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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

INVOCATION: Pastor Dave Fulton, St. Paul's Lutheran 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

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, I do have one person signed up to speak to the Commission this morning, on the public comment. Commissioner Norton did you have a comment now?"

Commissioner Norton said, "We can take public comment, but I do have a comment after we take public comment."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay, I'd like to ask Cybil Strum if you're here, please come up to the..."

Commissioner Norton said, "She just left."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, very good. Tell you what, while we're waiting for her, if she wants to come back that's good, if not we'll go ahead and go on. Commissioner Norton, your comments."

Commissioner Norton said, "I just wanted to let people know that yesterday, a very sad day in Haysville. We attended the memorial service for Randy Dörner, who was the Public Works Director for many years in Haysville. I worked with him as Mayor and have continued to work with him as Commissioner."

"Randy had been with the city for 27 years. Public Works Director for 20 years. He'd served on the Storm Water Advisory Board, on the Solid Waste Committee for the county, had been involved in many, many things that had to do with the county and the City of Haysville."

"It's a real loss to that community. Well over 300 people attended yesterday at the activity center which he helped build when I was Mayor. It was a very fitting day for a public servant that dedicated his life to making part of at least my district and this county better every day. So, sad day in Haysville and I wanted to recognize Randy, his family, his wife Sandy, his son and his sisters. A very sad day for our community. That's all I have."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Norton, appreciate that. On public

agenda if there is not anybody here to speak at this time, I think we're needing to go on. So, Madam Clerk, next item please. Is she here? I saw she was here, but I think she may have left. So, if she comes back we may give her a chance to speak still, but let's go ahead and go onto the next item please, thank you."

Received and Filed

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [16-781](#)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2016.

All Commissioners were present.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of October 5, 2016.

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, "Alright, next item, please."

Adopted

APPOINTMENTS

B [16-767](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DR. DAVID WALDIE (COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor greeted the Commission and said, "Agenda item B is a resolution appointing Dr. Waldie to the Wichita, Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board. He would be Commissioner Norton's appointment to that Board. I've taken a look at the paperwork, it appears to be in order. I would urge adoption of the resolution and Dr. Waldie, for your information, will not be present as far as I am told."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, thank you for the information. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved adopt the resolution.

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, "Alright, thank you. Next item, please."

Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

- C** [16-747](#) **CONTRACT RENEWALS TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS TREE
RECYCLING POINTS FOR THE CITIZENS OF SEDGWICK
COUNTY.**
Presented by: Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the agreements and authorize the Chair to sign.

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Many people buy real Christmas trees this time of year and when they're done with them they often ask the question: how do we get rid of the trees? The county has an option for them besides just sticking them out next to the trash can. We have 22 Christmas tree recycling sites, located around the county.

"Ten of those are in the City of Wichita and 12 are located in the smaller cities. These sites are where people can bring the Christmas tree when they're done with them, drop them off and our Parks Department comes by with a grinder, chips them up and the chips are then available for free for anybody to pick up.

"These sites will be open from December 22nd through January 23rd. We always open the sites prior to Christmas, because we know some people leave town and want to get rid of the tree earlier. We also request that people try to remember to take the bulbs and lights off of the trees. You'd be surprised how many we get with the bulbs and lights still on them. So, just a reminder to do that.

"Now, I mentioned there were 22 sites, those sites will be listed on our Sedgwick County website: www.sedgwickcounty.org or people can call our department (316) 660-7200 to have any questions answered. We will also be advertising in local newspapers and on social media. So, we're trying to get the word out there for people to know about these sites.

"County's been doing this since 2001 and when we started this we had 5 year contracts for the sites, we work with the communities to pick the correct sites where people can easily get in and out and drop the trees off. So, before you today, there are 16 contracts representing 22 of these recycling sites. I recommend that you

approve those contracts and ask the Chairman to sign. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Howell said, "Well, thank you for the presentation. I do have a couple questions."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Sure."

Chairman Howell said, "I am curious, are these sites managed and monitored? Or, do people just show up and drop them off at the right place?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "They just show up and drop them off. We have orange fencing around the area and we have signage to let them know where they are. But, it'd be too expensive for us to have someone stay out there. We really don't have any trouble with illegal dumping at these sites, that's been very good."

