part of the funding process to be complete in June.*

*"The application before you is requesting funding from the Kansas Department of Corrections in the amount of \$4,172,699. Community Corrections Advisory Board participated in the development of this plan and approved it at their meeting on April 14, 2016. It was their recommendation and it is mine that you approve the application. I will be happy to answer any questions."*

#### MOTION

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the application for the grant and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of the request.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Howell said, "Any questions or comments? Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Just a quick comment. I do appreciate staff's briefing us on this and the detailed information. Just to let the public know, this is very similar to what we have done in past years. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "When I spoke to you earlier, Mr. Stonehouse, I did ask you how this funding was different from previous years. Were you able to develop that?"*

*Mr. Stonehouse said, "Yes sir, it's approximately \$14,000 less than last year, which is less than a one percent difference and reduction in funding."*

*There was no further discussion and the vote was called.*

#### VOTE

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

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, so much. Madam Clerk, next item please."*

**Approved**

**G**     [16-215](#)

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

Presented by: Justin M. Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor.

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

**VISUAL PRESENTATION**

*Mr. Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I pulled up the map here. What's in front of you now is setting the post annexation hearing for an annexation that occurred three years ago in the City of Derby for the Hillsdale Addition. As you can see on the map, it is the yellowish colored subdivision that is highlighted there in the northern part of the City of Derby. It was annexed effective May 22, 2013. Again, the item that is before you is the setting of a hearing proposing to set it on June 1, 2016. That review has to occur three years after the annexation is approved. You would review the services plan to see if the City has met what it signed up for in the services plan when that annexation occurred.*

*"There is a prehearing questionnaire that has been sent out to all of the property owners and also the City of Derby and at this time the recommended action is to set this item for a public hearing on June 1st and also to send notices out to all of the property owners of that property and to the City of Derby. I am happy to stand for any questions."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you very much. All we are doing tonight with this action is to set the hearing date for this post annexation hearing to June 1, 2016 on a regular Board of County Commissioners meeting."*

**MOTION**

*Chairman Howell moved to set the hearing for June 1, 2016 and send notices.*

*Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

*There was no further discussion and the vote was called.*

**VOTE**

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

*Mr. Waggoner said, "Thank you, Commissioners."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Madam Clerk, next item please."*

**CONSENT**

**H**     [16-217](#)

**Retail Dealer's Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for the**

Gladiator Dash Event (Sponsored by Newman University) located at the Sedgwick County Park, 6511 W. 21st Street North, Wichita, Kansas 67213.

- I     [16-228](#)     Agreement with Newman University for Wichita Gladiator Dash.
- J     [16-227](#)     Agreement with Wheelchair Sports, Inc. for Controlled Access in Lake Afton Park.
- K     [16-230](#)     Revise Sedgwick County Personnel Policies.
- L     [16-233](#)     First Quarter 2016 Range Reallocations.
- M     [16-234](#)     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:

Ninnescah Subdivision Addition

*Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is the Consent Agenda, Items Hotel through Mike. I recommend your approval."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the exception of Item K.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

*There was no further discussion and the vote was called.*

VOTE

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

*Chairman Howell said, "We just approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item K. Madam Clerk, we are on Item K. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"*

MOTION

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the revision of Sedgwick County Personnel Policies noted in Item K.*

*Chairman Howell seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Norton."*

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chairman, I will not be in favor of this policy. I think there is some nuances in it that I have not been in favor of and truthfully, if I was going to set a policy for vaping, I would make it similar to the policy for smoking and that would be to not allow it in any buildings. I think the consistence, the inconsistency that this policy could bring to our facilities, which we have many, will be confusing to employees and until we know all of the data and see more of what is going to happen with vaping and e-cigarettes, I think that we should ban it and we can come back and look at the data later. I will not be in favor of this particular policy, tonight."

Chairman Howell said, "Any other Commissioner's comments? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "I won't rehearse all of the pros and cons that we have heard since we discussed this last December, but just to say that I pulled it from the Consent Agenda so that I could register my vote in opposition."

