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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

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

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### *MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

#### *REGULAR MEETING*

*February 8, 2017*

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 8, 2017 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner Michael O'Donnell II; Commissioner David Dennis; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner James Howell; Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager; Mr. Thomas Golden, Deputy County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk; Ms. Joan Tammany, COMCARE; Mr. Preston Goering, Director, Preventative Health; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Department of Public Services; Ms. Lindsey Poe-Rousseau, Director, Budget; Ms. Misha Jacob-Warren, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Jon Von Achen, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Laura Billups, Deputy County Clerk.*

#### *GUESTS*

*Ms. Martha Linsner, Appointee  
Mr. Gary Bond, Appointee  
Mr. Bill Johnson, Appointee  
Mr. Art Gentry, Appointee  
Ms. Marilyn Bower, 156 North Sedgwick, Wichita  
Ms. Stephanie Stats, Regional Clinic Director, The Little Clinic  
Mr. Dean Benton, Dillon's, Division of Clinical Care  
Mr. John Todd, 1559 North Payne, Wichita*

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION: Reverend Gary Brooks, Aldersgate United Methodist Church.**

## **FLAG SALUTE**

## **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **Roll Call**

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Chairman Unruh said, "I don't have any notice of anyone who wants to speak on public issues, not on our agenda, so we'll go to the next item."*

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**Adopted**

- A     [17-199](#)           REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2017.  
All Commissioners were present.

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Dennis made a motion to adopt the regular meeting minutes of January 11, 2017.*

*Commissioner Ranzau second the motion.*

*There was no discussion and a vote was called.*

*VOTE*

<i>Commissioner Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner O'Donnell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."*

**APPOINTMENTS**

- B     [17-198](#)           RESOLUTION APPOINTING BILL HANCOCK (COMMISSIONER  
MICHAEL O'DONNELL'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK  
COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.  
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Item B was taken with item C.*

*Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We actually have a number of appointments this morning. I've kind of got them in little groups that kind of make sense to segregate them so, if you don't mind I'd like to take up the first two.*

*"Item B is the re-appointment of former Commissioner Bill Hancock to the Public Building Commission. He had been appointed for the last four years by former Commissioner Norton. Commissioner O'Donnell has recommended that he have another term. His term expired February 1st, and this would be for a full four years that would expire on February 1, of 2021.*

*"The paperwork appears to be in order, I don't believe he's going to be present to be sworn in, but I would urge adoption of the resolution."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "And Mr. Counselor did you also want to take item C?"*

Mr. Yost, said, "If you'd like to do that, also for the Public Building Commission is being recommended by Commissioner Dennis that Ms. Martha Linsner be appointed to the Public Building Commission for a term also to go through February 1, of 2021. This had been held by Mr. Gary Bond whose term has expired and so the paperwork does appear to be in order and I think Ms. Linsner is present to be sworn. So, I would urge adoption of both these resolutions and that we swear in Ms. Linsner."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioners what's the will of the Board? Commissioner Denis."

Commissioner Dennis said, "Ms. Linsner is in the audience today. She is involved in just about everything involved in the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, now Arts Council, I believe. Just about anything you can imagine she's got her fingers in. She's also the president of the Title Company of Kansas, so I think she'll make a great addition to this commission. I move we adopt both these appointments."

#### MOTION

Commissioner Dennis made a motion to adopt the resolutions appointing Bill Hancock and Martha Linsner to the Sedgwick County Public Building Commission.

Commissioner O'Donnell second the motion.

There was no discussion and a vote was called.

#### VOTE

Commissioner Dennis	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner O'Donnell	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "We have the County Clerk, Kelly Arnold here to swear in Ms. Linsner."

Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Please raise your right hand, I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the state of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Public Building Commission, so help me God."

Ms. Martha Linsner said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations, if you would like to say thank you, go right ahead."

Ms. Linsner said, "Thank you, Commissioner Dennis for the appointment, and for the full Commission for passing this resolution, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item."

**Adopted**

DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Item C was taken with item B.*

D [17-187](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BOBBY STOUT (FORMER COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Resignation.

*Item D was taken with item E.*

*Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, I'll go ahead and jump right in there. Items D & E are somewhat related they both pertain to the Sheriff's Civil Service Board. Item D is the resignation of Bobby Stout from that board. He had been Commissioner Norton's appointment. Commissioner O'Donnell is recommending that Mr. Gary Bond be appointed to that. That will fill the vacancy of Mr. Stout through January 15, of 2018. The paperwork appears to be in order, I believe Mr. Bond is present to be sworn. I urge adoption of the resolution, both resolutions."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board? I will, okay, Commissioner O'Donnell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I was just going to urge adoption of the resolution and like Mr. Yost acknowledged Mr. Bond is here in the audience today. It's just fortuitous timing with him coming off the Public Building Commission and being able to fill out the term from Bobby Stout who has served for 16 years on the Sheriff's Civil Service Board, and I know that Gary's going to be a wonderful addition to that board and has a heart for law enforcement which I know the Sheriff is going to appreciate, so thank you, Gary for being willing to serve."*

#### MOTION

*Commissioner O'Donnell made a motion to adopt the resolution to appoint Mr. Gary Bond to the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Civil Service Board.*

*Commissioner Howell second the motion.*

*There was no discussion and a vote was called.*

#### VOTE

Commissioner Dennis	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner O'Donnell	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

*Chairman Unruh said, "And Mr. Bond is here to be sworn in by the County Clerk."*

*Mr. Arnold said, "Raise your right hand, I do solemnly swear I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the state of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Sheriff's Civil Service Board, so help me God."*

*Mr. Gary Bond said, "I do."*

*Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."*

*Mr. Bond said, "Thank you. Thank you, Commissioners, for approving this appointment and thank you Michael, for thinking of me. I just wanted to say a quick little story. In 1968 my mom married Phil Bond and he was a policeman. I had three, two other brothers, two smaller brothers and so we did not know a whole lot about law enforcement. We didn't know about doing the right thing, so at that time he adopted us three boys and changed our names to Bond, so we're very proud of that.*

*"We were thrust into law and order at that time. So from then on he was my daddy. He served on the Wichita Police Department for 30 years. In between there he had a little stint on the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department also. So, I kind of grew up through the Junior High [School] time and the High School times and onward with, in a law enforcement family.*

*"I remember, I was just going to say in 1979 when there was the Herman Hill riots, he usually was a third shifter but at that time he was called in early to help with the riots down there. We we're all worried as a family, you know, at that time, so we kind of know what they go through.*

*"My brother also is with me today, back here David. He has served on the Sedgwick County in the jail for 18 years. So, I also have a father and a brother, so I have a littler perspective on that. I feel privileged and I feel honored to be asked to serve on this board. Especially now knowing that I'll be taking Bobby Stout's position makes it even more impressive to me, thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you Mr. Bond, I appreciate your willingness to serve and it's clear that you have a background and a heart for carrying out this assignment, so thank you."*

*Mr. Bond said, "Okay."*

**Adopted**

**E**     [17-186](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING GARY BOND (COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'DONNELL'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Item E was taken with item D.*

F [17-176](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN TODD (FORMER COMMISSIONER KARL PETERJOHN'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 8, 2017.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.

*Item F was taken with item G.*

*Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, items F and G pertain to one of the seats on the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. Item F is the resignation of Mr. John Todd who had been the appointee or recommended appointee of former Commissioner Peterjohn. So, F would be to accept his resignation and item G is the appointment of Mr. Bill Johnson, by the recommendation of Commissioner Dennis to that position.*

*"This would fill the vacancy of Mr. Todd through August 31, of 2017. Both items appear to be in order. I'm told Mr. Johnson is going to be present. Mr. Johnson is here to be sworn. I would urge adoption of both of these resolutions."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, Commissioner Dennis."*

*Commissioner Dennis thanked the Chairman and said, "First of all I do want to thank John Todd for his service on the MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Commission). I was, had the pleasure of serving with him for several years as we both were on the MAPC.*

*"But, I also want to thank Bill Johnson, who is here in the audience today, again I had the pleasure of serving with him for a number of years on MAPC, so I know that he will do a great job, and I appreciate him accepting this appointment, and I move that we adopt the resolution for both the resignation of John Todd and the appointment of Bill Johnson."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, and I will second that. "*

MOTION

*Commissioner Dennis made a motion to adopt the resolution for both the appointment Bill Johnson to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, and the resignation of John Todd.*

*Chairman Unruh second the motion.*

*There was no discussion and a vote was called.*

VOTE

Commissioner Dennis	Aye
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner O'Donnell	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Mr. Johnson, would you like to step over to the podium and be sworn in."

Mr. Arnold said, "You'll have to turn this way a little bit, okay. I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the state of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, so help me God."

Mr. Bill Johnson said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Johnson said, "I'd just like to thank Commissioner Dennis for appointing me and also the support of the rest of the Commission. I'll try to do a very good job for City of Wichita, Sedgwick County Planning Commission."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you, and we know you will Bill, you'll do a great job. Madam Clerk, next item."

**Adopted**

**G**     [17-189](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BILL JOHNSON (COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Item G was taken with item F.*

**H**     [17-196](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CAROL NEUGENT (FORMER COMMISSIONER TIM NORTON'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 8, 2017.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.

*Item H was taken with item I.*

Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, items H and I are also related to a position on the MAPC. Item H is for us to accept the resignation of Carol Neugent. She has been the appointee of Commissioner Norton. That creates a vacancy that runs through August 31, of 2017.

