

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

### **Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on August 10, 2016 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, 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; Ms. Karen Powell, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Scott Hadley, Director, Emergency Medical Services; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE; Mr. Chris Chronis, Director, Finance; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Division of Aging; Ms. Lindsay Poe-Rousseau, Director, Budget; Mr. Scott Knebel, Senior Planner, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Jim Weber, Public Works; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Laura Billups, Deputy County Clerk, and Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.*

**INVOCATION: Reverend Cindy Watson, First United Methodist Church.**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- A     [16-453](#)           EN BANC MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2016.  
All Commissioners were present.

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the EnBanc Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2016.  
Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

*VOTE*

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

Approved

**DONATIONS**

- B**     [16-486](#)     ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF \$2,000 TO SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) FROM AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.  
Presented by: Scott R. Hadley, Director, EMS.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the donation of \$2,000.00, acknowledge Air Products for their generosity and community support, and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Mr. Scott Hadley, Director of EMS (Emergency Medical Services), greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today for consideration is a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., located at 6601 South 71st Street West here in Sedgwick County. As you know, Air Products has a long standing history and commitment of this type of activity within our community, donating specifically EMS. Over the past five years, they've donated \$8,500 to us specifically. And I know they have donated to other county departments as well. They're very safety minded folks. And safety is on the forefront of what they do in producing their products, and this money will go towards safety initiatives within our department. To promote safety for our providers, for our patients in the public in general. So, I would recommend that you accept this donation, and draft a letter of thanks to Air Products (and Chemicals, Inc.), and authorize the Chairman in signing the necessary documentation. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Director Hadley. Any questions or comments from the Board?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to accept the donation of \$2,000 from Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.  
Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Approved**

- C**     [16-477](#)     ACCEPTANCE OF A \$500 DONATION FROM TOWER MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION OF KANSAS.

Presented by: Marilyn Cook, LMCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Ms. Marilyn Cook, LMCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE greeted the Commissioners and said, "Many of the individuals in this community will recognize the name of Dr. Roy Menninger, he is the nephew of Dr. Karl Menninger, who along with his brother Will. Dr. Will Menninger, started the Menninger Foundation and psychiatric hospital in Topeka in 1925. Dr. Roy Menninger was the 4th President of the Menninger Hospital [Clinic] and at the ripe age of 90, is still practicing psychiatry in Topeka. I looked him up yesterday and he has gotten rave reviews on his website. But he's also more pertinent to this item, he's also the President of the Tower of Mental Health Foundation of Kansas. The Tower Foundation is a family foundation that focuses on Mental Health, substance abuse, intellectual disabilities, and learning disabilities. So we were a little bit surprised and very pleased to receive a \$500 check from The Tower Foundation a couple of weeks ago. Dr. Menninger, is acutely aware of the revenue cuts that all community health centers have experienced recently As a result, The Tower Foundation sent a \$500 donation to all 26 Mental Health Centers in the state. Recognizing the work that we're doing. So, we request that you accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Very good. Thank you, Director Cook, and anyone from the audience want to speak to this agenda item? Seeing none. Commissioners.*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Peterjohn moved that we take the recommended action of accept the donation authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter of appreciation.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

*Ms. Marilyn Cook said, "Thank you."*

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

**Approved**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D**     [16-481](#)

**ADOPTION OF THE 2017 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

Presented by: Mike Scholes, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution for the 2017 Sedgwick County Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good morning Commissioners, budget day is finally here. Commissioners, there were two public hearings for the 2017 budget and an online public hearing. There's one comment at the July 27th public hearing and four comments at the August 4th hearing, and three comments on the online hearing. The recommended 2017 operating budget for Sedgwick County totals \$406,091,994. This budget will be supported with a property tax levy of \$133,201,437 which is approximately equivalent to 29.359 mills.*

*"Sedgwick County's five year Capital Improvement Program includes \$185.5 million of funding for the Law Enforcement Training Center is included in that. The replacement of the I-235, U.S. 54 interchange as well as the replacement or renovation of 20 other bridges, three new EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Posts, expansion of the Regional Forensic Science Center and numerous other enhancements to county infrastructure as part of the amount. The budget for the 2017 CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) is \$64,935,564 of which \$52.6 million is for road maintenance and capacity expansion. \$6.3 million is for bridge renovation or replacement and \$5.5 million is for facility enhancement and \$500,000 is for maintenance of the big ditch.*

*"I would like to recognize our Chief Financial Officer, Chris Chronis and our Budget Director, Lindsay Poe Rousseau for their expertise in assisting this budget process. Commissioners, if there are any needed changes to this budget, Chris and Lindsay are here to help you through them with my assistance."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Very good, thank you, Mr. Manager. We do have public comment on this agenda item as well. Is there anybody from the public that's here who would like to speak to the budget for the fiscal 2017? Alright, seeing none. I'll bring it back to the board. Commissioners. Mr. Manager.*

*Mr. Mike Scholes said, "What I like to do right now, before we get into Commissioner comments is I'd like to give Chris the opportunity and the staff. We had several comments. We had several questions about eight or nine, throughout the hearings as I mentioned. So, I'd like to go through those real quick, answer some of those questions, and then we'll be through with our comments."*

*Mr. Chris Chronis, Director of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As the Manager said, we had a number of public comments that were received in the two public hearings and in the online public hearing. And we wanted to make sure that we responded to each of those. The first comment that we received through the online public hearing pertained to the use of cash for projects, and the resulting service cuts. While there is a discussion that continues about the general county policy on the use of debt versus cash to pay for projects, in the context of the 2017 budget, that really is a non-issue. There are no capital projects that are planned, that would be appropriate to fund with debt.*

*"We have only two facility projects, the EMS Northeast post and the Law*

*Enforcement Training Center that are large enough to justify the use of debt financing. All other facility projects are so small that to use debt to finance them would cause transaction costs as a share of the total sale that would be extremely large. It would be a very inefficient way of financing those projects.*

*“Regarding the EMS Post, we are proposing to fund that project with cash that's been accumulated over the years in the EMS fund, and that cash can only be used for EMS Activities. And so, it is very appropriate to use that excess cash to pay for that project. With regard to the Law Enforcement Training Center, the proposal this year is to add funding to that, which was provided in 2016 for that project. As you know the project as it has evolved is now to be jointly owned by Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita. In that case, the county will not have clear title to the property and the only financing vehicle that is available to us, to finance the Law Enforcement Training Facility would be the Public Building Commission (PBC) Bond Issue. PBC (Public Building Commission) Bonds require title to the property be pledged as security against the debt issue. And we won't have a title to be able pledge against that project. Since we'll only be partial owners of the facility. And so, again it's necessary that we use cash to pay for that project.*

*“With regards to road and bridge projects, they are budgeted in the recommended budget. At a total of \$58.9 million. That is funded with \$38.8 million of grants. Principally from the state, principally to pay for the interchange at [Interstate] 235 and Kellogg. The road and bridge projects also funded with \$18.5 million of dedicated sales tax that can only be used to pay for road and bridge construction activities. \$1 million of highway fund cash, which similar to the EMS Fund cash, can only be used for highway activities. And so, therefore, it's very appropriate to use that excess cash to pay for road projects. And finally, \$567,000 of general fund cash. As is the case with those very small facility projects, issuing a \$567,000 bond, in order to preserve that cash, would simply be a very inefficient financing. It's not one that we would undertake, under any circumstances, at least on my recommendation. Because of the transaction costs that would be associated with it.*

*“That is our response to that comment. The second comment that we received, again, through the online hearing pertained to funding for Mental Health and specifically the poster suggested that we should increase funding for Mental Health, such as the Break Through Club. To respond to this, I'd like to ask Marilyn Cook, our Director of Mental Health Services and COMCARE, to come up to the podium.*

*Ms. Cook said, “COMCARE and all the Community Health Centers have experienced some significant revenue reductions already for state fiscal year 2017. And so, therefore we have to focus on mandatory services. However, early this year, I did provide an endorsement to Aaron Dunkel who is the Deputy Secretary of KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) to consider either a billing code, a new billing code, or a grant to the Break Through Club, for the break through model, the clubhouse model they provide. Several other states in the country have done that.”*

*Chairman Howell said, “Commissioners, I would like to just, to invite you, if you have any comments during these questions and answers. Please speak up, you can do that during this time. Thank you, Director Cook for the answer and Mr. Chronis please continue.”*

*Mr. Chronis said, “The third comment that we received pertained to Section 8 funding, which we used to provide rental assistance to tenants in Sedgwick County and adjacent counties through our housing authority. And the suggestion that was posted online was that we allow the use of Section 8 funding to assist people in*

acquiring homes, in home ownership. To respond to this, I would ask Tim Kaufman, our Director of Public Services to come up.”

Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Public Services greeted the Commissioners and said, “Sedgwick County does offer Section 8 home ownership as part of our administrative plan. The program eligibility is very narrowly defined and it's a fairly high threshold to meet the ability to demonstrate program eligibility. Because it's such a small component of the Section 8 program, it isn't widely known. And the housing program within the Division of Aging. We'll make sure we discuss Section 8 home ownership as an aspect of the Section 8 program as we do new program orientations.”

Chairman Howell said, “Thank you for that explanation.”

Mr. Chronis said, “The fourth comment we received pertained to federal law, actually. And the posting asks us to encourage private companies to hire disabled persons. And asks us further if possible, to enforce requirements that exist in federal law, and federal regulation, governing the use of disabled persons in federal jobs. I have consulted with our County Counselor, Mr. Yost, about this one. And confirmed that state law does not allow Sedgwick County to impose any sort of requirements or regulations on the hiring practices of private employers. And statutory law established by the Congress, prohibits us from taking any actions to enforce federal hiring practices. And so, we simply cannot respond affirmatively to that request.

“The fifth posting we received, pertained to the maintenance of a township road, in Ohio Township. Specifically, 103rd Street West, and I would ask David Spears our Public Works Director to respond to that posting.”

Mr. David Spears, Director of Public Works greeted the Commissioners and said, “The comment was about 103rd Street West, which is Maize Road between 74th Street South and 103rd Street South. We did go out and take traffic counts on that the last week. The first mile is actually paved, the next three miles from 79th to 103rd are gravel. The first mile, you may not recall, it goes down to a Girl Scout Camp. And we cold mixed that or paved that a few years ago. Last week, the count on that was 332 cars per day. Now going down per mile south, the next mile between 79th and 87th was 91 cars, the next mile 82 cars, and the next mile 99 cars per day. Here again those three miles to the south are Ohio Township and their responsibility. And I would encourage the person, I don't know how to say his name Mr. Yncera, to contact the township official, Ohio Township, or attend one of their public meetings. And that's about it.”

Chairman Howell said, “Director Spears, we have a comment. Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Let me just clarify, the first mile that's cold mixed, is that in the county system or in the township system?”

Mr. Spears said, “Yes, after we cold mixed it, we took it into the county system.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “So a portion of that four mile stretch they were talking about (inaudible) there.”

Mr. Spears said, “The first mile down to the Girl Scout. We actually went past the Girl Scout Camp to do the whole mile.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm very familiar with this process. We cold mixed that many years ago, because the traffic was relatively heavy on that first mile. And particularly when the Girl Scouts were in session, and had camps and everything. It peaks up, if it rains, it really tears that road up. But it tracked a lot of mud into the Girl Scout Camp. So, we paved that. And it's done very well. But it carries an average of 320 in the off weeks. It will be up to a thousand cars when the Girl Scout Camp is in session. So it made sense, I continued to look at those other miles, and I know they're problematic. Part of it started when the traffic pattern changed when we closed down 135th to do it, into Clearwater and people took alternate routes and that tore the road up a little more. I know Polly and Sarah. I visit with him consistently, I'm sure he will keep advocating for that mile to be done. And if we do go back into cold mix or other very cost efficient ways to take care of those things. We'll certainly look at it. But the traffic count really doesn't warrant us doing anything with it this year, for sure. That's all I have."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you Commissioner Norton. No other comments. Thank you Director Spears."