Chairman Howell said, "I know that Ms. Rebecca Davis did speak to this issue earlier and I think that we had, I lost my sheet here, and Jennifer Kelly also spoke about this issue earlier. Then, Mike Brincefield also spoke, briefly, about the issue. Is there anyone else in the audience who would like to speak on this issue? Please come to the microphone and state your name and address and we will give you a couple of minutes to say something."

Mr. Byron McNary, 1712 North Nelson Drive, Derby, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I own two different businesses in the Derby community, one of them being an e-cigarettes business. I have done several studies on these, myself. There is very little, if any, second hand effect to the vaping. The concern is, it's not much different than a fog machine or something of that nature. If you go to a concert or an event at Intrust Bank Arena where they have a fog machine going, you are inhaling basically the same thing that you would inhale from an e-cigarette and it's allowed by the public."

"Just my personal testimony, I smoked for 27 years. I tried all of the pharmaceutical medications, patches, nicotine gum, anything of that nature to try to quit and all of them were unsuccessful until I got a hold of an e-cigarette. Yes, I did hear someone say that nicotine is an addictive drug. That is the main form, the main thing in cigarettes that is addictive. If you look it up and do your research on it, nicotine is not much different from caffeine. If you are drinking coffee, you are having the same effects on your body as if you were taking in nicotine."

"With the way that e-cigarettes work, when you take it in, you don't have any of the second hand smoke coming off of the e-cigarette like you do with regular burning tobacco. When you inhale that, 90 percent of the nicotine gets taken in by the body of the person vaping and when they exhale, there is very little to no nicotine in that second hand vapor."

"I am obviously in support of this. Anything that we can have to support e-cigarettes is a good thing. If you are concerned about your community and the health of your community and getting them off of cigarettes, this is by far the best option that someone could have. If there are any questions from the Commission, I would be happy to answer them at this time."

Chairman Howell said, "Any comments or questions for Mr. McNary? Seeing no questions or comments, thank you for your testimony tonight. Any other

*Commissioner questions or comments this evening? Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "I have to tell you that I, no different from tobacco smoking which we have certainly seen plenty of data on. I am surprised we didn't go to our Public Health Department and medical community and get more data on this. It is nice to have a business man testify, but he's in the business of selling that product. I think I'd rather have the scientists, the medical community, the Department of Health to weigh in on this also. I don't think that we have done our due diligence on that. The other thing that I have to tell you is that I'm not against e-cigarettes, I am just against having them in the workplace, where they can be a distraction, where we have to think about all of the different facilities. The way this is written, there can be a different policy decision made for different facilities and as our employees move from facility to facility, they could be breaking the rules in one facility, thinking they were doing the right thing. I don't like the inconsistency and I think that we need to be consistent. Just no vaping in our facilities. People want to go to their car on their break or outside, that's fine. If they want to do it at their home or in other public places, but in a confined building, I think we should ban it. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Very good. Further comments from Commissioners? Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "I just wanted to mention, again, on the record that we did have an extended and lengthy discussion with both advocates and opponents when this issue initially came up and I want to thank everyone who provided testimony at that time as well as the folks who came out and spoke today."*

*"A few things, a little bit because of my background as an economist, the policy that is being enforced today tries to eliminate, in my view, what economists would call externalities, in terms of the issues that come up with the vaping issue. I think that this is something that we need to continue to revisit and look at as time goes on and more information becomes available. I view this as part of a process and not a final destination. I am leery about going forward, we live in an age where it seems like what the government doesn't make mandatory, it prohibits. I don't think that vaping is something, from what I can find, that adults should start and I hope that it's not something that would be for young people, any more than I would do the same for alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, opiates, any of the other addictive substances that are a challenge today."*