"Item I appoints Mr. Art Gentry to fill that vacancy until August 31, of 2017. He is being recommended by Commissioner O'Donnell and the paperwork appears to be in order, and I know that Mr. Gentry is present to be sworn. I would urge adoption of both these resolutions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "Yes, Art Gentry is a friend



*of mine, served on the City Council in Clearwater, a great community servant and we've just shared a lot of mutual friends and I appreciate his willingness to serve. Also getting some people from outside of the City of Wichita, I thought was very important to be on this board and his qualifications even pass Wes Galyon's test. So, I was very concerned about that, but I appreciate Ms. Neugent's support and I did not remove her, nor did I remove Bobby Stout, they both resigned so that's why these openings are there. But, I just thought it was pretty phenomenal timing so that Mr. Gentry could serve on this very important board. So, thank you, Mr. Chair."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "And that was a motion to..."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yes, that's a motion to accept the resolution."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "I will second the motion to accept items H & I."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner O'Donnell made a motion to accept the resignation of Carol Neugent and to adopt the resolution to appoint Art Gentry to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.*

*Chairman Unruh second the motion.*

*There was no discussion and a vote was called.*

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner O'Donnell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Unruh said, "And Mr. Gentry is here to be sworn in."*

*Mr. Arnold said, "Please, raise your right hand, I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the state of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Wichita/Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, so help me God."*

*Mr. Art Gentry said, "I do."*

*Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."*

*Mr. Art Gentry said, "Thank you. Thank you Commissioners and as Commissioner O'Donnell mentioned I served on the City Council of Clearwater back in the early '80's and the Planning Commission in the late '90's there. Served in the Navy during the Vietnam conflict and so I'm serving again. So, thank you very much, for the appointment."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Gentry, I appreciate your willingness to serve. Okay, Madam Clerk, next item."*

**Adopted**

- I     [17-197](#)     RESOLUTION APPOINTING ART GENTRY (COMMISSIONER O'DONNELL'S APPOINTMENT) TOTHE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Item I was taken with item H.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- J     [17-175](#)     ACCEPTANCE OF A \$110 DONATION FOR THE SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION.  
Presented by: Marilyn Cook, LMCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE.

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

*Ms. Joan Tammany, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm filling in for Marilyn Cook, who's in Topeka for a contract negotiation meeting this morning. Before you, for consideration is a donation to the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Coalition, in the amount of \$110.00. We don't know much about the donors but, we know that they have a commitment to building awareness around suicide and suicide prevention.*

*"So, we ask that you approve or accept the donation and approve the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation and thanks to the donors. We do know that the funds would be well utilized by the prevention coalition to continue its education awareness building around suicide and suicide prevention."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioners are there any questions? What's the will of the board?"*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation."*

*Commissioner Ranzau second the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Before we call the vote, I'd just like to express my appreciation, one for the donation, I know that those sort of funds will be used wisely. But, also just want to express appreciation for the Suicide Prevention Coalition and the work they do in making us all aware of this defect that we have in our society. It's a, we hope that they can spread that awareness that probably the best prevention for suicide. That we just need to be aware of it and take actions when we see signs. So, with that I think we're ready to call the vote."*

#### **VOTE**

Commissioner Dennis     Aye  
Commissioner Ranzau    Aye

Commissioner Howell           Aye  
Commissioner O'Donnell       Aye  
Chairman Unruh                Aye

*Ms. Tammany said, "Thank you, Commissioners."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, very much, next item."*

**Approved**

**K**     [17-143](#)

REQUEST TO RE-INSTATE FUNDING FOR COMMODITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,143 TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DIVISION OF HEALTH ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2017 TO PROVIDE TRAVEL IMMUNIZATIONS.

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the request to reinstate funding in the amount of \$138,143 to purchase travel immunizations and authorize the Chair to establish budget authority.

*Mr. Preston Goering, Director, Preventative Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm standing in this morning for Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, who is away on family business. The Division of Health has provided travel immunizations to residents of Sedgwick County, for all ages, since before 2002.*

*"Travel immunizations include rabies pre-exposure, typhoid, yellow fever, and the travel immune serum globulin. Travel immunizations are not provided by community health clinics but are provided by pharmacies and physicians. However, not all travel shots are provided by all retail store front medical providers in Sedgwick County.*

*"In 2015, 1,281 travel shots were provided by the Division of Health staff. Total actual expenditures for 2015 totaled \$159,551.00 of which \$138,143.00 was expended on commodities for the immunizations themselves. Total actual revenue for 2015 totaled \$137,660.00 or 86.2 percent of total expenditures. Resulting in a net expense of \$21,891.00 to the County General Fund.*

*"Revenue comes from patient fees because many insurance companies do not cover travel immunizations. Fees for all vaccinations, including travel vaccines were increased on October 1st 2016 to cover the cost of vaccines plus 15 percent. The number of immunizations and encounters shows that it takes approximately .43 full time equivalents of employees. That's .21 of a fiscal associate position and .22 of a registered nurse position to maintain travel shots.*

*"However, both of these positions have other duties in addition to providing travel immunizations and each positions duties cannot be provided by the other. So, it was determined not to cut staffing when travel vaccines were eliminated from the budget and these positions continue to provide services, no additional staffing is needed at this point.*

*"Travel vaccines stock on hand as of today is limited to one rabies pre-exposure vaccination. The Health Department is prepared to bring the program back if that's the will of the Commissioners and I'm prepared to answer any questions that you might*

*have this morning.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Alright, thank you, for that presentation. Before we ask for any citizen input on this item Commissioners is there anything that you want to ask Preston right now before we go forward? Commissioner Ranzau.”*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, “Yes, I just want to clarify, in the past we’ve then said that the net was \$500. In this backup material, there’s actually some staffing involved that’s about a little over \$20,000.00.”*

*Mr. Goering said, “Correct.”*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, “As we choose to operate to reduce that expenditure we could save \$20,000.00 as a result, right?”*

*Mr. Goering said, “If the staffing were eliminated, correct.”*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, “Right, okay, so this is costing us a little over \$20,000.00. I just want to clarify I’m not sure that got out, I don’t remember, it’s been awhile why that didn’t get out to the press previously when it was reported but, I think that is an important factor. Thank you.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioner Howell.”*

*Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, “I do have a question for Mr. Goering. In 2016 were the fees increased for immunizations at the Health Department and if so how much? In terms of the administration fees or whatever that was.”*

*Mr. Goering said, “October 1st, the cost, the fee that we charge for the immunization itself, was placed at the cost of the vaccine plus 15 percent. On top of that we do have an administration charge, currently that’s at \$20.26. Which covers the cost of the nurse time.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “I’m sorry I missed the amount of that administrative fee.”*

*Mr. Goering said, “\$20.26.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “\$20.26 and that covers what again?”*

*Mr. Goering said, “That covers the cost of the nurse time and the staff time, and any incidental like the syringe and cotton ball, band aide and things like that.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “Okay, and this was done in October of 2016.”*

*Mr. Goering said, “Correct.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “We made a decision in 2016 to end this program, does this administration cost apply to other immunizations as well?”*

*Mr. Goering said, “Its all immunizations.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “All immunizations, okay. So the decision we made last year to end the travel immunization program had nothing to do with this fee*

adjustment?"

Mr. Goering said, "Correct, we would have increased the vaccine charges anyway."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, I may have some other questions about that in a little while. But for now I want to say thank you, for the information for right now, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Sorry I forgot I had one other question. The fact of the immunization, the travel immunization, do we have a sliding fee scale for those?"

Mr. Goering said, "No, there's no sliding fee scale on travel immunizations."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "But on the other immunizations we do?"

Mr. Goering said, "No, on private adult immunizations there is no sliding fee scale. In immunizations, the only sliding fee scale that we have is on the administration for the state vaccines, such as vaccines for children. So, we're required by contract to offer those on a sliding fee scale. But, all private vaccines for which we pay out right, we have no sliding fee scale."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, so what does that entail, what sort of vaccinations that's just normal stuff that people might come in for, that they would go to the doctor's for?"

Mr. Goering said, "The other adult private vaccines you're referring to?"

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes."

Mr. Goering said, "Those would be anything from hepatitis A, hepatitis B, tetanus, mumps, measles, rubella, whatever..."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "All these fees apply as far as that \$20 fee and everything?"

Mr. Goering said, "Correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Before we go then to the community to ask for comment. I had a couple of questions for clarification. Do we add staff to provide these immunizations?"

Mr. Goering said, "You mean when we first started providing them?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Our whole immunization program has a certain number of staff. If we cut these off or continue not providing these, do we reduce staff?"

Mr. Goering said, "The decision last year was to not reduce staff because the amount of staff time was so small, that to cut staff would have a bigger impact on other areas of the Health Department and hinder services in other areas. So other immunization

*services as well as other front desk services would be hindered.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, so we can calculate how much staff time’s used for this particular segment of immunization’s but we’re not going to reduce staff if we give them or not give them?”*

*Mr. Goering said, “The decision last year, when immunization travel immunizations were cut, was not to eliminate staff.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, alright, thank you very much. We may have, Commissioner Howell do you have a question?”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “Yes, just a quick follow-up question. On that administration charge \$20.26, if someone gets more than one immunization at the same time, do you charge more than one admin (administration) charge or does that cover all shots one visit or how does that...”*

*Mr. Goering said, “It’s for each immunizations given the same visit.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “So if they get two travel immunizations for example, they would have to pay that twice?”*

*Mr. Goering said, “Correct.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “Okay, thank you.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Commissioner. One other question I might have to get the whole context. How many immunizations does our Health Department provide in total? I mean is it, the different types, I mean is it 15 or 20?”*

*Mr. Goering said, “The total number of immunizations that we gave in 2016 was around 17,000 total that includes all the state vaccines that we give to children as well as private adult vaccines.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, well my question I meant do we give mumps and measles and a whole bunch of different immunizations but are there a dozen different ones, are there 20 different ones. I mean we’re talking about four or five here for travel immunizations.”*

*Mr. Goering said, “Four or five, correct. I don’t have the number of vaccines that we give actually in my head. It is quite a list I’d say 15 to 20.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, so maybe 20 total different vaccinations and then these are five of those 20 approximately.”*

*Mr. Goering said, “Correct.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. I don’t see any more questions right now from Commissioners, but are there citizens who would like speak. If you would just step to the podium and give us your name and address and you have three minutes to speak.”*

*Ms. Marilyn Bower, 156 North Sedgwick, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I just want to give this from a user’s standpoint. I’ve used this service twice,*

once in 2008 and one in 2013. Both times they don't have a special nurse that you know there, you wait until they're ready to go. They're taking care of the other people too.