Mr. Chronis said, "The next comment that we received pertained to Aging Services Program. And requested that we increase funding for Aging Services, and specifically for Senior Centers. I would ask Mrs. Annette Graham, our Director of Aging Services to come up and address this posting."

Ms. Annette Graham, Director of Aging greeted the Commissioners and said, "During the annual budget process, the advisory council reviews the budget request. And is informed that base budget requirement and the current fiscal environment. The aging mill levy funds is Senior Centers and an array of in home and community based services for seniors, which are provided through a number of community aging service providers. The services are designed to assist seniors to remain in the home, rather than a higher level of care. When the department has been asked to prioritize programs and services. The counsel has been informed of this and has not pushed for supplementary requests for senior centers. We will however initiate review of our process and criteria before the beginning of next budget cycle. To assure that our process meets the needs of seniors, the community, and Senior Centers."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Annette, do you have the numbers for the senior centers that might have qualified, with the formula that we got for additional funding? I know budgetarily we say we don't have the money, but I like to have a conversation about that. Because some of those senior centers worked for several, several years to get to that next level. They've done what we've asked. They've added programs with no staff to take care of it. And now they're not being rewarded for the hard work. So, do you have some numbers on which senior center that might change, if we had the money?"

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, I do. Do you want me to give those to you know?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I would like to hear them. Yeah."

Ms. Graham said, "Ok, we have had six Senior Centers, that are either clubs or Senior Centers, different levels have requested over the last several years. So, I will look at 2016/2017. We had Haysville that requested to move up to the next level. That would have been \$22,000. Clearwater had requested and that would be \$17,000

to move to the next level. Also, Mulvane and Bel Aire were in that same \$17,000 increase. Sedgwick Senior Center and Valley Center both requested and for both of those that would have been a \$13,000. So, the total for those centers would be a total of \$99,000.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Did all of them all the requirements that we set for them to move up?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes, they all met the requirements for programing, baseline activity, events, special events and membership numbers. So, yes they did.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, several years ago, we put together the formula and set out some pretty heavy requirements that we’ve continued to monitor and improve, and make more stringent. To make sure that we weren’t funding just out of emotion, but out of deliverables. And it seems to me that we need to take a look at this today. And see if we can add some money back. Maybe not fully move for the whole amount, but to add some money back. Honor our commitment to the Senior Centers that we charge to do wxactly what they’re doing right now, and that’s improving the services to seniors.

One of the things that worries me. Is that the senior population in most of the centers continue to grow. The population grows, the baby boomer folks are starting drop into the Senior Centers and become active. And it really puts a strain on them to continue to run and many of these are services out in the small towns that we serve. Senior services was here during the budget hearings. Seemed pretty satisfied with the budget they got. And I know they’re struggling too, but they’re okay. But, some of these smaller ones that serve the outlying communities in the rural areas. Are starting to get overloaded, don’t have the staff and to be able to continue their mission, which is our mission for the Department of Aging. And we need to take a look at that. So, I would urge us to talk about it today. And to see if there is a little money somewhere that we could honor some of these or part of these to move us forward. Thank you, Annette.”

Chairman Howell said, “Thank you, Commissioner Norton. I was just curious, Director Graham, if we were to make that change. Is there any way to protect those funds such that they actually go to the Senior Center? With one that changed recently, I’m not sure how many years ago it was, but one that changed from going to the highest Tier received \$35,000 increase. But, then when that happened their other funding went away. Because that money coming from Sedgwick County. So there other revenue stream from other places was taken away from them as well. So, it really didn’t end up helping them at the end of the day. How do we protect those fund in such a way if we were to make that choice, the money stays with the Senior Center?”

Ms. Graham said, “Well, I would think that there could be a way to do that within the contracting process. I know for funds we receive from other sources usually there is a stipulation in there that it can’t be supplemented. So, it can’t supplement other funds. So you can’t take these funds, I don’t know if legally if there is a way to do that, but I know that many of the programs we receive funds from other sources require that can’t happen.”

Chairman Howell said, “Commissioner Peterjohn.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Annette, I think we’ve had some cases where we actually had some reductions in past years. Where Senior Centers dropped down and hadn’t met the criteria. And in light of those changes going forward. We’ve been in a situation where these fluctuate year by year. How long is this current system

*we've had in place, of a measurement and objective criteria been in operation?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "We worked on that in the year of 2005, at the request of the Commissioners. At that point and time. To do a lot of review and research. And come up with different options. We presented that to the Commission at that point and time. And it was implemented over a two year phase, with a 50 percent change in 2006 and a 50 percent change in 2007. To move all the Senior Centers up to those new levels and implement that funding formula."*

*"Over the years we've moved a few up and we have moved one down. We moved one down, because they weren't performing at that level. They were put on a performance improvement plan for a year. Did not meet that. So their funding was reduced. But another Senior Center that was closed because they weren't meeting the performance standards. And then we had another one that was temporarily on a performance improvement plan until their performance raised back up. So, they didn't have the reduction. So, we have a process in place for both requesting the increases and one for when they're not performing at the correct level to put them on a performance improvement plan. Then if they don't succeed with that. To move them down to the next level."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "It's my recollection was that we had some that had been reduced for various reasons like you outlined. And of course the general demographic trends in terms of more people are out there. That's going to happen. My feeling at this point was there has been some discussion informally and I think maybe a little of staff about the idea of changing how we might handle this formula going forward and that would be a policy decision. If the dollar amount is \$99,000 is the amount out there. We've got contingency funds that could bring that up if we need do this going forward. If there is a desire to look at how we handle these in general. I don't know if going ahead and appropriating more money would be the best way to proceed at this point, but I would definitely be interested in terms of trying to keep objective criteria in place. So that we don't get into a situation that existed before we had this formula. Where it was kind of, everybody was up here, you know, I was out in the audience at that time and I might be out in the audience again in the future. But I think the current process is superior to what we had prior to 2005. Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "I have one other question. What was the last year that the County Commission decided to appropriate an increase to the Senior Centers? Do you know when that would have been? In order to fund any increase?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "I don't have the exact year. I know it was prior to 20, we have not done that since 2014. But I can get that information for you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. That would be great. Thank you. Any other comments? Seeing oh, Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Well, Commissioner Peterjohn's right. In my first few years the budget time. The room was packed with seniors that came. And it was emotional. And it was very subjective. They were here to honor their little Senior Center. And it was not, we were having a hard time making good budget decisions because it was not very objective. There's no deliverables. If you've seen one Senior Center. You have seen one Senior Center. I think we made a very prudent decision to challenge the Department of Aging to come up with some criteria and to run it through the Advisory Board, that knew that could really analyze what programs they were doing. The amount of people they were bringing in. The kinds of things they were doing. So, you know I'm perfectly fine if we can ask the Manager and Chris Chronis to find either part of this or all of this to honor what we're doing with Senior*

Centers. Department of Aging is important to me and this does serve.

*"Now I will, there is a caveat. The top two are in my district. It sounds pretty parochial, but that's not the case. I've heard from several of these. That you know, they've worked hard. They're ready to move up. And we've gone for several years and not honored that. And I think this is the year we should maybe carve out some or all of this. And honor it with our Senior Centers. It's interesting yes, I've got two, but it looks like theirs almost everybody's got one. So, a Senior Center that has qualified. So, that's all I've got."*

Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Thank you Commissioner. See no other comments. Thank you, Director Graham."

Mr. Chronis said, "Commissioners, the final comment was received at the public hearing that you conducted last week. And this comment pertained to funding for the City Works program and for McAdams Academy. And both of those organizations are funded through what we refer to as the prevention program. A program that awards grants to designated agencies to provide designated services to at-risk youths through our COMCARE budget. I would ask Tim Kaufman to come up and address that comment."

Mr. Kaufman said, "Commissioners, as you recall, crime prevention funds are used to purchase eight different programs from seven different provider organizations in 2016. Youth for Christ offers the City Works program in the McAdams Academy program. And they both serve different targeted populations. In the recent RFP (Request for Proposal) review we just completed early this summer, the committee, which is made up of public services employees and community corrections employees, rated all of the different responses to the RFP. And in that rating, they recommended that McAdams Academy as a higher priority for those funds. Because it addresses a need in the community. That there is no other alternative for. So, while we value both of those programs. We value that McAdams Academy program at a higher degree. To implement the recommended budget, we recommend that it would result in the elimination of the City Works program and a reduction in the funding for McAdams Academy."

Chairman Howell said, "Can you please tell us the amounts of the funding that is changing? What did they have last year and what's being recommended this year for those two?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "Last year, the City Works program was funded \$80,000. The recommendation for next year is \$60,000, and if the recommended budget is adopted, that would go to zero. And for the McAdams Academy program, which serves a higher number of kids, it was funded at \$120,000 in 2016, and recommended for \$115,000 in 2017. And that would be reduced to \$95,000 based on the recommended budget."

Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, do you have a question on the explanation? Just so I'm clear. Okay, we were funding between the two programs, about \$200,000. And this year, what's being recommended all together would be \$95,000. So a \$105,000 reduction between the two programs? Where are those funds now?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "Well, some of those funds will go in 2017, to a new program."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay."

Mr. Kaufman said, "We have an RFP process. And so an additional program was

*identified as a need in the community. And so some of those funds have been reallocated through the RFP process to another organization."*

*Chairman Howell said, "And it has the same purpose and same dollars. In the same umbrella so to speak, but use in a different way."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct."*

*Chairman Howell said, "So, we're not cutting dollars out of the umbrella, so to speak. We're just reallocating them to other more, to what we believe is a more efficient use of those dollars."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct. Through the RFP process. Correct."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Any other questions or comments from the Commissioners. Yes, sir."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "I'm also prepared to discuss the immunization program if there are questions about that. That have come up in a news article yesterday. The recommended budget includes a plan to eliminate the travel immunization program that the Health Department delivers. In part because overtime, what we seen happen in the market is that there are new players prepared to deliver travel immunizations that didn't exist in the past. And so there are two things that are going on. And one of those is that there are new players that are available to deliver that service.*

*"And the other is that as we've gone through a review of our immunization fee structure this summer. We've identified a need to increase our fees. And so, there is a possibility that the gap that was identified in the news article yesterday, between what the Health Department currently charges and what some of the private market charges. That gap would close significantly, because of the increase in costs to the actual vaccinations. And so the difference between, what the Health Department has charged in the past, and what it would charge in the future is going to change. And, this is a trend, a local Health Departments are getting out of the travel immunization business. Is a trend. We checked around locally. Both Harvey County and Butler County have stopped offering travel immunizations as well. Again, because of the availability of those services, either at local primary care providers or at some of the Dillon's, Walgreen's and the new pop-up markets that healthcare providers have entered the marketplace."*

*Chairman Howell said, "On that, I have one question. That's regarding the dynamic availability of those immunizations. I understand the Health Department has stopped those. So someone had to do some international travel very quickly they could come in and the immunizations would be available. Do we know if the providers in the community, like Walgreen's or CVS, or whatever are they stocking these immunizations? Or do they have to be ordered? And there is like a delay for someone to get those."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "We did a survey yesterday and found that each of the immunizations was available in the community. You may have to check with one or the other of the providers, but there were stock available in the community. For an individual, I suppose if you had a large group that was going to be needing travel vaccinations. You may want to call ahead and let one of those vendors know, but there was availability in the community. To walk up and get those vaccinations."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, comments or question. Commissioner Peterjohn."*

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes, looking at the budget document. Talked about the fact that basically we've been operating that travel immunization on a almost zero budget basis. Looked like there was \$483 difference between revenues and expenditures that was included in budget book, Tim. Looking at that number. But my understanding had been that we had been trying to operate this in a way where we weren't trying to undercut private providers, and we were charging market rates. I'm now hearing that we haven't been charging market rates. Is that correct?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "We were charging market rates through the last review of our cost. And so we started a cost study about six weeks ago. We're getting to the results now, so the last time we set prices, we were at market rate."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "How long ago did we do that?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "It's been about two years."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Ok, the article that appeared in the paper said there was a significant cost differential. And I gotten some constituent call from folks who were concerned about the cost differential. And I had assumed that the costs were roughly comparable. And if they're readily available in the private sector. This looks like something we can follow the other counties and move away from it. And I don't want to be in the position to be subsidizing in effect. And effect this. And I honestly don't know what the proper market price maybe.

