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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 15, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:06 a.m. on March 15, 2017 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner Michael B. O'Donnell; Commissioner David Dennis; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner James M. 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; Adrienne Byrne, Director, Division of Health; Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Jon Von Achen, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Ms. Janice Bradley, 214 West Buckeridge Street, Wichita, Kansas
Ms. Geneva Chambers, 2311 East Stafford Street, Wichita, Kansas
Ms. Jennifer Johnson, 1112 W. 33rd St. N., Wichita, Kansas
Ms. Kelli Grant, Appointee*

Chairman Unruh said, "Pastor Tristan, thank you very much for being here this morning. Next item, please."

INVOCATION: Pastor Sergio Tristan, El Mesias United Methodist Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

PUBLIC AGENDA

Chairman Unruh said, "We do have two folks who have signed up to speak to us this morning. So Ms. Janice Braylee, is that right? Okay, if you will give us your name and address and you have five minutes to speak."

Ms. Janice Bradley, 214 Buckeridge, Wichita, thanked the Chairman and said, "So I came here to speak about Medicaid expansion, which recently passed the house with a veto proof majority.

"So this last election has shown that Medicaid expansion advocates have been elected to our Legislature, finally. This is starting to change, there is also a kind of, critical time period here because in U.S. (United States) Congress they are discussing repeal and replace and there is a big issue with the states that have expanded Medicaid and all of the federal money they're getting versus those who haven't. It's seen as critical for Kansas to sign up now, so that we can get a place in that federal money.

"Kansas's support Medicaid expansion overwhelmingly, the American Cancer Society did a recent poll in January 2017 and 82 percent of Kansas voters in that poll said they favor expansion. So 60 percent of that 82 [percent] strongly favored, okay. So the other 22 percent are favored. Now, I know that the County Commission, the [Board of] Sedgwick County Commission has had on its legislative agenda or I believe you call it legislative...

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Platform."

Ms. Bradley said, "Platform. Opposition to Affordable Healthcare [Act], which includes Medicaid expansion. This has been going on for years and Richard Ranzau, Commissioner's name is at the end of that paragraph. I assume you vote on this or do people just get to put these legislative platform issues in on their own accord? I don't know, I'm kind of, asking that question, maybe somebody can address it.

"What I specifically want to talk about today, in terms of Medicaid expansion is the benefits of that to Kansas prisons and jails. There has been a windfall of money for the states that have expanded Medicare under the Affordable Care Act. People who are in jail and can't make bail, but who are not yet convicted and we have a lot of those people in our jail. They are eligible for federal Medicaid benefits. This is extremely important for the large number of mentally ill people and those with substance abuse issues, who are filling our prisons and jails. These individuals could get their needed medications in jail and be covered with medical benefits immediately when they are released paid for by the federal government.

"When convicted inmates, this is the other side, people who are convicted, they are denied Medicaid benefits in prisons or jail, but most people don't realize that if an inmate is ill and they require hospitalization or surgery. The person is not considered an inmate after 24 hours out of the jail. So the federal government will pick up the hospital bill. In Sedgwick County presently the county taxpayers must pay all the medical bills for the inmates.

"Last year, one inmate sent to the hospital suffering a heart attack was eventually sent to surgery for bypass and stent and this procedure cost the Sedgwick County taxpayers approximately \$120,000. If the Kansas Legislature had expanded KanCare, Medicaid expansion the federal government would have paid the entire amount. This is only one example, there are many examples of this.

"Local and state taxpayers are saddled with the burden of healthcare for prisoners convicted or not, but with expansion inmates would have some relief with federally medicated, medical benefits and would be less likely to return to jail.

"It is a travesty the way we have abandoned care for so many mentally ill people, including homeless veterans who sometimes end up in jail. We have a great system in Sedgwick County for mental health called COMCARE. Without KanCare expansion we are tying our local mental health provider's hands and denying them more tools to make our community healthier and safer. It is time to stop burdening the local taxpaying public with medical expenses in our prisons and jails that would be paid for by the federal government under Medicaid expansion."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you very much for your comments and to answer your question, our legislative platform is approved by a majority of the Commission. So it is not just one commissioner advancing an idea without the consent of the majority."

Ms. Bradley said, "Okay."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay."

Ms. Bradley said, "I hope that changes and I think you guys are way behind the times on this."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you for your comments."

Ms. Bradley said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Our next speaker is Geneva Chambers."

Ms. Geneva Chambers, 2311 Stafford, Wichita, greeted the Chairman and said, "Good morning."

Chairman Unruh said, "Good morning."

Ms. Chambers said, "I'm not a public speaker, so I hope you guys will cut me a little slack. I am here in response to the comments made last week by Commissioner Ranzau. He said that progressives are dishonest and deceitful and that they lie and distort the truth and use hypocrisy in order to get elected."

"Two of the methods used by the Republican Party lately to get elected are gerrymandering and voter suppression. I would say that those methods are deceitful and dishonest. The biggest lie by either party in recent memory would be that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction that lie resulted in a war in which more than 4,500 Americans died, 32,000 Americans were wounded, 461,000 Iraq's died and has cost the United States [of America] more than \$2.5 trillion thus far."

"The Republican Party claims to be the party of family values and fiscal conservatism yet you just put a man in The White House who brags about sexually assaulting women, he has spent 30 percent of the time he has been in office on vacation at a cost of more than \$20 million to the taxpayers. He refuses to release his tax returns and has not divested himself of his business interests. He surrounds himself with people who have questionable ties to the Russian government. His national security advisor was a paid lobbyist for the Turkish government while attending top secret security briefings in the White House. His top advisor is a White Supremacist. The disceit, dishonesty, hypocrisy and scandal generated by this White House in 55 days is mind boggling. Where is the outrage?"

"I sense a pattern here, we progressives build it, you the Republicans break it and we the progressives fix it. So for you to sit there and try to claim the moral high ground is laughable, you repeatedly vote against programs that would benefit those in our community who are the most at risk and vulnerable. The two that come to mind are KANSEL (Kansas School for Effective Learning) and health promotion program. You seem to vote your ideology rather than what is in the best interest of the people you were elected to serve. I would call that hypocrisy."