*"It's a wonderful service. It shows if you reinstate it it's not going to cost the county a huge amount of money. People who use it are not the people who can go to the individual places like Walgreens and Dillon's. Those people have no problem, they just they want the shot, they go there, they get it. This is going to effect the average person in Sedgwick County especially going for missions. The most push back I got was a feeling that you were letting them down was from the churches who send out missions. Some of them send out a great deal of missions.*

*"One had about 50 people that they were having in line that were going out. So, I just wanted to say thank you, if we can get this taken care of. It's not a big issue as far as huge money, but it is one that effects our people in Sedgwick County. Thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, for your comments. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak?"*

*Ms. Stephanie Stats, Regional Clinic Director, Little Clinic, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to say we can provide all the travel vaccines in our retail setting. We partner with the pharmacy to insure that we can provide the yellow fever vaccine as well. There are eight Little Clinics currently in the Wichita and surrounding areas. We are open seven days a week and have evening hours as well.*

*"The clinics are all staffed by board certified nurse practitioners and we are able to meet the needs of travel health services. We provide other needs as well, immunizations, physicals, sick visits, chronic medication management, not just our travel health services. So, if someone presents to the clinic for travel health services they will be assessed by the nurse practitioner to determine exactly what immunizations that they need and then they will be given the vaccines that are currently needed.*

*"If they need anti-malarial medications that can be provided at the time of service as well. If they are needing the yellow fever vaccine we will work with our pharmacy partners to ensure that that happens, or if they were to choose the oral typhoid route instead of the injection, that again would be worked with the pharmacy partner. So we can meet the needs of providing all the travel vaccines that the Health Department does.*

*"In addition, we provide Japanese encephalitis which is not something that the Health Department currently provides, so we can meet the needs in the community to provide the immunizations. We do have some information on our travel health vaccine program."*

*Mr. Dean Benton, Clinical Care Co-coordinator, Dillon's Division said, "Here to represent Dillon's on the yellow fever side of providing the vaccine. Appreciate the opportunity to come before you today and would be welcome to answer any questions that you would have. Our current location that we have yellow fever vaccine is at Central and Rock [Road] our Market Place store there. We are working in a process of the location at 21st and Maize as well being a site on the west sides. So, have one west and east."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "So, you're saying that you can provide all of the vaccinations that we have previously given in addition to ones that we are not currently giving, right?"*

*Ms. Stats said, "That's correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Have you considered some sort of out-reach. I haven't heard from churches myself but, have you considered some sort of out-reach or at least communications to the churches to address the concerns of the issues? Just a thought, to let them know that hey these are the services, this is what we're doing, you can get them all at one spot."*

*Ms. Stats said, "Yes, our clinic manager's inside each of our clinic's reach out to their communities around their clinics to let them know the services that are provided. We have gone on to the community to different areas to provide information. So, yes, we can reach out to the churches to let them know that we are able to meet their needs as far as the travel health."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "You're open seven days a week..."*

*Ms. Stats said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "When does the Health Department open, can you answer that?"*

*Mr. Goering said, "Its eight to five, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Friday and Thursday noon to 6:30 p.m."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, nothing on weekends?"*

*Mr. Goering said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "Just another follow up question with the two that just spoke a minute ago. How long have the Dillon's Little Clinics been part of our community services from the Dillon's stores? I mean this is a fairly new thing in my memory, but please remind me how long these clinics have been around and you guys are continuing to develop services. I'd like to just know some of the history behind it."*

*Ms. Stats said, "We opened in the Wichita region in 2015. We started with six clinics. Last year we expanded to two more additional clinics. Since the clinics are staffed by nurse practitioners we can focus and practice at our fullest extent of our license. So, we can manage and treat pretty much anything that someone presents for."*

*"There is a lag with sometimes for getting to access to care in the community so, we help provide that gap to provide services, especially after hours when they don't necessarily need to go to the emergency room. They can present to the Little Clinic to*



*be seen and treated for any acute illness that might be needed at that time.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “One more question, let’s just say a church had a large mission’s trip coming up. They had 50 people that wanted to travel, and they came by and ask the clinic to prepare for that would you be able to order enough vaccinations in to meet the needs of that large trip, you think?”*

*Ms. Stats said, “Yes, Dean can talk on that.”*

*Mr. Benton said, “We have, there’s not a restriction currently on the amount that we order. We can contact our wholesaler and as yellow fever was on ration last year. You had to have an appointment scheduled by the person that was going before they would ship the vaccine. So, that was the hurdle that we had to overcome. We’ve been providing yellow fever for actually Central and Rock location my recall is about three years that we’ve been providing that yellow fever vaccine there.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “You carry a lot of this and you carry a lot of this vaccination on hand, someone just drops in. But again, a large trip I would expect would need to have some planning potentially.”*

*Mr. Benton said, “Sure.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “How long would it take for someone to prepare, if they came in to talk to you how long would you all need to have it ready for them?”*

*Mr. Benton said, “We get the vaccine in two days, as far as a shipment of 50, we haven’t ordered 50 doses at one time so I can’t comment to that exact volume. But, I know we’ve had 10 doses in the past that we’ve ordered and received those in a two day time frame.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “Sure, that sounds like you’re very responsive to the community needs and so that’s what I wanted to establish that should a large trip be planned, that you are very willing and able to meet those needs in a very dynamic response rate. So, thank you, for that information. I may have some other questions for you later. Thank you, for the information so far.”*

*Mr. Benton said, “Sure.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Anyone else speaking? Okay. Thank you, all. I appreciate you being here and offering your input. I don’t see anyone else from the community who wants to speak. So, we’ll just, is there another, yes, sir, please, step to the podium.”*

*Mr. John Todd, 1559 North Payne, Wichita, greeted the Commission and said, “I would like to stand up as a citizen and take the position that I don’t believe that our county should be competing with private sector. You heard the story I believe it was from Dillon’s people here. It, people who want to voluntarily travel overseas for their own interests really should be, shouldn’t be, should be buying their immunizations from a private sector.*

*“You know, it strikes me that since George Washington’s cabinet, Hamilton and*

*Jefferson we've been discussing the role of government and it's been back and forth. Still, the major thing we talk about today and today we look at the man versus the state. We see Dillon's here, they're pulling fish out of the pond and the reach of government is coming over and taking the fish so they can redistribute. That's really in a way what we're talking about today.*

*"Small costs, \$20,000.00, it will buy a few oil changes, it will buy plumbing, it will buy a lot of things and you need to save that \$20,000.00 and let people drive down the street to their neighborhood Dillon's or other suppliers and I would recommend that you vote against reinstating this today, thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Todd. Anyone else who wants to speak? I don't see anyone so, I'll just restrict comments back to the bench and ask Commissioners if they have any more comments. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "Just I had a question for Ms. Bower, I wanted to ask her a couple questions earlier but she sat down quickly so, if you don't mind I'd like to ask you a question or two if that's okay Ms. Bower. You might need to come back to the podium if that's okay, please come back to the podium."*

*"You referenced a large mission's trip of about 50 people and I would expect that requires a lot of planning to make a trip of that magnitude. That's a lot of people to travel, 50 people would be a large trip I would think for a church to have 50 people travel. How much time would you have in planning a trip like that, how much time would you need to plan to make sure everybody had their passports and knew what to pack and had the proper vaccination immunizations? How much time would you think would be required to make that trip?"*

*Ms. Bower said, "The people I talked to were going at different times, different places, at different times. But, they do, this is the net, the total number. So they are, I can give you the people to talk to if you'd like to do that but..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "You've been here a number of times and spoke to us in fact I think last week I unfortunately wasn't able to be here but I listened to the meeting on YouTube on our website."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Right."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "We record these meetings, and I watched that meeting a couple of times and listened to all your comments last week when you were here. You made a comment that the churches are not happy."*

*Ms. Bower said, "No, the people I talked to were not happy in the missions division."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I'm a faithful member of my church and I don't think anybody in my church has ever mentioned anything about their unhappiness to me."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Well, I didn't get to them, I got to the largest churches I could here in Wichita. I spent about a month and a, almost a month and a half in doing research and you all got my report that I, I left that with the secretary to be distributed to you. I don't know whether you saw those or not but I recommended that yes, these are wonderful additions to our choices, but..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Let me just say, I certainly appreciate all the information you've given us."*

*Ms. Bower said, "I was not able to get to your church, I'm sorry."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "You've done a lot of work on this. I appreciate all your work you've done."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Yes, I have."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "You've done a tremendous job and I appreciate you doing that. You've done a great job and all of that. Most of the data you've given us I think was before they changed the fees in October of 2016. So, the fees have changed and if I understand correctly I talked to Dillon's when they were at our staff meeting a few weeks ago. I asked about their fee, I think they charge an administration fee as well. But, it's per visit it's not per vaccination."*