*"I want to give a public commendation, because I know our staff has worked hard and tried to take the information and talking with various folks here and I think we are going to have a split vote for this issue, to get this on the record for tonight's Board of County Commissioners meeting, but I do want to express my appreciation to the staff work that has gone in on this because we have been trying to come up with a policy that is nuanced and for instance, I know, there were comments about flavored vaping and this, we would not allow that under the policy that is before us today."*

*"That's what I view as part of the effort to internalize any of the externalities and I apologize for anyone here who doesn't like my economic speech, but it is one of the things that I, whether I am blessed or cursed others may decide, but I wanted to get that on the record. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Just to let everyone know, we actually have the same policy that we will be considering in just a moment for Fire District No. 1, so if it's okay with everyone, I would like to say rather than repeating all*

*of the comments, whatever the action is tonight on this policy I would expect to see the same comments, without necessarily having to state them all when we get to the Fire District. Commissioner, any other comments before I go on? I did not ask the audience, is there anybody else in the audience that would like to speak on this issue that we didn't ask. I saw one, was there anyone else? Seeing none, oh, there is one. For the record, I did not ask her to speak. She is on her own here. She must say her name and address for the record, please."*

*Ms. Leah Howell, 125 East Buckthorn Road, Derby, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am wife of the Chairman Howell and he did not know that I was going to do this. In fact, I believe this is unprecedented for me to do so. Just in case anyone has any questions, believe me, Jim is just as strong willed as I am. So, have no fear. I just wanted to come up here and briefly, you can time me, Jim, by the way, just like to state that as a constituent of this county, just like the rest of you, one of the things that I am personally passionate about is personal responsibility. I am not going to address or weigh in on the county policy, because I do not feel it is my business to do so, particularly, in this case, but I would like to encourage any member of Sedgwick County to personally educate themselves on this issue.*

*"Just for an example, many years ago when I had my first child I did a bunch of personal research on to whether or not to vaccinate my children. I chose to vaccinate my children and I should say, in this case, our children, and, but, I did have one caveat. That was, at the time it was very normal and accepted by the American Medical Association and all others that it was perfectly acceptable and safe to give your children the oral polio vaccination, and upon my own research and investigation, I decided that I felt like there was some small risks in getting the oral polio vaccination. I chose to have our children vaccinated with the shot, which required me, actually, interestingly enough, to go to the Sedgwick County Health Department because my doctor's office did not keep the shot on hand, because no one asked for it. My doctor was actually supportive of my research and supportive of my ability to make an educated and informed choice for myself, even though he felt comfortable giving the oral polio vaccine as was recommended at the time. Within, when I went to the Health Department, at the time, I unfortunately had an unpleasant experience with the nurse there and I am sure it was an exception to the rule and I'd like to clarify this was decades ago, and she proceeded to chew me out and accuse me of being uneducated and uninformed as a mother and exposing my child to unnecessary trauma by getting another shot, versus the oral vaccine.*

*"Within about two or three years, the medical society, in general, changed their minds and came to the same conclusion that I had. Now, all children in the United States are vaccinated by a shot, instead of by oral polio vaccine.*

*"So, the only reason that I bring this up is sometimes, especially now that we have the wonderful invention of the internet, we are capable of doing our own research and I would just like to encourage people to do so. Always make sure that you are looking at reputable sources. I would encourage people to take a look at independent studies that you can just Google British Health and e-cigs and it will pop right up. It has a lot of fascinating information on the subject of e-cigarettes and also look at other first world countries and where they are heading on this topic. I personally suspect within a few years that the general opinion about e-cigarettes and the safety for e-cigarettes versus people that, you know, are already addicted and using tobacco products is going to shift and change. There may be some regulation and things like that, that is needed to ensure safety, but I think, in general, this is an excellent choice.*

*"I would also like to add I am also speaking as someone who is highly allergic. I carry an EpiPen (epinephrine auto-injector) with me at all times, I have a very rare*