"The analogy that comes to mind when thinking about those things would be that of a hungry person who comes to your door asking for food and instead of feeding him,

you dump the food on the ground. Your phrase enemy of the people is a phrase that has been used for hundreds of years by despicable people in positions of power for the purpose of annihilating groups of people with whom they disagree. Hitler was one of the people who used that phrase. It's offensive when you call progressive movement the enemy of the people and it is even more offensive when the man elected to represent the American people uses it to discriminate against the media.

"Commissioner Ranzau, if you don't like to be criticized for saying things that offend people, I would suggest you not say things that are offensive. Thank you for your time."

Chairman Unruh said, "Ms. Chambers, I neglected to ask you to state your name and address for the record."

Ms. Chambers said, "Oh, I'm sorry. Geneva Chambers, 2311 East Stafford, I am in your district."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you."

Ms. Chambers said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "I see no one else who has registered to speak. Is there anyone else who, yes ma'am you..."

Ms. Jennifer Johnson said, "Inaudible."

Chairman Unruh said, "Yes, if you would please, state your name and address."

Ms. Johnson, 1112 West 33rd Street North, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm in Mr. Ranzau's district. I have written a few comments, I did speak last week regarding two weeks ago comments. I would like to address a couple of things that I witnessed in the meeting last week.

"First of all, it's really about the other comments portion of your meetings. I'd like to address the most egregious statement, I thought Mr. Ranzau made demonstrating to us it felt like his level political astuteness when he chose to address a group of women on International Women's Day with these words, I don't believe individual progressives are my enemy or enemies of the community now we can all agree on that. He said, but I believe individuals who support progressive ideology are really a victim of the tactics of the ideology itself. This comment was indeed laughable and I for one was left wanting the Commissioner would believe the women in the room were incapable of thinking for themselves. That is certainly how I took it his ill-advised remark. Telling us that we are victims and implying that you know best, well, if you meant that as insult you succeeded.

"Perhaps it would be wise to remember that women vote and are fully capable of thinking for themselves. Left out of a newspaper article was Commissioner Ranzau also indirectly insulting our area teachers and school system. Also, complaining about legislators trying to fix the tax situation, which is perhaps irreparably undermined our schools for years to come. Continuing in his track of insulting public education, which I believe sir, you did take advantage of at WSU (Wichita State University) in obtaining your degree. He also wasted meeting time with unnecessary comments about college professors and many other random views on state and national politics.

"After these remarks, Commissioner David Dennis, proposed reforming the

Commissions comments portion of the meeting, I for one fully support his statement. I think it is beyond time to adjust the parameters of your other comments time. I live in Commissioner Ranzau's district, I would like to hear him talk about positive achievements from his constituents, benefits his district had received thanks to his advocating, or even a nod perhaps on International Women's Day to the women who are important in his life, anything but lecturing and scolding.

"Two weeks in a row of long diatribes after several years of much the same from previous commission members is enough, I urge the Commission to reevaluate their use of the other portion of the agenda. Frankly, it's embarrassing to watch the derailment of a very fine tradition. Please ask yourselves if using your comment time as a bully pulpit, to preach about your political stance on state and national issues and complain about how you're being treated in the media is an appropriate use of the much vaunted taxpayer dollars you claim to care so much about. There are other venues for that kind of speech, please seek them out. Thank you, very much for your time this morning."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else that did not register to speak, who wants to make a comment? Okay, I see no one else asking to speak. So at this time I will ask the clerk to call the next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [17-290](#)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2017.

All Commissioners were present.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the minutes of February 15th, what's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2017.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item, please."

Approved

APPOINTMENTS

B [17-309](#)

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KELLI GRANT (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution.

Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have four items under appointments. The first item is agenda item B, it is a resolution reappointing Kelli Grant to the Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, her term had expired March 10th of 2017. So this is for a new two year term that would end on March 14th, 2019. I was told she would be present."

Chairman Unruh said, "She is."

Mr. Yost said, "Apparently she is, the paperwork appears to be in order and I would urge adoption of this resolution."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright. Thank you, Commissioners, what is the will of the board."

MOTION

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the 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 II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Unruh said, "Kelli is here this morning to sworn in. So we will have our Clerk, Kelly Arnold, preform that exercise."

Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk, thanked the Commissioners and said, "Alright. Please raise your right hand. I do solemnly support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of office of Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, so help me God."

Ms. Kelli Grant said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Alright. Congratulations."

Ms. Grant said, "Thank you."

Mr. Arnold said, "If you would you like to say anything to the board you can?"

Ms. Grant, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to just say thank you for this appointment. For almost 20 years I have worked in or with the criminal justice field, also as an employee here at Sedgwick County. I've taught for the last six years at Wichita State University (WSU) and I am embarking on my doctoral candidacy this coming fall in Criminology."

"I am very honored to accept this appointment and it means a great deal to me to

serve on this board. I am humbled and thankful to be asked to serve our community for another two years. I continue to be impressed with the Department of Corrections initiatives to primarily protect our community and also to assist offenders in becoming productive citizens.

"Since most of our offenders will remain in our community and return to our community under supervision it is imperative that we continue to focus on what works to support those efforts. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serving on [Sedgwick County Community] Corrections Advisory Board."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, Kelli thank you for your willingness to serve and appreciate your time here at Sedgwick County, but you have continued to help our government and our community by your service on this board. So, thank you very much, we appreciate your expertise and congratulations on progress in your academic journey."

Ms. Grant said, "Thank you very much. Have a great day."

Chairman Unruh said, "You too."

Adopted

C [17-300](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JODY PATTERSON (COMMISSIONER DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, item C is a resolution appointing Jody Patterson to the Sedgwick County Intellectual and Development Disabilities Advisory Board, she is the recommendation of Commissioner Dennis. This position had been held by Ms. Deborah Sanders, but her term expired in February. Ms. Patterson's term would run through March 14th of 2021, so it's a four year appointment. I am told she would not be present and so if she's not, we can swear her in at another time. The paperwork appears to be in order and I would urge adoption of this resolution."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

Adopted

D [17-301](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DR. PRESTON HICKMAN
(DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE
SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.

Mr. Yost said, "Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Yes."

Mr. Yost said, "Items D and E are somewhat related. Item D is the resignation of Dr. Preston Hickman from the Animal Care Advisory Board, he had been appointed by Commissioner Peterjohn, but Dr. Hickman moved out of the area before the expiration of his term. Commissioner Dennis is recommending that Shelley Bonnell..."

Commissioner Dennis said, "Bonnell."