*Ms. Bower said, "No, it's per immunization, its \$25.00."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, well I wouldn't mind calling them up here to verify that detail."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I may do that here in a minute but, they answered the question last time I asked the question they said it was per visit. So, if they did multiple vaccinations they would charge, I'll ask them the question that's okay."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Okay, alright."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "But sounds like we're charging per vaccination and secondly, their hours are seven days a week."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Right."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Into the evenings, much more convenient. In fact, they have multiple locations east and west. So, I'm trying to understand from the churches perspective what is it that makes them unhappy. Because, availability is just as good if not better."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Prices are just as good if not better. I don't understand why the churches would not be happy."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Not really."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So, please, articulate some of the reasons why churches would not be happy. I don't understand."*

*Ms. Bower said, "They're not, they didn't like the idea it was sprung on them, and they. I don't know. But, I do know that they were concerned and they were, they didn't feel that their Commissioners were on their side. You know and so that's all I'm saying."*

*"If you had read the report that I filed and got, made sure everyone had one of those. I recommended The Little Clinic's. I think they're wonderful. I really enjoyed talking to them. I think that it could all work together. I think we're making a big flap out of nothing really, it's very small. But it is part of the immunization that we are supposed to be giving our people in this county. I think we should continue with it.*

*"As I said, I've gone twice in 2008 and 2013 and had the shots at the county and had I needed to have something immediately it would have been nice to have that available for me. I think that's wonderful. There are many people who can avail themselves for, to those services without even thinking about you know that they do that. But there are, the rest of us who really have to pinch our pennies and we have to think about these things and I just thought that was another attack on the Health Department. It seemed to me at the time when I first took this on to tear it down or whatever. I didn't think that was right, no I didn't, I really didn't.*

*"But, I think these Little Clinics are absolutely wonderful and I think that had, if I needed them it's wonderful for them to be there."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "If we could, if you don't mind..."*

*Ms. Bower said, "The Health Department has, you don't have to wait two days to get the serum for the shots at the Health Department they have them."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."*

*Ms. Bower said, "There are some that they don't do. They have been in working with the clinic for some times I believe, from what I understand. Especially in the Japanese encephalitis, if you had read the report I filed you would have seen that takes two shots spaced and if you go and you come back and the next year you go, guess what, you have to have those over again and that's at least \$600.00, \$300 and something for each of the shots and..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I'm trying to stay focused on the questions I'm trying to ask here, so Dillon's does offer the Japanese encephalitis vaccinations. That's not really the issue here. But, I want to ask you, I'm trying to understand."*

*Ms. Bower said, "I am not sure about that. I am..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Well, I'll ask..."*

*Ms. Bower said, "There was one place I do know that does and everybody seems to refer them to the north Woodlawn Walgreens."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."*

*Ms. Bower said, "They had, they keep those."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, I just want to ask you another question. I'll probably be done with asking you questions."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "But, I want to just say, if my premise is correct that these vaccinations are prevalent and available in the community at places like the Dillon's Little Clinic. If that's true, and the prices are competitive and the churches can get them there, would you be satisfied that that's a good solution for this community."*

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*Ms. Bower said, "But, I don't believe they are competitive, because they are, if you had read the report you would see that they're, most of them are more. Last year, the yellow fever shot was at a different rate. They started out the year at \$118.00 at the Health Department, the others were much more. Some of them were \$250 or something like that, but you had to add the \$25.00 fee on top of that."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Let me ask the questions a little more clearly."*

*Ms. Bower said, "And so that then, may I finish? Okay, then..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I just want to ask a very simple question it's really simple."*

*Ms. Bower said, "No, I want to finish."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Then there was a huge epidemic of yellow fever in the Congo, and they called, the CDC (Center for Disease Control) called in all of their markers. All of the extra serum from all over the world. They and our Health Department complied and when it came back, when they got the new it was \$180 something. It went way up."*

*"But, they were able to, the CDC was able to supply that country with enough serum to inoculate 5.5 million people. So, again..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, I need to ask my question one more time."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Okay, you can ask your question."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "My question is again, if my premise and there's a big if, if my premise is correct. Please understand, I'm making two points, that if it is true that the vaccinations are prevalent and available in the community and if they are competitively priced, those are the two big ifs. If those two things are true, would you agree that leaving this in the private sector is an acceptable solution to this community?"*

*Ms. Bower said, "Is an acceptable?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Yes, it's acceptable to you..."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Yes, I do because I don't believe your premise is right."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, that's where we may disagree and we will have to look, dig into the data a little bit further to establish that truth..."*

*Ms. Bower said, "I would really appreciate if you had read that report that I filed."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Here's the thing Ms. Bower and that is this data is dynamic. It is changing because first of all..."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Right."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "The community is responding to the fact that we have made a change late last year. Their markets are expanding their offerings. They're doing more than they did last year. The Little Clinic's just told us a minute ago that they're fairly new to this community and they're expanding they added two clinic's just this last year."*

*"So the data that you're providing is data that's not based on what's going on today. So, I would, I wanted to..."*

*Ms. Bower said, "The disclaimer on that was these things change, you need to call and make sure. Snapshot, it was a snapshot."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I appreciate you so much, and I thank you for your data, you've done a lot of work on this and you're a tremendous lady. I know you're very passionate about this and I love that about you. You're a great lady who loves this topic and you've spent a lot of time on this and I appreciate you so much. I just want to make sure you said something that and I'll wrap up with this with questions to you. You said that the people wanting, I'm not sure exactly how you said it now, but the people want to have the best services or the whatever it was you said there."*

*"I think really what this is, is providing the best services. We're talking about more convenience, more locations, availability and competition and the reality is if you needed to get a shot today, it's easier today than it would have been a year ago, or two years ago. This is a dynamic situation..."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "By the way which..."*

*Ms. Bower said, "It would be if I went to the Health Department today, I could get my shot right then, if I go to the Little Clinics I would have to wait two days for the serum to get here. Then I could have my shot. Do you understand?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I understand, I probably wouldn't wait until the day I traveled to get the shot is the way I probably would do it. I probably get it at least a little while before that would happen so, but thank you, for your time. I'll have some other questions perhaps for you..."*

*Ms. Bower said, "And you know it's not always when you want to travel, sometimes you have to travel."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."*

*Ms. Bower said, "To get my four grandchildren I worked with the Embassy in Kenya and I had to go then and it wasn't my choice. But, I'm so happy that I have, I have two grandsons now at KU (Kansas University) and one who'll be starting and the other one is finishing up. That's the two I mentioned here, and a granddaughter who is radiology"*

*therapist. She'll graduate from that in May. She wants to be a radiologist and she will. The youngest one will be an engineer at KU too."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Very good."*

*Ms. Bower said, "It was very important, but I didn't choose that."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Ms. Bower thank you, very much."*

*Ms. Bower said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman I have a question for the Dillon's Little Clinic."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Will a representative from the clinic step forward?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "This is regarding the administration fees. I wanted to confirm what we, what I think I heard before, maybe I'm incorrect. I'd like to have you clarify what are the administration fees that you charge, is it per shot, or is it per visit?"*

*Mr. Benton said, "There is a travel consultation fee, that if somebody is traveling and they're not sure what they need and they need to do not only vaccines but also other products that they may need as far as prescriptions or information about the country they're traveling. There is a \$50 travel consultation fee that if they don't know, they can get the information and we can provide that."*

*"That information is also available to a person on the CDC website as well, so if they come in and they know what they need and just request it, there's a built in \$20 administration fee to each vaccine and that is on our price listing that's included within that pricing."*

*"Currently the yellow fever vaccine pricing is \$175.00 that we have and that's what we charge the insurance company when we submit that to them."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "And so if someone gets multiple vaccinations is there additional fees? I mean multiple..."*

*Mr. Benton said, "It's built into this the pricing that's there."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So, it's not a per immunization fee."*

*Mr. Benton said, "It's a \$20 built into that one pricing."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Built into it, so the price that you're quoting includes that fee."*

*Mr. Benton said, "Exactly, so the \$175.00 would be included, including that pricing."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "And if someone gets a consultation and they choose to get their vaccinations through the Dillon's Little Clinic is there any relief on that \$50 consultation fee? Or is that the same, that fee's charged regardless?"*

*Ms. Stats said, "At the Little Clinic if they're presenting for their travel vaccines we*

*don't have that \$50 consultation fee. Our administrative fee, if they're a cash pay, which most travel vaccines aren't covered by insurance. The administrative fee is built into the price. If they do know, sometimes typhoid is covered by insurance. Then the administrative fee is a separate fee from the immunization price because these are the actual cash pay prices. Then that is billed separately to the insurance.*

*"So, if they presented to the Little Clinic and they needed five vaccines all of them are covered by insurance, the initial administrative fee for the first one is \$20, \$25 and then the additional ones are \$15. So, it depends on insurance, or if your cash pay and what the vaccine is. But, typically if you're just presenting and paying cash only, it's built into the actual price."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Alright, well thank you, very much. Thank you so much, appreciate your answers. Alright."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Is that all Commissioner?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I have some other questions for Mr. Goering but I see Commissioner Ranzau has his light on, maybe that's for those Little Clinics, so I'll ask questions later."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "I just want to clarify. You don't have to wait two days to get shots right? You have stuff in stock."*

*Ms. Stats said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I think you were saying two days in response if someone came up and they needed 50 people and you didn't have it, you could order that and you could get it within two days. But, in general..."*

*Mr. Benton said, "And then also based on last year, last year's shortage. Where in order to receive the vaccine you had to have the appointment scheduled before they would ship it and that was just a lock down that was placed on the vaccine itself."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "That's for yellow fever specifically."*

*Mr. Benton said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "For the others you have them in stock?"*

*Mr. Benton said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "And unless you had a whole bunch of people come in at once they could come in and get them right then."*

