

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

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

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 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; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Emilie Leivian, Deputy County Clerk; Ms. Angela Caudillo, Deputy County Clerk.*

#### **GUESTS**

*Mr. Kelly Parks, North Hoover West Valley Unincorporated  
Ms. Janice Bradley, 214 West Buckeridge Street, Wichita, Kansas  
Ms. Cammie Funston  
Ms. Charity Rose Davis  
Ms. Netta Otis, Appointee  
Mr. Joe Brown, Appointee*

### **INVOCATION: Reverend Kent Little, College Hill United Methodist Church.**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, we've had a couple of citizens sign up to speak to us this morning in our public agenda and first name on our list is former Commissioner, Kelly Parks."*

*Mr. Kelly Parks said, "Actually it's during the other part, during mill levy, but that's alright."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well, if you'd rather wait till then we will allow public comment at that time so whichever you would prefer."*

*Mr. Parks said, "Tell you what, I might do this, so I can get this over and you can either kick me out or I can leave."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, well as you know the routine, Mr. Parks you need tell us your address and your name."*

*Mr. Parks, N. Hoover West Valley Unincorporated, said, "This is in reference to N on your agenda, but and it's probably fruitless and a waste of my time to be here, but*

*with over 40, 30 years of law enforcement experience and one term as a County Commissioner I'm pretty good at figuring out how this works as Commissioner Unruh told me one time. I think I smell three cronies here. But, anyway no projects have been made for raising these taxes in the future and I'd like to start by saying who is going to be hurt by the policy changes and raising the taxes and increasing the taxes. Lower and middle income owners, with children, renters, with children and older retired voters on fixed incomes. Do you really want to vote against children?*

*"When voters look back at this plan for 2023 if you vote on this, you may not be here for that 2023, those of you that plan on being out there. Let me tell you a little story about a community in the, in Sedgwick County that did this, very similar program only with the sales tax a few years ago. They said let us put a half a cent sales tax on all of sales in our community. They said, what projects are you going to have for this? Well, just put the tax on and we'll take care of it.*

*"I believe that went down 88 to 12 against that tax. So, I think unless you have specific things out there that you want to do you better just can this project or not even vote on this today. Leave this process in effect for a couple years and see down the line where you need to be, see what money you need to have, absolutely have to have. At that, I will let you go. Thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you for your comments. We have another person that would like to speak. Ms. Janice Bradley, and if you would tell us your name and address please."*

*Ms. Janice Bradley, 214 West Buckeridge Street, Wichita thanked the Chairman and said, "I'm here once again as I was last week and I have before to speak about Medicaid expansion. Why is this an issue, because for years Sedgwick County has had as part of its legislative platform C-11 opposition to Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA). That legislative platform reads, 'Sedgwick County supports the states efforts to fight the implementation of the Affordable Healthcare Act. We recognize the significant cost to businesses and the negative impact this legislation has to do on job creation. We encourage the state to utilize all options and available resources to oppose the implementation of this law.' In parenthesis afterword's it says, 'Richard Ranzau, Commissioner.'*

*"So, I imagine that Ranzau has, is the one who motioned this to take place, but I would ask that the County Commission of Sedgwick County reconsider and consider repealing and replacing this legislative platform C-11 with support for Medicaid expansion, which is being discussed right now in the Kansas Legislature. The House has already passed and the Senate is discussing it now. So, I spoke last week on the benefits to prisons and jails of Medicaid expansion. I also attended the day after I spoke here on Wednesday, I attended the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) of Sedgwick County and Wichita, which is a body that is tasked with keeping the jail population down.*

*"It was created around 2010 and I've been attending as a public observer those meetings for several years and actually I know many of the members of the County Commission due to that activity on my part. So, when it actually, Commissioner Howell brought up at the end of the meeting my testimony to this body and asked for some clarification, verification by the members there.*

*"Sheriff Easter began by telling everybody that when people go into prison they lose pensions, federal pensions, they lose Medicare, they lose Veterans pension for the duration of their imprisonment and this is true. So, you think, okay, well they're not eligible for Medicaid in prison, but what we have found is that indeed, many inmates*

are.

*"Sherriff Easter said that on one of provisions that says inmates who are not yet convicted of a crime, who are in jail because they fail, they are unable to make bail they are eligible for Medicaid expansion while they're in jail. Anyway, that was, that was one of the things that Sherriff Easter said. There are lots of people in jail under those circumstances and we also pointed out that for those inmates who are convicted when they have serious illnesses and they are in prison they are not eligible for Medicaid expansion benefits.*

*"But, when they leave the prison for up to 24 hours, when they're in the hospital awaiting some kind of serious surgery or hospitalization issues, after that 24.1 hour as Sherriff Easter said, they become eligible, but only if our state has expanded Medicaid and we haven't. So, Sherriff Easter had a figure with him at that meeting that last year the county spent \$535,000 for the hospitalization and medical expenses of 18 inmates, \$535,000 for 18.*

*"It was amazing that he had that number there because I didn't know he had any idea that this would be discussed. But, it is a significant amount of money that the county would save that currently Sedgwick County taxpayers are footing the bill that the federal government would pick up."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Ms. Bradley?"*

*Ms. Bradley said, "Yes."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Excuse me for interrupting but you've had your five minutes. Can you summarize and close pretty quickly?"*

*Ms. Bradley said, "I sure can, I just have a couple of statistics to put forward and that is from some articles I researched. In 2008, 44 states spent [\$]6.5 billion on prison healthcare. 2010, Ohio spent [\$]225 million, which is 20 percent of the corrections budget and in 2014, Michigan saved \$19 million dollars in inmate healthcare. So, I would ask for a repeal and replace of this legislative platform from Sedgwick County to recognize the impact and the importance of Medicaid expansion for our prisons and jails all over Kansas. Thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else who didn't sign up that just wants to address the Commission on something other than an agenda item? I see no one rising to speak so we will continue. Madam Clerk, next item."*

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **A     [17-310](#)**

#### **PROCLAMATION DECLARING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH.**

**Read by: Chairman David Unruh or his designee.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.**

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation to read for your consideration. It says:*

*WHEREAS, ACT of South Central Kansas (Advocates in Communities Team), along with dozens of agencies serving individuals with developmental disabilities, is making*

*a concerted in effort in 2017 to bring awareness of the needs and abilities of individuals with mental retardation to our cities, county, and state; and*

*WHEREAS, intellectual and or developmental disabilities are conditions which affects more than 9,000 Sedgwick County children and adults and their families, many of whom wait on long lists for needed services and supports; and*

*WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of issues affecting people living with developmental disabilities; and*

*WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disability Awareness Month, and thousands of social service agencies serving millions across our nation will be undertaking public and awareness initiatives during this month.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as*

*Developmental Disability Awareness Month*

*in Sedgwick County and call upon all Sedgwick County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental retardation and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental retardation to live full productive lives within our community.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners you've heard the proclamation, what's the will of the board?"*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "Mr. Chairman, first of all, I had the opportunity this morning to meet Charity Rose Davis who is in our audience today. It'd be my great pleasure to recommend we approve this proclamation."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner Ranzau 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, "Receiving the proclamation this morning is Mr. Kevin Fish and I think he has some guests and some folks that he will introduce to us."*

*Mr. Kevin Fish, Executive Director, Arc of Sedgwick County, said, "Yes, thank you very much. First off, thank you guys very much for your continued support of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through Developmental Disability Awareness month it gives us a chance to reach out in the community and remind*

*people what a pivotal important piece of our community those living with disabilities are. Today, we wanted to bring a green ribbon to you that represents Developmental Disability Awareness month.*

*"But then also we provided you a calendar with some of the faces of those living in our community who have disabilities. There's also, in awareness month there a map that shows where some of those families who are deemed eligible live in our community that, that kind of shows you who you represent. We obviously have a very important part of this community and I did bring a couple special guests with me. One of our parents and then one our long time self-advocates, Charity."*

*Ms. Cammie Funston greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm immensely grateful to live in a community where there's so many opportunities for my daughter. Tell them your name."*