Mr. Yost said, "I'm sorry, Bonnell be appointed to replace Dr. Hickman for the unexpired term. So that would run through March 3rd of 2019. I would urge adoption of these resolutions, accepting the resignation of one and appointing the final to the other."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright. Thank you, what is the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to accept the resignation of Dr. Hickman and also approve Shelley Bonnell to the Sedgwick County Animal Care Advisory Board.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the 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 II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Unruh said, "We're ready for next item."

Adopted

E [17-308](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHELLEY BONNELL (COMMISSIONER
DAVID DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY
ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Action for this item was taken with Item D.

NEW BUSINESS

F [17-223](#) GRANT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION
103-2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,437.53.
Presented by Kelly Arnold, County Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Issue order granting property tax relief
and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Arnold said, "Item F and item G are similar, so I don't know if you would like take those both of those together as I go through this, but these are items that are two orders to approve for property tax relief. Just give you a little bit of background on this the Kansas Legislature passed a bill that would provide for relief if a homestead was destroyed or substantially destroyed as a result of fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, storms or an event declared by disaster by the Governor. The owner may apply for tax credit or abatement under statute subject to any budgetary constraints from the county or the other taxing subdivisions.

"The Board of County Commissioners is tasked with making three different findings. They are whether the property is a homestead, whether the homestead was destroyed or substantially destroyed and the assessed evaluation of the property. In order for the property to be deemed destroyed or substantially destroyed the statute requires the cost to restore the structure to its before damaged condition that it would be greater or equal to 50 percent or more of the market value of the structure to be damaged.

"Sedgwick County adopted a resolution to establish the procedures that we handle with this statute and declare the declaration of disaster. On these two orders the property owners, the property owners, excuse me has filed an application with the [Sedgwick] County Clerk's Office and a notice was sent to both of the property owners on this agenda item.

"Agenda item F is, we will call the Crestwood property, it was 85 percent destroyed. The assessed valuation was \$36,755 that was of predamage. That tax granting credit is \$4,437.53, this was as result of a fire damage. The item G, is the Greenwich property, this was 50 percent destroyed. The assessed valuation was \$21,563 that was predamage, tax granting credit would be \$1,809.89 and this one was as a result of an earthquake. The valuations and damage was assessed by our Appraiser's Office."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, then I think Commission is agreeable to take both of these items together, if that, if the Counselor thinks that is appropriate?"

Mr. Yost said, "That's appropriate."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. This just complies with all the rules of the state and we are just following that procedure."

Mr. Arnold said, "This does meet state statute and the Board of County Commission

policy."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. I have comment from Commissioner Howell."

Mr. Arnold said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell, thanked the Chairman and said, "I, just reflecting, again time in the legislature when we discussed this bill and I was pleased to be a part of the creation this law. It took a couple of years to get this into permanent law. The first year that it passed it was a proviso and a procreations bill, but the following year we were able to make it permanent law. I would like to recognize Commissioner O'Donnell on his work as well on the Senate side getting that passed, but I had a number of constituents in my district that have had tremendous property damage.

"Started with the Oaklawn tornado years ago, more recently we've had a lot of flooding. So this has been used a number of times, I just want to say, appreciate that the law exists and we have the opportunity to help people who are seriously going through some difficult times. So to the extent that they are following, this is under the provisions of a law. I would be very pleased to make a motion to issue the order granting property tax relief and authorize the Chairman to sign on both items F and G for the amounts presented today."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. We have a motion and a second, I don't see any other comment, but before we call the vote, are there any citizens that want to speak on this item? I see no one moving, so will keep the conversation to the bench. No one else asking to speak and we have a motion and second. So, Madam Clerk, call the vote."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the 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 II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Arnold said, "Alright. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Kelly. I mean, Mr. Clerk. Next item, please."

Approved

G [17-304](#)

**GRANT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION
103-2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,809.89.**

Presented by: Kelly Arnold, County Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Issue order granting property tax relief
and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Action for this item was taken with Item F.

H [17-218](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,947,909 FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DIVISION OF HEALTH.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application of the grant; the electronic submittal of the application for the grant; and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents; including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application; and approve the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request at the time the grant documents are executed.

Ms. Adrienne Byrne, Director, Division of Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning I am seeking approval for annual aid to local application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). We have received this funding for well over 30 years and it is the primary way that the State Health Department funnels federal and state monies to local Health Departments, so that we can do the work that we do. This year we are requesting \$1,947,909 there is a match requirement for this in both in kind and hard match.

"This application funds portions of several program areas along with portions of 32 positions. This funding helps support public health infrastructure, family planning, maternal and child health programs, mobile immunization services, sexually transmitted disease control, and public health emergency preparedness. Without this funding many of our programs would be drastically reduced or services not be able to be provided.

"We are requesting an overall increase of \$22,856 or 1.19 percent above the 2016 award, this contribution from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is a foundational piece for many of our public health programs. It allows us to continue to work toward improving the health status of our residents by assuring that our children are immunized and that our most vulnerable women receive well women checkup and education about how to stay healthy in between and during pregnancy.

"These programs help to strengthen the health of our community and I recommend that you authorize the Chair to approve this application and sign all related documents. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright. Thank you for that presentation and this is a process we go through each year?"

Ms. Byrne said, "That is correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Gentlemen or Commissioners, is there any comment or question? What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to approve the application of the grant.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the 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 II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Ms. Byrne said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Adrienne, thank you. Next item."

Approved

I [17-266](#)

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A PAUL COVERDELL
NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARD
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR FUNDING OF SUPPLIES,
EQUIPMENT AND RECERTIFICATION SERVICES.

Presented by: Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director, Regional Forensic
Science Center (RFSC).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the grant award and authorize the
RFSC Director to sign award forms, grant assurances (progress
reports and financial related documents), and establish budget
authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of the
Request.

*Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the
Commissioners and said, "Before you this morning you have a request to accept a
\$25,000 grant award from the Department of Justice or more commonly known as
the Federal Coverdell Grant. These funds will be used to improve and enhance the
capabilities and efficiencies of the forensic laboratory here in Sedgwick County.
Specifically the funds will be utilized to acquire small pieces of laboratory equipment
to achieve this goal of improved efficiencies.*

*"There are no match dollars required for this grant and I would recommend that you
accept the grant award, authorize me to sign various forms. Grant assurances
basically that we will, you know, we will keep our accreditations, I will have, be
required to submit progress reports on how we utilizing the funds and such, and
establish budget authority as provided in the financial considerations of this request.
With that I stand ready to answer any questions that you may have."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright. Thank you, Dr. Rohrig. Is there any questions from
Commissioners? If not, what is the will of the board?"*

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to accept grant award.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Dr. Rohrig said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

Approved

J [17-224](#)

SETTING OF HEARING DATE FOR POST-ANNEXATION HEARING
CITY OF DERBY.