"And if there's been a lot of talk about having difficulties with availability of vaccines nationally. And so I think that might be impacting prices too. But as opposed to passing a budget, and moving in haste, I was much more comfortable with the idea of we can easily find a \$483 differential at the moment. And make sure that we got all our I's dotted and T's crossed before we would proceed.

"Precipitously in this area, because for folks who all of a sudden, they have a demand they need to go to some other part of the world. If they can't get access to a vaccine readily, the price may not be the key factor. The vaccine availability maybe. And so I want to make sure we've covered all our bases. And it's been a while since we've done a cost study. I obviously don't want to us to be subsidizing this program. It's supposed to be intended, I don't want to undercut the market. At this point, the information has shifted a little bit. And I don't know that the budget is the best place to proceed going forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Peterjohn. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Tim, what were numbers last year of travel immunizations? Do you have that off the top of your head?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "Around 850. We delivered around 850 vaccinations to probably 700 individuals."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. If we were to cancel the program. Yet found out in a year or two that we made a mistake. Can we ramped that back up pretty easily? I mean is there somebody assigned just to travel organizations? Or is it just built into the system?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "It's built into the system. We have about 40 percent of an FTE (full time employee) that works on that program, but that's split among two different staff persons. And they do a variety of other things. And so we would be able to work our stock down to the end of the year, if that's the direction we were to go. And then

*at some point and time, if it was to be brought back, we would be able to acquire those vaccinations again. One of the things that we've identified, is that because of the availability of vaccines, we've seen a greater swing in prices and costs associated with those vaccines over the short-term now. So, that is affecting some of the costs we're seeing now too."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Talk about shelf life and volume. Because we do 800 or more, we have the volume to keep a supply. And there is a shelf life. So, if a provider is only doing two a month or three a month. They might not keep that. And it gets old on them. Is there enough volume out there for the bigger players like Walgreen's and CVS to meet that shelf life? Because we can easily, but it gets a little deicer for Primary Care Physicians and other providers. Unless they can stockpile it. And have a volume that meets that shelf life. Can you comment on that?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "I think because of the nature of the materials that they're working with, it's more likely that some of the bigger players. Whether it be Dillon's, Walgreen's, or Wal-Mart. One of those entities that has multiple locations. They can have a stockpile in town. And you may have to go to a different location, but they're probably going to be able to stock those as opposed to a Primary Care Physician. Who's not going see the volume and it may not be worth it for them to stock that."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Is their Central Avenue location? The only place we do travel immunization?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "It is."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "So it's easy to describe that to people that is centrally located and they might not have to go to three or four different places to find a place to be immunized."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct. That's the only place."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Walgreen's doesn't have it or whatever. Or CVS or their Primary Care Physician. The stability of knowing one place that does that seems pretty important to me."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "It is of convenience to the folks that we serve."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "So really, it's cost and not competing with the private side. Are those the two things that we're looking at right now?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct."*

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

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

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "Yes. Tim, so tell me in our budget, we have you know our expenditures and revenues. What was included in our expenditures? Were there things that were not included like overhead, admin or kind of tell me?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "The things that are included in the budget is the expenditures are the direct cost. So it's the staff, time for the partial staff that deliver the service. And then the cost of materials. An estimate of the cost of materials. The vaccinations."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "But no overhead costs are included in that?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "They're embedded in other departmental costs."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "So we've been doing the analysis for a few weeks. We haven't unveiled the new amounts we're going to have to do yet. But the e-mail I got shows, for example Yellow Fever would go up from \$118 to \$193, because of that particular one we won't even be covering our cost. We were losing money on that one, right?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct. Because of the volatility of the price."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Volatility. Now that particular one, so we're going up to \$193. Whereas Dillon's could offer for \$175. So, then we're a lot closer to what it appeared originally. Now."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Have we had availability of yellow fever, in general, sometimes is an issue nationwide. Is it? We had sometimes, I thought, we didn't have it."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "There are occasions when we have to wait for it. We have to order it in."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "We have to order it. To wait for it to get there. Just because, it's a live vaccine, I think, and there's manufacture issues. It's not just. But that's not. That would be everybody."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "They have to send it all across a nation and it can take some time."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "And there are times when we may issue an order for a certain volume and we get less than what we've requested, because they're filling orders across the country."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Now, and you said this is a trend in other Health Department areas. Where they're stopping doing this because it's out there already."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Are we evaluating, I mean, I got this e mail about some of these I can think are isolated to travel, but are we evaluating all of our, the immunization costs. To make, kind of, doing a review. When do we expect to have all of those finalized? Were we will, kind of, publicize and implement that."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "I think in the next 45 days or so. We'll be ready to roll that out."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Ok, so we're still in that analyzing time frame."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Futher comments. Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Tim, this recommendation came from, it didn't come from accounting, it didn't come from the Commission, it came from the Health Department, isn't that correct?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "It was identified as one of those that as we prioritize services, it was identified as a lower priority service. Amongst the things that the Health Department delivers. In large part because there is a market response available."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, so if it's a market response is readily available and the prices are at no particular advantage. And so it's some place were probably our Health Department doesn't need to be competing with the market. At least that's my perspective on it."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "That's the way I looked at it."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "I would, you know, just in general, think that if the market supply is at the same price. And it is available. It's just a responsibility that our Health Department doesn't need to take on. So I'm comfortable with the recommendation. That's all I had, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Just one other question. If we decided to proceed with this, this would take effect, what at the beginning of the year, roughly? And are we prepared to have information available to people on where they can get that. And of course, we can give them phone numbers to call, verify and all that other sort of stuff."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Absolutely. Yeah, we'd close the program down over the remainder of the year."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Over a period of time. To use up the vaccines we have."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct."*

*Chairman Howell said, "My final question would be, is anybody done any analysis's to find out approximately how many places in the community these types of immunizations would be available?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Not a full survey. We have a rough idea of the major players. We have not contacted all of the Primary Care Clinics to know whether or not they offer travel vaccines. But we do know that some of the large new entrant Healthcare providers. Walgreen's, Dillon's, and CVS do offer travel vaccines."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Okay, just antidotally, thinking of the community, all the different places around the community that have those types of retail stores. There must be dozens I would guess. But it's hard to say exactly how many. Potentially, it could be quite a few."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "It could be."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Commissioner Ranzau."*

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I have a question, back to the previous issues we were talking about City Works and McAdams. I know we talked about this yesterday. What new program was identified that's going to be receiving some of these funds?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "It's a program that is offered by Kansas Legal Services and it is an interpreter service for youth. That interact with the Community Correction System. That may not be primary English speakers. It's to help translate for both families and individuals."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, and we review these prevention programs on a yearly basis. Is that right?"

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "We evaluate them to ensure the criteria and prioritize them. Then make adjustments."

Mr. Kaufman said, "Every year, we have a set of outcomes and goals, in the contract, for each contract year. And then we evaluate them on a quarterly basis. And we use that information to help us guide the contract the next year. We do a three year RFP's. And so we just finished up a three year cycle. And we've done the RFP. And we're ready to implement a new cycle in 2017."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Are all these programs on the same three year cycle? Is that what you're saying?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "Yes."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Oh okay, that way you can evaluate them all at once and make changes every three years. The intent of getting the biggest bang for our buck. So to speak. And making sure we're putting money in the most effective programs."

Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. Thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, any other questions or comments from Commissioners? Seeing none. Thank you, Director Kaufman."

Mr. Chronis said, "Commissioners, that's the extent of the comments that were received in the public hearings and the online hearings. If you have further questions, we'd be happy to try and address them. If not, then I would recommend that you consider adopting the recommended budget."

Chairman Howell said, "Very good. Mr. Manager, do you have any other comments you wanted to make? Regarding this. Bring it back to the Board. Commissioners, it's time for us to talk about the budget. Any comments or questions? Motions? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I won't make a motion yet, but I have four things that I'm concerned with. One of them is, some of the paving that we eliminated out of the Public Works budget. I think it's \$1.5 million. But we moved, David moved some money around and it eliminated some those programs that do clean ups of some of the worst township roads. Or repave some that we've paved in the past. I know in my district, I've still got several projects I like to get done, that would clean up some infrastructure. As we look 95th Street corridor study that we're doing. There's some

connectivity as that moved forward. I'd like to make sure that some of the roads are cleaned up. As they will tie in to 95th (Street). If we move that project forward.

"Certainly, I've already said that I would like to look at Senior Center funding, and try to do something in the budget with that. I've advocated for restoring the position that took care of the Community Health Improvement Plan. At the Health Department. I've continued to be very close to that. I actually chair a committee on social determinants on health. That are talks about that portion of the chip plan. And good for some organizations for rallying around that, but I think the health department, certainly has a responsibility to be the leader in the health situations in our community, and defining where we need to go for public health. And we're, kind of, one off from that right now. So if it were up to me, I would entertain that we would restore some of the funding to have a person that thinks about that in our community every day.

"Then finally, just the philosophical thing. I'm not really good with our new debt policy. As it starts to move us down the ladder. I think having the financial conditions we have and the good credit ratings. Gives us a tool in the tool box that we should not diminish. Doesn't mean that we have to use it every year, but with the tax lid that's coming up with the state and some of our own policies. We're going to hamstring ourselves to do really big projects in the future. And I don't see that as prudent. Now, I know we're moving that direction, but I don't mind saying that I'm not really warm to that idea. And at some point, I'd like to see us modify that, if we can. May not do it this year, but some time. That's all I have."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Other comments? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, there's a whole host of comments I like to throw out. Because, I do plan to go out with the comments related to this budget, that I think need to have some details provided. There's a very large expenditure here that we're in the second year of. Most of it, interestingly enough is not county, or local tax funds. Although, the local portion of it is 100 percent funded by Sedgwick County. There isn't any money from any other local units. That's the I-235 and Kellogg project, which has been the number one project for KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation).

"In the South Central Region. The 18 counties, that make up this part of the state. This has been an intersection that's long needed upgrade and work. This is actually just the whole project is over three years, over \$100 million. And the county is putting in over \$11 million out of Public Works. And that's had a huge impact on us going forward, because since there's no municipal funds being involved in this. There's been a lot of confusion on it, because some of the projects related along I-235 have been municipally funded, but not I-235 and Kellogg. It's also been within the budget talking about a deficit.

