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Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2016

6:30 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall of Park City, 6110 N. Hydraulic, Park City.

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Special Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on June 13, 2016 in the Meeting Room in the City Hall of Park City, 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; Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Mr. Thomas Stolz, Director, Metropolitan Area Building Construction Dept.; Mr. Steven Stonehouse, Interim Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Jill Tinsley, Communications; Ms. Laura Billups, Deputy County Clerk.

Guests:

*Mr. Mike Brincefield, 4730 South Ida, Wichita
Mr. Jesse McCurry, 501 Dawn Lane, Colwich
Ms. June Dill, 2101 Evanston Drive, Park City
Mr. Jack Whitson, City Administrator, Park City
Mayor Ray Mann, Mayor Park City*

INVOCATION: Pastor Lary Tweet, Good Shepherd Fellowship.

FLAG SALUTE

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC AGENDA

*Chairman Howell said, "I've got three people who signed up to speak tonight. First, I would like to call up, Mike Brincefield."
Mr. Mike Brincefield, 4730 South Ida, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Mostly I want to say thank you for having this meeting at a time when it's easy to get here and make it, and a lot of other folks that have daytime jobs. I know I couldn't make any of them when I lived in Derby, we had Brent Steiner, and I worked the evening shift. I couldn't make daytime or evening meetings, until we had a family business and I could. I have been attending some meetings off and on when I can get to them. It keeps me better informed and it lets those people who are representing me know that I do have an interest.*

"I appreciate your work and hope it's going well with making more of a user tax, spend more, you pay more. Stop penalizing people that have their property paid for and are on fixed incomes. I am not in that situation yet, but I know there are a lot of people that are. They appreciate not having their property threatened to be taken from them because the taxes going up, and their income not keeping pace. Seems like there was something else I wanted to talk about, but that's good enough. I appreciate you fellas, and the hard work you do, thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "Next up, Jesse McCurry. Welcome, Jesse."

Mr. Jesse McCurry, 501 Dawn Lane, Colwich, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have a new neighbor, which is a very good family, Mr. Unruh. I think you know who I am talking about I am happy to be here to bring an issue to your attention. Sedgwick County, contrary to many people's first impressions, is actually quite a big agricultural County. I was surprised myself to see 44,000 acres of sorghum. We have more in Sedgwick than Harvey does and McPherson does, than Harper does. Agriculture and farming remains a big deal in this country.

"I am proud of that. One of the things that I think you all can help with is spread the word about an issue, which has come to our attention, in the interests of full disclosure, I am also an employee of the National Sorghum Producers, which is the national commodity group for sorghum. We have an issue with EPA's (Environmental Protection Agency) Triazine Ecological Risk Assessment which became in the Public Register June 6. Not unusual for the EPA to re-register crop chemicals. As we dug into this, one the things we were disappointed about is the methodology and the science they came to come to their conclusion. It violates many of their own previous findings.

"We have a number of organizations around the world that you would normally not expect to be supportive of a crop chemical like Atrazine. The World Health Organization, United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization, governments in Great Britain, Canada and Australia, have all seen and shown that Atrazine is a safe chemical. The problem, normally we don't get too jammed up on these things, but the problem with this, Atrazine is the number one crop chemical used in sorghum. Used on 60 percent of our acres, losing it would cost farmers \$163 million a year.

"The corn producers who, again, we are not often in lockstep with on issues. On this one, we are very concerned about it. EPA re-registered Atrazine as safe in 2006 and again in 2009. Why am I, here and what can you do about it? This is often a numbers game when it comes to public comments, and I can assure you that a number of groups on the other side of this issue is going to be actively putting comments into the Federal Register.

"As Commissioners, I'd ask you individually, and also your farm and ranch and rural constituents, and frankly, activists who believe that it's time to push back a little bit on the EPA, this is becoming a real concern to agriculture. We have tried to be patient, and to work with the EPA, but there comes a point when you have to allow farmers and ranchers to have the kinds of tools they need to be productive, and we expect them to feed more people on fewer resources, and fewer acres. This regulatory framework is very challenging. I'm asking you to look into the issue and perhaps as a Commission come to a consensus and make a position statement around this issue, and put it in the Federal Register.

"Of course we have until August 1st to do that. Right when farmers are cutting wheat, and planting and working like we expect them to do at this time of year. With that, I will leave the issue alone, and open it up for any questions you may have."

Chairman Howell said, "I suspect Commissioners may have comments or questions. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "Thank you, Mr. McCurry for coming here today and bringing this to our attention. I spoke to you earlier. I submitted my comment online as you suggested. I appreciate you letting everybody know. This is just another example of the war on middle class, by the current administration, using rogue agencies like the EPA to do things that are harmful to our society and we do have to fight back and push back against this. I appreciate you coming here today."