*condition and I am very comfortable and completely unaffected on the occasion where I have some extended family members who use e-cigarettes in my presence, which is unprecedented around cigarette smoke, let me assure you. Thank you, very much."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you for those comments. You did a great job, by the way. Commissioner Ranzau has some comments. Go ahead, sir."*

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "I will just say that I will be supportive of this today. I do believe that we have done our due diligence and I believe that we have consulted many in the Public Health area. Unfortunately, I think many people in the Public Health arena are very closed minded about this issue, they refuse to acknowledge some of the research that we just talked about. I think there are a lot of anti-tobacco companies (inaudible) out there, so they want to resist anything that they might be involved in. There are a lot of pro-federal regulation bias out there as if it's being regulated by the federal government somehow makes things better. I don't agree with that. Just because the federal government says something is bad doesn't mean that it is and just because they say something is good, it doesn't mean that it is good. We have too much federal government regulations. I read an article recently about a farmer who takes their milk and turns it into skim milk and we can't sell it as skim milk, because he didn't add something. Often times regulations are politically motivated as well. The current (inaudible) to stop smoking are not that effective."*

*"With all of that being said, you know, someone said we should just ban it, well I think that if we are going to ban something, the burden of proof rests upon the government. (Inaudible)"*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "I said earlier that I didn't want to rehash all of the arguments that we've had since December and I don't want to do that. I just want to say that I am certainly in favor of people to smoke e-cigarettes or cigarettes wherever they want to, but I think as far as a personnel policy for Sedgwick County, this is not a policy that I support. I am not trying to impose federal government regulations on anybody or make any other judgments, I just want to say that controversy itself is probably not enough to justify us holding off on the policy. I just want to say that I am speaking about the policy for our buildings and our employees. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioners. Let me go ahead and pipe into this discussion now. First of all, let's be clear, this policy is restricting from current policy. Well, actually right now, we don't actually have a policy on e-cigarettes or vaping in the Sedgwick County. Lack of policy says, you know, realizing that the state has a Clean Air Act, it was passed in 2010. Former Mayor Avello was very involved in that legislation and got it passed in 2010. Interestingly enough, the state exempted the state owned casino."*

*"We still have a casino, down the road here, that still allows smoking, because they are interested in the revenue that it generates. I believe if they were to be consistent and outlaw the smoking in that facility, they would see a tremendous decline in the revenue that goes into that casino. It was very intentional that they exempted that casino and I believe that it's hypocritical. There are two ways to fix that; either you go back and visit the Clean Air Act or you change the casino and make it out lawed there. The state has lived with this for the last, going on six years now, since that law passed in 2010. So anyways, without passing any policy today, then we are not*

*changing policy and that means that vaping is allowed everywhere. There is no policy in our county buildings. Consistently grievance issues.*

*"Let me talk about cigarettes for just a moment. Cigarette smoking, as I understand, let me talk to you about how I know this, I guess. I was a legislator for four years, in Topeka. I sat in on house (inaudible) we had a hearing on tobacco harm reduction. We had a couple of hearings during the years on tobacco harm reduction. Tobacco harm reduction is the idea that anything other than smoking tobacco is a better choice. Smoking tobacco is the most dangerous behavior that you can do, in terms of popular habits that people might have. Smoking tobacco is very, very dangers to your health. In fact, the World Health Organization estimates one billion human deaths in the next 100 years. One billion human deaths. I don't have the numbers in front of me for the United States, but let me just tell you that the numbers in the United States are staggering. I believe it is around 500,000 deaths in the U.S. and I need to verify that number, but I know it was very high. Reality is that cigarettes kill a lot of people. They kill them through cancer, they kill them through hardening of the arteries, heart attacks, a number of other illnesses and conditions you can get; things like COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and emphysema, that is a tremendously dangerous behavior to partake in.*