"Well, if you want to look at the details here. We talked a little bit about the EMS Station. That we're drawing down EMS Funds. That's about \$1.4 million, and if you add that with the Law Enforcement Training Center, which is a onetime project. It's a little bit less than \$3 million. That's over \$4 million. But I think the Law Enforcement Training Center has been a major priority. It's been depending upon who you talk to, it goes back somewhere in the last century, but some of it goes back. Some people will say even to the 1980s. And having this training facility, and having it out in the innovation campus, one time use. We're going to do this. We're going to preserve, which is one of my priorities. The counties Triple A credit rating going forward. And I think the bonding policy that we've moved towards. Is prudent at this point in time. It's going to give us more financial flexibility in the future and I think that it's going to

*benefit all the taxpayers in Sedgwick County going forward.*

*"Having said that, well, there's one thing about this budget that really bugs me and it's nothing new. I think that this County Commission and I think it's true for every other County Commission and every other local government in the State of Kansas should set the mill levy. Not just set the dollar amount and say okay subject to technical adjustments and revisions. Some date later in the future. Depending on upon what the tax base looks out. I think we should be setting the mill levy. I think it's a mistake that we don't. And, of course, that's something I will continue to push for as long as I have the ability to do so, in whatever area of life I proceed to here in Kansas.*

*"I point out that we're continuing to work with complying with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) rules. There's been some confusion as to what we do or don't, but we're operating under ADA and that's a factor. I am comfortable and I want to give some praise to Public Works for coming up with a tool. And I'd certainly be supportive of making the change in the CIP. So that we can make the shift that's been talked about in the funding there.*

*"In terms of the Senior Centers, I think any steps that would take us back to what we had prior to 2005 and the subjective operation. I think would be a mistake. Having said that if we can come up with a better objective criteria, let's go for it. I'm a big baseball fan, and today, there's all sorts of measurements. When I was a kid growing up, it was basically, wins, losses, ERAs [earned run averages], batting averages, and homeruns and few things. And now there are all sorts of measurements that are for criteria. We've better measurements for measuring performance at Senior Centers. Let's put them in place. Let's make them implemented. Let's go forward with them.*

*"Finally, let me throw out this budget contains in funding, a little over \$5.8 million, for the Sedgwick County Zoo. There is a lot of talk about cuts in the (Sedgwick County) Zoo. I see we've got Mark Reed and a number of Zoo staff here today. And the current year budget has a record level of funding. In fact, I was at a forum July 14th where we were talking about this. And there was a consensus that the funding this year in the Zoo, was adequate, and we're on a path for a record level. In terms of attendance, I think in terms of revenue, and the good news keeps coming. And congratulations to Mr. Reed and his colleagues for the recent birth and I'm not sure we have a name yet for the new baby gorilla.*

*"But I remember as a young boy growing up in Columbus, Ohio. The first birth of a gorilla in captivity occurred, roughly a half a century ago, when I was a kid growing up there. I know how popular that was. Whether the gorillas will surpass the elephants I have no idea. I will defer that to my colleague who's on the Zoo Board. Or to the zoo staff who are here. They can probably answer that question better than I can. I would be remised if I didn't point out despite a lot of, what I would call a lot of disinformation. There is current year funding is at a record level. Next year it's going to increase. And looking at my list of comments. I'll be interested to hear what my colleagues have to say. And I'll hold off making any motions until I hear their thoughts."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, thank you Commissioner Peterjohn. Commissioner Ranzau."*

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*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yeah, I've got a few comments and I've got a couple questions for Chris. Couple things, first of all, I will say I agree with Commissioner*

*Norton about the road issue. I'm concerned about that as well. Not just this budget, but in future years. Senior Centers, I do think, I mean, it's been 11 years since we set the criteria. I think it's time to reevaluate and take a look at that. And see how we do that for a variety of reasons. So, I'm certainly willing to do that.*

*"Now, I want to ask you a few questions about debt. First of all, Chris, you made some comments early on here that I agree with, but I want to make sure I didn't miss hear what you said. Didn't you say the use of cash or debt was, I mean, the use of cash for all the projects in this year's budget was prudent."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "And didn't contribute to any financial issues? I can't remember exactly how you said it. See I'm so blown away by what you said that, something to that effect. We're not being fiscally responsible by doing this. That we're taking prudent steps."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "I believe this is a prudent budget. Yes."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Ok, and I haven't prepped you for this, when I ask you a question know when we change for policy with respect to debt. We have lowered, and let me say this, I know we're in election season. So, I would caution everyone who is running for office to be careful about what you say and promise taxpayers, because these things are, this budget is very complicated. I actually had a conversation with a reporter about a variety of budgetary issue. And I many of which, I had to explain. And he admitted these things, okay this is kind of tough to understand and put it together in an article or a sound bite. It can be very complicated, but nevertheless, so just be cautious. That being said, we have instituted a policy says we're going to be less reliant on a debt. It does not say we're going to do zero debt. Is that correct?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Yes, that's correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I'm going to ask you some numbers. I think next year, for example, we could borrow up to \$7 million under our new policy, and I think the next year. And I'm looking at Lindsay too. Could be somewhere, \$20 to \$30 million."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "I believe that's right, yes, I haven't looked at those numbers recently, but that sounds right."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Roughly that. Even with this new policy in 2017, we could borrow \$7 million worth of projects. And after that it balloons up to a significant amount, to the point that we're not going to be, nothing in our horizon is going to cost us all our CIP together is going to cost \$30 million. That we're aware of, is it Mr. Chronis?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Well, perhaps the Richard Ranzau Memorial Courthouse."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, perhaps. Something tells us we can find a way to lower the cost, but nevertheless. So, what I want to say that our new debt policy, while it's tightened up a little bit. Does not make it impossible for us, in my estimation, to meet the future needs of whether we borrow or not. You know, this is my 6th budget, I think I voted for three of them, against two of them, and these are sometimes the most difficult decisions, because you don't ever get everything you want in the budget. You have some good things. You have something's you don't like.*

*"Certainly, I'm proud of the Law Enforcement Training Center that we're going to be able to get done this year. We started last year. Something that's been going on for decades. And starting last year, the county took the lead on that, on the RFP and eventually got that done. And that's a big deal for this community. I'm certainly proud of that and a variety of other things.*

*"When I look at budgets. I don't just look at this year. I look at, as Lindsay knows, you know the five year forecast and the ripple effect it will have in the future. We're doing some good things in this budget, but we also have some issues I think with respect of roads and bridges. We're doing good things in EMS, but I'm also concerned with the possibility of the City of Wichita tries to privatize part of it. That will bring us some financial hardships within EMS. That we may need to respond to later on, that we just have to be careful. We don't know what will happen. You know, we were, there was a lot of criticism last year about our budget. And we cut a couple million dollars, doing some stuff. That affected about three positions.*

*"But people need to realize that the first few years I was here, there were significant hardship. I think there was one year we cut \$13 million and probably 100 positions. And I don't want to have to go through that again. For as long as I am here. So, the decisions I make day-to-day basis and on budgets. It's with an eye to the future. To avoid those types of situations from happening again. Particularly in an environment which the economy is not growing as fast as it has historically, or as fast as what we would like. So in order to prevent some \$13 million and 100 people being laid off sometime in the future. In my estimation, you have to be prudent, make tough decisions. Tough decisions require tough times, excuse me, tough decisions require tough, no, tough times require tough decisions. Is that right, Dave?"*

Commissioner Unruh said, "You got it now."

Commissioner Ranzau "Alright. And it's better, in my estimation, to make those tough decisions little by little, as you go along. Avoid getting out ahead of yourself, so to speak, in certain areas. So, that in the future, it makes slow gradual and prudent increases. So, that you don't get ahead of yourself and sometime in the future, really have to go through some decisions that are even tougher. And so that's where I come from. And that's the balancing act and that's, kind of the things that I struggle with. With this budget as every budget on how I'm going to come out on it. Thank you Mr Chairman."

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

Commissioner Unruh "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I just want to make a couple of general comments in response to some of the comments made up here. The major project that we're involved in is, Commissioner Peterjohn references, I-235 and Kellogg. That's a major, I think, investment for us and it's a huge benefit to our community.

*"I think the rest of the story, many people don't know, and that is we talk with the folks at the City of Wichita about their real need for improvement along Highway 54, 400, Kellogg, whichever way you want to name it. But there were three major projects that need to be done. One was I-235 and Kellogg. At least to the first phase of it. The second one was reconstruction of Webb and Kellogg intersection and the third is Greenwich and Kellogg intersection.*

*"So, in our talks with them. Talking about our resources and what the future might hold. We decided that Sedgwick County would carry the matching funds on I-235 and Kellogg. The City of Wichita would then pick up all the matching funds for Webb and*

*Kellogg intersection and Greenwich and Kellogg intersection. And so that was an agreed upon decision going forward where the two governments could cooperate to improve a stretch of road that's important to everybody in Sedgwick County. So I'm glad we were involved in that and I'm glad the City of Wichita is going to go ahead with their two pieces of that three piece project.*

*"Another comment, lots and lots of conversation about the Zoo. I would just want to make my comment, that I'm really proud of the way that the Zoological Society has managed the Zoo and exercised leadership. In creating for the citizens of Sedgwick County and the whole region a really world class entertainment and educational facility. And the great records we're having this year, that have been referenced, I think is a credit to the staff leadership, and Zoological Society. As they've planned and worked hard to get us to the point we're at. And I think it is the right thing for Sedgwick County government to continue to support that terrific asset we have in our community. And once again, thanks to the society for their leadership. And I'm really pleased that the decision they made in resulting in record attendance and record revenues actually at the Zoo.*

*"So I wanted to just talk about, my perspective on deficit spending. I am not in favor of deficit spending. I realize there's certain times that has to be done. In emergency situations to cover the budget. But, Mr. Chronis, can you tell me approximately what's our deficit spend during this budget year of 2016?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "For the general fund, we are projecting a deficit of \$3.6 million. For all of the property tax funds. All the funds received property tax support cumulatively, we expect a deficit of \$2.35 million."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "And what is the expectation of the 2017 budget?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "In 2017, based on the recommended budget, we are forecasting a general fund surplus of \$319,000 and a cumulative deficit in all of the tax funds of \$4.5 million. And the great preponderance of that \$4.5 million is because of the EMS Posts. That are being funded with the EMS excess cash."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "And those could have been funded with bond funding?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "They could."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "And then those moneys then that we're using out of those reserve areas. If we chose to do so. We could use those for the operating costs of the EMS?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "We could."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Which would relieve pressure on the budget. On the general budget."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "It would, but I would caution against that, because of course the operations of EMS are ongoing. We incur those costs year after year. If we were to fund those costs this year. With the fund balance. That fund balance is not a reoccurring source. So, once it's gone, it's gone. But the cost to carry on and we have to find a way to pay for them."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "I understand that. And I understand that theory. We are deficit spending though this year."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "And next year."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Cumulatively in the tax funds. Yes."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "And the year after that."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct. Yes."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "So, in '18, you have a projection of what it might be and I know everything changes."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Our forecast for '18, for all tax funds is \$6.3 million deficit."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Well, it's a concern to me that we deficit spend at this level. I realize that we have the fund balances to afford that. And that's a comfortable position to be in. And that is evidence of great financial management. So, complements to you, Mr. Chronis and your staff. That we've had over the years. But that has also occurred, or has accrued because we had very judicial views of debt financing for major projects. And I'm concerned that as we are not using debt anymore, and spending down fund balance in the future. That we will put ourselves in a position where we may be facing a crisis. We're not this year.*