Mr. McCurry said, "Thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "All right. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "Let me ask you, you mentioned milo sorghum. That's closely related to corn, is Atrazine used on other ag [agriculture] products? You mentioned you had a direct interest in sorghum."

Mr. McCurry said, "Exclusively sugar cane, corn and sorghum chemical."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Used in sugar cane, too. That's not a crop we have here."

Mr. McCurry said, "Not a big one in Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Or Kansas, but no, I was just curious, because there are other crops that are close by and I wanted to check. Do you know if any other countries around the world, you mentioned other ones listed as safe, do you know if any other country is trying to go down the road the EPA is going down at this point?"

Mr. McCurry said, "The European Union is the major example, and one of the things that has farmers really concerned is, you know, if you take away chemistry and technology, do you want us to make food and fiber and fuel the way the European Union does. I would suggest that the farmers in your County would say no. That we kind of like to try to get the high yields, and we kind of like to try to be efficient, and I'm not saying agriculture is perfect. I'm not saying that we don't need to have some regulatory regime, but when something like this comes in front of us, we have to be on record, because the other side will have tens of thousands of comments related to this period, and so that's why I'm asking for your help to do it."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me just follow up, because United Kingdom, Great Britain is part of the EU (European Union), and they are having their vote on coming out, and if they have already view it as being safe, I don't know if that's part of their debate that's going on in their country. I just thought that, you know, Great Britain is on the one side, it's a significant part of the EU. I was kind of surprised when you mentioned that."

Mr. McCurry said, "I would have to dig to get you a more definitive answer. I would have to check into that one."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay."

Mr. McCurry said, "We are at an inflection point, and we are worried as this administration comes to a close what is all possible to be put upon us in the waning days. It is not a surprise this is in front of us, but look for more, and if they take away Atrazine, it will raise costs, and the cost of the American consumer."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you. I just want to reiterate a couple points here, again, because my mind wasn't really focused exactly on what you were talking about until I got the handout. I want to point out a couple things here. Kansas is the nation's largest grain sorghum producer. Second of all, number one crop chemical is Atrazine, utilized on 56 percent of all the acres that we plant. Sedgwick County is one of the largest, I guess, producers of this, as well as in the state?"

Mr. McCurry said, "There are a number of counties that are much larger, especially as you get further west. Around this area of the state, our neighboring county, [inaudible] alternative crop in rotation, they have a process."

Chairman Howell said, "One of my concerns is, the deer I like to shoot are usually in the milo fields. It is important to me, I guess. Anyway, that's a side issue. Thank you, Mr. McCurry for those points, really well done. I would like to recognize actually, I would like to receive and file? This is a public comment period. I guess I would like to submit one of these to our Clerk for a matter of record, because we received it, I do want them to have that. We'll make a motion after we are all done to receive and file after all three are done speaking. With that, I would like to recognize June Dill."

Ms. June Dill, 2101 Evanston Drive, Park City, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to echo the previous comments about thank you for coming to our city, appreciate it. It makes it much easier for people who would actually like to come. I am a proponent of the [Sedgwick County] Zoo. I remember when Riverside and Wichita was our zoo, and they had a few pathetic animals in small cages.

"I have been across the country to look at zoos, to Washington, D.C., east side, west side, and the middle. Kansas has, Sedgwick County, has one of the most beautiful zoos around. It is something we need to be proud of. So I really would appreciate the Commissioner's support without trying to oversee it so closely that they shut things down. It is a very big concern as far as I'm concerned, because we have had people that go out there and get things done on that zoo, and I would hate to see it come to

that, and it is, Medicaid is an old rehash, but I worked for years with the poor, I visited in their homes. Most of those people are very hard-working people. They are not on Medicare long-term, they are trying their best to get on their feet. I hate this kind of common attitude that's going around, like, well, they just need to pull themselves up by their boot straps. I knew women that got up at 4:30 [a.m.] in the morning to drive their babies blocks and blocks to the bus in the dead of winter so she could get to the babysitter in time to catch another bus to go to work. Those are the kinds of things they have to deal with on a daily basis, because many do not have vehicles. They cannot keep vehicles running. So all the help that they can get to help them get out of that situation. There's lots of other things I would like to comment on. I'm sure you have a busy schedule, so I do appreciate your time. Thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Ms. Dill, I appreciate your comments tonight."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to make a motion to receive and file all comments.

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, "Madam Clerk, next item, please."

NEW BUSINESS

A [16-381](#)

CHAIRMAN'S SIX MONTH UPDATE.

Presented by: Chairman Jim Howell.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Chairman Howell said, "All right. Commissioners, this is probably a little unusual, but I just finished my six-month anniversary, six months as Chairman. An awful lot of things have happened in the County in the last six months, so much so, I think it was worthwhile for us to kind of collect these up into a brief video, and we will talk about some of the things we've done the last six months. Some of the things we've dealt with over the course of six months as a Commission.