Chairman Howell said, "That was actually my next question. I appreciate that. I'm curious, do any of these cities that are on this list, do they have their own limb collection sites? Do they dispose of limbs and trees on their own?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Some cities do have that, such as the City of Haysville actually has limb collection sites. They also do their own Christmas tree recycling. So, these were in addition to what any other city might do."

Chairman Howell said, "I don't see Haysville on this list here, so they're not providing a site in Haysville because of that?"

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

Chairman Howell said, "Does Derby still have a collection site for limbs and trees? I think they do."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "I think they do."

Chairman Howell said, "But, they're on this list?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Right."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay, alright well, very good. Well, thank you for the information. Any other questions or comments? Is there anybody here from the public here that would like to comment on this agenda item, Christmas tree recycling? Alright, seeing none, Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

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>

Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Chairman Howell	Aye

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, very much. Alright. Let me just take a little bit of a break here. I'm going to ask, does Cybil Strum still want to speak to the Commission this morning? Would it be agreeable to the Commission if we go ahead and allow her to speak at this time? I'd like to go ahead and ask you to come up to the podium and speak if you'd like to. Its okay, before the next agenda item, if you would like to speak now, this would be a good time to go ahead and do that. I'll give you a few minutes to say what you need to say this morning, thank you. Please, state your name and address for the record."

Ms. Cybil Strum, 326 North Walnut, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here because I purchased a house from a Laverne Becker. I paid it off May 26th, 1994. While all this stuff was going on I ended up not getting the deed. I've contacted the county courthouse about this and I feel that since the house is paid off, I should get the deed.

"But, I went to the Register of Deeds department and they said that they would not give it to me. I just feel how would anybody like it if you purchased a house, you bought it and you did not receive the deed? I've been paying property tax ever since 1992.

"I paid off the house, May 26th, 1994. I went to register, Realty Title. Which if you remember had trouble and then they got transferred to First Security Title. It's been passed on and on and on. I'm urging you guys to give me my deed. I deserve it. I mean, if you bought a house, you scraped up dimes and nickels to pay it off and then the Register of Deeds people say we're not going to give it to you because Becker did not sign it off.

"I have proof, in my purse right now that I did pay it off. An appraiser also came to my house and stated it was in my name. When he did the appraisal, appraisal or whatever and I'm upset, I'm angry, I'm frustrated. I need to know why. Why is the Register of Deeds holding it hostage? To me, it's hostage.

"I mean, I went down there and I told them, look, I paid it off. I lost \$30,000, \$30,000 is not easy to come by. When I called the Postal Inspector I got the run around. When I called other commissioners I got the runaround. I don't want no more runarounds. I want my deed and I want it now. I'm tired of people telling me its okay, live with it.

"See what, it's got to be, I have to say this, I tried to go to the (Wichita) Eagle to get this done. I have proof if you like to meet with me afterwards, stating that I have paid off the house. The house has been paid off, but they put Lavern Becker as the owner. She is not the owner I'm the owner. When I got the house, I know you've got two minutes, when I got this house it was a shack. You know what a shack looks like. No floors, no windows, no proper heating. I had to put new plumbing in because copper was not supposed to be. I ended up having to put a new roof, the shed was a mess. I had to put shot gun, yes shot gun, you know what a shot gun is. Shot gun shingles on the shed because a historical lady came out and said this is a 1910 home.

"I want my deed. I'm done with everything. I'm done hearing Lavern Becker owns it. I want justice."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay, we'll we've heard your comments this morning, thank

you for that. With that we'll probably talk with you later about this I would guess and get some resolution if we can. Okay?"

Ms. Strum said, "Thank you, so much for listening."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, potentially, we may have some comments or questions. Commissioner Peterjohn."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to receive and file the comments.

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>

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, very much."

Ms. Strum said, "Thank you, so much, for listening and believing."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, Madam Clerk, let's go on to the next item."

Approved

D [16-743](#)

AGREEMENTS WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BoCC) AND THE CITIES OF ANDALE, KECHI, AND GARDEN PLAIN TO RECEIVE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT THROUGH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL (SCAC) PROGRAM.

Presented by: Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Health Director, Division of Health.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the terms of the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, said, "Before we being this, I'd point out that items D, E and F all pertain to Animal Control Agreements of one type or another. Even though they differ a little from each other they're all the same basic topic. I would suggest that we kind of walk through all of these at the same time and then vote just one time. It's up to you, but it might be easier for everyone."