*"Byron McNary shared his testimony a few minutes ago about how he, himself, got off of cigarettes by using e-cigarettes. My own brother who has smoked since probably the age of 14, whom I love, my brother has been addicted to cigarettes his entire life, but he, over the past few years, has transitioned himself over to e-cigarettes. I think it's very interesting. I love my brother and I want him to live a good, long time. I understand when people say every time you smoke a cigarette you're taking seven minutes off of your life span. There is a consequence for smoking cigarettes. It's very dangerous to your health. In fact, it's dangerous to the health of others. I believe that the idea that second hand smoke harms is really the reason that the Clean Air Act passed in 2010, it was the idea that second hand smoke is harmful to others.*

*"The reality is that cigarettes, I believe, are very harmful. I don't think that we need to debate that much, I think we all would agree with the fact that smoking cigarettes is harmful. A little bit of science about this, they say, as I understand, again from my briefings back in the legislature. You smoke a cigarette and you're inhaling between 3,000 to 7,000 byproducts of combustion and 59 of those chemicals are known carcinogens that create cancer and that's why so many people are suffering from deadly diseases that are smokers. This is a situation that has really not changed much in my lifetime, actually. When I was younger, a lot more people were addicted to cigarettes at the time and it has tapered off somewhat, but it has been very steady. Through all of the propaganda and all of the community service announcements and all of the advertisements trying to get people to stop smoking. I don't know the exact number, but I think it's around 25 percent to 35 percent of people are still smoking cigarettes. Around 30 percent, he says.*

*"So we've not really, we've not significantly changed the culture and here's what's interesting though. Something happened naturally in this community over the last ten years. Cigarette smoking has dropped off drastically as e-cigarette use has become popular. There are millions and millions of e-cigarettes users across this country. I see you nodding your head no, and I understand. I have done a lot of studying on this, myself, and I know you have your opinion and I have my opinion too, I would like to share my opinion at this time.*

*"There are millions and millions of users of e-cigarettes in this country now. You mentioned 25 explosions have happened. Let me tell you that anything with a lithium*

*ion battery can explode. iPhones, many times, will explode and by the way, many of the explosions that have happened with e-cigarettes have happened because the user modified the device to make it more hopped up, to make it make more smoke. There are actually competitions amongst some of these folks who use these things, to see how much smoke they can make; it's a fun thing that they do, they enjoy making lots of smoke. That smoke, by the way, is actually not smoke. It's actually water vapor.*

*"There are trace elements in there and that's true. Some people say well they can find heavy metals in there, in a couple of parts per million. The natural air that we breathe has parts per million of all kinds of harmful substances in it right now. There are all kinds of things that are in the air that you are breathing right now that your body can handle just fine. There are a few parts per million of all kinds of dangerous substances in the air, but it's not significant. The reality is that these e-cigarettes have four substances, primarily and in the case of county use, it would be three. They have nicotine; which Byron spoke about a moment ago, vegetable glycerin, propylene glycol; that's not anti-freeze, and flavor. The byproduct of propylene glycol and vegetable glycerin is water vapor. When they exhale, what you see is what you see coming out of these big smoke stacks along the highway. People say that they are polluting the environment, but the reality is that it is water vapor. It is not a pollutant, it's a water substance.*

*"It is the same thing that you see in a lot of, for example, the Boeing plant on a cold day, you will see huge plumes of white smoke coming up in the air and that's water vapor. It's not necessarily pollution, you need to know what you are talking about. Again, as Byron mentioned a minute ago, the idea that nicotine being a harmful substance, it is much like caffeine. You can drink a cup of coffee and it's unregulated; nobody is regulating your caffeine intake. In huge amounts, caffeine can harm you. In huge amounts, nicotine can harm you. Under normal usage of these devices and under normal usage of drinking soda or coffee, you aren't going to be harmed by caffeine, which is why it's not regulated. In fact, I will tell you, doctors will routinely prescribe nicotine gum and nicotine patches which are mostly unregulated, because you can put two patches on. I know that there was an article that came out recently of a child who got a hold of some nicotine gum, actually in the UK (United Kingdom) and chewed all of his gum quickly and landed himself in the hospital, because of the amount of nicotine that he ingested. Again, by the way, he recovered and it didn't hurt him, really, it made him sick, but he recovered. So, nicotine is much like caffeine.*