"But there's also some things actually already in play for the next six months. I am already thinking about what is going to happen probably in December. The next video we do we'll have similar items on it. I would ask our Public Information Officer to please show that video for us. Appreciate that."

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, again, this is just a very quick listing, I want to say thank you to Tracy and the others, we have a number of folks working in our video room, I am not sure exactly what we call it. But the others that worked in there, I want to say thank you for your hard work to put the video together.

"Just in all honesty, I actually talked for 32 minutes, they got it down to 2.5 minutes. So appreciate their hard work. That was not easy to do. But we are really proud of Sedgwick County, and, again, you know, as I came into this position, I have always been proud of Sedgwick County. Sedgwick County sets itself apart as a county that does things well. I have never said anything other than that. Sedgwick County has always done a good job in managing its finances, and managing its infrastructure, managing its people, providing good core services.

"We are doing all those same things, but we are actually trying to step it up a little bit here and there. We have identified some great things in the County, and I am very proud of our County for stepping forward in a few different areas we have named tonight. Small advancements here and there to be proud of. I think our County is healthier, and actually moving in the right direction as well. There are more things to come, you know, already some things in the works for the next six months that are already looking forward to more ribbon cuttings, and looking forward to more good things to talk about at the end of the year."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to receive and file the Chairman's six month update.

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, "Madam Clerk, next item please."

Received and Filed

B [16-377](#)

**SEDGWICK COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL REDESIGN
PRESENTATION.**

Presented by: Michael Scholes, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Take action as deemed necessary.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Michael Scholes, Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Great day to be here, great day to introduce to you the organizational redesign. If you remember, I first addressed this during my 90-day letter after I got here, and this is one of the items that I felt like I needed to do in order to change to be more efficient, be more effective as an organization.

"Since then, management team has been working hard on the redesign, and many different working groups and meetings to help put together what is in front of you today. There are certain rules that I gave the management team in the process, they did the work, I gave them some rules to help go by.

"First one is I wanted to decrease the County Manager's span of control. What we have right now is about nine separate departments and divisions, and I felt like as a County Manager, that span of control needed to be decreased. I wanted some functional alignment, so we had a lot of divisions and departments spread across the organization where we had functions like functions in separate departments and separate divisions I wanted some unity to provide some cohesiveness in the departments. This would help in streamlining information flow up and down, both vertically and horizontally in the organizational hierarchy. I felt this was necessary to enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness.

"I also wanted to fix the department and division terminology. We have departments and we have some divisions, and they are inconsistent in how they are named. Most departments are divided by divisions, and we didn't have that, and that wasn't really supported in our organization. So I am going to do some cleaning up of that, which is reflected in the new design. This would help definitely generate staff synergy. I wanted to do it without increasing the head count.

"As a matter of fact, I set a zero sum game, and in the case of the design that's in

front of you, we actually did have a savings of about \$100,000. So we are actually saving \$100,000 from what the previous design had. I also didn't want names tied to specific departments. Our Director positions for the Executive team really, myself and David Spears are the only ones that are identified in the head positions. The other Director positions, if we had named them, and a lot of organizations I have been a part of, you design organizations around people instead of designing the organization and then identifying the people, it works out much better.

"Also, I wanted to have more of an increased emphasis on Emergency Management, so I wanted the full Emergency Management. I know last year, in a cost reduction savings we, the Commission had pulled Emergency Management and actually sub delegated underneath 911, and I want to pull that out and actually tie it back to the Director of Public Safety and Code Enforcement.

"And then my final goal and rule was to create an Internal Auditor's position. I felt that's necessary, and as doing that, the team got together and actually found a place to actually put that. So if you look to the organizational charts plastered around this little bitty room, I think everybody can see it. But you will see what we have in terms of the departments.

"I have a Deputy County Manager's position that was announced earlier, as well as two Assistant County Manager's positions. One is a Department of Public Safety and Code Enforcement, and Assistant County Manager Management position for Department of Public Services, which took a lot of the divisions or programs or services that actually touched people, provided that customer service, and put it underneath one Assistant County Manager.

"I created a General Services Administration, not just because I come from the military, but I thought it made sense. Because when you read it, you understand the function of a General Services Administration, and put that underneath the Deputy County Manager, Chief of Staff, who would be responsible for really the guts of the organization in terms of how day-to-day operations run amongst the departments.

"So I think just by design and function will increase communications and information management, synergy, collaboration. As part of that is HR (Human Resources) and Finance, and then finally the Department of Public Works, who would like I said, be on the executive team. Really, four executives, County manager, Deputy County Manager, and two Assistant County Managers, and the County Engineer.

"Again, instead of division department of programs, it will now be department divisions program sections and services. This took the organization from nine divisions to four departments. The General Services Administrative function will include all Central Support Services, including the new internal audit function, and this will promote information flow throughout the organization.