*"I understand that, but as a general rule, we're \$2.5 million deficit this year, \$4.5 (million) in '17, \$6 million in '18. Those are starting to be pretty significant numbers. So, and I know one of the major adjustments that we were having to make in this year's budget. Is that, uh, has been referenced that we are reducing million in a half or \$1.8 million in Public Works for some of their road programs. And that's going to result in, I think, we'll end up with a motion on our Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) and recharge that. So, it's not a question. It's an editorial comment that, I think that a continued use judicially of bond funding, perhaps \$4 million we put in Public Works every year. Would off load a lot of this deficit spending. We heard from Commissioners at the bench today, that they like to add some fund funding to Senior Centers and add some funding back to the half million dollars we cut from the Health Department last year. But at our level of deficit spending, I don't think it's prudent for us to increase that deficit. So, I'm not warmed up to adding costs to this year's budget. So, I had a couple of questions, you answered them. I made a lot of comments. So, I'm believe done for right now. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Unruh. I just have one thought on his comments. I wanted just to say that deficit spending. As negative as that sounds. That's using a cash reserves that we have that are considered excess and available. In fact some of these are reserve, like you mentioned, Mr. Chronis, the EMS funds are only going to be used for EMS, for example. But the alternative to this would to services or to do bonds. In other words, to go into debt. And if I'm reading correctly on page 231 of our budget book. We have in this chart, the county is going to be postured to go from \$117,315,000 worth of bonds, down to \$103,695,000 worth of bonds. That's a reduction of \$13,620,000 just in one year. Our debt service is going to go from \$19,221,000 which includes the \$5 million worth of interest, down to \$18.2 million, which is \$4.6 million with interest. So, in other words, a million dollars less cost to the county in our debt service just in this one year. Am I reading this correctly?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Yes, sir."*

Chairman Howell said, "Okay, so again, this is climbing out of the hole. We could go back to the old way and continue to bond things out at the rate like we have been. And I would say to the idea of debt and bonds is just as negative as deficit spending. Our choice really is to either deficit spend and use excess cash. Or to bond. That is a policy choice. The other option is, of course, to reduce what we do. In terms of services and that type of thing. So, it's easy to sit back and be critical about the choice of deficit spending versus bonds or debt. The only other option we have between those two negative ideas, of course, is to reduce services. Which I think is a very negative idea. So, we have a choice between three potentially negative options. Reduce services, more debt, or deficit spending. The three of which, out of those three option I believe that using excess cash that's available to us is a smart choice. But that's just my opinion. Other comments, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, I like to take us back down to a little bit of history. Because while there was a lot of discussion about the supposed cuts last year. In last year's budget. I want to just remind my colleagues and the public that we had real cuts at one point, 2012. We had a budget that was proved to have a three percent reduction in funding for public safety entities and I think it was between six and seven percent reduction in funding for non-public entities, including all the cultural parks, the Zoo, everything that was not public safety. They took a significant reduction.

"It was interesting to see the variance and how that was created at that time. Compared to last year. Having said that, one of the things that changed during that 2012 period was the county had been following a program of paving five miles of road each year. Using cold mix. And that was shifted and stopped at that point. And basically, we went to a reduced program. Tried to super seal, the price on super seal has gone back up, and we're looking at where we can get the best value, the best bang for the buck, and I urge my colleagues to continue to look in that way. I will point out the fact that we've said some talked about bonds and where you go. You can take bonds so far. I mean, bonds is just another fancy word for putting a mortgage on the county and all the property and taxpayers in it. Of course one other tool out there and the Commission has done it in the past. You can always raise the levy. There's a lot of governmental bodies out here that seems to be the recourse of first option. I'm glad that's not been the case here in Sedgwick County.

"In terms of debt policy, I think trying to reduce our debt, maybe I'm a little bit too Dave Ramsey'ish in mentioning that, in terms of debt, sometimes it's useful. I voted for it this year with trying to go ahead with the 271 remodeling. And going forward in terms of how we're going to try to get the best value out of that building. I did want to ask a question to a colleague, if he's willing to stand for it. Commissioner Unruh, you mentioned an agreement concerning Webb & Greenwich Road in terms that the county would pick up 100% and wouldn't be involved in the other two. When did that come before the County Commission? I don't remember that ever happening, do you?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "I don't know the date, and I really don't know the mechanics of how that worked out. That was an agreement that was made."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I don't remember ever voting on that. I don't remember it coming before the Commission. But if it is, it is what it is, at this point going forward. We've got to do the best we can with it. And I'll state for the record, I think, I-235 and Kellogg's project needs to get done and it's going to be, I think, it's at the top of the KDOT list for a reason. There are other projects that have been done in this area, along our interstates, that I view aren't nearly as high a priority as it was. I'm glad it's going forward, but I don't ever remember getting a chance to vote on that

*arrangement. So, I wanted to try to see if there was anything on the record that we could add to that. Thank you Mr. Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you. Chris, I have some questions that my colleagues comment about on the use of debt and I want to make sure I'm understanding everything. We don't have an operational deficit. Is that correct?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "In the sense that you're using the term, yes. That is correct. In a technical sense, in a legal sense, we do expect to incur an operating deficit. In that all our tax funds are operating funds."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Right, but we're doing this for thing, for a CIP project, right?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "The use of some of these excess funds. As you describe them, the way to use them we have to show a deficit in that particular fund, is that right?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, and it's not like the Federal Government, where if they have a deficit, they have to borrow money. We're using the deficit, meaning we have money in the bank that we're going to spend, as opposed to raising taxes to pay for these things."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Yes, that is correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay now, suggestion was made if we were to borrow \$4 million for roads and bridges that would somehow help these deficits for next year. For example, EMS, would that actually help EMS? How would that, would that actually. I guess I'm confused, because I really don't think that the lack of funding for roads and bridges is contributing to this in a significant way. Because we actually, we're not borrowing the money, but we also reduced the amount were actually spending out of the general fund on that. Cause we're using some out of the highways. I think we're spending \$500,000 out of the general fund."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "That is correct. For roads, yes."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "And correct me if I'm wrong. If we were to borrow \$4 million, that would create a bond and interest payment of somewhere between, around \$350,000 a year."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "That sounds about right."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "So, we're taking \$500,000 out of the general fund for roads and bridges. If we borrowed \$4 million, we would have to pay \$350,000 in bond and interest. So, you would have \$150,000 in that particular."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Remember that we're getting into the weeds here."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yeah, I know."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "But remember that the debt service payment that you would make, \$350,000, would not be made until the following year. And so in the immediate year you would gain the entire benefit of the savings."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "But ongoing."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "That is correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "It would be a net of \$150 (thousand). So clearly that's not contributing to our solution for some of these things that we're doing. And this is the difficulty of the budget. Understanding a variety of these things and trying to get this explained. So, it's easy to offer, oh, we'll just do this or just do that, but in the reality of the situation. As our CFO (Chief Financial Officer) said, the use of cash for all of our projects is proper and prudent for 2017. And I think he said that using the EMS reserves for operations would not be something you would recommend. Because they go away and we would end up in the same spot a year later."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "I would not recommend counting on those for ongoing operations."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "For ongoing operations."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "We haven't really done that in the past. That I'm aware of."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "No."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "No. So that would also be not be a prudent thing if you want to look past the one budget. One Election cycle. You've got to understand the implications of all of these decisions and how they are interrelated and how complicated it is. So, and it is not easy to do. It takes how many hours have I spent with you and Lindsay just trying to figure, over the course of six years to figure this out. You cannot figure it out in a 30 second sound bite or a couple of articles in the paper. Or whatever. So, I appreciate your comments. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Ranzau. Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes. I would like to ask a question, if Mr. Kaufman would be willing to come back up to the podium, please. It's on the travel immunizations. Are we currently continuing this program through the rest of 2016?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "That's our plan."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. So, this would change as of January 1 next year."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. I wanted to get that on the record and make sure I wanted to make sure I understood that or not. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Further questions or comments from the Commissioners? Alright. Commissioner Norton."*

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I think we're starting to wind down. It sounds like our conversation, I can't tell. I'm still interested in doing something with the Senior Center, so I'm going to make a motion, see if it gets a seconds."

"I would make a motion that we take care of Haysville, Clearwater, Mulvane, Bel Aire, Valley Center and Sedgwick County, to the tune of \$99,000 and add that to our budget to complete our obligation to the Senior Centers that we've made through the program that we now have in place. Certainly we can look at it in the future, but I think we should meet that obligation and keep them whole with what they are trying to do in our community. So, I would make that motion, and if it fails or goes forward, I'm okay with it."

Chairman Howell said, "Any discussion or second? Seeing none. I have one question. That would be. That do we have an opportunity to review this and make a decision to fund that increase out of our reserves should we make a choice to say, if this doesn't pass right now. Would we have the opportunity during the year to enhance their budget using reserve funds? After today?"

Mr. Chronis said, "You always have the ability to transfer reserve funds into operating budgets."

Chairman Howell said, "The reason I ask that, is because I think there was some discussion about potentially reviewing this program. And finding out if, you know, again, did someone say 11 years since this was developed."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's right."

Chairman Howell said, "I believe that is correct. After 11 years, perhaps an analysis or review of how the program works and potentially a decision on additional funding could be made at any time after today. Commissioner Norton."

#### MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to review and restore the Community Health Improvement Plan person that we had. I think it had an impact of \$52,000, I could be wrong. Whatever that figure is, in that reduction from last year that we restore that person to Health Department.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Mr. Chronis said, "We're going back to a year ago, when we were adopt being the 2016 budget, and at that time the cost of that position was \$48,634."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay. Any discussion? The motion and second. Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask, my understanding is that was the position that was doing a study on every third-year basis and they just completed the study for 2015. Am I correct in that belief on that position, Mr. Kaufman?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "That is correct. It is a three-year cycle in the off years they work with community partners and make sure that the plan is implemented and fulfilled."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Implemented in what way?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "Making sure that the action items that are identified in the plan,

*then, are assigned to community partners or appropriate organizations to implement. And tracks and monitors whether or not those do get implemented. And then begins to track the outcomes that result from those, the plan implementation."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, I will oppose this motion. The position was used to create a plan. It was basically an assault on the tax payer. And it is used in the long run to advance government involvement in our lives that is unnecessary. We made a number of changes in the last couple years to include this year in the budget. This would be the absolute last one. In fact, I would never support it. It is one of the worst expenditures we can spend money on, in my estimation. That's my position. I just want to make sure everyone is clear where I am at on this one. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, thank you, Commissioner Ranzau. Let me ask a question. Does anyone know whether or not the community has picked up this activity? As we talk about this, again, I believe at the end of 2015 we completed the last three-year cycle. And so the product of that was a report, so to speak, that could be utilized in 2016. Which we have right now. We will be starting the process again in 2016 should we have funded this this last year. So, where are we in this cycle, and has anybody else picked up this activity? Thank you."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "It's difficult for me to say that there has been any individual identified to do this. It's been more of a community effort. There are a number of different organizations that are now contributing to that function in a way that's different than what was done in the past. But it is my understanding that there is an intent on the community's part. To continue to complete the plan and do the work. Do work similar to what staff did in the past."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Norton."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "I spend an inordinate amount of my time out in the community on other issues. And it was always a partnership with the Via Christi (Hospital), United Way (of the Plains), and our Health Department to develop this plan. It really becomes a community plan with the guidance from the Health Department. Via Christi is a hospital, and a charity hospital, and has to do a community health assessment maybe every year, but certainly in a cycle of some sort. The United Way, because they are changing some structures, has picked health as one of their key places to promote. And put money along with education and financial income of our community. And us not participating has made it very difficult. Particularly when it comes time to start to implement community programs and to monitor them and make sure that the plans. The things that are developed out of this plan for all the different agencies can easily be monitored and objectively assessed. Because I'm so eminently involved, I do have a position for this. I believe it is the right thing to do."*