Presented by: Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set the public hearing and authorize the County Counselor's Office to mail the notice of hearing to property owners and the City of Derby.

Mr. Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Here to present on this item, this involves an annexation by the City of Derby that occurred in 2014. It's the setting of a hearing for the post annexation review of the services plan that they completed. This is required to be completed by statute KSA 12-531, really the intent of this statute is that there is a hearing where notice is provided to the property owners, also to the city and the review that you would have is whether the city has actually provided the services indicated in that 2014 services plan."

"You would hear evidence any of the interested parties who would choose to show up at that time and make a finding. If you were to find the services have not being provided then one and a half years after that hearing, the city would have that amount of time to prove that they actually did provide the services and they could be subject to a de-annexation, perhaps."

"The recommended action on this is to set the public hearing for April 19, 2017, during your regular Board of County Commissioner meeting and authorize the County Counselor's Office to mail the notice of hearing to the property owners and to the City of Derby. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, Justin. Thank you, Commissioners are there any questions? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am familiar with these properties and I did have a good briefing from Justin [Waggoner] in my office. I appreciate his expertise on the topic. I would be pleased to make the recommend, to make a motion for the recommended action to set the public hearing for April 19th, 2017 and authorize the County Counselor's Office to mail the notice of hearing to property owners and the City of Derby."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to set the public hearing April 19, 2017 for post-annexation hearing City of Derby.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the 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 II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Justin. Next item, please."

Approved

K [17-312](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 9, 2017.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director of Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of March 9th results in four items that we'd like to present you this morning:

1. MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF SECURITY SYSTEM – OPERATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES (OSS)

"On the recommendation of Kimberly Bush, on behalf of Operations Support Services, Tim Kaufman moved to accept the quote from Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. for a total five (5) year cost of \$237,319.00.

2. ONBASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)

"On the recommendation of Kimberly Bush, on behalf of ITS, Jennifer Dombaugh moved to accept the quote from Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc. in the amount of \$142,534.00.

3. INTRUST BANK ARENA ENTRANCE C – OPERATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES (OSS)

"On the recommendation of Kimberly Bush, on behalf of OSS, Tim Kaufman moved to accept the low responsive base bid plus all alternates from Key Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,626,900.00 and establish unit pricing as listed for Auger Cast Piling.

4. WASTE TIRE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

"On the recommendation Kristen McGovern, on behalf of Environmental Resources, Tim Kaufman moved to accept the low proposal from Resource Management Co., Inc. for \$89.00 per scaled ton.

"I'll be happy answer any questions you may have and I recommend approval of these items."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright. Thank you, Joe. Commissioners, are there any questions or comment about the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Looking at the recommendations, on the first two items presented are those sole source bids or did we have anybody else that was interested in providing those services?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Originally when the first bid came out it was done competitively. This is after the service has been established, then this is the maintenance done on it."

Commissioner Howell said, "So you're just continuing existing services with whoever is providing at this time."

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Howell said, "Alright, thank you. On the, item number three looking at the numbers, I think, you said that the recommended action is the low cost bid or base bid is the word you used. I am looking at the numbers and I am trying to understand, I think, you said the one that has been recommended is 1626."

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Howell said, "There is one to the left of that, first column 1165 is that, could you please explain, their bid doesn't seem like it is completely filled out. Is that part of this discussion here?"

Mr. Thomas said, "The bid for Graycon Building Group, there was an error in their bid. They had placed the alternates as one dollar each. So we considered this bid nonresponsive after talking with the vendor and they agreed and asked the bid with, basically not accepted."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, that does make sense. So based on the remaining two, then recommendation was for the low bid that you described already. That does make sense, thank you for the explanation. Mr. Chairman that is all my questions. Thank you very much."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Is there any other comment or question? What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the 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 II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Joe. Next item."

Approved

CONSENT

Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I recommend you approve consent agenda items Lima (L) through Zulu (Z) with the exception of Oscar (O), which we need to defer to a future meeting."

Chairman Unruh said, "So the consent agenda is presented as shown on our agenda pack with the exception of item O or Oscar or okay. What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve consent agenda with the exception of item O.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright. We have a motion and a second, any discussion? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Well, thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a, I guess, a request for information, again I see this once and awhile on our agenda. I always forget the details as to why this appears here, but a number of these items is the destruction of records. Can someone please remind me what our policy is or why is, this appears on our agenda once and awhile. I would just like to know a little more on why we destroy records?"

Mr. Jon VonAchen, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We generally follow the State Historical Societies series regarding records destruction. So when these come up, our records management team reviews what under the series is due up. We usually do this twice a year and this is the first one, we will have another one, generally in June.

"Where we review all the records, there are certain records that we have where we do more than what's required currently, which at some point we may revisit to go back to what the series requires. So it is either the series itself or by statute. A lot of times when the series is set, it is set in accordance with the statute. So there are

certain records that we keep essentially in perpetuity and then the remainder of those records are according to a series, which has been approved by the State Historical Society saying that, you know, at a certain point they are no longer of value."

Commissioner Howell said, "Alright. Well, thank you for the explanation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Is there any other comment? See we have a motion and a second. So Madam Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item, please."