*Mr. Benton said, "Exactly."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, just wanted to clarify, thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Is that all, Commissioner?"*



*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Well, thank you, for your comments and participation in this discussion. Commissioner's is there any other comment. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "Just a couple of clarifications. You know, it was mentioned just a few minutes ago that we, you know we cut services and basically made some cuts to the Health Department that were not I guess appreciated by all."*

*"I want to talk about some of the numbers. One of the things we got criticized for last year, actually 2015, was we rolled three immunization programs into one. There's a number of things we did actually that were similar to that. A lot of efficiencies we moved toward, we saved a lot of money, I don't know how much money we saved, but it was a fair amount of money."*

*"But it's interesting in 2015, we provided just as Mr. Goering said, just under 17,000 in fact the exact number is 16,789 immunizations. The following year in 2016 when we had rolled these three programs into one we increased that by another almost 5,000 vaccinations another 4,928 vaccinations, or a 29 percent increase in vaccinations."*

*"In 2016 we provided 21,717 vaccinations. So, I don't call that a negative change. We saved money, we moved towards efficiency and we provided nearly, actually a 29 percent increase in our vaccination numbers. So, I don't consider that to be a negative in any way. I'm very pleased about this I think this is exactly the type of government the people want is a very efficient and effective government and that's what that says to me."*

*"There were some other things we provided. We had increases of 16 percent in our Healthy Babies Program. We had a 13 percent increase in our Sexually Transmitted Infection Investigation Program, and others. So, the idea that we have a dysfunctional or less than desirable Health Department in my opinion is not true. We have a tremendous staff over there. They do a great job, and I appreciate them."*

*"Adrienne Byrne-Lutz our Director, does a great job and you know the idea that we're not providing good services or that they're not doing a great job is, or that we've somehow not funded the programs over there in my opinion is not true. I would say further, there was an article come out Sunday, it was posted on Kansas.com and also posted on the Wichita Eagle Facebook page, same article two different places it was posted at. I looked at the comments. It was also in Monday's paper above the fold, front page about this issue."*

*"So, I thought this is going to get a fair amount of interest. Interestingly enough, I haven't received a single phone call, or single email from anybody in this community regarding a front page article pro or con. No one has contacted me in any way letting me know what they think. But, I went ahead and looked on line, looked at the articles on Facebook as well as on Kansas.com and we have a total of on the Facebook post, which normally has a tremendous amount of interest from the community. I looked at other articles and there's usually more interest on the Facebook page than there is on the regular at Kansas.com site."*

*"I think by the way, it's a fairly fair article. I'd like to commend the [Wichita] Eagle for writing a really accurate and I think a very good article. It's very detailed. It was very fair I think to everyone involved. Having said that the Facebook article only had a total of three comments. That's one comment and two replies. One of those was me. I replied to the article. The article, the only comment on there was why not just go to your doctor?"*

*"Well, the answer of course we know is the doctors don't carry these immunizations, the clinics do. Okay, the pharmacies and clinics carry these, so that's the answer. So, I answered that question very clearly that the doctors I have, I have a medical doctor and they don't carry travel immunizations at the doctor's office but they do carry flu shots and things like that.*

*"But travel immunizations are typically provided historically through the Health Department, but now we have all kinds of places around the community that are providing travel immunizations. They're prevalent and available in the community. This is a dynamic changing situation. So, the reality is Dillon's Little Clinic is a great example. They're anxious and willing and desire to provide these for the community. They're stepping up to meet the demand and they are committed to that. I appreciate Dillon's Little Clinic.*

*"I think they're doing a tremendous job and there, it's a new offering for this community. But, there is competition in that field and so the prices will be competitive. I have no doubt they are market experts. They know exactly what to sell to this community. They know what people want and what people need. They study what they can sell things for, they know what's competitive.*

*"Dillon's is a professional marketer. They know exactly what to do and what to offer. If the community has a need for vaccinations I have no doubt that Dillon's Little Clinic is very aware of that and they're going to do everything they can to get that business. So, I think it's fantastic.*

*"On the Kansas.com article there was a total of five comments and of those two of those were from our good friend Lonny Wright. Appreciate you Lonny, he's in our audience today. He doesn't, let's see here, he says, Lonny says, let's see here, a comment about Commissioner O'Donnell, about how much he likes Commissioner O'Donnell. Another comment about some plumbing stuff. But nothing really about immunizations.*

*"So, I don't really know what to make of Mr. Wright's comments and if you'd like to share his comments here that's fine but Mr. Wright writes about plumbing and he writes about Mr. O'Donnell, but he doesn't write about immunizations so much. The first comment on here is, that really deals with the immunizations is really one comment on here, and there's a rebuttal to that. So, there's a pro and a con.*

*"Person says, I fail to understand why tax payers should be providing service to people who can afford to travel internationally. That's my question too. They asked a question. I think it's a great question. The person that answered, someone rebutted that and says not everyone who travels internationally pays for all their ticket. I'm sorry, not everyone pays for their tickets. Some maybe on a budget and need to take advantage of a service that reduces their costs.*

*"Well, that gets to the issue. Are we trying to reduce the costs? Is that the point of this*

*program? I don't think it is. The point of this program is to make sure people can get their shots. Availability is really the key. It's not about inconvenience, it's not about wait time. Although, we love Little Clinics because they're very convenient. They have great hours.*

*"Health Department, not quite as much. Health Department is located downtown, but the Little Clinics are all over the city. There's eight of them and two of them are committed to providing a full array of travel immunizations. That doesn't mention even their competitors, which I'm not going to mention today, but they have competitors as well who are all over the city. They're, I'm sure they're engaged in this discussion although, I've not brought them into the discussion personally. I know that their engaged, they're listening and they're paying attention.*

*"The reality is these travel immunizations, it's really about my opinion. It's about availability. We're not trying to subsidize the costs of immunizations and lower the cost to make it where someone can travel internationally. That's not the point of this program. The point is are these available? That is the only question we need to ask. The answer to that question is yes. They are available in the private sector. The free market wants these in their hand.*

*"We had a staff meeting a few weeks ago actually on January the 24th, we discussed our legislative platform and on that platform last year we had a statement that says that Sedgwick County supports free market capitalism. I, we discussed this during our meeting and I thought we had a majority of the Commissioners that agreed that that statement should stay on our platform and I was surprised to find out it was removed from our platform.*

*"I would say if this motion, if this issue moves forward today and we reinstate this program at least we're consistent. I disagree with removing that statement from our legislative platform. I disagree with reversing this in what I think today is the 39th day. I'll just check the number of days. We provided this program through the end of last year. We've only had 39 days, I believe it is in 2017 where the markets even had a chance to respond and it's too quick too soon.*

*"The reason this has come up today is because I believe there was someone in the community that has influence that was disappointed or did not understand and I tried to ask this person for clarification and exactly what they believe. He's a tremendous individual. I won't mention his name. But, I have the greatest respect for him and I know he believes in free market. I know he does, and if I could ask him that question personally and get an answer I think he would, knowing everything I know and knowing everything that's been discussed today and if he was here to testimony today I would think that he would say, you know what I agree. Let's leave this in the private sector. But, I have not heard from this gentleman so I don't know what he thinks.*

*"But, my point is that we should not offer things that the private sector is willing and able and desiring to do. We shouldn't govern, in government we should not be doing those things. The government should reserve their focus to things that private citizens cannot do. We need to provide things that really only governments can provide. This is one of those things where the private sector can provide it and they want to provide it, they're begging to provide it. It's only been 39 days. Let's let this thing sit for a while.*

*"I would much rather see us come back to this thing a year from now and see what's going on and find out what church has not been able to travel because they are not*

able to get these immunizations. I don't think that's going to happen. The reality is the private sector wants to do this. They provide a tremendous amount of these immunizations and they are committed to it and they are very convenient. They're very competitive and these drugs are available in the community.

"We do not need to change direction at this point. So, I appreciate Ms. Bower and I know you're a tremendous individual. As I've said before, I have the greatest respect for you. You're so passionate about this. But, I would like to say, and maybe I'm wrong, but if, I believe if what I heard you say, I think I heard you say is if these shots are available and competitive that having them at the Health Department is not the most important thing.

"But having them available, having them competitively priced is our focus. I think that I believe that that's happening in the private sector. So, I have no other questions Mr. Chairman, I would be opposed to any motion to reinstate this program today and I will let some of the other Commissioners speak at this time. Thank you, sir."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "I have a question, I don't know is it Mr. Goering? I don't know if you can answer this or not, or maybe the Manager will need to, so we've heard a number \$20,000 or so in costs but yet the sheet that I got from the Health Department says that there would actually be a net income to the county of almost \$500. So, that's a pretty large disparity. So, I'd like to know exactly what the truth is."

Mr. Goering said, "So, I believe the \$500 that you're thinking of, the \$483..."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yes, sir."

Mr. Goering said, "Refers to the difference between the cost of the vaccine and the amount that we received for the vaccine in 2015. That didn't include any staff, so it's a loss of \$483. The staffing on top of that is where the roughly \$20,000 is coming from."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "But, didn't you say in your initial testimony that no staff was laid off and you still have staff to perform these. You would not have to hire any additional staff to perform this, is that right?"

Mr. Goering said, "Right, we would not."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Okay, the follow up question is when we talk about shots and immunizations and different areas where you provide health, health care at the County Health Department how many shots do you provide?"

Mr. Goering said, "As I said earlier, I can count them up if you want me to actually count them."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "I just want to know..."