*"I don't think it's particularly tied to Federal Government overreach. I mean it's the United Way and Via Christi and our own Health Department and our own community trying to figure out what is best for our community. Yes, it is a segment or a part of accreditation, national accreditation. Which I am in favor of also. And if you tie accreditation to the Federal Government, which it is not, at this present time. Nor will I think it will be anytime soon. I guess you can make that assessment. But I think for the community, it is critically important."*

*"I sit on a work group, and I'm chairing it, in fact, and it's on some social determinants of health. Things that are big, hairy, scary problems in our community, one of them is violent crime. Part of its graduation rate. The other part is children in poverty. They all affect the health, overall health of our community. For a lot of different reasons. I am proud, I am working on those three issues. Will we solve them? I don't know. We're bringing the right people to the table to talk about it and try to figure it out. And that's only a minor portion of this community health assessment. But it is critical work in our community.*

*"We can try a blind eye to it. We can quit talking about it. And we can let it happen, but it is going to let our community be less than it could be in the future. It's like anything else. If you ignore it. If you don't open it up, the belly of the beast and try to figure it out. You will get what you get. So we're deep into that. We are assessing the health of the community, and it has got a lot of fingers that a lot of people very passionate are looking at.*

*"The meeting I had had John Allison sitting right next to me, trying to think about what he can do with graduation rates. I mean, we had some stiff conversations how the community can help the school district get graduation rates up. Particularly in parts of our community that struggle. Because of high transient population. It is a medical desert. It's a food desert. It is highly transient rental property. I can go on and on. I don't know if we'll solve those things very easily, but if we're ignoring them, if we admit they don't exist. We turn a blind eye. If we drive into our cul-de-sac homes and go into our garages and close the garage door and don't outreach to some of those areas that are struggling. We'll continue to get what we always get. So, I believe that's an important position. I understand your position, Commissioner Ranzau, and I hold a differing view. And I will continue to lobby for the good of our community. And work hard, as long as I'm here. To make a difference on those issues, that serve all the population, not just a small segment of it. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton. Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Prior to the adoption of Obamacare. I remember a presentation I heard on percentage of federal spending on health in this country through Medicare and Medicaid. And of course, Medicaid's been significantly increased under Obamacare. And at that time, they were talking I think it was somewhere over 50 percent of health spending was through those two programs at that point. And the programs that followed from them, I think, including SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program) and some of the ones that the state is involved in. And although, I agree that we certainly have to keep our eye on the ball, when it comes to trying to keep this community safe. Whether we are talking about crime. We can prove to the community. Whether we're talking about education. County is deeply involved in both. I don't think adding this position is going to add to any criteria at all.*

*"The accreditation is basically, we are going to move more towards a nationalization situation. And I have very strong concerns about the whole accreditation issue and process, because I think if we're going to have a top-down. The mandates will come. And whether we can talk about, whether the mandate will flow out of Topeka, whether it will flow out of Washington. But our Health Department serves an important function, and unfortunately the state statutes being what they are that control this, give a lot of latitude and leeway. That in terms of trying to look at key functions.*

*"And we're living in troubled times. I saw the report this week about West Nile popping up. Well, okay, we are getting used to that as opposed to Zika. Which*

*unfortunately, it seems to be heading North. And we've got, I think, real public health problems. And thank God the Ebola problem was kept and contained and did not become more widely spread. But this position, I don't think would have any involvement in whether it's education, or whether it's involved in crime, or in, I think, the core functions that the Health Department has. So, I will not be supporting this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Further comments, Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with Commissioner Peterjohn. The idea of spending \$50,000 on a Community Health Improvement Program position with the Health Department will solve graduation rates. Kind of shows the fallacy of the overall argument. Being I don't think anyone believes that's going to happen. If it was that easy, we would have done it a long time ago. School districts spend \$600 million a year, or something, \$500 million a year. That's not how we're going to solve graduation rates. This is not going to happen. Beyond that, I've actually read the report. This is what you need to understand. Of course, all the people involved, Commissioner Norton, talked about sitting around the room, said, oh we have all these problems.*

*"But part of that, I think, it was about three or four different parts in this evaluation. One of them was they surveyed the citizens. And the responses were very surprising, because the citizens said, 'yeah, I have access to food, I have access to healthcare for the most part.' Very good numbers. And the comment was made. Well, we'll have to take a look at this. Because the citizens say one thing, but we've had this other study that says, you know, there's all these problems of people having lack of access to food and everything else. But they go ahead and say, even though there is a disconnect when the population survey. Or the citizen survey was very positive. They still go out and say there's a bunch of problems. And the problem is the taxpayer.*

*"We need Medicaid expansion. We need more spending on this. We need more spending on that. Read the report. So, I think this is really a solution looking for a problem. And as I said, it uses a mechanism to create more government programs and more taxpayer spending, because some people like to get together and think they can tell people how to live their lives. And doing this program. And spending all this time, money and effort. When you look at all the other stuff we have to do. It is not best for our community. Spend that \$50,000 on anything else in our budget and our community would be better off. Particularly when, as I said, there is a disconnect between what the people said and what people in charge of the program has. Disregard what the people said. We just have all these problems and it is a taxpayers' fault. We just need to spend more money. And so, I can't support that. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I am going to be supportive of the motion. I think our Health Department is an important part of our service to this community. I think that we need to have persons who are involved in the community discussion with other partners. And to have input and to receive input to bring back to our Health Department officials. And to provide advice to us. I think, this is in light of our budget, this is not a huge monetary issue. This just is a philosophical issue, whether or not, we should be involved with our other community partners to do a good job as a Board of Health. And so, I'm going to be supportive, because I think we should be involved. That's all I have."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Unruh. I have one question. Is it*

*possible for us to authorize the FTE but not necessarily budget it today? In other words, is it possible just to authorize the FTE without actually allocate dollars to the position? In other words, we would have a decision later on to make whether or not to use other funds to fund this position?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Yes."*

*Chairman Howell said, "That is an option. Alright, Commissioners, any other questions or comments?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Commissioner, if I might, before you take a vote. Commissioner Norton, your motion was that \$48,634 be added for the community health assessment position. But you didn't indicate where in the budget. What adjustment in the budget, you wanted to make to accommodate that. I'm assuming that you intend that we make a corresponding reduction in the operating reserve."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "Yes."*

*Mr. Chronis said, "Okay."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright, Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Just a procedural question here. Since we've got some adjustments on salary and benefits. That's a figure from last year. Would we need a different number, the figure to be adjusted?"*

*Mr. Chronis said, "It very well might need to be increased by a few thousand dollars, but once a budget is adopted. If this position is in it. We can make whatever minor adjustments might be needed to get to the right dollar amount from internal transfers."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. I wish that this would have been a conversation that we had earlier. This is something that just came up during this discussion of the budget. So, I am a little bit uncomfortable having to make a decision on the fly. On this one, but I would wonder if the maker of the motion would be willing to amend his motion. Saying that to amend the budget to authorize the FTE, but have a later discussion with more thought regarding the dollars. Whether they actually would fund and fulfill this position."*

*Commissioner Norton said, "I would prefer that we go ahead on vote on this motion. If it doesn't pass, I may make a secondary motion to that effect."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Well, I agree with the comments of Commissioner Unruh earlier. I do believe this is more a philosophical discussion about whether we want to have this community health assessment done or not. And not so much an impact on the budget. More of a discussion whether or not we should be doing it."*

*"I took the time to go to the Tulsa Health Department visit, not too long ago, and this was a major discussion for two days, frankly. And I guess I understand the concerns of Commissioner Ranzau, but I guess to me this is more of a thing of what should we be doing. Trying to understand the community health, where we're at. So I guess, it's going to probably upset a couple of my colleagues, I think, I am going to be supportive of the motion today. Any other discussion? See none. Madam Clerk, please call the vote."*

VOTE

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

Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Further discussion from Commissioners? I have one that I would like to raise since no one else has brought it up yet. Discussions with Director Spears, regarding CIP amendment. In the budget we are moving some money out of the Public Works. Moving us from a five-year maintenance program to a six-year program, and with that is about \$1.8 million change. And I think the Director Spears is recommending the change in our CIP. That would allow him to move some funds within his overall budget. So, I only have one question before I make this motion. Can you talk about what would happen at the 87th Street Project in the Derby area in 2018? Will I still be able to do the second mile, is my question?"

Mr. Spears said, "The 87th Street project between Rock and Webb, there would be no bearing on that. That is this year's funding and we are designing that. And we are going to have an agreement with Derby. They are going to pay part of that. So that mile is unaffected."

Chairman Howell said, "What about the mile that would be done in 2018? I've made a commitment to the Derby area for a two-mile project."

Mr. Spears said, "Right. What we are trying to do is in this next year. We are going to look at the cold mix operation again with possibility of using a pug mill. In some manner, we will need to get back to building cold mix roads or super seal roads, because we have 150 miles of roads that have to be addressed. And so we want to do the program, but in the case of '17 with the budget. When we're getting cut \$1,833,000 we are going to put the funding that you are giving us in the best spot. And that is to move it from R342, which is a super seal, over to R175. And we will get the biggest bang for the buck. But we do need and there's going to be an analysis made. Of buying a pug mill going back to cold mix versus super seal."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright."

MOTION

Chairman Howell moved to the 2017 Capital Improvement Program be amended by eliminating the Cold Mix and Gravel Road Replacement Program referred to as project R342, and reallocating its budget \$1,500,000 to Preventive Maintenance on Selected Roads program, referred to as project R175.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, other discussion. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just want to make a statement. That there's been plenty of people down in at least the south part of my district. That have voiced concerns about township roads that they would like to have put in a cold mix or slurry seal process. Over the years, I've tried to prudently rank those and be sure that I am communicating to the citizens that we have that program. We're working on a mile a year. And I just want to be sure that it is on the record that I like that program. It's been good for my district, you know, I have been able to pave a road that goes by Greenwood Cemetery. I've been able to pave a road that goes out to Starwood Girl Scout Camp. Those are pretty good projects that have people traveling considerably and not having to run on a gravel road that may or may not be in great condition. So,

*over the years, I've seen value in that program. I'm sad that we are cancelling it. Hopefully we can restore it with some decisions next year, but I wanted to be sure that citizens in my district that have been looking forward. Maybe, to their road being in the system. Know that we are cancelling. That's all I've got."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. My response that and this is a one-year amendment to the budget this is not anything after 2017. Again, in 2018 decision will still be ahead of us. Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to remind everyone that in 2012 when we moved away from a one-year, doing paving five miles a year. In my district, which encompasses within the county road system, almost half the total miles of the entire 600 miles that the county has. I've got by far in the third district has the largest share. And has over half the bridges in the entire count of 582 in the county system. So, you're looking at a Commissioner who got plenty of phone calls from citizens who would absolutely love to have a cold mix road or super seal, I believe it was, but we did a limited number of those projects.*

*"Having said that, I'm getting tremendous support. Maybe not as much as I wanted, but tremendous support and positive feedback on the idea of finishing trying to get the parking lot at the extension office paved. And dedicated part of the mileage I had this year, because the highest priority project I had was tied to a school. But they needed relatively short distance, and using the rest to basically to try and get that parking lot at the extension office paved. It was a priority that is going to be left not completely finished unless, Mr. Spears is able to pull a Public Works rabbit out of his top hat. I don't see him shaking his head yes. So I will take that as, we'll make as much progress as we can.*