"There are, again, no costs associated with the movement, \$100,000 savings as of today. Staff have worked to maintain the same level of funding, which is good for the organization. If you notice at the bottom, I wanted this organization to be customer service friendly, for the citizens to be able to see a department and just by the title of the department, the function, they understand what would be underneath that, and if you look at the organizational structure, it also has at the bottom of each department, a liaisons of who they deal with outside of the organization.

"I think that's important for those organizations to be able to go on the website and actually see who they would liaison with within our County, and also internally. You would also know who they would liaison with outside external to the County. The Deputy County Manager Position still has the Corporate Communications Manager and Public Information Officer in those particular two offices, and the PIO (Public Information Officer) will serve as the County Manager, BoCC (Board of County Commissioners) and external stakeholders, including the media and the Corporate Communications Manager will serve as, again, the BoCC County Manager and everything internal to the County Organizational Structure.

"The way ahead, the management team here in the coming months, actually the coming month, will sit down and we will develop a plan, a phased plan on how we will

do this. Typically, and what you will see is some of the easier departments will move first and create first, and then we will end with the Department of Public Services, probably the more complex one before 11, October.

"Also in the next 30 days, I am going to identify a place the Deputy County Manager and two Assistant County Managers. Myself and David Spears, obviously already identified, so it is really just filling out the DCM (Deputy County Manager) and the two Assistant County Managers. All this needs to happen is really, you have a resolution in front of you. It is a simple resolution requiring just a majority vote for the movement of the Chief Engineer's position. You still have hiring and firing authority over the Chief Engineer, which obviously you don't need to do, because you have a Cracker Jack Chief Engineer. But really, it just deals with the administrative supervisory function. Other than that, I welcome any questions, and look for your support." Chairman Howell said, "All right, Commissioners. I will recognize Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton thanked the Chairman and said, "Well, I am going to be supportive of the changes. I think the Manager knows that I asked some questions, and there were some things I wasn't warm to, but I think we have to give our new Manager a chance to create the organization as he sees, and if there's some error corrects that need to be made along the way, we will give you input on that. So I will be supportive of it. There was some places where I thought that we didn't need any kind of radical change, but you know, with the change comes some problems, and things that we'll deal with as we go along."

"So I am going to be supportive, although I did see some places that I don't need to enumerate tonight. I think we are ready to move forward. You are making your proposal, but I will keep a watchful eye on it as I have for quite a few years on what the organization's needs are and the directions we are taking."

Mr. Scholes said, "Absolutely, and as a good military officer, dealing with constant after action reviews throughout this year, and really leading into the New Year. Once we place the new team, they will have a lot of insight into the nuts and bolts in their organization, so they may have more efficient, better ways to do it within their organization, too."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Commissioner Ranzau is next."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to make a motion to adopt the resolution titled Home Rule

Providing for Administration of Certain Non-elected Departments and Personnel.

Chairman Howell seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell said, "I will go to Commissioner Unruh next."

Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "Well, I am going to be supportive also. Mr. Manager, as I told you from the beginning, that I hired you to run the organization, I don't want to micromanage, and if this is a way that you see to best suit your management style and we will keep Sedgwick County providing great services at the lowest cost possible, I am going to be supportive. I want to repeat your remarks, this is not going to increase our administrative costs, but rather save \$100,000. I think you said, it doesn't increase, does not increase our head count. I don't know if you said it decreased it, but it doesn't increase our head count in the administrative area."

Mr. Scholes said, "It is going to increase by one, but we've actually pulled out and readjusted to where it is a zero sum game. We are still saving \$100,000. We had to create the Deputy County Manager's position, which we have indicated, which is, and the other ones, we used from internal structure. So we had already by a Commission vote earlier had created the Deputy County Manager's position. So in the end it is zero sum. Taking it all away, it hasn't created any extra structure."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay."

Mr. Scholes said, "I just wanted to clarify that."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I appreciate that, and I also appreciate the fact that in the process of doing this that you left us with some authority over our County Engineer, which we have a great relationship with Mr. Spears, and jealous of that relationship, so appreciate that's been protected. I don't want to get in the job of micromanaging unless something goes wrong, then I will be right there. That's all I have."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Unruh. I do believe you."

Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I agree with many of the comments you have heard so far. I have a bit of a procedural question, because if this can be approved by a simple majority vote, maybe this is more of a question for the County Counselor. I thought the Home Rule Resolutions were a super majority for some reason. Is that not the case?"

Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor greeted the Commission and said, "This is a Home Rule Resolution, not a Charter Resolution."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Correct."

Mr. Yost, said, "(Inaudible)."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, I wanted to get a clarification on that, if it was, when I hear the word Home Rule, I automatically think of the special provisions that are in place. Appreciate the reassurance, thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "I would like to ask, is anybody in the audience would like to speak on this agenda item? All right. Seeing none. Let me go ahead and also say again, hiring a new Manager, we had a great Manager for Sedgwick County for more than a couple decades. He created County Government the way he wanted it. Worked great at the time. I think when you hire a new Manager, you have got to allow him to visit that structure and make changes as necessary. So I think this is a reasonable agenda item tonight."