Mr. Goering said, "Fifteen."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "How many services you provide that can also be provided by the private sector. Because I think we're focusing on just the travel

*immunization and saying that's competing with the private sector. But, virtually every service that you offer is competing with the private sector. So, I would contend that if we want to get out of that we need to be getting rid of, we do them all or we do none of them.*

*"It's dumb founding to me that we're focusing on just a few shots when we're obviously competing a lot more with the private sector with other services that you offer. Is that correct?"*

*Mr. Goering said, "The only place in which we would be competing with the private sector as far as immunizations concerned would be the adult private vaccines, of which we give roughly around 6,000 a year. I believe that includes travel vaccines. So, everything else that we give of that \$20,000 that we gave in 2016 is vaccines for children. Which is the state funded vaccine for children who don't have insurance on Medicaid, things of that nature. So that program, I would not be considered, I would not consider competing with the private sector. Those people probably wouldn't be going to the private sector at all if we weren't offering that."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "They wouldn't be getting that, right, sure."*

*Mr. Goering said, "So, yes the adult vaccine, private vaccine program would be similar to travel vaccines."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "So we're essentially, we're competing with a lot more vaccinations than just the travel vaccines. There's a lot that there's a much wider array of shots that we're competing with the private sector in providing."*

*Mr. Goering said, "That would be true."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Right, so that's why I find this whole argument, I'm really just confused why we're just focusing on that not a wider range of shots then if we're going to take some type of free market approach it should be all or nothing in my opinion. So, thank you, Mr. Goering."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Is that all Commissioner?"*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "That's all."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "I just want to make a few comments for the rest of the discussion that's been happening. You know all around country the governments are looking at the way they do business, seeing if there is a better and smarter way to do it, save money, be more efficient. They're doing this for a variety of reasons. This is the same sort of thing.*

*"I think it's important first of all to know we're not the only Health Department to stop doing travel immunizations. Other Health Departments are doing that as well because the private sector is doing it and things are changing. You know, just because you've done it one way for many years doesn't mean you need to keep doing it. You have to re-evaluate it, see what happens, see if things change.*

*"You know for example at one time the Health Department had a hospital. It was a long*

*time ago. But we don't have a hospital run by the government in this county anymore. Is that a bad thing? I'm sure there were people at the time that said well you shouldn't do that, you shouldn't get rid of it. But we did. Now, the fact that we haven't reduced the Health Department funding by \$20,000 is an example of government efficiency. We can reduce it by \$20,000 and we should.*

*"We've demonstrated that there are inefficiencies in the Health Department. We should reduce it by \$20,000. We'll continue to do everything else just the same. But, this is an example of government inefficiencies. Now, someone might say this is not very much money but that \$20,000 could go towards an EMS (Emergency Medical Service) position, a Sheriff's position any number of things.*

*"Why did we pick this one and not a bigger swath of the Health Department? That's a good question. We'll this is what the Health Department offered last year during our budget process. If we want to look at more opportunities to privatize I would support that and I think we should do that. I think the fact that we may be competing with the government in other areas isn't a reason to do it more. It means that maybe we should look at some other programs too.*

*"Just last week I was told that, the argument was made to me that when it comes to Public Works and some road projects that we're competing with the private sector and we shouldn't compete with the private sector. Why is that statement true when it comes to construction companies and paving companies but not true when it comes to Dillon's or other places?*

*"We're only five weeks into this. We have taxpayers, businesses and people who pay taxes to the county and now they're in the unenviable position of having the very same entity that they pay taxes to now competing with them. They're asking please give us a chance. We've had testimony here that shows that they can provide greater services, more flexibility and we could if we chose to save \$20,000 and to spend that money on other things more efficiently.*

*"We talk a lot about eco-devo (economic development). We care about eco-devo, economic development. We want the power, we want to empower the private sector and create jobs. So we give all these incentives to politically connected individuals in an effort to do that but now we have an opportunity to simply not compete with the private sector.*

*"This should be a win-win. The private sector gets the business. They provide the services, helps protect private sector jobs while at the same time we can save \$20,000 and put that towards things like EMS and Sheriff.*

*"If we want to look at adult private vaccines as we go forward we can privatize that. I think it's important for some of the new Commissioners to know that there's been an ongoing effort in the Health Department over a period of years to look at services that have been provided and gradually stop doing those sorts of direct patient care services because they are provided in the private sector.*

*"I think one of the arguments to do one bit at a time is you'll tend to get less push back and less reaction. Now, if you want to do it all at once then you know we can do that, that's just a difference in strategy. I don't think that's an argument to keep doing what we're doing just because you know if you want to do it all or nothing that's fine. We can do that, but if we do it a little piece mill at a time you allow people to*

*accommodate the market forces to take hold and I think you know that's the argument why you do that.*

*"This is an ongoing thing that's been happening and I think we're over reacting here a little bit for me to give time for the private sector to take care of this. You know, we need to be consistent. We talk about when it comes to Public Works we shouldn't be competing with the private sector. Well this applies now, we care about eco-devo, we care about the private sector. Well let's not compete with them. This is one example, one little way that we can help do that.*

*"I don't understand some of the inconsistencies that I think we're going to have here, or what the motivation could be. So, that's all I have for right now."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Preston, I have a question about one of the comments. The \$20,000 that has been calculated as a overhead cost is not, I mean we are so thin in the Health Department that we can't get rid of those people and make that saving. Is that your testimony?"*

*Mr. Goering said, "Right, we would, we're talking about 20 percent of two staff. So, we couldn't cut one staff and have that work. Because they do two different functions. So, yes, we'd have to cut out 80 percent of their, find a place to put the other 80 percent of their, of each of those two employees work flow."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. I believe the calculation is an accurate calculation. I know that you did your best to try to assign cost to that, but I also know that it doesn't represent a savings because we cannot eliminate those positions."*

*Mr. Goering said, "Correct."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "So I appreciate the comment. I am, I just want to say that as a member of the Board of Health I think our, in taking that responsibility seriously, I think our positions of the Board of Health should be that we should be involved in the promotion of a Healthy Community and provide those services that are normal and natural for a Board of Health to provide.*

*"I would say that in five or six years, if we have no demand for it at the Health Department then that's a new consideration. But, right now we have demand, we are the Health Department. I think we have a responsibility. So I believe that we should continue to provide this service.*

*"It was testimony by the folks from Dillon's a couple weeks ago when they were in our staff meeting and we went through this whole discussion at that time that whether we were in the business, whether we were providing these travel vaccinations or not. They were going to be in the business. I appreciate that and I welcome them in their efforts to follow their business model and do what they think good for their business.*

*"I'm not in any way in an effort trying to hurt the private sector. I'm just saying as a Board of Health member I believe this is part of my responsibility to provide this service. In an effort to move this along a little bit and then I'll call first on Commissioner Dennis who hasn't yet spoken. But I'm going to make the motion that we approve the request to reinstate funding in the amount of \$138,143.00 to purchase*

*travel immunizations and authorize the Chair to establish budget authority.”*

**MOTION**

*Chairman Unruh made a motion to approve the request to reinstate funding in the amount of \$138,143.00 to purchase travel immunizations and authorize the Chair to establish budget authority.*

*Commissioner Dennis second the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Excuse me, go ahead.”*

*Commissioner Dennis said, “I will second that motion, but I’d like to make a few comments on why I’m seconding the motion.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Alright, thank you. We have a motion and a second and comment from Commissioner Dennis.”*

*Commissioner Dennis thanked the Chairman and said, “I listened with great interest to all the testimony of public and my fellow Commissioners and I appreciate that. A couple comments, one comment I heard was that we haven’t received any phone calls, or emails or contact, well I have. As a matter of fact if you want to hear one of my voicemails I can play it for you.*

*“Also I met with a Pastor downtown that works with homeless and when I talked with her she was very concerned about the elimination of this. One of the comments I heard earlier was that anyone who can afford to go on these mission trips can afford the shots no matter where they go. She deputed that greatly and said that the people are going on this mission trips are doing that because it’s a calling they truly believe in what they’re doing and saving every penny that they can to be able to go on these mission trips and they want to make sure that they’re serving in the best way that they can.*

*So I, first comment is that I have received phone calls and emails.*

*“Second comment I have is dealing with staffing we’ve already heard that we haven’t changed staffing at all. The impact on the budget is negligible if anything and it sounded like we might even have a profit. If we’re not worried about the staffing part of it, and since we haven’t eliminated staffing, I don’t know that we are.*

*“Third thing, I agree with my fellow Commissioner that we are in a changing situation. A year from now depending on what’s happening I could see that we might want to review this if we find out that our public Health Department doesn’t need to provide these immunizations and that the private sector is stepped up enough that they can go out and make sure that all of this, our needs are met. But, right now, no matter what we are competing against the private sector. We’re giving mump shots, we’re giving measles shots, we’re giving flu shots, we’re giving a number of shots that are in competition.*

*“So, if the private sector steps up and in a year from now we find out that they’re able to take care of this and our Health Department comes back for us and says we don’t have a need to give this anymore because we’re not giving them because private sector is giving them, I don’t have a problem with reviewing it again.*



*"But the bottom line is we are the Board of Health and we are responsible for the health of all the citizens in Sedgwick County. This is what the Health Department does. They maintain the health of all of our citizens. So, these are the reasons that I'm voting in favor of this motion."*

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

*Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "Just a couple of comments and questions. In the back up material that I believe was read it did not make a mention of this and I'd like to verify the history of this. It was last year that I believe staff brought us the recommendation to make this change. Can you please verify that? In other words make the change to stop the travel immunization. That was recommended to us by staff."*

*Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director, Department of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The travel immunization program was one of those programs that was listed in the program inventory that we did as part of the budget process. So it was identified, and the cost associated that, with that program were identified in that program inventory tool that we used as we, as part of the budget development process that we did."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, so in my own words, let me clarify it was brought to the Commissioner's to consider not doing this program because it was nearly revenue neutral. It wasn't about money, but it was simply freeing up staff and something that's available in the private sector. It was brought to us as an idea that we could stop this and that idea came from staff."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, that's really good. One more thing and I may disagree with my colleague Commissioner Ranzau on this, but if we were to retain that roughly \$20,000 in cost for the staff I would imagine Mr. Goering that those individuals there's two people I believe each one is .2 fte (full time employee) so it's two people, .4 fte total. Roughly \$20,000 in cost to the county but I assume that there's things they can do that would, someone mentioned there were, I think Chairman mentioned that they're very thin in staff and being able to get everything done."*

*"So, I guess my point is if we were to just simply free these folks up they would be utilized in a way that would actually help us in other areas of the Health Department. But, they're not going to be twiddling their thumbs for .4 fte of the year. That's correct, right? They'll be busy."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, so we're not going to have someone who does not have something to do. They're going to be utilized and its going to help other staff and help what we do there otherwise outside this program. So this is still helping the Health Department. If we were to make this, if we were to stick with status quo today and not provide this travel immunization program it helps the Health Department. Is that correct?"*

*Mr. Goering said, "It would free up and that is correct."*

Commissioner Howell said, "That's really important to know that because again, I want to be clear, we're helping the Health Department. I think that's a really important point. It looks like Lindsey wants to say something."