Chairman Howell said, "If that's acceptable, we probably would like to do that. Let's go ahead and hear the presentation."

Ms. Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Health Director, Division of Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'll be presenting the many agreements with several second and third class cities located within in Sedgwick County, to receive animal

control services through Sedgwick County Animal Control.

"On October 5th, 2016 you approved a request for the Division of Health to establish and enter into new contracts developed with standardized language to provide three different options for cities to select based on their level of need for animal control services and to formalize mutual aid agreements with second and third class cities located within Sedgwick County.

"The new contract provide three options, full service, limited service and mutual aid. Both limited service and full service contracts include animal pick up and mutual aid. The full service contract provide additional enforcement and prosecution services. The mutual aid contract was established for the provision of mutual aid assistance only for either the city or the county in the event of an emergency situation involving animals.

"Andale, Kechi and Garden Plain will have full service agreements to receive animal control services and enforcement through Sedgwick County Animal Control Program. Cheney and Viola will receive limited animal control services, which includes animal pick-up and mutual aid. Derby and Valley Center to receive mutual aid control services through Sedgwick County Animal Control Program.

"I recommend that you approve the terms of the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, well thank you, Director Byrne-Lutz for the presentation. Is there anybody from the audience that would like to speak on this agenda item? See none, Commissioners, any questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve items D, E and F.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell, said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Yes, just a quick question. Since these are agreements that we're working on going through. How long has the county been involved with having agreements with some of the second and third class cities? This is quite a while isn't it?"

Ms. Byrne-Lutz said, "At least 20 years, it's been a long, a long time. Some of the contracts were established in '97 and before."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. I think that is important to have in the public record. Thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, any other questions or comments? We have a motion and a second, a motion from Richard Ranzau, Commissioner Ranzau and a second from Commissioner Unruh and no other discussion, Madam Clerk, please, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Commissioner Peterjohn Aye
Commissioner Ranzau Aye
Chairman Howell Aye

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, that took care of three items off the agenda. So, Madam Clerk, next item, please."

Approved

- E** [16-765](#) AGREEMENTS WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BoCC) AND THE CITIES OF CHENEY AND VIOLA TO RECEIVE LIMITED ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES THROUGH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL (SCAC) PROGRAM.
Presented by: Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Health Director, Division of Health.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the terms of the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Action on item E was taken with item D.

- F** [16-766](#) AGREEMENTS WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BoCC) AND THE CITIES OF DERBY AND VALLEY CENTER TO RECEIVE MUTUAL AID ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES THROUGH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL (SCAC) PROGRAM.
Presented by: Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Health Director, Division of Health.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the terms of the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Action on item F was taken with item D.

- G** [16-779](#) REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 23, 2016.
Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting that was conducted on November 23rd of the Board of Bids and Contracts, resulted in one item that we're presenting to you.

1. 2017 RECOMMENDED INSURANCE RENEWALS – RISK MANAGEMENT.

"This recommendation is to accept the insurance premium renewals as listed for an estimated total cost of \$728,214.70.

"I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding these renewals and

recommend approval of the item."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, for the presentation. Is there anybody from the audience that would like to speak on the agenda item? Seeing none, Commissioners, questions or comments?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell said, "We have a motion and a second any final discussion. I have one question that is, this is obviously not the lowest bid. There was some other factors though, I'm just curious about the numbers in the matrix here. This is not the lowest bid and I'm just curious is there any things that were considered that were driving this to be the one that's being the one that's being recommended to us this morning?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Let Mr. Mick McBride from Risk answer that for you, sir."

Chairman Howell said, "Just for the public..."

Mr. Mick McBride, Risk Manager, Risk Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioner, which matrix are you looking at?"

Chairman Howell said, "I'm looking on page 66 the items (inaudible) something here."

Mr. McBride said, "Is it the five-year matrix?"

Chairman Howell said, "Oh its different years, I'm sorry. Okay, now I see what's going on. Thank you, very much. Commissioner Ranzau straightened me out. I just didn't read the matrix correctly. This is just a renewal and it's for different years shown here. So, this is just another year."