"Manager has spent a lot of time on this. It is very well thought out. However, because this is just a simple majority, again, if we find adjustments that are necessary, I have no doubt that things can change going forward, if necessary. So we are not putting ourselves in the corner. We always have the chance to visit this again if necessary, and make changes going forward. I do want to empower our, enable the Manager to do what he feels is best. I do want to trust him with his roles and responsibilities as Manager. I am supportive."

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."

Approved

C [16-311](#)

CONTRACT FOR A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOTE COLLECTION EVENT ON JUNE 18, 2016 FOR CITY OF HAYSVILLE, KANSAS.

Presented by: Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the contract.

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Many homes have chemicals sitting around under the sinks and the garage and the basement, might be that gallon of paint that you used

half of to paint a room five years ago. You kept it for touch-up, but now the paint has gone bad. Could be that cleaner that looked great on the TV commercial, but when you got it, it didn't work great. So now you have most of the container sitting under the kitchen sink. It could be old fluorescent bulbs, old oil or gasoline.

"Those are the things we call household hazardous waste. So the County has a facility that people can take this material to for proper disposal. Household Hazardous Waste Facility is 801 Stilwell, open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 [a.m.] to 5:00 [p.m.], Saturdays 9:00 [a.m.] to 3:00 [p.m.].

"In order to better serve our community, we like to have remote Household Hazardous Waste events. We have one here in Park City back in April. We have another one this coming Saturday in the City of Haysville. It would be Saturday, 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and it will be located at the Haysville City Hall, 200 West Grand. So we encourage anyone in the south part of the County to go to that remote facility. Looks like it will be good weather this Saturday. We hope to have a great turnout. City of Haysville has approved this contract. It is in front of you, and I would recommend your approval and ask the Chairman to sign. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Howell said, "Very good, thank you for your presentation. Commissioner Norton."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to make a motion to approve the contract.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Commissioner Norton said, "I have some comments. Haysville just had their city wide cleanup, they are right in the midst of that. It comes at a good time, because people have already cleaned out their garages, and a lot of that material couldn't be thrown away into a packer truck or a roll off. So this comes at a really good time, almost simultaneously when they are doing city wide clean-up. They do it in two phases. East side, west side, and it makes a huge difference in the community, and it is really nice that it falls all at the same time, so they get, you know, garages, and back storage sheds and everything all cleaned out at the same time. So thank you, Susan, for coordinating that."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "You are welcome."

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

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Any other questions or comments? All right. Seeing none, I just want to say, I think you had one of these events this last weekend is that correct?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "We had one at Beechcraft just this past Saturday. We had almost 300 vehicles come through, and then a week after this, we have one at Oak Lawn."

Chairman Howell said, "Just for the listener's perspective, the audience and of course people who watch this later on TV, if they don't make it to this event on Saturday, they can still get rid of the stuff, bring it to Stilwell, is that correct?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's correct."

Chairman Howell said, "Talk about where that is and the hours and that type of thing."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Sure. Its 801 Stilwell, which is about five blocks south of Kellogg, and two east of Seneca. They can drive in, it is 9:00 [a.m.] to 5:00 [p.m.], Tuesday through Friday, and 9:00 [a.m.] to 3:00 [p.m.] on Saturday. There's an overhang that the car comes under, staff takes the material out of the car for them. "We also have a Swap and Shop there, people want to just park and go in. There are lots of goods that people bring in that's in great shape still. You can read the label, and we put it out on shelves for people to take for free. So that saves us money from disposal costs, saving people money from buying it. While they are there, visit the Swap and Shop as well."

Chairman Howell said, "Again, thank you for the information. We have a motion and second. Any other discussion? Thank you. Seeing none, call the vote."

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."

Approved

D [16-362](#)

2016 SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 4.

Presented by: David Spears, Director of Public Works.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to present to you the 2016 Public Works Project in District 4. There is a map right there. I have smaller ones up here. Get you one after this. In total it adds up to \$3.6 million, in District 4, I will go over the projects briefly.

"We partnered with Park City on a WAMPO (Wichita Area Metropolitan Project Organization) project to purchase right-of-way in the unincorporated area of a project that Park City wanted to do along 53rd Street. We spent about \$145,000 on that.