Ms. Lindsey Poe-Rousseau, Director, Budget, Acting CFO, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, please. I just want to clarify that that \$21,000 that we keep talking about, the 20k is actually already included in the budget. It wouldn't be any further savings as you're pointing out it would free up staff and make them more efficient because we do have .2 fte of each of those two positions that's been dedicated to travel immunizations and now it could be using that time for other things.

"But it would not necessarily be savings, we've already got that in the budget. What was reduced through the 2017 budget process was only the commodity costs associated with purchasing those immunizations. Then there was a net savings of about \$500 between the revenue that was generated and the cost of those immunizations. So, staff still remain in the General Fund."

Commissioner Howell said, "Very good. Thank you, for the clarification. My point is by allowing that funding for the Health Department for the staff and not having to do this particular job it gives them some time to focus on other things there at the Health Department. They'll be utilized other ways. So, this in a sense helps out the Health Department.

"Mr. Goering, can you please clarify are there any vaccinations that are for adults only that we're providing the children don't ever receive? That are under the sliding scale, the reduced fees. Are there any adult vaccinations only?"

Mr. Goering said, "So, I think your question is asking are there any vaccines that we provide to adults that are not provided under the vfc (vaccine for children)."

Commissioner Howell said, "That's correct."

Mr. Goering said, "I have to verify that for sure but I believe there are not. I believe everything that we provide as adult vaccines are also provided as vfc."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, and that's really kind of my point. I think that the Health Department focuses on especially on school age children. There are many in our community that don't have very much ability to pay and we are sensitive to that. We want to make sure our kids can get vaccinated so they can go to school. That's really important for this community. Plus, it keeps the community safe to the extent that we're providing flu shots, MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) and polio and other vaccinations for children. It's really not a significant difference I think that if the adults also come and get similar vaccinations, especially when their kids are getting them. I don't think there's a tremendous change to what the county does in terms of purchasing, storing, administrating, vaccinations to adults.

"So, I guess my point is I don't see this the same as providing yellow fever or typhoid immunizations because those are specifically for someone who travels abroad into overseas areas. Those are not diseases, thankfully, not diseases we have to deal with here in our local community. So, we don't have a need to keep our community safe by providing those immunizations, but the other ones we do. Polio and MMR, and the flu and other vaccinations that are on that list. Those are needed for this community to keep our community safe.

*"So, it's important that kids have access to these and if we have to waive off the fees or give them a reduced fee we do that so we can keep our community safe. But that's not true with any of the travel vaccinations. Even if a child wanted that, you would not slide that fee. You would not waive the fee, you would charge the same as anybody. Is that correct?"*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Yes, very good."*

*Mr. Goering said, "Can I make one clarification?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Yes, sir."*

*Mr. Goering said, "I mentioned there are no adult vaccinations we are giving that are not offered as vfc, the exceptions to that would be the travel vaccines. The travel vaccines are not available through vfc."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Right, I understand that."*

*Mr. Goering said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I think that was clear already, but thank you, for clarification."*

*Mr. Goering said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So, anyway I do think it's a, someone uses the word normal and natural for this community to have the broad offerings of the immunizations of our Health Department. I think that's needed to keep our community safe. The difference is this is a travel vaccinations are specifically for people traveling into a different community that has risk, has nothing to do with protecting our community. It has to do with protecting that individual when they travel to other communities that have those diseases in them.*

*"So, what's normal and natural for our community are all the other things we're offering. To me there is a difference and so if we're offering a polio vaccination or measles or mumps vaccination to someone in our community is to keep our community and the individual to keep them both safe in our community.*

*"That is not exactly the same mission as the other vaccinations. Yellow fever and the typhoid is to protect that person when they travel to those other places that have those diseases in their communities. So, just try to focus on the words natural and normal that someone else used here. I had some other comments but I think I've lost track of them. So, I'm going to stop with that. I'll be in opposition to the recommended, or to the motion this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "I just want to, I have a question to Lindsey just to clarify."*

*Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "Yes, sir."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "You stated that \$20,000 isn't in the budget."*

*Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "It is in the budget."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Right, but we could choose to reduce spending and not spend that \$20,000 and save that throughout the course of the year, could we not?"*

*Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "We would need to figure out how to eliminate staff because those costs are associated with personnel and so we likely would have a greater reduction than just the \$20,000 because you can't really cut .2 of an fte."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, the total fte was .43."*

*Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, ".43 right, but it's between two positions."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Right, well thank you."*

*Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "You know, the idea that we can't cut out half a position in the government and still perform everything that we need to is not accurate. For the last six years of being here I have become aware of a variety of inefficiencies that exist, or have existed in Sedgwick County to include the Health Department just this last year that Health Department asked for two additional positions in a program despite the fact we had evidence to show that we were providing everything we needed to with existing.*

*"Look at government. Government always wants more and says they need more, and spend more and I am more than convinced that we can reduce a half fte and realign job duties and get everything done. There's plenty of inefficiencies that continue in my estimation in the Health Department. So, we can and we should reduce and save the tax payer money.*

*"With respect to us being the Board of Health. I understand we're the Board of Health. But that doesn't mean we have to provide every single service to them at the tax payer expense. That logic would follow that we need a hospital and we need to do everything else and there are people who would advocate that. The main thing is it being provided in the community and it is.*

*"Now, I happened to hear Commissioner Dennis say that perhaps in the future we could take a look at this and see if the private sector steps up et cetera, but maybe we don't need to do it and that's good. I would say however, we've already done that. We knew last year what the changing environment was and staff brought us this. We know that they can and they are, we've had people here today that said they can and will provide that service.*

*"So, if we start this back up again, go to all the expense and do this and then later on we found out oh yeah, they were right, they can do it, then we got to shut it back down and we create a whole new edition. I think a better solution perhaps a compromise is to table this for a while and give them time and re-evaluate in six months and if they haven't truly done what they said we can do, then we can start it back up.*

*"But, otherwise you're, you have the potential that you'll, well we stopped it now we'll start it and maybe we'll stop it again later on after we hash this thing out. So, I'd like to make a substitute motion that we table this for six months and then re-evaluate it then and see what has happened in the private sector and if it is as Commissioner Howell said they're not available or they're not competitive then we can re-evaluate it at that time, but let's give it time to work and not run the risk of doing the start stop start stop thing. Start and stop, start and stop so to speak. Let's do a compromise and let's give them six months and let's see what happens. That's my substitute motion."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Is there a second?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau made a motion to table for six months and then re-evaluate it and see what has happened in the private sector.*

*Commissioner Howell second the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "We have a motion and a second Commissioner Howell do you want to speak?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Yes, sir. I appreciate the way that Commissioner Ranzau articulated that. I think that's right. To flip back and forth in my opinion is not good for anyone. It's not good for our Health Department. We've already made the change. We've already settled into a new normal and to make the change again today, then change it again potentially down the road to me is not the way we should, not what we should do. So, I appreciate the substitute motion. I think it's a smart way for us to move forward.*

*"But, I also want to just make a statement to Ms. Bower once again, I should have let you know. I should have said this earlier and I apologize. I have read everything you've given me and your report again, you've done a tremendous job. I want to just show you appreciation and thankfulness and respect because you have done a lot of work on this and I can tell your passion is really there and I appreciate that so much. But, I want to be very clear that I have read everything that you've given to me in terms of every report, every chart, and every piece of information I've absorbed that and read that and I just want to make sure that was very clear to everyone as we move forward.*

*"I am passionate about this too, maybe for different reasons. I'm passionate about this because I was excited that we have something that the government has been doing that now the private sector is anxious to take over and they are doing that. They're providing it now and they are wanting to engage and continue to provide more offerings and the competition will explode if you will. That's the best thing for our community is to have many places to get this not just one.*

*"To get this in the evenings and weekends and late and other days of the week, I think our hours at the Health Department are not conducive to working adults. Our hours are I think he said 8 to 5 four days a week, noon to 6:30 I think. I may be off on those numbers a little bit. But, for working adults that's not the best hours.*

*"I was at Dillon's just the other day and spent some time near the Little Clinic, I was*

getting a prescription and that place was booming. There's a lot of adults in that line, it starts about 5:00 in the evening because working adults are getting off work and they're going to Dillon's to get their services. So, I was really impressed to see how many people are needful of services and they go to Dillon's to get those after they get off work in the daytime. Our hours at the Health Department are not conducive to that.