Mr. McBride said, "Yes, this is a five-year history from '13 through current."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay, I was looking at the numbers at the bottom of the matrix there and I didn't see the top of the chart there. Alright well, I don't have no other questions. I've embarrassed myself enough, so with that Madam Clerk, please call the vote."

VOTE

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

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

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

Approved

CONSENT

Mr. Tom Golden, Deputy County Manager, greeted the Commission and said, "Recommend that we, you adopt consent agenda items Hotel through Whiskey. I know that's a lot but I recommend."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell said, "We have a motion and a second to adopt the items Hotel through Whiskey on the agenda. Any discussion? Seeing none Madam Clerk, please, call the vote."

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, "Alright, thank you, and since we do have a Fire District meeting now, I will go at head at this time at this time recess the Board of County Commission."

The Board of County Commission recessed into Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1 meeting at 9:25 a.m. and returned at 9:27 a.m.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

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| H | <u>16-746</u> | One (1) Temporary Construction Easement and One (1) Right of Way Easement for Sedgwick County Project 624-35-4056; Bridge replacement project on Pawnee between 127th & 143rd Streets East. CIP# B478. District 5. |
| I | <u>16-775</u> | Resolution authorizing the redemption and payment of taxable industrial revenue bonds issued for the benefit of Beechcraft Corporation and the sale and conveyance of certain property to Textron Aviation. |
| J | <u>16-782</u> | A Resolution Modifying Chapter 2 of the Sedgwick County Code Pertaining to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board by Rescinding Resolution No. 33-2007 and Resolution No. 58-2009, and Redefining the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioner Appointments, Appointment Terms, and Purpose of the Access Advisory Board. |
| K | <u>16-753</u> | Resolution designating the Sedgwick County Park Superintendent as Contracting Agent for Lake Afton Park and Sedgwick County Park, |

and Establishing guidelines relating to such Agreements.

- L [16-707](#) Fiscal Year 2017 Older Americans Act Title III B Vendor Contracts with the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging.
- M [16-751](#) Retail Dealer's Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for Cheney Lanes/D'Mario's Pizza located at 1635 S. 383rd Street West, Cheney, Kansas 67205.
- N [16-752](#) Retail Dealer's Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for Kwik Shop #706 located at 3601 E. 47th Street South, Wichita, KS, 67210.
- O [16-744](#) Reclass Traffic Assistant Position.
- P [16-768](#) Establish 2017 Sedgwick County Holidays.
- Q [16-772](#) Revise Sedgwick County Personnel Policies
- R [16-739](#) Treasurer Claim Certification.
- S [16-770](#) Plat.
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2015 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

HARP SUBDIVISION.
- T **16-756** Payroll Check Register for the November 12, 2016 payroll certification.
- U [16-754](#) General Bill Check Register for November 9, 2016 to November 15, 2016.
- V [16-755](#) General Bill Check Register for November 16, 2016 to November 22, 2016.
- W [16-758](#) General Bill Check Register for November 23, 2016 to November 29, 2016.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, any items this morning for legislative issues? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well Mr. Chairman, we had some discussion yesterday about the Labor Department rules that have been put on hold by a Federal District Judge in Texas, FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act) and the impact that might have on Sedgwick County and going forward. I think it might be wise for this body to consider at some point whether we might want to put together a federal legislative agenda the way we have a state agenda, because this rule is one of many. But with

the challenges we face, I think particularly when I consider the Public Works issue relating to challenges in the animal kingdom that have been a continuing opportunity for interaction between Sedgwick County and the federal government and federal rules concerning waters of the United States.

"We've had some discussions concerning storm water in a variety of other mandates that have come out of Washington. I think it might be worthwhile for this body to consider putting together a federal legislative agenda the way we have a state one. Being in a position to try and push for that so the three members of congress who represent Sedgwick County would at least have our position going forward."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, thank you, for those comments Commissioner Peterjohn, let me just dovetail into that I think some of the items on the legislative agenda actually have connections to federal policy as well. So, I see your point and I think that I would be supportive of that idea."

"We're in the process right now of updating our legislative agenda. I would like to see us consider how to add federal issues to that legislative agenda that we would like to see and clarify the position

of Sedgwick County. I would be supportive of that. I think the comments that you made this morning are very fitting and accurate and I think it would be the right course of action for us to take. So, I don't know how to handle that going forward if we would want to talk about that in a staff meeting or how that's handled, but I guess I'll just hand the issue over to our management staff and ask you to work that out."