"We have a bridge replacement on 4th Street North between Broadway and Hydraulic, \$481,000. We are going to pave 93rd Street North between Meridian and Broadway. That's over near Valley Center, and Valley Center will pay for the east mile, the County will pay for the west mile. That's going to be roller compacted concrete, and we are looking forward to that. That's about \$1.4 million for both miles. "Then we are going to, what we call super seal, 85th Street North between Oliver and Woodlawn, and this now takes the place of our old cold mix process we had. We want to nova chip, part of our preventive maintenance program. We do 20 percent of roads every year, we do something to. So in the period of five years, we've done something to every road, and we just continue that process, and preventive maintenance is what extends the life of roads, and you don't have a big cost then. You spend on average maybe \$50,000 every five years on a road, in 20 years, you know, you may have spent \$200,000, whereas if you didn't do anything, in 20 years, you would spend about \$1 million to replace the whole mile of road. So it is a really good program.

"I have been to many seminars and conferences, and that's the way of mainstream engineering now. I think we are on the forefront of that. We are doing 20.7 miles of what's called nova chip, it's a coarse graded asphalt, about 5/8ths inches thick. That's about \$1 million worth there, for 20.7 miles.

"We are crack sealing another 13.25 miles in this district, and then we have what is called a bob tech, done with a spray paver, 1 inch thick asphalt, and we actually let that last week, and it came in at the best price that we have seen since 2007. I wanted to let you know that. I think there is a couple reasons for that. One is that the state has decreased their preventive maintenance from 1,200 miles a year to 200 miles a year, and I think we are the benefactors of that, because there is a lot of contractors that do that work, so they want to do that, and the price has come down. "The other reason is, for the first time we had a third bidder that bid on this, so we've had somebody else that has never bid before, that came in, and bid. We did check them out, they were qualified, they were not the low bid, but when this happens, it increases the competition. Other bidders know, they get the bidders list, they know

when somebody is coming in to bid. It increases competition, and like I say, this is the lowest price per ton of asphalt since 2007. So we are really happy about that.

"Then we are doing a bridge and a culvert in house, just small jobs, about \$59,000 for the little bridge and \$33,000 for the culvert replacement. In total, \$3.6 million. Be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "Thanks, Dave, for that presentation and all the work that you do. I will say again thanks to Jack [Whitson] and glad to participate and help out on that. I think I am happy to see the 93rd [street] Project that approved up to Valley Center as well. There was a lot of work in negotiating there to try to make that happen. I think the citizens will be very happy about that as well."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to make a motion to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell said, "Any other discussion? Let me just give some praise to our, Director Spears once again. He does a great job. I think Sedgwick County sets itself apart in the State of Kansas. We have some of the best County roads in the state, I really believe that's true. So by every measure, our Director Spears is doing a fantastic job. Thank you for all you do for our County."

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

E [16-382](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON 71ST STREET SOUTH BETWEEN THE NORTH LEG OF GREENWICH AND 127TH STREET EAST (636-E 3/4 34) IN ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP, SEDGWICK COUNTY KANSAS. DISTRICT 5.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Spears said, "This resolution establishes a 45-mile-per-hour speed limit. It was 55, on 71st Street South from the east intersection with Greenwich Road to 127th Street East. Walker Township Officials requested a reduction in the speed limit to allow them time to upgrade the width of the road and to improve drainage.

"This section of 71st Street South is unpaved, and lower than most township roads. It also has multiple resident's driveways that create friction, resulting in lower speeds than applicable. The combination of width or lack thereof, and resident's access suggests a reduced speed limit is reasonable. We did an engineering study, Mr. Borsht of our staff. We recommend you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Chairman Howell moved to make a motion to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell said, "This is an issue I brought to Director Spears, and he did a great job doing the study. I met with the folks that live out there, they were very passionate, they wanted this done. They felt like the road was not wide enough to be safe at 55 miles per hour. So I think our study kind of backed up their hypothesis. I think this is the right thing to do. At which point they get the road fixed and widened out the way they want it, which might be, who knows how long, into the future, I am sure we can visit the speed limit again. Right now this is the right thing to do.

"Is anybody in the audience who would like to make public comment on this agenda item? Seeing none, any further discussion? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "I had some folks from down, it's obviously in your District, asking about this. Just a little discussion to have a better understanding of when we set this at a different level, are we comfortable that we've got it set at the right level and how much flexibility we have in terms of setting it at that speed level."

Mr. Spears said, "I will tell you, we did the study, and the average speed already, without doing anything, is 43 miles an hour, that's how fast folks are going. I think the road is problematical. Sometimes it's washboardy, and people automatically slow down. So the 45 is just going to verify what basically they are doing now.

"There's been, let's see, here's the whole study there Mr. Borsht did. He checked out the accidents there. Fourteen crashes for five and a third years, 13 of them were single vehicle crashes. One involved two vehicles. Eight of the single vehicle crashes were fixed object, meaning they hit something, maybe a mailbox or whatever. Four were overturned, and one hit a deer. So, anyway, I will just tell you we did the study on it and verified that we are recommending it is a 45. It is a three quarter mile piece on that road. I have had folks ask about trying to set different speed limits, and knowing that the state has some limitations on that. So I wanted to get some clarification

"In terms of what we could have set it at, if Mark's study had come in at a different number. That's the whole key. You want to try to set it what the folks are driving, because if you don't, then there's disparity in speeds, and that can create more accidents, so averaging 43, we think 45 is a good field limit."