*"Let me go back to my brother for just a minute. My brother spends thousands of dollars on deer leases; he is an avid hunter and he's had some monster deer that he's taken in the field. He is very, very serious about that. He smokes his flavorless, odorless, e-cigarettes in the deer blinds and even the deer can't smell them. I think that's pretty compelling.*

*"My wife testified a minute ago that she is very allergic to cigarette smoke and that's true. We do not allow smoking in our cars or our home, but my family members that smoke, if they use e-cigarettes, I will invite them into my home and I don't mind, because guess what; I love them and I'd much rather have them in my home than outside smoking in the cold, or in the rain, or in the snow. I think it's very loving and again, if I feel that way about my own family members, what about my co-workers?*

*"The reality is that I think we need to get over it. These are not cigarettes, they are not tobacco; it's water vapor. Although we may say I don't like the way that it looks, reality is that it's just water vapor. We are giving managers the right to regulate these in the workplace. Right now, with this policy, we are actually moving the bar towards more regulation and not leaving it where we are right now. Without passing this we*

*have more freedom. I actually would advocate we actually have consistent policies across all departments, but I lost on this issue. I am actually conceding on what I would like and allowing the Manager to present this policy to us today for our consideration. We are going to allow inconsistent policies by allowing our managers to regulate this in the workplace. They are not going to be allowed to ban them completely, because I think that misses the point. If these are...*

*"Let me back up just a little bit. Go back to tobacco for just a minute. Using all of the cessation tools for people who want to quit smoking, that's the gum, patches, hypnosis, prescriptions, everything you can think of to help people stop smoking all together, for people who want to quit smoking, there are seven percent that are successful. There is a 93 percent failure rate. We have seen it happen naturally in the community is people moving towards e-cigarettes and they're moving themselves away from smoking tobacco. I think that's a good thing. We are going to see people who don't get these chronic illnesses and don't get these deadly diseases, because they are moving away from the thing that is killing them. I am actually happy about that. This is a natural thing that is happening in our community and I think it's a good thing.*

*"The politically correct thing to do is to ban these, because it's easy and many communities have moved to ban e-cigarettes because they look like cigarettes and we should not be participating in anyway of promoting something that looks like a cigarette and delivers a harmful, theoretically harmful, nicotine. Reality is the nicotine is not harmful. We don't regulate coffee. We don't regulate soda pop. We don't regulate food. We allow people to have those things in the workplace, they use them on their breaks, they use them in the workstations and we don't really have much of a policy saying what they can and cannot have in their workstations and as they do their jobs. We are very gracious and we want them to do their jobs and be efficient and effective and hopefully stay focused on what they need to get done, but I will tell you what I think from the Boeing company and I know people who used to sneak out to smoke cigarettes; in the bathrooms, all kinds of places and it happens. The reality is that people will not hold themselves to one or two breaks a day to smoke a cigarette. They will find ways to smoke cigarettes all kinds of other ways.*

*"My point is that by allowing this policy, we may be encouraging some employees to move away from smoking tobacco. We may be allowing them to understand that there is a difference between smoking tobacco and smoking e-cigarettes. That understanding, in my opinion, might save their lives. If 30 percent of our employees smoke, and I think in government that number is probably a little bit higher, arguably many of our employees will, at some point, about ten percent of them, will have a deadly disease, of those employees that smoke. I think by trying to set the record straight and allowing them to understand that these are not the same things as smoking tobacco, we are actually encouraging employees to adopt more healthful habits.*