*Ms. Charity Rose Davis said, "My name is Charity Rose Davis."*

*Ms. Funston said, "The Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization has seen to it that Charity is routinely evaluated and served according to her needs and abilities. The Arc of Sedgwick County has provided a huge variety of age appropriate socialization activities for Charity throughout her life through elementary school into her adulthood. Everyday Charity goes to a job in Starkey Sheltered Workshop that she loves and she is trained in life skills and her group home. What do you love about Starkey?"*

*Ms. Davis said, "I work at Starkey."*

*Ms. Funston said, "What do you do?"*

*Ms. Davis said, "I clean (inaudible)."*

*Ms. Funston said, "And what do you love about Clara House?"*

*Ms. Davis said, "I like roommates at Clara House."*

*Ms. Funston said, "Your roommates, okay. And what do you love about the Arc?"*

*Ms. Davis said, "Camp Pride!"*

*Ms. Funston said, "Yeah, Camp Pride. That's the best. Okay, through the work of these fine agencies and organizations, Charity has grown in confidence, experienced joy and gained independence. Charity and her friends all face challenges, but each one is finding his or her own success due to the amazing staff who are committed to working with the persons they serve. Thank you Commissioners, for continuing to make services and supports for those with developmental disabilities and families like ours a priority. Say thank you."*

*Ms. Davis said, "Thank you, President."*

*Ms. Funston said, "Okay."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you for being here. We appreciate your comments. Kevin, anymore?"*

*Mr. Fish said, "Again, I just echo the thank you for your continued support, you know, we have something very special here in Sedgwick County and I think that that is*

*something that we definitely like to highlight. We've seen a lot of success stories in our community and hope to see far more in the future."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well, we appreciate your dedicated work in trying to serve this portion of our population. These folks face a lot of challenges in their family life that those of us who don't have someone in our family with a developmental disability, we don't have to face that challenge."*

*"I know that it's a 24 hour unceasing responsibility and yet people are eager and willing to serve those in their family with the love and the care that they need. So, I know that you help manage a diverse group of agencies and folks who provide services of one kind to another because everything is so unique and I just want to say that we really appreciate your efforts at the Arc and your willingness to serve and help this population."*

*Mr. Fish said, "Thank you very much."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. I want to say thank you to Cammie and to Charity for being here. It's not always easy to stand up in front of this group of folks and express yourself, but you did good job and we appreciate it. Commissioners, or Madam Clerk, I guess, next item."*

**Adopted**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**B**     [17-314](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING NETTA OTIS (COMMISSIONER DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DR. PRESTON HICKMAN.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Commissioner Dennis thanked the Chairman and said, "Mr. Chairman, first I'd like to thank Dr. Preston Hickman for his service on the Animal Care Advisory Board, he's moved out of the county and cannot continue to serve. But, we have a great replacement in Netta Otis. I'd like to make a recommendation that we adopt the resolution appointing Netta Otis to the unexpired term of, on the Animal Care Advisory Board. Thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, I will second that and Mr. Counselor do you have any comment about the appointment?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Chairman Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, said, "No, the paperwork's in order and I'm told the Ms. Otis is present to be sworn in and I would urge adoption of the resolution."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. Madam Clerk, would call the vote please."*  
**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Netta Otis is here, is that correct?"*

*Ms. Netta Otis said, "I'm right here."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, would you want to step up to the podium and County Clerk, Kelly Arnold will swear you in?"*

*Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Alright. I do solemnly swear that 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 Animal Care Advisory Board, so help me God."*

*Ms. Otis said, "I do."*

*Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations, if you'd like to say anything..."*

*Ms. Otis greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just want to say thank you. I've been in rescue for four years saving the lives with animals and I appreciate this opportunity."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you for your willingness to serve. Alright, next item."*

**Adopted**

**C      [17-330](#)**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOE E. BROWN (COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**

**Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.**

*Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, item C is the appointment of Mr. Joe Brown to serve on the Advisory Council on Aging. This would be for a new four year term. Mr. Brown had been going off the Commission, had been previously appointed by Commissioner Peterjohn. This would be for a new four year term, ending in March of 2021 and I would urge adoption of the resolution."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. What's the will of the board?"*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have met Mr. Brown, he provides me regular updates on the, what the Council on Aging is doing. I am proud to renominate him for this position."*

**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, "Is Mr. Brown here? Do you want to step to the podium and...?"

Mr. Arnold said, "I do solemnly swear that 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 Advisory Council on Aging, so help me God."

Mr. Brown said, "I will."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

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

Mr. Arnold said, "If you'd like to say anything."

Mr. Joe Brown greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would. Mr. Dennis, first off thank you for your vote of confidence sir and to all the Commission, I want to publically thank you for your support. Your statement in the legislative agenda, supporting senior citizens, ninety one thousand strong in Sedgwick County is a great boost and has been significantly important. Thank you for support for the Department on Aging and I very much appreciate this opportunity to serve. Thank you, gentlemen."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Brown. Next item."

**Adopted**

**D**     [17-320](#)

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARK CRINER (COMMISSIONER RANZAU'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution.**

Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm led to believe that none of the remaining appointments are, have people present to be sworn in so if there is someone present I hope they'll wave at us so we'll know to do that. Item D is the reappointment of Mr. Mark Criner to serve on the Advisory Council on Aging.

"He would be Commissioner Ranzau's appointment again and I think that that can be combined with Item E which is the reappointment of Martha Sanchez, also by Commissioner Ranzau to the Mental Health Advisory Board. Both of these are for four year terms ending in March of 2021. The paperwork appears to be in order and I would urge adoption of Items D and E."

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to adopt the resolutions.*

*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, "And neither are here, that is correct? Next item."*

**Adopted**

- E**      [17-329](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARTHA SANCHEZ  
(COMMISSIONER RANZAU'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE  
SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.  
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution.

*Action for this item was taken with Item D.*

- F**      [17-335](#)      RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS (UNINCORPORATED  
POSITION AND THREE MEMBER POSITIONS REPRESENTING  
THE COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS APPOINTED BY THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.  
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, Items F and G can also be combined, they're all appointments to the Solid Waste Management Committee. Item F is a, it lists four individuals being appointed, Clement Dickerson from the unincorporated area, Nancy Larson who would be appointed by Commissioner Unruh, Kelly Parks recommended by Commissioner Ranzau and Benjamin Saucedo by Commissioner Howell. Those are all in items F. Then Item G, Commissioner Dennis is recommending Carol Neugent be appointed. All of these appointments would expire in December of 2018 and I think the paperwork appears to be in order. I would urge adoption of both of these resolutions and all five of these individuals."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. What's the will of the board?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolutions.*

*Commissioner Ranzau 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, "And no one of those persons mentioned are here? Alright, thank you, next item, please."*

**Adopted**

**G**      [17-322](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROL NEUGENT (COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Action for this item was taken with Item F.*

**H**      [17-327](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT 3 CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, Item H is Commissioner Dennis' appointment of a number of individuals to the Citizens Advisory Board, for that board. You may recall that we established that board a few weeks back and these are Commissioner Dennis' recommendations for that and I would urge adoption of that resolution."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioner Dennis, would you like to make that motion?"*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "This resolution is for 11 individuals I've been working ever since I've been appointed to this board to select people across all of district three to represent us on this Citizens Advisory Board. You're going to note that there are 11 names, we do have an item on the Consent Agenda to change to add one more person because the original resolution was for 10 names and I urge that the Commission adopt the resolution appointing all 11 of these individuals."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, is there a second?"*

MOTION

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolutions.*

*Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, a motion and second to establish the membership*

on the Citizens Advisory Board. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, 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, then would Madam Clerk please call that."  
**Adopted**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- I     [17-262](#)     CONTRACT FOR A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOTE COLLECTION EVENT ON APRIL 1, 2017 FOR CITY OF VALLEY CENTER, KANSAS.  
Presented by: Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the contract.

*Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources greeted the Commissioners and said, "Many of us have chemicals around our house whether it's under the kitchen or bathroom sink or out in the garage. Some of them are very useful solvents, cleaners, oil, gasoline, but there's some chemicals that we no longer need or want. It's that chemical we saw for cleaning the windows that we bought from a commercial that promised the world and it turned out to not work very well.*

*"So, you put it under the sink and you forget about it. There are other chemicals that maybe you just have a little bit left in a bottle and you just don't know what to do with it. Well, Sedgwick County has a way to safely dispose of this material for free. People can take it to our household hazardous waste facility at 801 Stillwell. It's open from Tuesday through Friday, nine to five and Saturday, nine to three.*

*"But we also want to have a more convenient way to reach the public and because of that, we have remote collection events every year. Our first remote collection event for 2017 is in Valley Center, Saturday, April 1st from nine a.m. to one p.m. It'll be held at the Valley Center City Hall parking lot which is at 121 South Meridian in Valley Center. We really encourage anyone who lives there or around the area to take advantage of this remote collection event and show up on April 1st.*

*"You have a contract in front of you from Valley Center. Valley Center Mayor has signed the contract and I'd recommend your signature and I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "So, this is April 1st which is a week from this Friday?"*

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "Saturday."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I mean Saturday."*

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "Two weeks."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Two weeks, right. It's important people know they don't have to live in Valley Center. It's for anyone in the county that can come there."*

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's right."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "We just have these, we'll have these further places around the county that, throughout the year."*

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's right."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "So, if you have it, you can bring and just to kind of make it more convenient."*

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "Yes."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the contract.*

*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>

*Chairman Unruh said, "Susan, thank you again for good work in making this, making this work for our community. Thank you."*

*Ms. Erlenwein said, "Thank you."*

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

**Approved**

**J**      [17-317](#)

PRESENTATION OF AN AWARD TO SEDGWICK COUNTY AND BRIDGES INC. FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE KANSAS CONTRACTOR'S ASSOCIATION FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT B483; BRIDGE ON MACARTHUR OVER THE ARKANSAS RIVER. Presented by: David C. Spears, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File.

*Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This*

*Kansas Contractor Association (KCA), Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Partnering Award recognizes the outstanding cooperation between the contractor, Bridges, Incorporated and the owner, Sedgwick County for completing a challenging and successful project, the repair of the MacArthur Road Bridge over the Arkansas River.*

*"The MacArthur Bridge over the Arkansas River's an important connection in a metropolitan area providing access across the river to Spirit Aerosystems and McConnell Air Force Base. The bridge was built in 1975 and has provided 42 years of service, serving over 10,000 vehicles per day. The project repaired the bridge deck and stabilized the river peers, extending the life of this bridge for probably another 25 years.*

*"The replacement cost, if you replace the entire bridge would have been about \$7.2 million dollars. The bid from Bridges, Incorporated for the deck and peers came in at \$1.9 million dollars. The completed project, after finish, came in at [\$]1.66 million, 13 percent under bid. The project was delivered on time and under the bid price.*

*"Now, with us here this morning, Penny Evans, our Bridge Engineer, and please come forward. Randy Downs, our supervisor of inspectors in the field. Randy worked with businesses nearby. Stan Scudder with Bridges, Incorporated and then presenting the award will be Scott Swanson from the Kansas Department of Transportation and Penny will accept the award for us."*

*Mr. Scott Swanson, Kansas Department of Transportation, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to just real quickly say, in a time when we hear a lot of bad news about government and how we operate, I'm truly delighted to be here and highlight this project. Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Contractors Association have worked hand in hand for many, many years.*

*"Before they came up with the road partnering, I had a lot of gentlemen, men and women explain to me what it really looked like. While there's many people that say they do win-win conflict resolution, to be honest, not all of them are telling the truth. The example of this project though, is truly a win-win in every way, whereas both sides come together and within the operating arena that they have decide I'm going to make sure you get everything you need to solve these problems and the other side says, I too am going to make sure you get everything you need to solve these problems.*

*"That they did and you get this excellent example of partnering, you get a wonderful bridge that's going to last a lot longer, under budget and on time without litigation. It's just a great example of the way things should work when people are truly behaving the way they should and taking it very seriously. So, I want to congratulate everybody here, particularly those involved in this project. Should we, walk up there to give these, give these plaques."*

*Ms. Penny Evans, Bridge Engineer, said, "No, you're fine right here."*

*Mr. Swanson said, "Okay, very good. Well, this is one, we'll start the first one with you Penny. Stan, for you my friend."*

*Mr. Stan Scudder, Bridges Incorporated, said, "Thank you. I'd just like to say that you have an excellent staff in Penny and all the engineering staff, David, everyone. It was very, very nice to work with a group with such an objective approach to this project which really was a can of worms once we entered in to it. We were able to, together and along with your design engineering staff come up with some really solutions to*

*give you a very good solid structure for another 40 years. Thank you."*

*Ms. Evans greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just want to say that we had a really challenging project, there were lots of things that exposed themselves during the construction of this and it was nice to see the contractor, the engineers, and inspectors all work together to come up with solutions on site, as we discovered them, create answers and try to not cost either of us a bunch of money while we're trying to fix this, the contractor or the county losing at this. So, it was really one of the best projects that I've worked on for a long time."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well great, congratulations to you all and we do have some comments from Commissioners here, so just hang on there a minute. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell, thanked the Chairman and said, "I just wanted to say, this bridge is in my district and it's close to Spirit, Spirit Aerosystems that is. This is a critically important arterial in my opinion to get the people from the community of Wichita to work and back and it's heavily dependent upon by huge traffic flow in the morning, especially in the afternoon, just a really important, really important bridge."*

*"I know it's a very expensive bridge and this contract preserved it for, I'm going to say 50, 75 years into the future, I hope. I don't know how long it'll last, but it's, it's in great shape right now, it was in terrible shape when we started. I know that this was a, an important project that's going to make this bridge last a long time. It actually saved us a lot of money, replacing that bridge would be, would be tremendously expensive."*

*"So, I watched them do this project, I drove across the bridge, to kind of inspect it and see what was going on before, during and after kept the traffic flowing the whole time and I was so impressed with the quality of the work and I would say the importance of this work. We saved taxpayer dollars and at the end of the day it turned out fantastic and I just want to say, I want to appreciate all that you did to make that happen. Thank you so much."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Well, I think we all are, are very proud of the results of your hard work and your partnership working together and I'm thankful that the Kansas Department of Transportation recognized that this was an outstanding effort by everybody involved and our citizens get the direct benefit of it at what appears to be the least possible cost. So, we're very proud of your accomplishment and thank you all for your professionalism and for your achievement. Thank you very much. Commissioners, could we have a motion to receive and file?"*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to receive and file.*

*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>

Chairman Unruh Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item, please."

**Received and Filed**

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**INTRUST BANK ARENA REPORT.**

Presented by: Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file.

**VISUAL PRESENTATION**

*Ms. Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's my privilege this morning to present to you the fourth quarter and year-to-date 2016 report for the Intrust Bank Arena. With us today, there he is, A.J. Boleski our General Manager and I want to thank before we get into it, I want to thank Tony Guiliano for designing this very cool new template for us that looks like a great refresh and then I want to thank Deb Zavala an intern in the Manager's Office who did the bulk of the work in putting this presentation together for you today.*

*"So, today we'll talk about, maybe, okay, well I'll just tell you what we're going to talk about and you can refer to the handout at your computers, or I'm sorry, at your seats. So, the plan for the arena of course was developed back in 2004. It was financed through a voter approved, 30 month, one percent sales tax and collections from that 30 month sales tax were about \$206.5 million.*

*"Construction began in November of that year with groundbreaking on December 4th and the arena was opened then in two thousand, or on January 9th, 2010. The county has contracted with SMG to operate the counties facility and the contract outlines various reporting requirements including monthly and quarterly financial reporting. We'll talk about those numbers along with an update on the sales tax reserve and then A.J. has graciously agreed to come up and talk with you about the arena's community affairs and upcoming events.*