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

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."

Adopted

F [16-372](#)

SET HEARING FOR STRUCTURE CLAIMED TO BE DANGEROUS OR UNSAFE.

Presented by: Thomas Stolz, Director of Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the resolution that sets a hearing for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on August 17, 2016.

Mr. Thomas Stoltz, Director Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department greeted the Commissioners and said, "Here tonight to brief you about a concerning potential public safety and health matter in the unincorporated portion of the County.

"On April 5th of this year, family residence in an area of the County outside of the City of Clearwater received major damage due to a fire. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time, and fortunately, there was no death or injury related to this incident. Soon after, in early May, MABCD (Metropolitan Area Building Construction Department) received a citizen complaint about the remaining dangerous structure on the site. MABCD's nuisance inspector went to the site to document the damage, and it was extensive. Probably a total loss of the house.

"Sedgwick County Health Department also observed the damage, and concurred the property was not safe, and in its current state, represents a health hazard. The MABCD Inspector General investigating the case subsequently made contact with the property owner. The property owners indicated their intention was to make the property safe, and either demolish or rebuild. However, to date, they have taken no action, and we did check the house today.

"Kansas Statute 40-3901 allows Municipalities and Counties within the State of Kansas to receive and hold a portion of insurance proceeds in matters such as this where property owners do not render the site safe. Unfortunately, there apparently have been historical cases where owners have walked away from properties such as this, leaving the neighborhood and general taxpayers the responsibility of the cleanup of the site.

"In this particular matter, Sedgwick County has received a portion of the insurance proceeds in the amount of \$9,000. Kansas Statute 12-1752 lays out a notification and protocol system for handling of these matter. A portion of that protocol calls for the holding of a public meeting to allow the property owners to come before this elected body and discuss their plans for the property so that safety hazard at the site can be reconciled.

"I am here tonight to request the Commission set this public meeting for August 17, 2016, via this resolution. This will allow the owners to come of the property, to come and give a chance to discuss their plans before the County takes more official action regarding this premise. Hopefully between now and the public hearing date, owners will render the property safe, Sedgwick County can release the held insurance funds back to the owners. If not, a further course of action can be discussed during the Public Hearing. I am glad to stand for any questions regarding this particular matter, or the general protocol we are following in this regard."

Chairman Howell said, "All right, thank you, Director Stoltz, for the presentation. Commissioners, any comments or questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to make a motion to approve the resolution.

Commissioner Norton 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, "All right. Thank you, Commissioners, Madam Clerk, next item, please."

Approved

G [16-330](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,525,721 FOR THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - JUVENILE SERVICES (KDOC-JS) SFY17 FUNDING.

Presented by: Steve 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. Steve Stonehouse, Interim Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Annually Sedgwick County submits an application for state block funding from the State of Kansas to provide Juvenile justice service. This year the Kansas Legislature passed Senate Bill 367, as you are aware, this Bill is a series of far-reaching changes to the Juvenile Justice System.

"Many of these changes mandate implementation with relatively short time frames. Due to Senate Bill 367, a new process adopted by the Department of Corrections, Districts have been allotted one-half of the current year's budget for the first six months of state fiscal year 2017.

"The contract extension before you includes funding for one prevention program and three mandatory graduated sanctions programs. The allocation for our District for one-half the state fiscal year 2017 is \$1,525,721. There is no grant match required. The funding for prevention includes detention advocacy services program totaling \$83,664. The Detention Advocacy Services Program provides attorney services to juveniles at their detention hearings and a case management alternative program to facilitate release from detention pending further court action.

"This program is provided by Kansas Legal Services. The remainder of the fund being application is for the State-Mandated Graduated Sanctions programs. These programs are operated by the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, include the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, Juvenile Intensive Supervision, and Juvenile Case Management. Funding amount \$1,442,057. Kansas Department of Corrections did not require approval of the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, but we did inform the Board of this contract extension after last meeting. I request your approval State Fiscal year 2017 contract extension for submission to the Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Services. Happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Howell said, "All right, thank you, Director Stonehouse. Any comments or questions from Commissioners? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "Quick question in terms of how is this different from what we received from the state last year, because this is a continuation. Basically a continuation, isn't it?"

Mr. Stonehouse said, "Exactly half."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Exactly half?"

Mr. Stonehouse said, "They are allowing us July 1st to December 31st to plan for implementing the new program, so they gave us half, what we have for current operations, in anticipation of the new programs will start January 1st."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I think it's important to understand what change is coming through, even if there is no local match involved. Thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Peterjohn. Any other comments or questions from Commissioners?"

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to make a motion to approve the application for the grant.