"So, I'm glad that the private sector is stepping up to the extent they are going to do it anyway. Some of these immunizations are a fair amount of money. Some of these are hundreds of dollars and you start multiplying that times, let's be clear, I believe the number we had last time was all together was about 1,121 almost more than 1,000 travel vaccinations that we've been doing in the Health Department that can be in the private sector. Multiply that times the cost of those immunizations that's a fair amount of money.

"I'd like to see that settle out completely in the private sector. I want to encourage them to be successful. I would really be disappointed if the Little Clinic said we can't make it anymore, we're going to shut this back down again. That would be a huge dis-service for our community. I want them to be successful. They deserve the chance to be successful. But, we're competing with them and it's not fair. I think we shouldn't do this because it's not good government for us to take over things the private sector can do and wants to do on their own.

"They have stepped up, it's better for the community the way it's being provided through the Dillon's Little Clinics and others that are competing with them as well. I appreciate what you do. Mr. Chairman that's all my comments, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I don't see anybody else asking to speak. We have a substitute motion and a second on the table and that is to table this issue..."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "For six months."

Chairman Unruh said, "For six months."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "And then re-evaluate."

Chairman Unruh said, "I guess we are ready to vote on the substitute motion, so Madam Clerk, please, call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Dennis	No
Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner O'Donnell	No
Chairman Unruh	No

Chairman Unruh said, "The substitute motion fails, we have the underlying motion on the table now and I think we've had lots of discussion. I don't see anyone else asking to speak so I will ask the clerk to please, call the vote on the underlying, motion."

VOTE

Commissioner Dennis           Aye  
Commissioner Ranzau       No  
Commissioner Howell       No  
Commissioner O'Donnell       Aye  
Chairman Unruh           Aye

*Chairman Unruh said, "I want to thank you all for being here, and those of you who participated I appreciate it. I have no doubt that our Health Department will continue to provide good service and I have no doubt that Dillon's will prosper in our community. So, thank you, for being here. Madam Clerk, next item."*

L     [17-206](#)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND  
BETWEEN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND THE CITY OF  
WICHITA, KANSAS REGARDING THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY  
FLOOD CONTROL OPERATION

Presented by: Misha Jacob-Warren, Assistant County Counselor

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the agreement and authorize the  
Chairman to sign.

*Ms. Misha Jacob-Warren, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today is an Intergovernmental Services Agreement between Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita. As you all are very well acquainted with the City of Wichita performs the bulk of our flood control operations here in Sedgwick County by and through the Wichita Sedgwick County Flood Control Project. Also known as the big ditch.*

*"It has been almost 65 years since we've had an update to this agreement for flood control and so legal staff together with Public Works set out to put on paper what it exactly is that each entity does with respect to flood control. So, you will see in this Intergovernmental Services Agreement the specific duties that the City of Wichita performs, that they've always performed on our behalf, we're just putting them on paper.*

*"This is an annual agreement that we expect to bring to you annually. The bulk of this agreement will not change from year to year. What will change of course is the funding. Sedgwick County provides half of the flood control funding for 2017, this is approximately 1.1 million dollars. That will change from year to year.*

*"What will also change is the inclusion of the specific Capital Improvement Projects. So, we've combined an operations and maintenance agreement with a Capital Improvement Project agreement. Typically, those come to you in separate forms and so we've just compiled it all into one place. For 2017 these two flood control projects are the acquisition of LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) as well as replacement of the toad rains for the various levies throughout the project.*

*"So, those are the things that you will see change from year to year. The basic terms will not. As I said before, Wichita / Sedgwick County share the burden for the operations and maintenance of this project 50/50. So, we split that budget 50/50.*

*"Every now and then, there is an outside of the project scope accident or encounter or incident or something that happens. It happens very rarely. But, just in case we've made provisions for that too. So, of course Wichita and Sedgwick County always have*

*the option to split the cost of that particular project as well. If it can't be decided that the cost of that project needs to be split between the entities the parties have agreed that they will go out, get a neutral third party engineer to determine the actual source of the problem and funding for fixing the problem will then be decided based on that neutral third party project report.*

*"We've also included in here the very common force majeure provision so in the event that something happens to within the scope of the project that is outside of the control of either party, earthquakes that kind of thing since we've had so many of those now lately in Sedgwick County the parties are agreeing to split the cost of those repairs 50/50 as well.*

*"Those are the basic parameters of the agreement. I'm happy to answer any questions and I know Public Works can explain far better than I can the specifics of what actually is being done by the City of Wichita for flood control."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you, for that presentation and I think we're relatively familiar with the challenge of this and our responsibility but there may be questions. Commissioners, is there any questions or comments? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"*

**MOTION**

*Chairman Unruh made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell second the motion.*

*There was no discussion and a vote was called.*

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner O'Donnell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Ms. Jacob-Warren said, "Thank you, Commissioners."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Misha. Next item."*

**Approved**

**CONSENT**

*Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Recommend you approve consent agenda items Mike through Victor."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis made a motion to approve the consent agenda.*



Chairman Unruh second the motion.

There was no discussion and a vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Dennis           Aye  
Commissioner Ranzau       Aye  
Commissioner Howell       Aye  
Commissioner O'Donnell       Aye  
Chairman Unruh           Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

**Approved**

- M    [17-171](#)           Signature authority to sign applications, reports, plans and other documents for submission to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS).
  
- N    [17-177](#)           Signature authority to sign applications, reports, plans, and other documents for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region 7, Kansas City, Kansas.
  
- O    [17-167](#)           Amendment to contract between South Central and COMCARE for funding to provide services at the Community Crisis Center.
  
- P    [17-172](#)           Housing First Agreement with the City of Wichita.
  
- Q    [17-174](#)           Third Addendum to the 2016 COMCARE participating Community Mental Health Center agreement with the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services.
  
- R    [17-178](#)           Agreement between COMCARE and DCCCA, Inc.
  
- S    [17-162](#)           Order dated 1/13/17 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
  
- T    [17-190](#)           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:  
  
Hidden Acres Estates.
  
- U    [17-183](#)           General Bill Check Register February 1, 2017 - February 7, 2017.
  
- V    [17-184](#)           Payroll Check Register for the February 4, 2017 payroll certification.

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Mr. Jon Von Achen, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just have one really, really big item today. Tomorrow in the Senate starting about 8 a.m. they're going to debate the budget and the shortfalls. There are several changes. Most of what the cuts that I've seen are linked to education. However, there are the little cuts that will I think eventually effect the county's.*

*"In addition there are some other things that, other bills out there that may help make up some of that school budget shortfall but may appear in areas where the citizens may ask us questions, in particular our treasurer.*

*"I know there are some discussions about statewide mill levy just for school funding that they're going to keep that. They may allow the school districts to eliminate the \$20,000 exemption for residences upon a vote of the school board.*

*"So, there are several items that could eventually trickle down to us. So, that's what primarily I'm keeping my eye on right now. To make sure that whatever they do in Topeka that we keep an eye on it to make sure that if it effects funding for us, that we're aware of it and can make a weigh in on it obviously if the Senate was in a hurry to get this done to kind of push the budget bill out there.*

*"I know there are some tax reinstatements and some increases involved in the bill but they'll be able to debate that on the floor tomorrow morning starting at 8 a.m.. Does anybody have any questions?"*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, is there question or comments? Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "Jon, is there a bill relating to County Commission meetings, when we can have them or any... I had somebody ask, bring this up to me yesterday at another meeting. Are you aware of anything?"*

*Mr. Von Achen said, "Yes, Commissioner, there is a bill. The current actual statutes a little more restrictive. We chartered out of that years ago. To set our meetings specifically by charter at, on this day and time and then we augment that and change that. We cancel, usually cancel the last meeting of the month and then sometimes we have special meetings which we're allowed by statute to do.*

*"The current, the bill that's currently up there would allow the County Commissions to really essentially set their own times because the current version says that you have to set it on a certain date and time depending on size of population."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I see, so it's going to be less restrictive not more restrictive."*

*Mr. Von Achen said, "Correct and again, we're currently chartered out of that because it has the population size changes so that allows, it's not uniform. So, we can charter out of it."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, even the small ones then could then opt, could charter out of it couldn't they?"*

*Mr. Von Achen said, "Yes, they could. Some, I mean some have and some haven't. I know there was a large debate and the Attorney General wasn't particularly happy*

*about 30 years ago we chartered out. But, you know, our position was upheld. So, we've maintained that 9 a.m. on Wednesday time frame."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Is it correct, is the state mandated time on Monday mornings?"*

*Mr. Von Achen said, "I believe that is correct for us."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Under the charter."*

*Mr. Von Achen said, "Yes."*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you, Commissioner. Any other question or comment? I see none Jon, so thank you, very much for that update."*

*Mr. Von Achen said, "Thank you."*

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

## **OTHER**

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, do you have anything for other that you'd like to bring up before the Commission today? I don't see anyone asking to speak but, I'd just like to kind of give a shout out to the City of Kechi, and to their Chief Financial Officer. They were awarded the distinguished budget presentation award from the Government Financial Officers Association for 2017 Budget.*

*"That was a particular honor to Kechi because they're the smallest city in the state to receive that award. It's a, I think particular interest to us not only because Kechi is a growing solid city in our community but their Chief Financial Officer is Mitch Kolf, who was a intern here at Sedgwick County. So, he got a lot of his training here and went to Kechi and helped them get that award which we have received here at Sedgwick County for many, many years.*

*"But, as the smallest city in the state to receive it is kind of notable. So, congratulations to Kechi and to Mitch for good work. I see no one else asking to speak. We do not have an Executive Session and we do not have a Fire District meeting, so that being the case Commissioners, we are adjourned."*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.*

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