*"Okay, SMG will promote, operate and manage the facility to ensure the provision of high quality management services, thereby enhancing the use and enjoyment of the arena and under unique arrangement between the private management of a publically owned facility, SMG incurs any operating losses during the course of a year. So, we'll talk about how we ended the year with 2016 and the, the actual end results here in a bit.*

*"As a part of the quarterly reports that SMG provides we find out information on ticket sales, general financials, income, expenses and community affairs. Also as a part of that reporting they're required to provide a copy of their audit each year and that has already been provided for 2016. With regard to year-to-date December 2016, because we will have different slides that compare year-to-date versus the fourth quarter. You can see that year-to-date December 2016, so for calendar year 2016 the arena had 100 performances as compared with 131 performances in 2015.*

*"But bear in mind too that the fourth quarter of 2015 was when we had the six sold out Garth Brooks shows. So, of course that was a banner year for the arena. You can see that tickets sold were about 320,000, about a, or a decline of about 100,000 from the year before. Gross ticket sales again were about \$6 million less and again we can attribute I think a good portion of that, of course, to those six sold out shows.*

*"As we move through the rest of the report, we'll talk about a number of terms just so*



*we're on the same page as to what those terms encompass this is your, kind of, definition slide so we'll walk through this real quick. Net Direct Event Income is rental income and service revenue less service expenses, so this is direct. Net Food Beverage and Merchandise Income is food and beverage concessions, food and beverage premium seating, the percent of merchandise sales all less the cost of goods sold and the labor associated with that. Other Net Income includes luxury box ticket sales, ticket service fees and facility fees.*

*"Other Operating Income includes Select-A-Seat, other venue ticket service fees, loge box and club seat agreements and advertising and sponsorships and those four together makeup our Gross Building Income. Then finally we have Net Building Income which is all income essentially less the operating expenses. So looking at just the fourth quarter of 2016, you can see in terms of performances we had a total of 25 in the fourth quarter. Net income from these events after taking into account the event expenses was \$1,173,655.*

*"Adding in other operating income of \$459,441 brings total gross building income to \$1,633,096. Indirect expenses then we \$1,166,793 bringing the net building income to \$466,303 for the fourth quarter of 2016.*

*"So looking at the same information, but on a total year basis this is 2016 in total we had 100 performances total for the year. You'll recall we had 25 for the fourth quarter so exactly one quarter in the fourth quarter. Net income from these events after taking into account those expenses was \$3,716,928. Other operating income brought total gross income to \$5,471,094." "Indirect expenses of \$4,790,826 for the year brought the total annual building income to \$680,268. And again like I said, we've received the arena's 2016 report, or audit and this number corresponds to that figure.*

*"So then comparing the number of performances and events from 2016 to 2015, you can see again as we've already talked about, 31 fewer performances with less net event income of about [\$]1.2 million. So then again comparing 2016 to 2015 on a total year-to-date basis, other cooperating income in 2016 increased \$120,000 dollars over 2015. Whereas, total gross building income, remember that's all income actually decreased by about [\$]1.1 million.*

*"Here you can see the indirect expenses, a lot of what we've talked about so far has been direct events. Indirect event expenses actually were \$626,000 less in 2016, so an improvement in that regard. Then with regard to net building income you can see that that net building income was about \$500,000 less in 2016 than 2015.*

*"So then moving on to the sales tax reserves portion of the presentation, these figures are reported to you in the quarterly report that's posted online for folks. You can see that sales tax reserves include the remaining sales tax funds, again we talked about how there's about \$15.5 million that was left after construction of the building from the original sales tax. Along with some revenues that have been received from naming rights, reimbursement of signed infrastructure costs and proceeds from the sale of any property that was purchased but not needed for the facility.*

*"That, that funding can only be used in certain ways. Authorized uses include major repairs or capitol equipment for the arena. So obviously last week you approved that Entrance C remodel. This would be a way for that funding to be used. Up to \$225,000 annually for the City of Wichita to provide parking operations and maintenance. We have not had to do that and then parking operations and maintenance for the 2nd and Saint Francis parking lot that's kind of across from Coleman and Printing Inc.*

*"The balance for that operations and maintenance reserve, that sales tax reserve is*

*[S]12.5 million as of the end of 2016. You can see for the fourth quarter of 2016 how that looked. There was \$295,000 received for revenue in terms of arena naming rights installments. Again, those two total about \$590,000 a year.*

*"Then expenditures you can see were about \$59,000 in the fourth quarter of 2016.*

*"All told from 2015 to 2016, that's a reduction in the O and M (Operations and Maintenance) reserve of about \$424,000.*

*"Moving on then to, kind of, a summary of community affairs and then A.J. will come up and talk about some of the specifics. The total number of groups volunteering at the arena decreased by 32 to 212 in 2016. The amount paid to those groups also decreased by about \$120,000. Spending increased to Sedgwick County and Kansas Companies by \$285,000 in 2016, but sales tax paid you can see declined a little over half a million. I guess, I'm prepared to turn it over to A.J. to talk about community affairs and what we have to look forward to next unless you have any questions for me at this point."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "I see no questions."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Okay, A.J., I ask you to come up."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Welcome, A.J."*

*Mr. A.J. Boleski, General Manager, Intrust Bank Arena and SMG, greeted the Commissioners and said, "What you will see before you is, we place a lot of emphasis on not only putting on events but also being involved in the community. So you will see, I think I just counted, there's 10 pages so we will scroll through these quickly, of ticket donations that we did in the fourth quarter and also some community involvement. Our annual report will be coming out here in the next month., but, in that report we will detail our total ticket donations for last year was about 1,153 tickets equating to about \$46,000 in value.*

*"We don't say no very often, we do require that they be a non-profit organization, but we are glad to be able to help out. So, this is something that's very important to us. You also see some community involvement. We have community involvement committee at the arena and we meet generally you don't see us as busy with that in January, February, and March, April because we're busy with events but in some of those slower months in the Summer and the Fall we like to get involved as we're able to.*

*"Habitat for Humanity is becoming an annual event for us. Also, the Kansas Food Bank. We're part of, we do contribute to United Way. There's also a couple of organizations that we actually host for a lot of our hockey events including Big Brothers, Big Sisters. So, we like to get involved in many different ways and you'll see that list as we scroll through it here.*

*"Upcoming events, we have a game tonight, Wichita Thunder Hockey. They've got about six games left I believe for this season.*

*"They will be playing Friday night as well and then we have the Wichita Force Football. If you haven't seen them yet this is their second game. It's coming up Saturday night, it's exciting. It's indoor football so a lot of people probably haven't seen that, but I'll tell you what, give it chance, it's exciting, it's a good family friendly product and we've enjoyed, they were the champions the last year of the league and this'll be their third season at the arena.*

*"Winter Jam is coming up March 31st. This is an event that kind of flies under the radar, it's \$10 at the door, it's a Christian concert, it usually fills up, it's one of our*

*biggest events of the year, we have about 13,500 folks for it. Then Eric Church coming up in April, one of the biggest tours out on the road right now. He plays for three hours, two sets just him and we're excited to have, have him coming back in April.*

*"Then you'll see some of the events going into later April, Midian Shrine Circus will be back this year and then Dierks Bentley on Cinco de Mayo, May 5th and then in the Summer, Neil Diamond and then coming in the Fall Tim McGraw and Faith Hill. So, and then you'll see a couple of other small events there at the very end. The U.S. (United States) Figure Skating Championship, we're looking forward to hosting next January, working with the Sports Commission and Visit Wichita on that event.*

*"Then of course there's been a lot of conversation recently, since we're right in the middle of it now with the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Tournament. That will be hosted here in Wichita and Sedgwick County at Intrust Bank Arena, March 15 and 17, 2018. So, we have a lot of focus right now as a staff and also as a community in getting ready to host this tournament, put our best foot forward next year."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you A.J., that's a good report and looks like you're going and your staff are going to be very busy for the next few months."*