Adopt the Consent Agenda

- L** [17-278](#) One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Stream Maintenance Project; Pinehurst Subdivision located north of Central and west of 143rd Street East. District 1.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- M** [17-302](#) Set Public Hearing for Initiation of Road Vacation Pursuant to Charter Resolution Number 64 for 71st St. South West of 143rd St. East. (District 5)
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- N** [17-274](#) Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) regarding the treatment of noxious weeds growing on KDOT right of way in Sedgwick County. All Districts.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- O** [17-296](#) A resolution directing Sedgwick County Fire District Number One to enter into an agreement for Fire Protection Services with the City of Bentley, Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 19-3608.
Withdrawn
- P** [17-259](#) Amendment to State and Local Fair Market Value Lease - Pitney Bowes.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- Q** [17-267](#) A Resolution to authorize destruction of Operation Support Services (DISP 2017-268).
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- R** [17-268](#) A Resolution to authorize destruction of Aging Department records

(DISP 2017-273 HS-Aging 2004-2011).
Approved on the Consent Agenda

S [17-269](#) A Resolution to authorize destruction of COMCARE Records (DISP 2017-275 HS-Comcare 2000-2011).
Approved on the Consent Agenda

T [17-270](#) A Resolution to authorize destruction of Elections records (DISP 2017-276 Elections 2010-2011).
Approved on the Consent Agenda

U [17-271](#) A Resolution to authorize destruction of Human Resources records (DISP 2017-279 Human Resources 2010-2013).
Approved on the Consent Agenda

V [17-273](#) A Resolution to authorize destruction of Public Works Records (DISP 2017-281 Public Works 2007-2013).
Approved on the Consent Agenda

W [17-275](#) A Resolution to authorize destruction of Regional Forensic Science Center (RFSC) Records (DISP 2017-282 1995-2014).
Approved on the Consent Agenda

X [17-276](#) A Resolution to authorize destruction of Treasurer Office records (DISP 2017-284 TRS 2010-2013).
Approved on the Consent Agenda

Y [17-252](#) General Bill Check Register March 8, 2017 - March 14, 2017.
Approved on the Consent Agenda

Z **17-253** Payroll Check Register for the March 4, 2017 payroll certification.
Approved on the Consent Agenda

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Mr. VonAchen said, "Good morning, again Commissioners. Couple items today. We got a couple items on the Senate calendar above the line. So they are going to be debated today of interest to Sedgwick County. One is Senate Bill 174, which regards the WSU/WATC (Wichita State University/Wichita Area Technical College) affiliation. That is a Senate bill in the Senate, it came from a blessed committee, so they will be taking that up today to debate. Then, you know, hopefully approve and then get it over to the house, so that they can approve and that affiliation can go forward.

"The other is Senate Bill 86, which involves open records. There will be some potential changes to open records, which involve, which can charge for copies, They're going to define what standard size is for copies, what you can charge, which in my review we are generally doing in Sedgwick County consistent with the statutory change would be.

"One of the interesting changes that they are proposing is to, if you are a resident of the State of Kansas, then you can request an open record at any time for any reason, however this is not allowed under current state law, if you are an out of state person then you must certify that you are doing so on behalf of a citizen of the State of Kansas.

"Currently, anybody for any reason from anywhere can request a record and we have to, we don't differentiate between in state, out of state. We do get several out of state requests for information. So for lack of better term these things can be described as fishing expeditions for, to cull certain information, for example, we get some that involve our construction contracts, our public works contracts, where they are just trying to fish some things out of those and then turn around and sell that information to people who would be interested in bidding potentially on projects or as a tool to learn how to win a bid.

"So they would have to certify that they would, from an out of state entity, they would have to certify, if law changes they would have to certify that they are doing so on behalf of a citizen of the State of Kansas.

"So I think, some of those, what I would deem legitimate fishing as opposed to those trying to do criminal action, although they get swept up into it too. It would tend to stop that with the change of the law.

"So those two things are in the Senate, they are both Senate Bills, above the line they are both coming out of, obviously coming out of blessed status, so if they pass they will go over to the house and be debated there. So that is all I have for today."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions for Mr. Von Achen? I see none, so we appreciate the information."

Mr. VonAchen said, "Thank you."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Fire District Number 1 from 9:50 a.m. and returned at 9:59 a.m.

Chairman Unruh said, "I believe we are ready for other. Is that right, Madam Clerk?"

OTHER

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "I had planned to speak today, with some ongoing discussion. I planned to speak today on the editorial in today's paper, but before I do that I do want to address one comment that was made earlier today.

"First of all, I appreciate the women who came here and spoke. I appreciate differing views, I think that's good and I think we need to have that to have that discussion. But one issue I want to make very clear with respect to last week I spoke about Urban Preparatory Academy and parental choice.

"Children within my district, minority children who aren't learning to read and write and need options. That I am, their parents and many other people support parental choice. It's disappointing when that support for those children is mischaracterized as an attack upon teachers and schools. Because nothing could be further than the truth that school has teachers there, teachers some of whom use to work in public schools. There is a need, there is a very real achievement gap that exists for minority

students across this country and in this city and in my district. It is something I care about very, very deeply and I will continue to give them a voice.

"You can criticize me all you want, that's fine, but all too often, but when you criticize or mischaracterize parental, those who support parental choice as being hostile toward public schools or teachers, you don't help those children.

"I think, this issue needs to have an open and honest dialog about this. I would encourage anyone, whether you agree with me or not to give them a chance. Give me a call, give them a call, we will set up a time you can go down there, you can talk to the children, talk to the teachers, talk to the parents, just give them a chance. All they want to do is have an opportunity for their children to get a quality education, to learn to read and write.

"With that being said, I want to move on to the, today's editorial. In the last couple weeks I have criticized some progressive ideology and tactics. Today, I want to talk about tactics, specifically I have said some politicians and media use deceptive technics. They lie, they deceive in order to promote their agenda. I gave some specific examples, for example the national level I talked about Obamacare and at the local and state level I talked about the recent attempt by progressives to raise income tax on the poor and middle class in Kansas.

"I didn't talk about these just for my own personal benefit, but I used them as examples. I believe I made attempt to oppose hypocrisy of some of the media to include the Wichita Eagle and how they cover these stories and it's clear they didn't like it. With that being said I have been contacted by people, who men, women, white, black who said thank you for standing up for me and saying what you said, I appreciate it. That's okay we can have people who agree and disagree, we can have different view point.

"I see this opportunity today or this other there has been a lot of discussion as an opportunity to give a voice to my constituents and fight for them from time to time. I also see it as an opportunity to let them know when they are being hoodwinked by legislators in Topeka. Some have told me to stop speaking out, some have told me to continue, but some will also try to say somehow it is wrong to use this as a platform as an opportunity to stand up for the taxpayers and I just simply disagree. Things that happen in Topeka matter to my constituents and they have a right to know the truth.

"I actually take free speech, debate, decent very seriously. We participate in debate very aggressively at times with my fellow Commissioners and I welcome it and I encourage it. Sometimes I win, sometimes I lose, but then we move on. So when I read a headline that says Commissioners try to silence decent, that is a very serious allegation that I take very seriously. Now the vast majority of this article or this editorial was about the ARC 95 (Arkansas River Crossing 95th Street South) issue, which I was, had absolutely nothing with.