Commissioner Unruh 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."
Approved

CONSENT

H [16-356](#) Approval of Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with the University of Kansas School of Medicine (Wichita) Medical Practice Association for Medical Services Provided to Juveniles in the Department of Corrections Residential Facilities.

I [16-379](#) Resolution stating findings made after post-annexation hearing of City of Derby Ordinance No. 2157.

Mr. Scholes greeted the Commissioners and said, "I recommend you approve the Consent Agenda items hotel through India."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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, "All right. Madam Clerk, next item, please."

Approved

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

OTHER

Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, any comments for other today?"

Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "I thought I saw the Mayor of Park City come in. Do you know, Jack [Whitson], if he wants to come and say anything?"

Mr. Whitson said, "(inaudible)"

Chairman Howell said, "We would like to hear from him, if possible, if he's still here. Keep looking. Commissioners, any other comments or questions? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton thanked the Chairman and said, "I would be interested, since

we talked about the asphalt prices going down, so hard, what it looks like for the next six months horizon on other bids that we are going to put out, if there is going to be some additional funds where we may be able to do a few more county road miles on some areas that we put off for a couple years. I know each district probably has a mile that they would like to do in some kind of a process."

Mr. Jack Whitson, City Administrator, Park City, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We let almost everything for the year on the roads. We have maybe a few, one or two things left, but for the bulk of it, we let everything. But we would be glad to look at that."

Chairman Howell said, "I think it would be interesting, if there's some money left on the table that we reinvest that. I know I have got one road that people have really complained about. You and I talked about it, 87th Street. There was an injury accident, and a death caused there. It's in bad shape. Maybe we could help out something there. I think maybe other areas have something. If there's some significant savings, maybe it's not."

Mr. Whitson said, "We have some other areas, where prices came in a little high, so we will need to look at what the net result is."

Chairman Howell said, "I guess I would ask you to do that."

Mr. Whitson said, "We will do that yes, sir."

Chairman Howell said, "At this time I would like to recognize Mayor Ray Mann. If you don't mind, we heard some great things about the City a little bit ago from previous speaker, but if there's anything you would like to add to that, anything you want to bring up, just to brag on your City, we would love to hear from you."

Mayor Ray Mann, Park City, thanked the Commissioners and said, "I think Jack probably did a fantastic job really talking about everything new going on in town, current companies that are currently expanding. I know FMI (Forming and Machining Industries) is another major company here in town that has a great expansion going on. They are getting ready to add probably around 200 more employees and staff on. "Currently working on our new City Hall development. So that's been a project that's been ongoing for about the last 18 months. We finally got that rolling. We are pretty excited about the growth and what's happening here in Park City.

"Also, some of the lots that we went to the auction and purchased for some development we walked away, did a couple more contracts, and we have four lots left in the addition that the City owns now. So we have been working on those lots right now."

Chairman Howell said, "You are rightfully proud of Park City. Thank you for being the Mayor and doing a great job, and Mr. Whitson, you did a great job as well. You did say some of the same things you talked about. But nothing wrong with repeating those great things."

Mayor Mann said, "Thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Mayor, for your service to the City. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn thanked the Chairman and said, "I would be remiss if I didn't mention a couple different things. First off, Sedgwick County Fair has changed, and even though it's not right here yet, it's kind of like summer. Summer is not quite here yet, but it's coming very soon. The Sedgwick County Fair has been moved up, beginning with a parade in Cheney on July 6th. But before that, there is going to be a whole bunch of other parades prior to that. A whole host of Sedgwick County communities on July 4th, and think it would be important for folks to realize that, as well as obviously to be careful when they are setting off any fireworks as we get to celebrate July 4th coming up in the next couple weeks.

"I would also be remiss if I didn't mention June 13th is an important day in American history, when the Marquis de Lafayette came here, June 13, 1777 to join in the battle for the American Revolution.

"June 13, 1983, over 30 years ago, the Probe Pioneer 10 became the first spacecraft to leave the solar system. So June 13, an important day in American history. Wanted

to get that on the record. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Peterjohn. I have one thing to add. We have an email that came from our County Appraiser, he does this once in a while, talks about home sales. I have been looking at this data for a while. It is exciting to me. If you look at the data he presented, I took it upon myself to chart that so I could see it to myself. It is kind of hard to see from your perspective, but what the data tells me, is that the economy is beginning to take a change direction.

"What this represents, actually, is about a 13.3 percent increase in home sales just this year. Over last year. That is a huge change. This is the best data we've seen by my analysis in terms of home sales since 2008. The peak on this data back over 20 years is 2005. That was our peak year. So we had a really great year in 2008, and right now, the data we are looking at right now in 2016 is on par with what we had in 2008. That is very, very good news in my opinion. So I wanted to share that with everyone tonight.

"With that, I don't have anything else to say tonight. Mr. Manager, anything else? Commissioners, anything else? We had a great meeting. Thank you for everyone being here tonight. We are adjourned."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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