*Mr. Boleski said, "We will, and we do very much appreciate your support and with the North Entrance renovations, that'll be a big area of focus. Also, installing public Wi-Fi in the building. Those two big projects for us coming up this year so that we'll be ready for 2018."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, very good. We have a comment from Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Just a quick question, I didn't see the Capitol Improvement Project for the North Entrance in this report or did I miss it? Is it in here somewhere?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Commissioners, since this report focuses kind of toward 2016 and backwards it's not in there, but you'll see it show up when we start doing the 2017 report."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, and can you please remind me what the value of that CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) project is?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "I believe it was [\$]2.7 million."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, and it comes out of that O and M reserve?"*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, so..."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "[\$]2.6, excuse me."  
Commissioner Howell said, "[\$]2.6."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "[\$]1.6? I'm sorry, I was very wrong. [\$]1.6 million, thank you."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you so much. That'll help us and that'll be done,*

*that'll be done here, I mean it's, it's moving forward pretty quickly, I assume that things are moving and where the process is engaged or expected to be done before the basketball tournament next year, I understand?"*

*Mr. Boleski said, "Yeah, so it was approved last week in Commission for Key Construction to do this project. The next step will be a kick-off meeting with that team. We expect this project to occur sometime between April this year and be completed sometime in the November time frame of 2017."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That's quite a long time, you'll do concerts and stuff during that reconstruction if you will?"*

*Mr. Boleski said, "Yeah, we have three entrances, this is one of them so we're prepared. We learned a lot when we hosted Garth Brooks last year, how we can get creative and use stairwells and that kind of thing to get folks into the building. So, we will do all of that, along with using our two main entrances to host events while we're under construction."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Very good. Well, appreciate the report and happened to notice a lot of really good things coming up here. I happened to notice that Winter Jam, it's on my wife's birthday maybe we'll go. So, it looks like a lot of fun. Thank you so much."*

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

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

*"Well, I don't see anyone else asking to speak but I just want to make the comment we, we appreciate that you, you've taken a real ownership interest in our building to make sure that it's professional and I comment almost every time you come by here that I appreciate you involving community charities one way or another, either in gifts or allowing them to run some of the concession stands."*

*"That's a significant way to keep the community involved and I very much appreciate the fact that a lot of money is spent with Kansas businesses. So, we're keeping the money at home. But, all in all you all doing a great job with this asset of our citizens in Sedgwick County and we appreciate you're oversight."*

*Mr. Boleski said, "Thank you for the kind words. We take a lot pride in running your facility and we appreciate the opportunity. It's a ton of fun."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well, good. Thank you. Well, Commissioners I don't see anyone else asking to speak. We need a motion to receive and file."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to receive and file.*

*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."

**Received and Filed**

**L     [17-316](#)**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN BONDS.**

Presented by: Tim Kaufman, Assistant County Manager for Public Services.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Resolution.**

*Mr. Tim Kaufman, Assistant County Manager, Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In 2007, Sedgwick County and Shawnee County jointly issued a series of mortgage revenue bonds.*

*"The proceeds were then used to acquire securities backed by first time single family home mortgages in Sedgwick and Shawnee counties and in other participating jurisdictions within the State of Kansas.*

*"This program provided a number of different advantages. First time homebuyers were able to secure financing, investors had a relatively stable and attractive investment opportunity and Sedgwick and Shawnee counties were able to receive a positive return as well. George K. Baum and Company, the underwriters for these bonds have recognized that there's a positive current market condition that would allow for the sale of those mortgage back securities in the redemption of the remaining 2007 series bonds.*

*"These transactions would result in cash flow of approximately \$1 million and that amount would be split between Shawnee County at 45 percent and Sedgwick County at 55 percent and those funds would be deposited into the general fund. The resolution before you authorizes these financial transactions. I would recommend that you authorize and approve the resolution so that we can complete these financial transactions."*

*"I'd like to point out that with me today I've got Brett Shogren with George K. Baum and Company and Joe Norton, the counties Bond Counsel is here as well and they've done all of the heavy lifting to get us to this point. So, I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, I don't see any requests to speak from Commissioners just now but we have done this on previous occasions, this same process?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Yes sir, we have. We've issued bonds going back, I think probably to two thousand, early 2000s and we've done this throughout the course of time. These appear to be the last set of bonds that we're going to be eliminating, but we have done this a number of different times."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well, it's clearly wise financial management. I appreciate our staff and our bond counsel and kind of staying on, on top of the market for us so that we can take advantage of it and make some money for our citizens so appreciate that. Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Quick question, Lindsay may have to answer this but is this, if this revenue, this action already calculated into our financial forecast or no?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Not to this extent. This will increase our revenues for 2017 by about \$200,000 depending on whether or not there's additional action the rest of the year that increases this."*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you Commissioner. Well, overall good move, smart move, we're glad you're on top of it. So, Commissioners, what's the will of the board?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve 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>

*Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."*

**Approved**

**M**     [17-292](#)

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED DEBT POLICY.**  
**Presented by: Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign or deny the Resolution, as deemed appropriate.

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Hello again, Commissioners."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner O'Donnell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "I would, I would like to table this motion or definitely postpone it until April to do a little bit more research if there's a will on the, with the rest of the Commission before we get started."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Is that a motion?"*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "That's a motion."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner O'Donnell moved to table Item M.*

*Chairman Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, is there discussion? Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that motion and again I was anticipating making a similar motion at some point in our discussion. but I kind of wanted to hear from the folks who are attending I think that they have interest in this as well. I wouldn't mind necessarily having a staff report for the public to know what's going on. I think they have a right to know. So, I guess I'd like to, if I could encourage us to get through this at least a little ways for the, for the public's understanding and for the people who are, who took the time to come and attend our meeting that wanted to speak to this topic.*

*"Then secondly, I'm actually personally, and let me just say I was going to make these comments during the, during the deliberations of this at some point, probably make the same motion. But, I'm actually beginning to, to reconsider this entire policy. I think that to do this based on our, basically a debt cap that's relevant, or relative to our budget to me is not necessarily wise. I actually had a very interesting discussion with someone who is in the bond business. I, I've been trying to speak with him for a number of months."*

*"I thankfully had a chance to have breakfast with him on Monday and we had a very nice discussion. His first thought was, is that he wanted to say he disagreed with me on my philosophy of debt and so we sat down and talked about it. As we walked away I think we were actually on the same page. I think with further explanation and understanding, I think he thought that, that what I was advocating for actually was sensible and made sense.*

*"But, during that discussion I was curious, because I think really what we're talking about here is a policy choice between, you want to have a 20 percent debt cap or you want to have 10 percent debt cap or a nine percent or eight percent or some other number. Without really leading him down that path and saying which number are you think is the right number, I simply asked him a very simple question. I said, from your perspective what is a, what's a healthy amount of debt for a government organization? How much is reasonable? I mean, what do you, what do you think is a, you know, what would you like to see the debt stay under?"*

*"I was expecting him to say a number eight, nine, 10 percent. You know, I didn't know what he was going to say. But I asked the question kind of open ended to see what he would say and his answer was very interesting to me. His answer was simply three percent of the assessed evaluation. I thought to myself, that's a very interesting perspective because as I've thought about this our budget includes, the majority of our budget includes money that we touch that flows in and out of the county to provide services that are decisions made by state and federal officials.*

*"A lot of grant money, we, comes in and out. For example, if we receive money from, you know federal pass through money comes from the state and we touch it, it provides a service to the state. "Healthy babies for example. That's fantastic, I appreciate the fact that we've got the chance to provide a service to our community through those grant dollars.*

*"That does not mean that we have the ability to pay debt based on our assets and our ability to generate revenue from our local communities. We make local decisions for debt and I don't see how looking at our overall budget and deciding how much debt we should take on relative to that budget really makes sense. What I would say is on, and I think my personal finances is always a good way to reflect upon a policy and I think about, you know if I was going to consider debt. Let's say I wanted to go*

*buy a car for example, I wouldn't necessarily look at my gross paycheck to decide whether or not I should take on debt because that gross paycheck includes things like Medicare taxes, and Social Security tax, a number of other things.*