"I wouldn't be commenting on this probably until if it weren't for the very last, towards the end of the, end of the editorial. It talks about some, there is a disturbing pattern by some Commissioners, silencing decent and criticizing opposition and one of the things they points is my recent criticism of progressive ideology and tactic. So they make two allegations, one and it depends on how you read this, I mean, it could be read that they are saying that my discussion in the last couple of weeks have been an effort silence decent number one and number two criticizing the opposition.

"If in fact they are trying to say that I'm trying to silence decent in my discussions, I want to address that first. Because that is a false statement, it is a lie, it is deceptive, I do exactly the opposite by talking and generating debate and discussion. I have

encouraged that, my record has been very clear even Lonny the Plumber will admit that within the last two years we have made significant changes right here at the BoCC (Board of County Commissioners) to encourage more dialogue.

"When I was the Chairman, we began allowed people to speak on each and every item that didn't happen before. We also allowed people to start signing up the very day that you show up. So the ladies that showed up the last two weeks and signed up on the day, that didn't happen before then, you had to sign up about nine days in advance. We changed that to allow more participation, we also began having budget hearings in the evening, which allowed more opportunity for people to speak when and then last year we had some evening, BoCC meetings in the evening, done by Commissioner Howell to give people more opportunity to participate and voice their opinions. We've done a lot to encourage free speech and dialogue on a variety of things.

"So I would argue, that if that isn't their intent to characterize what I have done in the last couple of weeks it's completely false and misleading. It actually makes my point for me that would be deceptive tactic. Now they did say that also, the second thing is that they talked about criticizing opposition. Yeah, I did criticize ideas and tactics, yes I did do that. That is what free speech is all about, what is the problem with that, why are they criticizing that? Doesn't make any sense, we are supposed to encourage the criticism, we're supposed to, I find that a bizarre notion for a paper who makes its living on supposedly having free speech and having different views, that's very disappointing.

"So I have to ask myself, why would the [Wichita] Eagle say these false and misleading things, I think they want to use a notion and false innuendos to create a false narrative, allows them to attack me and others who shares my views and avoid an honest discussion of their flawed ideology and deflect attention away from their deceptive technics or tactics. They have made my point again and I thank them for that.

"I think going forward this clears, they are clearly a narrative and try and push this on an ongoing bases, they're trying to, they knew they couldn't connect me to the ARC 95, so they had to somehow disparage me and throw me in there and say I'm trying to silence the decent. Now you can criticize my views on politics and all this other stuff and that is fine, but don't try to give the impression that I have silenced decent because no one respects or encourages debate more than I do.

"To the people, who contacted me and thank me for standing up for them. I want them to know that they will not be forgotten, I have been elected by the people to give them a voice and that is what I will do. I will not allow them to be silenced. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Is there any other comment for other? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a few things I would like to go over. Just too kind of, tell people in the community some of the I've been involved in and working on and maybe raise a couple of issues. So if you will please indulge me on a couple, for a few minutes I would sure appreciate that.

"I wanted to share first of all, Chairman Unruh and myself did spend Monday a few hours, about three, three hours, I think, on Monday with Meals on Wheels folks here in Wichita. We were able to go out with some of the volunteer staff there, we got a very nice briefing, kind of, a deep understanding exactly what they provide. I have to

say I am very impressed that they've got a very, very difficult logistic challenge every single day trying to deliver about 900 meals to the Wichita area. I just want to say I appreciate what they provide. Their services are primarily to people that are homebound.

"Chairman Unruh and myself went different directions, I was able to spend some time with a Wichita Police Officer, I apologize I don't have his last name, but his first name was Chad. I wish I knew his name, I don't know that right now, but apologize for that. But nevertheless Chairman Unruh went out with another Wichita Police Officer and we went different directions. I delivered meals in my district and it was a really good experience.

"I just want to say I appreciate what the Meals on Wheels program provides to our community. I'm grateful that they are doing what they do, they do operate out of one of our senior centers downtown, it is one I haven't been to before, so I appreciated being able to see that as well.

"The second thing that I wanted to raise this morning was that I was able to attend a Sedgwick County Association of Cities meeting. I had been pretty faithful at attending those for quite a long time, Lonny Wright was there, appreciate his dedication to going to all these community meetings. I tend to see him a lot at these meetings, but Sheree Utash, President WATC (Wichita Area Technical College) was able to present, of course, I know most of the information that she was going to present because I have been on that board. But she raised even more issues than I even knew and so I was even impressed that again, she is a wealth of knowledge and the things that WATC is involved in is just really impressive.

"One of the things that she talked about, which I, stuck in my mind, I am continuing to think about this. But she said there are 60,000 people in the Sedgwick County area that do not have GED (General Education Diploma) or high school diplomas. What an untapped resource that is, we, I guess I see that as a tremendous challenge for us as policy makers to continue to engage that, I heard one of the previous speakers today mention the word KANSAL and again I just want to review the reason I didn't support KANSAL is because their outcomes weren't what I had hoped for, they didn't have the record that I was hoping for, but WATC has partnered with Goodwill and they are very much engaged in trying to provide services.

"So if someone in our community does not have a GED or high school diploma, there is a tremendous opportunity for \$50 to engage training opportunities out there. They will walk you through the process and allow you to test to get your GED. So it is a very affordable \$50 is all it takes and they have these technical classes, I just have to say it is a very, very good program, they have a lot students, they have waves of students going through the program and I just think it is very well done.

"I am familiar with Goodwill and obviously familiar with WATC, but they are partnered up together to provide this opportunity. For 60,000 people in this community who need that type of training, my recommendation is to go to WATC and ask them for assistance. They will be glad to walk you through the process. It is probably one of the biggest hidden resources in our community for a lot people that could be tapping that resource. I just wanted to say for such a great need, I am so glad we have a very robust program out there, it is very affordable and doing a tremendous job. So I appreciate what they do, I would just like to encourage those 60,000 folks to know about that. I hope we can get that message out somehow.

"Thirdly, I wanted to just say, I also attended the [Sedgwick County] Stormwater Advisory Board (SCSAB) meeting again last Wednesday (March 8, 2017) it happened, it meets quarterly, this is the third meeting they have had prior to the first

meeting we had, three quarters ago. They had actually stopped meeting because they felt like it wasn't any value in meeting. They felt, they did not have an effective input into the policy making of the county. I think that that has been addressed, I think that we are very excited about what they do there at the Stormwater Advisory Board. I have attend all three of those meetings, again Lonny Wright has been with me, you can vouch for that as well.