*"But we are not going to get where I think we ultimately need to be. Having said that, in 2012 when we made the budget adjustments. We changed and didn't do the program every year. We went back to every other year and this is a one-year decision. It will be left going forward. There's a lot of things we can do. If you want to raise the mill levy. And there's been a lot of talk about raising spending, right and left. The county can be more like the Federal Government and the State Government. And you can go down that road. I don't think that's wise or prudent, or even necessary. In fact, I think it's detrimental. But that's a decision for the future. And I have the responsibility. And it is one I take very deeply for this year's budget. So, I'm going to be supportive of this motion.*

*"I think the idea if we can get longer life from our roads and stretch it out. Whether it's for five years to seven or six or some other number. I mean, that's a challenge I have put to Mr. Spears all the time. Trying to get the best value for the buck for every tax dollar that goes into Public Works. I think the county has got a great road system. Public Works does a fine job. Our bridges and roads are in great shape and also put in a plug here for stream maintenance. Some of the other things Public Works does, too. But I will be supportive of this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, my understanding was the savings from the road program was going to be moving from one place, replacing once every five years to once every six years, which is something I support. And if we want to do that, I am not quite sure why we need to eliminate this program. Which I actually think is important. So I'm just a little perplexed by that. I prefer to implement the plan I thought was originally proposed. That's all my comment, thank you."*

Chairman Howell said, "Let me respond to that. If I understand correctly, we only have one contract that's providing the product that we've been using recently in the last number of years, and the cost of that program has doubled in recent years. It has gone drastically upward. I would like to reflect on the day reporting issue that's happened between the county and the city just in the last year and a half or so. It is interesting to me that the county was paying approximately \$845,000 to provide services for the folks involved in the program on behalf of the city. The city renegotiated that contract, they were able to do that for \$400,000. The reason I bring that up is I think that we need to I guess, take a pause on this program and find out if we can find a more affordable way to do this program over time. And if we don't take a pause, I think that discussion probably will not happen."

"So, I think this going to be a key in allowing us to reflect on maybe better ways of doing the program. Maybe find some other competition or maybe some in-house ways of doing this. So with the new pub mill, potentially. Along that line, also I do trust Director Spears to make good decisions for his department, and he's actually asked for this. And I think we as Commissioners ought to allow him some flexibility within his umbrella to make those funds go where he thinks is best. So Commissioner Ranzau, further comments."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I would be willing to put a pause on this, but I would suggest that we set aside that \$1.5 million for the cold mix and gravel road replacement program, in the future then, as opposed to moving it to preventive maintenance. Now, I support preventive maintenance, but once again, the idea was we went from one to five to one to six, and so we don't need that money in that particular program, so if we want to put a pause on it, hold that money. And find someone else who can do it and move forward. I would be supportive of that. I think that would be a better route to go. Thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes. Just for the record to add. The county road system, we've got about eight percent of the county roads are unpaved at this point in time, and most of them, like bridges and what I mentioned earlier, I think, each of us have some in their commission districts, but district three has the most. Thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, we have a motion and second. Any other discussion? Okay. My final comment, I just wanted to just summarize my comments earlier. I wanted to give some discretion to the Director Spears and this is something that he asked for. And I'd like to support it. Seeing no other discussion. Madam Clerk please call the vote."

#### VOTE

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

Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Other comments, discussions, or motions from Commissioners. Alright. Since we have amended the budget slightly, do we need to have an updated motion versus what has been recommended to us here? No."

Mr. Chronis said, "Nope."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Seeing no other discussion."

MOTION

Chairman Howell moved to I would make a motion, then. I move we adopt the resolution for the 2017 Sedgwick County budget that includes an operating budget of \$406,091,994, and 2017 Capital Improvement Program of \$64,935,564. The total operating budget is partially funded with property tax levy of \$133,201,437, which is approximately equivalent to 29.359 mills based on the estimated assessed valuation, subject to review and technical adjustments.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Howell said, "Alright."

Mr. Chronis said, "Thank you."

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

Mr. Scholes said, "Commissioners, real quick. Before we move on from the budget, as a County Manager, I get the opportunity to recognize outstanding employees. And I would be remiss at the end of this budget cycle. Is that I didn't recognize a couple. In the first case I would like to recognize Lindsay, if she could come up. She loves being recognized, but as I said coming in here, you know, we have a responsibility to recognize good work in our county. That's one thing I am going to improve on and make sure happens. In this case I would like to recognize her and I am going to give her one of my coins. And I have a card that I wrote up for her that see can keep for posterity, but it says 'Lindsay, for exceptional meritorious public service during the annual budget process, your dedication, technical expertise, and professionalism assisted the County Manager's efforts to produce the 2017 recommended budget.' I would like to thank you. Here's the card and give you a coin. And only a few people have these so far, but I would like to give you that, and shake your hand. And thank you for your hard work.

"And the second one, I would like to recognize, really is the whole budget team. You can't do it without them. They are always there. Lindsay is the behind the scenes. She kept us on track. Basically our consciences pointed in the right direction. But I also like to recognize Chris, if you would come up, please. I know he doesn't want to be recognized, but it is really the thankful public servants. You got to recognize the public servant's heart. He is truly one of those. And he has been a good advisor for me on many occasions. For this I would like to recognize him. 'Chris, for exceptional meritorious public service during the annual budget process, your leadership, technical expertise and patience assisted the County Manager's efforts to produce the 2017 recommended budget.' Thank you very much."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Manager. It is great to recognize excellent public servants that we have doing an excellent job. I am extremely proud of their work this year. Actually, looking at our agenda that's ahead of us. I think we have been going a little more than two hours. I think it would be appropriate at this time for us to take a short recess. So, I would like to, let's go ahead recess until 11:15. Thank you."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed from 11:08 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

Chairman Howell said, "Alright folks, I'm going to go ahead and call us back to order. We are ready now to continue down our agenda. Madam Clerk, next item, please."

E [16-498](#)

PUD2016-05 - ZONE CHANGE FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO PUD #50, THE ANDRA COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF WEST MACARTHUR ROAD AND WEST OF SOUTH HOOVER ROAD (DISTRICT 2).

Presented by: Scott Knebel, Senior Planner, MAPD.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) and approve the PUD; authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution and authorize the resolution to be published.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Scott Knebel, Senior Planner, MAPD (Metropolitan Area Planning Department) greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today is a requested zone change from rural residential to the Andra Commercial Planned Unit Development. If I could get the screen to advance here. There we go. The site is located on the Southside of MacArthur Road, approximately halfway between Ridge Road and Hoover Road. In the unincorporated area of Sedgwick County, immediately adjacent to the corporate limits of the City of Wichita. The overall site is approximately 15 acres. The site sits within a larger ownership of almost 40 acres, 38.8 acres, of which the balance the applicant is proposing to continue to hold as a common development.

"And have the area outside the black line, the bold black line, but within the lighter black line, and the lime green area. Be a open space buffer between the proposed commercial development, which is primarily an event center. And nearby single-family residential developments, which are located to the north and to the east of the property. The applicant's proposing that the property be developed with what is technically defined by the unified zoning code as a night club. Although, they are restricting the method in which that night club could be operated as a facility that is limited to 500 persons. Limited to a rental venue as to opposed to something that is open for business on a routine basis. The rental venue would cater to wedding receptions and other types of special events. Otherwise known as an event center in our code.

"The hours of operation would be limited from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M., excuse me, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 A.M. to midnight on Sunday through Thursday. There is an outdoor area associated with this event center. Its hours of operation would be limited from 10:00 A.M. To 10:00 P.M., with outdoor sound amplification limited to 8:00 P.M.

*As well as having the speakers oriented to the interior of the site. Associated with this night club or event center, the applicant also is asking to be able to do agriculture, community assembly, broadcast recording studio, farmers market, and then have office, restaurant and retail. The event center itself will have somewhat of an agricultural theme. And will have associated farmers market and other types of agricultural displays associated with it.*

*"This is the aerial photograph of the site. You can see the entire site undeveloped presently to the North and to the East is developed single family neighborhoods in the City of Wichita. This shows the comprehensive plan, future growth map for Wichita. It does indicate that this site was anticipated to be further expansion of residential development. That was primarily based on the development pattern in the neighborhood, but obviously the existing property owner is proposing a different use. Which the staff report and the minutes that you have has been determined by the Planning Commission and planning staff to be consistent with the comprehensive plan. This shows the initial layout, shows a single drive out to MacArthur Road, a paved parking area adjacent to the single structure that would house the event center, and that would be adjoined, then, by a restaurant, retail operation, to the East of that. There is a pond on the property that would be associated with an outdoor area, South and East of the existing building that would also offer outdoor type events. Then you can see to the Westside of the property, proposing a gravel overflow parking area. So the majority of the parking would be paved, but overflow would be surfaced. But surfaced with gravel rather than asphalt or concrete. This is what the site looks like today. You can see it is a agriculture field.*

*"This is across the street to the North, you can see existing single-family homes that have been in the neighborhood for 20 years or more. This is the East neighborhood, which is a little newer than the neighborhood to the North, but still prominently fully developed single-family residential neighborhood. And then this is to the West where you have unincorporated area. You have actually a relatively large flood plain for the Cowskin Creek. And not much development primarily agricultural development. Planning Commission heard this request, recommended approval unanimously. There were no citizens that spoke at the hearing. We have had no protest petitions filed on this request. And the recommended action is that you adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and approve the requested planned unit development. With that, I'll stand for questions."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Knebel. Is anybody here from the audience that would like to speak on this agenda item? Alright, Commissioners, what's the will of the board?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the findings of the Plan Commission and approve the PUD (Planned Unit Development), authorize the Chair to sign the resolution, authorize the resolution to be published.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Commissioner Ranzau                   Aye  
Chairman Howell                        Aye

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

**Adopted**

F     [16-499](#)

ZON2016-23 - ZONE CHANGE FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO SF-20 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF EAST 71ST STREET SOUTH AND EAST OF SOUTH 127TH STREET EAST (DISTRICT 5).