*"So, it's what happens after those things are paid the dollars actually have my hands on them that I can generate that, I have the choice of maybe finding other income, if I feel like I need to take on more debt, those are certainly options I can make as a choice. But, I don't base that decision based on my gross paycheck because it doesn't really make sense. But, in a sense it's kind of what we're doing here in the county. We're making a decision on, on debt capacity based on our budget, which includes a lot of things that have nothing to do with our ability to pay our debt.*

*"So I, I guess for me I was going to make a motion as some point to defer this basically to have a different discussion based on the comment that I heard from this, this friend in bond business. I think he has point that maybe our policy is, kind of, taken this the wrong direction. What we ought to be doing is look at our ability of our taxpayers to pay a debt, which is basically is illustrated by their net worth, the net worth of the county. What are the assessed, what's the assessed evaluation of the county and the ability of our taxpayers to actually pay taxes to pay that debt?*

*"To me that's really the very clean and crisp way to look at this, but to look at dollars that flow in and out of the county that may be in our budget that have nothing to do with our ability to pay debt to me is maybe the wrong way to do this. So, I'll support the motion, but I kind of hope that we will have the chance, number one and get a staff report for the community to understand what this was proposed to be so that we can maybe continue the discussion in April.*

*"But, further I think we have people in audience who've taken the time to be here today that want to speak this topic. I would love to hear from them as well. I actually put a post on my Facebook yesterday asking people to respond with comments and I'm keenly reading those things and trying to understand their perspective. I try, I reserve my own opinion asking them to speak to me as a Commissioner and I've got a number of comments and I appreciate them. I want to hear from the public and so although I appreciate the motion I would love to hear from people that are here and from the community and from the staff before we take the time to just push this off without that discussion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Well, we will be taking this up again in April according to the motion so and we'll have more opportunities to speak about it in staff time.*

*"So, that's the motion on the table. Taking the Commissioner's suggestion, before we vote on this deferral, Mr. Counselor?"*

*Mr. Yost said, "I just have a, point of clarification. Was, does the motion include a particular date that we're coming back?"*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "No. No date certain."*

*Mr. Yost said, "Okay, but it's anticipated that you would put it back on the agenda in April?"*

*Chairman Unruh said, "In April, next month. Alright, thank you, sir. In light of Commissioner Howell's comment about those who've come here, if there's someone who wants to speak now, would you rather wait till we address this for a vote? Okay, on this issue. Okay, then we will go ahead and vote on the motion and we'll have a full discussion with everyone when this comes back up for final action.*



*Commissioners, any more comment? Madam Clerk, call the vote, please."*

VOTE

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Lindsay, thank you. Next item."*

**Deferred**

**N**     [17-307](#)

**RESOLUTION SETTING TARGET MILL LEVY.**

Presented by: Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve or disapprove the resolution, as desired.

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "This agenda item requests, well it proposes to adjust the mill levy rate resolution that was adopted last year. That target of mill levy rate set the property tax rate that our target for each year at 29.359 mills for county budgets for 2017 through 2022 and then decreased the estimated target mill levy rate to 28.758 mills in 2023. The resolution before you today would remove that reduction to 28.758 mills in 2023 and would keep the target mill levy rate at 29.359 mills beginning with the 2018 budget process and going throughout.*

*"The practical impact of that would be that for all of the budgets we develop and for the financial forecasts that you see, we would estimate that rate. But again, the the rate that we attempt to set through the budget process is estimated.*

*"We create a property tax levy in terms of dollars and the rate is adjusted in November, the final rate is adjusted to give us the mill levy rate that will support that level of property tax levy. And so, while it's a target it, it will very likely ever be precise when the November 1st final mill levy rate is set.*

*"So, for example for the 2017 budget the target mill levy rate was 29.359 mills but the final rate that actually has been in place on Sedgwick County tax bills is 29.393 mills. So, the resolution before you today would, would make that language change and with that I'm happy to answer any questions, otherwise I recommend you authorize the Chairman to either approve or reject the resolution as preferred."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you, Lindsay. Is there, in light of our just previous action..."*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Should we also defer this or are these independent of one another?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "They are certainly, they can be independent of one another, however, if we do increase the debt policy limits and have potential to have additional debt payments that we're making in 2023 then we would want to make sure that our mill levy rate can accommodate for that."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright. But, in light of the fact that whatever we do with this item we, we can't bind a future Commission with that, with this target?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "That's right, to the extent that a Commission chooses to override the resolution in any year, it certainly can be adjusted anytime."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "But, this resolution it, as you had said is a target which means that what we decide is our budget and you do the math and that mill levy is a, is a product of that. So, this is not, this is, this is merely a goal and a target is what I'm saying..."*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Because we can't be specific about the number and we can't bind future Commission. So, if we approve this today we're saying we, we think this a good goal and we ought to try to stay somewhere close to this? Commissioners, I guess the question for that I would have for our discussion is, in light of our previous action, should we also defer this until we do our, our, what do we call it?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Debt policy?"*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Pardon me?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "The debt policy."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "The debt policy on and our debt limits, so. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for clarification and I know when Commissioner Peterjohn was here he made this, made this point numbers of times and I appreciate, he's in the audience today. But, we don't actually set the mill levy, the County Clerk calculates the mill levy based on our budget. What I think this, what this target does, it was passed last year in that resolution. What it does is it calculates based on a target of 29.359, it calculates how many dollars would be available and we try to fit our budget into that number."*

*"So, if we find that our budget is above that number we, I think we have the action or the, it's the goal at that point for maybe us to reduce expenditures to, so that when Kelly Clark, when he, when he calculates the mill levy that hopefully he'll be able to calculate a number that's fairly close to our target of 29.359. So there's a calculation that we would do and we would try to find a way for us to base our budget on that number."*

*"But, ultimately when we pass a budget and the Appraiser does their job and the Clerk does his job, he calculates that and again if we make this effort every single year, eventually it'll hover around that number plus or minus just a little bit. And I think that's why we have a target and I think having a target's a good idea. Without having a target, what happens is it inches up over time. If we just simply pass the same budget every year or something similar to that, what happens over long period's time is there's significant increases that accumulate."*

*"And so, that's why we have this, this plan to calculate dollars from that mill levy target and try to set our budget, try to pass a budget that's within that number and then hopefully that's, he'll calculate a number that is reflective of that, that target. So, I would be supportive of delaying this indefinitely. I would've voted no on this resolution today but if someone wants to make a motion to delay this indefinitely or until time's*

*certain or whatever, I would be supportive of that as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, I would be supportive of rejecting this, this item today. I don't think it's necessary, I think you could do the two things separate. Just to clarify what Commissioner Howell was saying is what can happen is that if we set a specific target for a year and the actual mill levy ends up that year being just a little bit more."*

*"What happens, what can happen the next year is the next year that little bit of increase is the new starting point and then that goes up just a little bit."*

*"Then each year starts climbing up so eventually you've had, can amount to a fair amount of mill levy increase and you know constituents are sensitive to that. So, what this does is, that target if it increments a little bit because of the calculation, the next year we go back and we have the same target every single year till we have that consistently."*

*"Until such time that the Commission takes an active vote to increase that target or lower that decrease is actually lowers the target in 2023 budget for a variety of reasons, we don't need to go into depending on what we're going to do, but I just to make sure that can be a little bit of, can be a little confusing for people and so help explain that a little bit more. Thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner just for clarification, you would support deferring this or just defeating it for now and coming back later with a different motion?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, I'd prefer defeating it now and not coming back at all. That being said, if there is a motion to defer, I'll support the motion to defer because I generally (inaudible) defer something I'm okay with that."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I don't think they necessarily have to be discussed at the same time."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Right."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "It might make for a little shorter meeting in the future or whatever depending on the length of debate, so. But like I say, if there's a motion to defer I'll support, be supportive even though that's not my preference."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Will you, if you'd like to make a motion, to not support this we could hear that or if you're not ready to do that. There's not motion on the table, is that correct?"*

*Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There isn't."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, I could do that if there's no, I mean, but if there's, I mean, if a Commissioner has a strong desire to postpone it, I would. Okay, I'll make a motion, if a Commissioner wants to (inaudible) feel strongly then they can make a substitute and that'd be fine but I guess I would make motion to disapprove the resolution."*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to disapprove the resolution.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, we have a motion to disapprove the resolution and we have a second. Now there's comment. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just wanted to clarify one thing, Kelly Clark's not our Clerk, it's Kelly Arnold and I knew that. My mind was thinking about what I was going to say and I misspoke. Kelly Arnold is our elected official in the, in the Clerk's Office, I appreciate his service. But when I was, said that I'm glad I didn't get a laugh out of the Commission. But no, Kelly Clark is not our Clerk, it's Kelly Arnold and I appreciate him very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I was going to laugh but decided not to, so..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."*

*Mr. Yost said, "You deferred it."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner O'Donnell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you, very much Mr. Chair. I'm going to be supportive of this motion as well. 2023 is many years off and I think that we can allow future Commissions to decide what they want to do with this, but since this passed last year and perhaps someone, perhaps our County Counselor might remind me, was that a five to zero vote or a four to one vote last year?"*

*Mr. Yost said, "I would be speculating because I don't remember. I'm sorry."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yeah, yes, but I think it, I think there's a good chance it was either four to one or five to zero. So, I think since there was such strong support for that last year, I think that we should keep the reduction in the mill levy and obviously evaluate that at a later date. But, anytime we can lower property taxes for citizens in Sedgwick County that is a very good thing both for our homeowners and also for this business climate here in the county. So, I appreciate that and I think that mill levy decrease gets us back to, prior to 2006 increase that caused so much controversy. So, thank you, Mr. Chair."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I believe Commissioner Ranzau was next."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes, I want to explain it a little more detail what Commissioner O'Donnell was saying since we're going to discuss this. It is true, in 2006 the BoC (Board of County Commissioners) voted to increase the mill levy, I think it was about, approximately 2.5 mills and this, without voter approval which is something I think this Commission supports. I know the voters support that. there was a lot of turmoil about that."*

*"The purpose was to build a new jail and to fund NCAT (National Center for Aviation Training), of course the jail was never built. Now, subsequent to that following Commissions have decreased the mill levy about 1.9 mills. So, they've reversed a significant portion of that tax increase, but there still is about .6 mills higher than what it was of 2006 level. So, in addition to stopping the creeping up this policy also returned the mill levy back to that 2006 level before it was increased without voter approval.*

*"But that, looked at, far enough out in advance it would happen the 2023 budget because the year before there would be a couple significant bond payments that would go off, that would help facilitate that, that decrease. So, then it would go back to 2006 levels and from there on if there was going be an increase it would, any increase it would be deliberate action taken by the BoCC an open meeting and the opportunity for the taxpayers to comment and respond to that.*

*"So, that's the rationale behind that whole situation because there is, even though there is a tax lid at the state level with the loopholes and it really doesn't function as a tax here at Sedgwick County anyway. So, this is kind of our way to send a commitment to the, or signal our commitment to taxpayers to hold the mill levy at a certain level unless we specifically intend to do that and do so in a public meeting. Thank you, Mr. Chair."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a quick clarification once again, my good friend Daniel Salazar with the Wichita Eagle has tweeted out it was a five to zero vote last year that did this. So, I just wanted to make that clarification so we all know it was a five to zero. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think most of you know that our Treasurer will be mailing our second half notices today, I believe and so this information will be very valuable to all of our constituents across Sedgwick County because they're going to see firsthand exactly what the mill levy does to their property taxes today. So, for that reason and I think right now we'd be better off just delaying this or completely eliminating this motion, or not the motion, but the proposal. So, I'll support the motion."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. I don't see anyone else asking to speak and the motion we have in front us if is that we not approve the resolution. Is there any further comment? 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, "Okay, Lindsay, thank you."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "I noticed Jon came up to speak but you are..."*

*Mr. Jon VonAchen, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, I could go in the rather boring details about how we get to calculate a mill levy based upon what Commissioner Howell was bringing up so. But rather than do that since we've taken a vote on this then I'll defer any of that discussion for a later date."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you."*

*Mr. VonAchen said, "Okay."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Madam Clerk, next item."*

**Disapproved**

**CONSENT**

*Mr. Scholes said, "Recommend you approve consent agenda items Oscar (O) through X-ray (X)."*

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

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to approve consent agenda.*

*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, "Next item."*

**Adopt the Consent Agenda**

- O**     [17-238](#)     Proclamation declaring National Public Health Week and recognizing the Dr. Doren Fredrickson Award recipient Shirley Orr.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- P**     [17-338](#)     Resolution to Amend the Maximum Number of Members on the Citizens Advisory Board in the Third County Commission District.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- Q**     [17-305](#)     VAC2016-00062 - County request to vacate a platted utility easement on property located on the southeast corner of South 119th Street West and West 103rd Street South (District 2 - City of Clearwater's Urban Area of Influence).

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- R     [17-313](#)     Agreement with the City of Derby to administer Special Liquor Tax Funds.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- S     [17-288](#)     Government Services Agreement for Fire Code Inspection and Enforcement Services with the City of Bentley, Kansas.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- T     [17-303](#)     2016 Annual Expense Report of Sedgwick County Townships.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- U     [17-318](#)     A Resolution temporarily suspending a cereal malt beverage license for certain dates - Sedgwick County Zoological Society, Inc.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- V     [17-279](#)     Change to Sedgwick County Zoo staffing table.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- W     [17-297](#)     Employment agreement with Jaime L. Oeberst, M.D., to provide Forensic Pathology Services as Deputy Medical Examiner and Deputy District Coroner.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- X     [17-254](#)     General Bill Check Register March 15, 2017 - March 21, 2017.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Mr. VonAchen said, "Just a couple of items today. One, Senate ways and means is expected to pass out of committee their super mega budget bill that will cover the next two year cycle.*

*"We're reviewing that for how that will effect funding for contracts we have with the state and additional services that we may end up having to foot the bill for which will affect how we budget in coming years.*

*"The other item that I have is kind of an interest item. Both the House and Senate are hearing identical gaming bills tomorrow. This would affect the Greyhound Park which Sedgwick County owns the land for. It would, if a petition, if it passes, a petition would be presented to the County Commission by 5,000 electors and then you'd be obligated to set an election whether or not the voters would approve gaming machines at the Greyhound Park.*

*"So, that's one of the things we're keeping, again these are identical bills being heard at the same time in both chambers. So, this is a little unusual, this is more than what happened last year. So, we're keeping an eye on it and we will inform you as the status of both bills as they move forward."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. We have a comment from Commissioner*

Ranzau.”

*Commissioner Ranzau said, “Just a question, we get this petition, is there a timeline for which we have to hold the election? I just wondered what sort of discretion we have. I know that Election Office always has an issue with multiple elections like this where they can be, votes can they be combined or what?”*

*Mr. VonAchen said, “I would anticipate that if this does pass and is approved by the Governor that from a timing perspective you’re probably not looking at primary elections this year, be more the general election this year. Obviously, we have a full slate of municipal elections in 2017 in November and I would expect that would be roughly the timing of it because I don’t think the, even as quickly as they may mobilize is what I would expect, that we would have it in time to set it for the primary in August. We’re probably looking general election in November.”*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, “But is there a timeline that we have within a certain number days to set the election or do we, is it kind of open ended?”*

*Mr. VonAchen said, “It, like the, you know, it’s basically re-opening what happened about 11 years ago. So, you wouldn’t have a timeline and number of days that you would have to set it. However, I would expect if it wasn’t set then you’re probably going to end up with a mandamus petition from the Supreme Court saying that you have to set one.”*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, “Right.”*

*Mr. VonAchen said, “So, but I would because of the timing because now we’re on the same cycle election wise in even and odd years, I would expect you would not have one in time to be able to set it for August, you’re probably looking November.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Commissioner. I see no one else asking to speak.”*

*Mr. VonAchen said, “Okay, thank you.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Jon. Madam Clerk, next item.”*

## **OTHER**

*Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners this an opportunity to speak about other issues of county interest. Commissioner Dennis.”*