"They did a tremendous job, again talking about a path forward. That really is the biggest challenge, again as a Commissioner that's been here who's starting on my third year, I'm still asking for my priority list of projects. I haven't received it yet, but they have got an action item to figure out that priority list. So we know how to solve the problems of stormwater, we need to do this scientifically and with data and we need to have good buy in from the people across the county that are represented on that board. So I appreciate what they provide, they did discuss the ground water issues that are happening in districts two and five down in the south part of the county.

"They were able to get the presentation that Susan Erlenwein that we saw at our staff meeting last week. They are very much anxious to see that project move forward and they provided some commentary on that, they are very supportive of us down south, I think that idea has momentum and I think it is going to move forward. I appreciate their support for that as well. They are going to be asking for some money this year to continue a study, trying to figure out the priority list. I think, I am supportive of that, I need to understand a little bit more exactly what they're proposing, but it seems reasonable we need to have a priority list so that we know how to solve the problems, but anyway I want to say I appreciate them.

"I would like to mention that Mitch Mitchell who chaired that Stormwater Advisory Board for very, very long time, I think, a lot of us know him. I've gotten to know him as a Commissioner, I've heard his name over the years, I didn't really know much about him, but he's a tremendous individual. I've met him a number of times as a Commissioner, in fact I have seen him up here in different Commissioners offices talking about flood issues and providing expertise on infrastructure. Obviously, I think many of us already know that he passed away this last weekend and he is a tremendous loss for our community. I want to say appreciate all of his services to the county, in fact, as I continue to think about his legacy and what he has provided, literally billions of dollars of damages avoid because of his vision for infrastructure in downtown Wichita.

"I guess an idea just popped into my head, I think it's a good idea I would like to ask my colleagues to support the idea of renaming what we call the 'Big Ditch' to me that's not the most wonderful adjective for something that is so great for this community that is a common name that we all tend to call it, the Big Ditch, the official name is The Wichita/Valley Center flood control channel, pretty long and hard for people to remember that, I think we should rename that floodway as the Mitch Mitchell Floodway. I would like to propose that idea to my colleagues to rename the, that infrastructure as the Mitch Mitchell Floodway.

"Of course, this would require support across the street and I would like to encourage them to consider that idea, let's start the dialogue and hopefully our friends across the street and there is a consensus amongst our board to do something like that to honor Mitch Mitchell as legacy that he is."

VISUAL PRESENTATION

"Thirdly, actually I should say fourthly, I would like to talk about Judge Riddel Boys and Girls [Alternative] Program (JRBR). I have attended the fourth graduation, in fact

I think I may have missed the third one by accident, I don't know how that happened. But I have attended a number of graduations that the Judge Riddel Boys and Girls Alternative Program (JRBR), which meets over at the Harry Street Mall. I did ask for our audiovisual expert, Tony, to put up a few pictures and they are on the slides there. You will see that they had a graduation last Friday (March 10, 2017), I really want to this time to reflect on this, because I really think this is something that Commissioners don't know, maybe the community does not know.

"But there is a long history, since 1959 we have had a Judge Riddel Boy Ranch (JRBR) out at Lake Afton, of course, the county was involved in that deeply. That program ended unfortunately in 2014, but we have continuation of that program that we call the Judge Riddel Boys and Girls Alternative Program and there are girls involved in this as well. There was, again graduation was last Friday, we are funding that solely, there is no support from anyone else this is our support to make this program happen.

"You will see the pictures there. I just want to say, I appreciate the program, I hope it will continue to fund this, I continue to hear stories about the youth in our community that has struggled with tremendously difficult issues going on in the home. A lot of these kids are foster care, all of the kids that are involved in this basically have been involved in our corrections program, excuse me, our Department of Corrections organizations, basically because they have committed medium to high risk criminal offenses. They're at high risk of recommitting those types offenses and so we have a number of kids that without, without these supports will very likely end up in a long term correctional facility.

"The best that we can do and I think we have all said this in the past, the best thing we can do is invest in these youth, when they are moldable and changeable and try to give them a vision for a good life, and trying to get them to understand a better way. So one of the young men, you will see him on the lower right there, I believe he, I won't give you his name. But I will just tell you he gave a speech, it's not typical that we hear speeches from this group, because I think they are shy and not really into public speaking.

"But he was brave enough to stand up and make his speech. I have a copy of that in front of me. I would like to share parts of what he has said. Hopefully, my colleagues will understand the importance of this program.

"Of course, he makes references to Kansas Department of Corrections in his speech and how difficult his life was, he talks about foster care and as I spoke to some of the staff there, they said that the staff has actually become his family. He doesn't have anyone, he has no family to support him, he is really alone, he's a young man and he's on the right path, right now.

"But one of the things he said in his speech, I will just get right to the point here, he says I want to thank or thanks to Judge or JRBG (Judge Riddel Boys and Girls Alternative Program) staff I'm changing my actions and doing what I need to do. People I believe I have made a 360 degree turn around in my behavior and as my time with JRBG staff comes to an end I would like thank you guys for everything you have done and would like to keep in touch with you, because you guys have changed my life for the better.

"The skills steps I have learned have changed my life for the better. The first skill step that changed my life was understanding the feelings of others, it changed me because now I am able to understand how people feel without judging them. The skill

step that has helped me the most is keeping out of fights that has helped me a lot because I need to keep out of fights. I thought that was humorous, but really this is his life, poor young man has had a tremendously difficult struggle with violence in his, you know, in his home or wherever he has been staying. So again, I take that as a very serious comment, but we have to teach them how not to fight. He goes on, these groups have changed me, have changed my life and at this point I don't know where I would be without them.

"To me that is a testimony that really gets to my heart I just want to say we need to continue this, we're starting the budget cycle right now and it might be tempting to some not to support funding for Judge Riddel Boys and Girls [Alternative] Program. It is a very small program compared to what we use to do, but it is a very important program. There is a couple of things I would like to highlight in terms of their performance measures.