Mr. Golden said, "Yes sir, we'll, we're working with the legislative team we'll incorporate that somehow, someway to add that to our legislative agenda for the upcoming year, sir."

Chairman Howell said, "And since we have all five commissioners here in an open meeting I'd like to ask if any Commissioners here have an opinion on this matter besides myself and Commissioner Peterjohn. Anybody want to make any other comments regarding this is a good idea or bad idea or something you would support or that you would oppose I'd love to hear from you now. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I would support this, this is something I've, we've had discussions about for a few years now. I think it's a good idea."

Chairman Howell said, "Very good. Any other comments? Questions? Anything else for legislative issues before we move on? Alright hearing none, Madam Clerk, next item, please."

OTHER

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, Commissioners, any comments for other this morning? Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Unfortunately, we've lost, I appreciate Commissioner Norton's comments earlier. But, this week we also lost Susan Goico. She was the wife of State Representative Mario Goico, of the 94th District. Which is the house district where I live. There'll be a rosary tonight and a funeral service tomorrow morning at 10:00 [a.m.]. My thoughts and prayers are with the Goico family. Susan's a dear, dear person. She and Mario have been tremendous contributors here in the community."

"I also want to commend my colleagues, with our invocation and flag pledge, it's been interesting to see we had one university, I think in Massachusetts. They took down the American flag. I think that's disgraceful. Flag burning seems to be going on in New York City now, as my view fighting words, but maybe a discussion for a broader day.

"I'd like to turn for a moment to a lighter subject. One for many years and there's been a lot of disinformation out there, but for many years I think over a decade now I've, Peterjohn's family's has had a zoo membership. I recently received a copy of the Zoo Tracks and I think they're on track for a record year in terms of attendance. The elephants are very popular out there at the zoo. A lot of folks going out there to see that exhibit.

"But, on the back page of this there was a lot of information out there that I think the whole community should need to see in terms of the zoo's finances, how the zoo's operating. This is the 2015 data and our communications parts have been kind enough to put together some slides for this.

"But, the first slide we have here it shows the revenue for the zoo. I mention this because, you know in the decade we've had, Peterjohn's family's had zoo memberships and my campaign and myself in terms of our contributions, we've contributed thousands of dollars to the zoo and the memberships and donations in various forms. I want to get this in context, because if you look at the chart that's up on the screen at the moment the counties contribution in terms of the county contribution actually exceeds the admissions, concessions and memberships. That's over \$5.4 million dollars.

"Zoobilee income and other income the zoo gets is a little over \$1.5 million. The admissions, concessions and memberships all together are \$4.9 million. I think those are significant numbers in terms of understanding the size and scope. We've got over 100 county employees who are working out at the zoo full time. If we can go on to the next slide, please.

"There's been a lot of questions about zoo cuts. This information that has occurred and I think it was very, very disappointing, because if you look at the actual amounts and taxpayer funding and to just give a lit bit of context, one mill in property tax funds, these are property tax funds that are helping to fund the zoo. One mill is about, is roughly about \$4.5 million.

"You can see in 2015 its \$5.4 million. It's growing this year to \$5.6 million and change and next year its \$5.8 million. Only in Washington and government finance would this be considered a cut, but there is a lot of talk about the cuts at the zoo and I think it's been absolutely the disinformation that's come out from the media.

"I think it's important that the citizens here in Sedgwick County know that the zoo's receiving not only a significant amount of funding but and increased amount of funding. In 2015 there was a supplemental that I did not support, but provided an extra \$5.3 million for the new elephant exhibit out at the zoo.

"So, I think that's very important numbers in terms of the taxpayer contributions that's occurring here in Sedgwick County for this incredibly popular facility. I think there on track for record attendance this year. If we could go to the next slide, please.

"You can take a look at the split between county taxpayer funding agreement, 48 percent for 2015 and the donations, contributions, sales of items, zoo memberships, attendance out at the zoo, 52 percent of the funding. I think Sedgwick County's

contribution here is incredibly generous and needs more appreciation that it hasn't received. I think we've got one more slide left.

"If you take this funding of \$5.4 million and divide it by the attendance last year of almost 600,000 that's, the tax payers are supporting each person going to the zoo over the tune of a little over \$9 per person.