*"I have a lot more things I could say about this. Let me tell you, Sweden has adopted THR (tobacco harm reduction) as a country. Tobacco harm reduction, as a country. They have almost eradicated lung cancer in Sweden. The United Kingdom is much further ahead than the United States when it comes to e-cigarettes. They actually encourage their use as a cessation tool. The country is changing rapidly and moving away from the deadly diseases. So I think, again, just because the pharmaceutical companies don't like this and tobacco companies don't like this, doctors don't like this, every one of these, including the vaping shops have a bias, I will admit that, I know they do. I have no interest in this, personally. I don't smoke. I am not a smoker and I'm not a vaper. I am not a shareholder in any of those companies. I am just looking at this logically. Rather than trying to move away from political correctness,*

*and I believe again, if we would eject political correctness and say I like small government, I like freedom, let's make policies that make sense. I would say that by banning e-cigarettes would be moving away from something that may help people, potentially harming people and I guess ignoring the reality is that we have a game changer before us today.*

*"I guess, I think this policy is very reasonable, it allows our managers to manage the issue and I'll stop with that. Commissioners, are there any further comments before we vote? Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Just a quick comment, a quick check online with the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), there is a figure of 480,000 tobacco related deaths each year in the United States and that's pretty close to the figure you had and I do believe that this policy will be an improvement and it is more restrictive than what we have, since we did not have a policy on this. Thank you"*

*Chairman Howell said, "Any other comments from Commissioners? Madam Clerk, I think that we have a motion and a second, is that correct?"*

*Ms. Erika Hills, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, Madam Clerk, call the vote."*

*There was no further discussion and the vote was called.*

#### **VOTE**

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

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed the regular meeting and called to order the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the Governing Body of Fire District No. 1 at 8:19 p.m.*

*The Board of County Commissioners returned from the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the Governing Body of Fire District No. 1 at 8:21 p.m.*

*Chairman Howell said, "Madam Clerk, next item please."*

#### **OTHER**

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, are there any comments for 'Other' tonight? Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "You mentioned the effort, to try and improve the community, the effort down in Oaklawn last weekend. I was pleased to be able to help out on that, though I was there a great deal shorter time than Commissioner Howell. I also wanted to mention that Saturday, there is a parade downtown for appreciation of our law enforcement folks; whether it be with the Sheriff's Office or with the police departments that are working to keep us safe and I want to get this message out to the public about this event that is coming up, because this is the time of year where we have the annual observance I believe it's*

*also coming up next month, for the Law Enforcement Memorial and people in law enforcement and people in their lives for helping keep this community safe in an upcoming event.*

*"Mr. Chairman I would also be remiss if I didn't point out that April 18th is an important day in American History. In 1775, on April 18th, Paul Revere and William Dawes began their famous rides to warn the Colonialists in Lexington and Concord that the British were coming. Dawes didn't get quite the credit and his last name didn't rhyme quite as well as Revere's does in The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, about a century later, but a famous poem in that regard. April 18th started those events that led to the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence occurred about 15 months later.*

*"When we talk about the weather, April 18th is an important date and several events, in terms of natural disasters. In Marshfield, Missouri in 1880, a tornado went through and killed 99 people and injured more than that number of folks. While that was a terrible catastrophe in and of itself, on April 18th, 1906 arguably the worst natural disaster in this country occurred with the great San Francisco earthquake where were literally had thousands die and property damage was almost uncountable.*

*"April 18th was important in another way a few years later; in 1942 Jimmy Doolittle took a squadron of Bombers off of the carrier the USS Hornet (CV-8) and went off and engaged in the first bombing of Tokyo and 300 Japanese cities during World War II. It was a very dark day that provided a major morale boost.*

*"April 18th is an important date in American history and I wanted to get that on the record. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, thank you, Commissioner. Any other Commissioner comments before we adjourn? I don't have anything, as well. Manager, we don't have a need for an 'Executive Session'?"*

*Mr. Scholes said "No, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, anything else for the Board before we adjourn? Alright, well thank you again to everyone for coming out tonight and again, this will be aired on KPTS Channel 8 on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your attention and for coming out here tonight. I really appreciate you coming out. Thank you."*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:21p.m.*

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