"In fact, I would also like to say that with us in attendance with us today we have Steve Stonehouse, Janesse Jenkins and Ann Egan-Claire. Steve is the Deputy Director of the Juvenile program, Janesse is the Juvenile Field Services Administrator and Ann is the JRBG Coordinator. I want to say thank you for your service to the county. I very much appreciate what you do, it's important work and I will completely support what you do to help these kids. So thank you for all you have done, I want to give you recognition for that.

"As I said before there has been four graduations so far, unfortunately this is a tough program, I guess, unfortunately or I should say fortunately it is a tough program. We have had 125 youth who have started the program, unfortunately it's difficult to get through it all, it's 23 weeks of group curriculum and 13 weeks of its called Thinking for a Change or T4C and 10 weeks of Aggression Replacement Training or what is called A.R.T. A lot of at risk youth meet twice a week for three hours, high risk youth meets three times a week for four hours.

"The program has expanded to include job club, which is employment skill building and thinking for a change after care. Where they engage youth and practice skills until supervision, until their supervision case closes.

"By the way, the recidivism rates for this program have really impressed me. We use to talk about recidivism rates at JRBR (Judge Riddel Boys Ranch) and usually those numbers were a little bit higher, I mean, they were still obviously a good return on the investment from Sedgwick County. But the recidivism rate for JRBG is now down to 19 percent. That is fantastic, knowing the types of crimes these kids have been involved in that is a phenomenal number. Again, it's not perfect we would like to see zero, but never the less, we've had a total of 39 youth that have successfully completed the program that is 37 males and 2 females.

"So I just want to say I appreciate the fact they have gotten involved in a program that has helped them and as I talked with these kids at graduations they're good young people. I believe they are on the right path. So I am so glad we have had the chance to change the culture in some way. I think, probably have saved Sedgwick County taxpayers money by investing on the front end.

"And then finally, I just wanted to raise one issue and that is I am a little bit concerned, I have talked a number of times about the Reagan building and how, I think, we probably paid more than we should have and I reflect on that in the process that we used at the time.

"That's behind us now, the Reagan building is half occupied and the other half is being remodeled, it will be opened later this year and I am glad we are moving

forward, finally on that.

"But I think there is some take a ways we might want to reflect upon. As we need new spaces for government offices, we've outgrown our footprint for whatever reason there's a litness happens frequently, there is a lot of offices that did find for a while in the space they're in, but eventually for whatever reason they just need a different space. That does happen, I can think of a few things going on in our county right now where we are going to have to find different spaces for somethings we do and that is going to happen.

"But the process we need to follow, I think, we ought to follow what we did at the Tag Office. The Tag Office was going to be in the Reagan building and we decided it was not in the best interest of Sedgwick County because primarily parking issues were over there and having a Tag Office on two floors was not ideal. So we did what is called request for proposal or request for bid, I'm not sure exactly what we had there, but it was a competitive process we had, I think four offers for us to consider. We followed the same process on the Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC) and we ended up with something that was very interesting to the county on that, but the process is we need to define our space needs.

"Define exactly what we need to do, we ought to hone those requirement, make sure that we're not asking for more than what we need, separate our needs from our wants and define exactly where we need to be and what those requirement will be. I would like to ask the developers and builders and idea people out there to provide options for us to consider. Let that be a competitive process, let the process judge those on their merits and then define the best direction for the county to go.

"This is a process we need to follow, I would like to just say when we started with the Tag Office it was mentioned to me by one of our staff that they hadn't done this type of a process for space before. They were trying to figure out exactly how to do this and so this is a fairly new idea and I don't think it's really in our policy right now, but I think it needs to be. What I am concerned about is when we happen to drive by a building and we hear about a building in the news or we have a conversation with someone in the community, maybe it's a developer, a contractor or one of the other community leaders in this area and we tend to have a vision for what could be. We tend to start falling in love with our idea and maybe even enter into some discussions, early discussions on a private basis about how we might as a county ought to consider that as a solution for one of our problems.

"I believe it jeopardizes the process, it jeopardizes the competitive nature that needs to happen. So I would like to encourage my colleagues to allow that process to happen and not to entertain discussions about private discussions about specific buildings because I think it pollutes the process.

"I think we need to adopt a policy that would create the framework, whereby we would in fact always use RFP (Request for Proposal) or RFB (Request for Bid) process to make sure we have competitive bidding, competitive ideas. To make sure we have the best options on the table at the least cost to the taxpayer.

"To me that ought to be our goal and I'm not sure we are actually doing that in practice. So I just wanted to raise that issue up and encourage my colleagues to think about that and I would like to encourage a policy that would constrain us to do it the right way every time to save taxpayer dollars. With that I've said plenty, Mr. Chairman, that's all my comments. Thank you for the time."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Is there anyone else want to speak? Well, I have a couple of things I want to bring up. Was Meals on Wheels, as Commissioner has indicated and I would just say that they need volunteers, so if there's anyone who is retired or not retired, who has a day that they can give that can help to deliver Meals on Wheels, they would certainly appreciate that help. They also have a program for helping seniors find odd jobs that help other homebound folks in the community. So if you have time and would like to figure out where you could be useful and earn a little bit money and help folks homebound. Well, check in with the senior center program over on South Walnut [Street].

"The second thing, I would like to say was that I was able to talk about county budget at WIBA (Wichita Independent Business Association) yesterday, great group of people, independent business folks in our community are great group of people, kind of, a backbone of our community, who hire people, provide services, and proud to be identified with Wichita Independent Business Association.

"Third thing, I would want to say is that, attended Junior Achievement Legacy Award Program last night. I know, Commissioner O'Donnell, was there also, but the reason, one of the main reasons for me to be there was that Ron Holt, who previously served Sedgwick County for 16, 17 years was one of the honorees and was just really pleased to see Ron get that award. He is a prince of a guy, everyone should aspire to have his character qualities and his commitment to the community, but congratulations to Ron and happy for him. With that I think that is all I have for other. So if there is nothing else, Commissioners I think we need to have executive session. So we are ready for that motion."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Commissioner O'Donnell moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session for 30 minutes to consider personnel matter of nonelected personnel, matters relating to employer-employee negotiations and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from executive session no sooner than 11:00 a.m.

"This executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and to protect the county's financial interest and right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into executive session at 10:30 a.m. and returned at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, we are back from executive session and I will call our meeting back to order and say while in executive session no binding action was

taken. With that announcement I don't think we have any other business or announcements. Is that correct?"

Mr. Scholes said, "That is correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, Commissioners we will be adjourned."

Approved

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.