*Commissioner Dennis thanked the Chairman and said, “Since this is our last meeting before April, middle or early part of April, there is an event going to happen before that, that I want to bring everyone’s attention to. There’s an organization in Wichita called Communities and Schools and they have been renamed, they are now called the Pando Initiative.*

*“I’m very familiar with Communities and Schools as I was a teacher at North High School for 11 years and on the Kansas State Board of Education. The mission of the Pando Initiative is to connect with students to help them engage and thrive in their education and in their future. They believe that every student can thrive. When students are connected through relationships, they build strength, vitality and the courage to take the initiative.”*

*“Right now, they’re in a fundraising effort. What they have is on April the 8th, 2017 at*



*Century II Exhibition Hall. They have an event called 100 Men Who Cook. Now, that's a misnomer, because I'm one of them."*

*"We have several of our Commission members that are going to be part of that 100 Men That Cook. What I urge each of you to do is first of all, there's a tip page on the Pando Initiative website that if you'd like to tip your favorite chef, namely David Dennis but possibly our Commission, Chairman, we'd sincerely appreciate your tips.*

*"There are going to be top chef awards given out that night. In addition, if you'd like to attend ticket prices are \$65, includes two drinks, cocktails and a commemorative cookbook which you're going to get my recipe. Anyway, I remember I don't cook, but you will have a copy of my recipe. "Anyway, what I urge you to do is go to the webpage and tip your favorite chef and if possible attend the event on April the 8th. Thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately, I wasn't invited to be a cook there, I don't know why that was, I love cooking. My momma taught me to cook really well and I, my wife likes me to cook so I'm surprised I didn't get to be, didn't have the chance to do this but I would love to, love to be involved somehow in the future."*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "Please join us."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I would love that, maybe they'll invite me next time, I don't know. But, appreciate the information about the event. I wanted to bring up just a couple of items today, thank you Mr. Chairman. First of all, I wanted to say I attended a Junior ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) event last week with the Wichita School Board 259. It's a competition board, frankly.*

*"I remember when I was in the military, I had to go before a number of boards in competition. It was very very hard, I was able to be promoted below the zone which I'm really proud of. I remember how stressed out I was and how much preparation there was to do that and these, these young kids, they're, they're all sixth graders and I'd like to mention them, as well as the board members but they came before this board and had to stand and be judged on all kinds of things from their appearance to their ability to report in a military fashion.*

*"They were questioned on their citizenship and their leadership, drill and current affairs and that's why I think I got to be invited to this board. I asked them questions, political questions about state and local politics and it was interesting to see that these young people were awesome. I was extremely impressed. Our Junior ROTC program is a wonderful program and Colonel Kennedy that leads that program has just, is a tremendous individual, has an excellent character and I just I love the fact that I got the chance to do this. But, real quickly I'll just tell you that I sat on this board with Joy Eakins, who is a member of 259.*

*"Lieutenant Colonel Greg Willingham, who is Army retired member of the military, Cadet Colonel Manuel Garcia, of course Colonel Kennedy and then also, Colonel Ryan Loesing, I'm not sure if I'm missing one, I don't think I am. But anyway, there was a number of people that were on this board. We asked these cadets very very tough questions, we asked questions to these, and by the way each one of these students that came and presented to us was nominated by their ROTC program in their schools.*

*"They are, if you will, an ambassador, a representative of their particular school. So, they're already the best of the best and so we had all the schools came together and we were supposed to select one for the entire school district and I just want to tell you it was a tough job. I'm so glad I had the chance to do this, it took a few hours.*

*"Katie Blessman with Marshall, Kadence Roulston with Brooks, Carol Lara with Mead, Anastasia LaForge, Hamilton, Gabrael Parga with Hadley, Luis Gonzalez at Curtis. And, by the way, I went to Curtis Junior High so, I know that school very well. Selene Maturino with Pleasant Valley and then Brea Murray with McAuliffe.*

*"Through that competition that lasted a few hours and giving these kids quite the hard time they prevailed and got through it all. I'd like to say to Carol Lara with Mead, won that competition so she's our district Junior ROTC winner this year. I hope I get the chance to do this again in the future. It's a tremendous event, appreciated the opportunity and I just wanted to say I am so impressed with these kids. They are very very smart and very very good and they have, it's a really promising, it's just great to see that these young people are so connected to what's going on around them and they care about the community so much.*

*"So, I wanted to say that I was able to attend Mitch Mitchell's funeral last Friday, great event, heard some wonderful comments from a number of speakers there. Wes Galyon did a tremendous job and reflected on his history and I'm looking forward to seeing more information about Mitch Mitchell come up as we hopefully discuss a joint resolution to honor him in a very necessary way.*

*"Finally, I wanted to, just to say, I received a phone call this morning. Apparently there was a news story yesterday, I think it ran on one of the news stations and maybe there's a written article about it, but apparently there was some controversy about some bumper stickers to honor a firefighter that happened to be on a county fire trucks and apparently there was a discussion about this and the bumper stickers were removed and I guess some of the, that was the news story."*

*"There was some people who were upset about that and so I contacted the Chief, he is on vacation today, but I did contact the Chief, Chief Leake and we had a nice discussion about, there actually is a lot of information about this. I don't want to get into it so much right now, today, but I do plan on it in our next meeting which I guess is April the 12th.*

*"I will plan to bring it during 'other' some bullet points about this topic because I do think it's important for people to understand we're not being disrespectful, but what basically want to make sure our vehicles are professional, we have standardized, standardized logos and graphics on them. What we do on those trucks ought to be an intentional action by the county and not just simply someone putting a sticker on there.*

*"In fact the sticker that was put on there, unfortunately didn't really use a proper name for this firefighter. Unfortunately, this is just one out of three firefighters that was on the bumper sticker. The other two were not included with that.*

*"So again, I think there's disparity between honoring one, but not three and the fact is we've got walls of, memory walls in at least two of our fire stations to memorialize firefighters and of course this gentleman that's honored on these bumper stickers is part of that as well.*

*"So, I think there's information about this plus we do annual events to honor our fallen firefighters and on it goes, I think, the reality is, is this probably a misunderstanding, it's not the controversy I think that was presented in the news media, but*

*nevertheless I will dig into this and get the bullet points and hopefully on April the 12th, I will be able to report back the community exactly what this about.*

*"But, I do appreciate our Chief, I think he's doing a tremendous job and I trust his leadership. I know he also very very much wants to honor our fallen firefighters and I think we are very intentional and want to do that in a very respectful way. So, I would like to, to give him the chance to lead his organization and I trust him with his leadership, but on the other hand I do want to honor these firefighters but let's do it in a respectful honoring way, in that line I want to just get those bullet points, so April the 12th hopefully I'll report back and we will hopefully close this issue at that time. Mr. Chairman, that's all my comments, thank you so much."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Are there any other comments? Alright then, before we have a motion on Executive Session I guess we have a Fire District meeting so at this time I will adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)..."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Recess?"*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Pardon me?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Recess?"*

*Chairman Unruh said, "I'm sorry?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Recess?"*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Recess."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Recess the meeting."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "What did I say?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Adjourn."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "I didn't mean adjourn, I meant recess. Thank you, Commissioner. At this point, I will recess the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and call to order the Board of County Commissioners setting as a Governing Body of Fire District Number One."*

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Fire District Number 1 from 10:40 a.m. and returned at 10:42 a.m.*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **MOTION**

*Commissioner O'Donnell moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 45 minutes or a time, no sooner than 11:30 a.m. to consider consultation with an attorney for this Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, preliminary discussions relating to the acquisitions of real property and that this Executive Session is required 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**

<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 are now recessed into Executive Session."*

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed into executive session at 10:43 a.m. and returned at 11:59 a.m.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, we are back from Executive Session, so I will call the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners back to order and declare that while we were in Executive Session, no binding action was taken.*

*"So, at this time is there any more to come before the Board of County Commissioners and no announcements? Okay, that being the case we will be adjourned."*

**Approved**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.*