"The zoo's had an absolute wonderful year. I think they've on track they may be able to not only set a record, but they may be actually attendance of over 700,000. There's going to be a celebration, a final Zoo Board Meeting. They're going to have a celebration for celebrating Mark Reed's retirement. They're going to have a gala at their December trustee meeting out at the Wichita Country Club on December 14th. Unfortunately I've got a family commitment and won't be able to attend. But, I want to wish Mark well on his retirement and let folks out there know about the celebration and the activities out at the zoo since it's a very important aspect of what goes on here in Sedgwick County.

"Mr. Chairman, I'd be remiss if I didn't point out also in this other section. I'm going to switch topics here just a little bit. But, November 30th is an important day in American history. Interestingly enough on this date one of true American classic heroes of American literature Mark Twain was born. Of course his actual name was Samuel Clemens. He was born November 30, 1835 and in a 1890 address in Boston, he let loose on some foreign critics of the United States talking about the fact that the United States and America were being criticized that we really weren't truly citizens. We weren't a real civilization and had never contributed anything to the betterment of the world.

"Of course this was 1890, and a lot of things America had invented at that point, Thomas Edison was at the apex of his contributions and we'd imported, we'd had immigrants coming in here like Nikola Tesla who even with this disagreements with [Thomas] Edison contributed mightily to a variety of points.

"But, Clemens and his address in Boston talked about the fact that the American Revolution was a turning point in world history in terms of bring forth the idea of liberty. He said that at that time 'we are called the nation of inventors and we are. We could still claim that title and wear its loftiest honors if we had stopped with nothing the first thing we had ever invented, which was human liberty.

"He talked about the fact that a lot of American critics would be, he called them examples of ingratitude. Mr. Chairman, I point this out because the way things continue in history, looks like history continues to repeat itself.

"I'd also point out the fact that on November 30th, albeit 1943, Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin met at the Tehran conference and adopted and agreed to the idea of an invasion of Europe became Operation Overlord. So, November 30th is an important day in American History. I wanted to provide that for the record, thank you."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Peterjohn, for those comments. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "I just wanted to give some public recognition and a shout out to one of our citizens who won some, a national competition recently. Young man named Corbin Rios who lives in Park City, entered into the apprentice category in a competition for electrical workers.

"He's a second year electrical apprentice. I think that's a four year program. So, he's only about half way through it and they had a finals competition after going through preliminary's down in Florida. He went down there to apply his trade in this competition. It was a competition that was sponsored by Ideal Tools. But at any rate, this young man who's a resident of Park City, won the national competition and with that came a \$30,000 check for him to help him with his training costs and so forth.

"Secondly, the local union group The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, won a \$5,000 check because he came through their program. But, this is through their job apprentice training center which is on 800 block of West 13th Street. But, was able to celebrate with him yesterday in a little ceremony and just wanted to say that Corbin Rios, nice job and you represented our area very well. So, congratulations to him. That's all I have Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, Commissioner Unruh. I'd like to go into a couple comments on a great celebration for the Derby community they just won the 6A football state championship game again this last Saturday. It was a great competition. This is the second year in a row for Derby High School to win that highest honor. I mean the state football championship team. This is the fourth time in their history that I could find at least. They had one in the early '80s, they had one I believe was in 2013 and the last two years as well.

"So, the last few years they've been extremely hot on the football competition. So, good job to Derby High School football team. With that, I don't see any other comments from commissioners. So, Madam Clerk, next item, please."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Howell said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to recess the Board of County Commissioners into executive session for 15 minutes to consider consultation with an attorney for this commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 9:56 a.m., the Executive Session is required to protect the County's financial interest and right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position.

Chairman Howell 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>

The Board of County Commission recessed into Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. and returned at 10:08 a.m.

Chairman Howell said, "I'd like to say there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. With that Commissioners, anything else before we adjourn, any final

issues? Mr. Counselor, or Mr. Manager anything else today before we adjourn."

Mr. Yost said, "Nothing for me."

Chairman Howell said, "Okay."

Mr. Golden said, "No, Mr. Chairman, we don't have anything else."

Chairman Howell said, "Alright, well I think we're at the end of the agenda, so with that we're adjourned."

Approved

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.