Presented by: Scott Knebel, Senior Planner, MAPD.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) and approve the zone change; authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution and authorize the resolution to be published.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Mr. Knebel said, "This second item is a zone change request from the Rural Residential Zoning District to the SF-20(Single-Family Residential) zoning district. The site is located East of 127th Street East on the Northside of 71st Street South. It is a 40-acre undeveloped site. The applicant is proposing to develop the site as a residential neighborhood called Tiffany Breeze that would have 18 lots and a reserve, those lots would range in size from 1.5 acres to 2.9 acres. The rural residential zoning classification requires that the lots be a minimum of two acres. So, that's the reason behind the request.*

*"They requested the zone change for the entire development as opposed to just spot zoning on those lots that are smaller than the two-acre minimum. The site itself, as you can see, from the aerial, is in an area where you have rural residential subdivisions located immediately to the West as well as in the general vicinity to the North and to the East. The site is just outside the urban area of influence of the City of Derby, approximately a quarter mile East of their boundary.*

*"This is the layout of the subdivision. It would be a single loop road with lots on either side of that loop road. Middle of the loop road to the North, there is a proposed extension of the road system to the 40 acres to the North so the neighborhood could expand at some point in the future to include the vacant property that is North of that. To include residential development, if that's the desire at some point in the future, and in the interim, that will provide access to that property for continued agricultural use.*

*"This is the site as you can see, it is agricultural field today. This is looking East of the site. It is not real clear that there's numerous residences in this area, but it is a relatively developed area as it relates to rural residential use. This is south of the site, where it's agricultural, and then West of the site, you see there isn't single-family residence, but there's primarily agricultural use immediately adjacent to it.*

*"The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request. There was one Commissioner that voted against it. There was some discussion about provision of street paving on 71st Street South. And I think they did indicate that in their discussion that that's why they voted against it, but I believe that's the case. There were no citizens that spoke against the request and we have had no protests filed. The recommended action is to adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and to*

*approve the zone change. I'll stand for questions."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Mr. Knebel, I am very familiar with this road because it is in my district. But, I am curious, Cook Airfield to the East of that. Were they part of the notification, were they aware of this?"*

*Mr. Knebel said, "They would not have been part of the formal notification, because the notification area is only 1,000 feet. And they are further than that. We did not hear from them, so whether they were aware or not. I would venture a guess that they were, only because they are using the same representative to handle their case before the Planning Commission, as this particular property owner is. So I am guessing that there probably was some dialogue. But I am not aware of it."*

*Chairman Howell said, "I should have brought this up earlier. As I thought about this, in the last day or two, and I wish I had some information from Cook (Airfield) on this. But I believe they have a master plan for a West runway that's parallel to the current runway. It would be a larger runway. I am not sure if that's something they are planning in the next five years or twenty years. I don't know what the plan is. But they have a master plan that shows a west runway that would be parallel with the existing runway. And it would be a larger runway. I am curious if that would be any, if that plan would be impacted by this, a PUD change today."*

*Mr. Knebel said, "Well, certainly anytime you are considering locating an airfield. You are going to consider the existing uses that surround it. The operation of the particular type of airfield that Cook operates, I think proven to be compatible with residential development. In fact, their expansion that they are doing to the south, they are going to be building residences immediately adjacent to the runway. Typical concerns that you have with flight safety as it relates to these types of runways. Are the homes that are immediately located at either end of the runway for a certain distance. And certainly this subdivision would not be in that circumstance. Given the prevailing winds, you wouldn't have, I can't imagine you would have a runway alignment that would place this property at the immediate end of a runway."*

*Chairman Howell said, "The other concerns, of course, would be noise and air traffic and things like that over their houses. And that type of thing. Let me think about this for just a moment. Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "Scott, in the discussion at MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Commission), was there any comment about providing that agricultural access through a residential area? Was that considered to be any kind of problem?"*

*Mr. Knebel said, "It was not considered to be an issue. And the access was agreed upon between the two property owners. So, to your point, I'm sure the two residences that are on either side of that. They are going to have to be made aware that there is an access easement that runs along their property line. And that, you know, probably a couple times a year there's going to be tractors and combines and so forth that go through there. But there was no concern expressed."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Alright. Thank you."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Any other comments or questions? Let me throw out there, again, I would like to understand this potential conflict between Cook Airfield and this development. Would it be reasonable and prudent to delay this for a couple weeks for me to get answers to those questions? Would that cause any trouble to anybody's plans, that you are aware of?"*

Mr. Knebel said, "I don't believe the applicant is here. You know, from my standpoint, you are going to pay me to be here regardless. So, it is not going to slow me down any. I can tell you that there is some and perhaps the legal staff will want to chime in on this, I think, there is some shaky ground on considering not approving an application for land use based on some speculation. That somebody else might file an application for land use in the future. That they have not filed of record as of yet."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay, so just an awareness of someone else's plans, and future conflict would not be a justification for me to vote no."

Mr. Knebel said, "Well, typically the way those things are handled. The planning documents themselves make provision for that likelihood of future use in the area. And as you can see, on (I know we have it) on our current plan, we do not have any indication. This is the current future growth concept map that has major air transportation as a potential land use. Now the Cook Airfield certainly is not a major air transportation. It is probably more of a minor one, but there is no indication that we anticipated that that was going to occur. So you couldn't, I don't think, fall back on your planning document as saying 'well, we are trying to mitigate some impact for some planned future development,' because you haven't as a County Commission adopted a plan that indicates that's the future plan. So it is really, kind of a hearsay, or speculation at this point, until it's entered into the official record. 'Cause there was no mention of it at the Planning Commission hearing, either."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay."

Mr. Knebel said, "I think probably if you do have an interest in there being that item considered as part of this. Probably the most reasonable action for the Commission to take is item three on your alternatives, where you return the item to the Planning Commission. Stating that you think the Planning Commission should consider this potential future expansion of Cook Airfield in their decision. And decide whether they want to change their recommendation based on that or not. Rather than having this discussion about whether there is a potential development, and its impact on this development outside of normal process. I think from a land use standpoint, you are much safer having those discussions occur in public hearings as opposed to outside them."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay. Again, I am not even sure there is a plan. I just heard this probably a year ago. That they had that plan and I don't know how serious that is."

Mr. Knebel said, "I have never heard of it. And I know the gentleman that run the Cook Airfield. They never mentioned it to me. If that's worth anything."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Again, as you said before, there was some overlap between their expansion of the current runway. And the folks that are working on that. And this plan, there's been some challenges."

Mr. Knebel said, "Yes. It is the same land surveyor that's handling both projects."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay. Well, part of me says I understand the wisdom of sending this back to MAPC. But if I had a simple answer to that question, it would be easy for us to make a decision here. I would really like to approve the recommendation of MAPC as is. I don't know that I need a lot of delay in this, necessarily. Again as you said, if MAPC was to consider it, it would have to be because they were within the 1,000 feet radius. And I don't think that is going to

change.”

Mr. Knebel said, “Right. In terms of the written notification area, it is a thousand feet. And I believe their boundaries is a quarter mile. So, 320 feet further than the notification area.”

Chairman Howell said, “Is there other ways the community around this development would have been notified of this?”

Mr. Knebel said, “There are two other ways in which notification is provided. There are signs posted on the property notifying people of the development application, as it's called. And then it's also published in the newspaper.”

Chairman Howell said, “Alright. Well I guess based on that, I would probably go ahead and move forward. So, I will step out there and make the motion.

**MOTION**

Chairman Howell moved to we adopt the findings of MAPC and approve the zone change, authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution, authorize the resolution to be published.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

Chairman Howell said, “Alright, thank you. Next item, please.”

**Adopted**

**G**     [16-509](#)

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 4, 2016.**

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of the Board and Bids of Contracts of August 4th results in four items for you to consider this morning:

1. **BUS PASSES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.**

“Recommendation is to accept the pricing for Wichita Transit at the rates listed;

2. **FLATBED UTILITY TASK VEHICLE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

*"Recommendation is to accept the quote from Alternative Support Apparatus LLC doing business as ASAP, in the amount of \$27,003;*

3. *COLLECTION IS SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES;*

*"Recommendation is to accept the best proposal from Account Recovery Specialists Incorporated and establish contract pricing for one year with two one-year options to renew;*

4. *WEED CHEMICALS FOR NOXIOUS WEEDS DEPARTMENT.*

*"Recommendation is to accept the bid from Van Diest Supply Company for the amounts listed and establish contract pricing for one year."*

*"Be happy to answer any questions you may have, and I recommend approval of these items."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Very good, anybody from the audience want to speak on this agenda item? Alright. Seeing none, any comments or questions from Commissioners?"*

**MOTION**

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

*Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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

**Approved**

**CONSENT**

- H**     [16-485](#)             Bridge Agreements for Capital Improvement Projects B472, B489, B490 & B491.
  
- I**     [16-497](#)             VAC2016-00014 - Request to vacate a portion of platted complete access control on property generally located west of North 183rd Street West on the south side of West 29th Street North (County District 3).

- J**     [16-500](#)     VAC2016-00020 - Request to vacate a portion of a platted drainage reserve on property generally located west of North 183rd Street West on the south side of West 29th Street North (County District 3).
- K**     [16-440](#)     Agreement with the Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services and the Area Agency on Aging for the Senior Care Act (SCA) FY 2017.
- L**     [16-461](#)     Third amendment to the lease agreements between Keith Bomholt and Sedgwick County for apartments for COMCARE's Permanent Housing Project.
- M**     [16-470](#)     Agreement with Horizons Mental Health Center for Psychiatric Supervision and Consultation Services.
- N**     [16-471](#)     Amendment to agreement between Sedgwick County and Behavioral Link.
- O**     [16-520](#)     Resolution authorizing Sedgwick County to participate in the Kansas Local Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Area IV and appoint two (2) members to serve on the Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB).
- P**     [16-474](#)     Agreement between the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas and Sedgwick County to provide job readiness and professional development services to Community Corrections clients.
- Q**     [16-475](#)     A Resolution Amending Section 8.810 of the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections Policies and Procedures Manual.
- R**     [16-487](#)     A Resolution Amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 3, Section 2-127 of the Sedgwick County Code to Remove a Reference to the Kansas Coliseum.
- S**     [16-480](#)     A Resolution Amending Chapter 20, Article I, Sec. 20-2 of the Sedgwick County Code.
- T**     [16-483](#)     Resolution authorizing certain individuals to execute documents and make deposits and withdrawals in the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool.
- U**     [16-490](#)     Reclassify position 20006011 due to a change of job responsibilities.
- V**     **16-472**     Order dated 7/12/2016 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
- W**     [16-510](#)     Treasurer Claim Certification.

- X [16-505](#) General Bill Check Register for July 20, 2016 to July 26, 2016.
- Y [16-507](#) General Bill Check Register for July 27, 2016 to August 2, 2016.
- Z [16-508](#) General Bill Check Register for August 3, 2016 to August 9, 2016.
- AA **16-506** Payroll Check Register for the July 23, 2016 payroll certification.

*Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager greeted the Commission and said, "I recommend you approve Consent Agenda items Hotel (H) through Alfa Alfa (AA)."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Fire District Number 1 from 10:38 a.m. and returned at 11:48 a.m.*

**Approved**

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Chairman Howell said, "Alright. Commissioners or Mr. Von Achen anything for legislative issues today. Okay. Commissioners, the lights are, there we go. Commissioner Peterjohn.*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I will just mention it is important to monitor there will be interim legislative committee hearings going forward, and that will be something we need to keep an eye on. Plus, obviously, the courts maybe weighing in here on their own schedule, too. So that may have implications, but it's probably second or third order. And just for the record."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you for your comments, Commissioner Peterjohn. Further comments on legislative issues. Seeing none, Madam Clerk, next item."*

**OTHER**

*Chairman Howell said, "Is there any comments from Commissioners on other? Commissioner Peterjohn."*

*Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, I would be remiss if I didn't point out that August 10th is an important day in American history. And I think anyone who*

*goes into our nation's capital, almost everyone who is a visitor to our nation's capital ends up in one institution that the history of isn't really understood real well. I am going to take just a minute. There was a fairly obscure British scientist, he fairly successful financially, named James Smithson, and he never set foot in the United States. To the best record that anybody can recall, he never corresponded or had any communications with anyone who lived in the United States. And when he passed away in 1829, he put a provision in his will. That if his nephew who is his only surviving heir, passed away without any children. That his estate would then go to the United States of America that found the Washington, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.*

*"Well, in 1835, his nephew passed away, and had no heirs or descendants. So this landed in Congress's lap. They didn't know what to do with it. Took them over a decade. On August 10, 1846, President James Polk signed into law, legislation that established with the half million dollar bequeath. Of course, be probably talking hundreds of millions of dollars, the establishment of the Smithsonian Institution. And of course, that now has a collection of 19 museums, nine research centers, and has over 136 million items. So, August 10, an important day in American history. Just wanted to add that for the record. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Peterjohn. Any other comments for Other today? All right. Seeing none. Madam Clerk, I think we are ready for executive session. I don't think we have a need for executive session today, Mr. Manager, there is not one planned. So, we are not going to do that. Anything else for the meeting before we adjourn? Commissioners or Mr. Manager. Alright. Seeing none, we are adjourned."*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.*

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