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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

**9:00 AM**

**BOCC Meeting Room**

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

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

*REGULAR MEETING*

*August 2, 2017*

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:06 a.m. on August 2, 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 II; Commissioner David Dennis; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner James M. Howell; Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager; Mr. Thomas Stolz, Deputy County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy Clerk; Ms. Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.*

*GUESTS*

*Mr. Jim Burgess, 427 Spring Creek, Derby, Kansas  
Ms. Dana Milby, 15333 East 87th Circle, Derby, Kansas  
Mr. Gilbert Alvarez, Appointee*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Reverend Watson, thank you for being here this morning. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**INVOCATION: Reverend Cindy Watson, First 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 two people sign up to speak on our public agenda. So we will ask them to step forward and first is Mr. Jim Burgess."*

*Mr. Jim Burgess, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Commissioners, for another opportunity to speak. You heard me Monday concerning senior citizens, funding for the senior centers. I just am here today to remind you that there are four senior centers in Sedgwick County, that requested additional funding. Those centers are Bel Aire Senior Center, Clearwater Senior Center, Mulvane Senior Center and Haysville Senior Center. They achieved criteria that was set by the Sedgwick County Commission under the understanding that they would receive this additional funding*

when they achieved that criteria.

*"Some of them have achieved it for as long as six years, maybe even longer. Some lesser of a time, but they are by the agreement, the criteria you set, eligible for that additional funding. So I'm requesting you to, again, consider the \$73,000 additional funding request that we talked about on Monday and ask that you honor the criteria that you set at that time. Thank you, gentlemen, for your attention."*

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, sir. Appreciate your comments and second speaker we have is Dana Milby."

*Ms. Dana Milby, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. Although, I speak publicly for a living, I find myself more nervous than normal this morning and I think, that's because I now have a personal stake in the issue that's before the Commission and that I want to talk to you about today. I live with my family in Rockford Township in the far southeast corner of Sedgwick County. We've lived there for 14 years. When we first moved out there our roads, we have primarily dirt roads, they were in good condition, but since then they decreased in condition significantly. Even with just a small amount of rain out at our home, I sometimes wonder if I am going to be able to get to work because the roads are so slick.*

*"We typically on average replace a tire a month on our vehicles. My neighbors have had significant car repairs that they've had to make on their new cars as a result of the condition of the roads. EMS (Emergency Medical Services) recently evaluated the condition of our roads and stated that they have serious concerns about whether or not they would be able to come out to the residents in Rockford Township in the event of an emergency. I have had a Sheriff officer [sic] [Deputy] tell me personally that if it rains on 87th Street they will not come out. If we happen to get a more significant rain, which we have recently in the last few years, we've had a lot of rain in Sedgwick County, the conditions of our roads are much worse.*

*"Several residents testified at the last township meeting that their kids, both teenagers, and grown adults, have rolled their cars, have totaled their cars, that school buses can't pick up the kids because the roads are too muddy. Mail isn't being delivered, trash can't be picked up, kids have to call in at work and say they can't come to work, or their parents have to call them and say I don't want you coming home because the roads are too bad, I don't know if you will make it.*

*"In the last several years our taxes have gone up 300 percent, that's our mill levy. Unfortunately, this hasn't resulted in an increase in revenue because the city of Derby has annexed the developments in our area as they are developed. The estimate to repair just the deferred maintenance on the road, the emergent needs in our county, is over a million dollars. It has become clear that our township, by itself, is not able to manage the problems in our roads and we are asking for your help.*

*"At the last township meeting the residents and the township board agreed that the most viable solution to solving the problems on our roads is an inter-governmental agreement between Rockford Township and Sedgwick County. As residents of Rockford Township, we are willing to pay the cost to repair our roads. The inter-governmental agreement will not create or be a financial burden on anyone outside of our township. But the inter-governmental agreement will provide the immediate and temporary help needed to fix the emergent repairs so that the residents of Sedgwick County who live in Rockford Township can get to and from our homes safely. So that our kids can get to and from school and work and that our first responders will be able to get to us in the event of an emergency. So we appreciate*

*your consideration.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Well, thank you for your comments. We have been alerted to the problems in Rockford Township and there's some discussion on what Sedgwick County's role might be in trying to alleviate those problems, but right now we have a comment from Commissioner Howell.”*

*Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, “I just wanted to commend Ms. Milby for coming to speak today. She's been very engaged in this issue. I have attended the last four Rockford Township meetings. I would just tell you that the interest from the community has continued to grow and grow. The story that she's referenced this morning, I would tell you those are absolutely true. I hear stories from many residents. I don't get phone calls on any of the other four townships in my district, regarding the roads. I have had phone calls from Rockford Township, people there, especially when it rains, every time it rains. Sometimes one or two phone calls, but sometimes five or six phone calls.*

*“It's a very, very large problem and I empathize with what you are going through. I want to say thank you for making that clear to us this morning, I know we have an opportunity to consider this inter-governmental agreement, it is something we are working on. We'll have an opportunity to consider that probably fairly soon. It's my hope that we will be able to go in that direction. But it's also contingent upon the electors passing a ballot question and of course, the township board passing both the inter-governmental agreement and the ballot question to the people to vote on.*

*“So a lot of things have to happen for this to be successful, I am hopeful it is possible. Again, it's one of those things where it is not really Sedgwick County's at-large, it's not their financial burden. It's the Rockford Township people's financial burden, but what you are asking for is a little help with trying to fix things a little more aggressively, then pray us back. So pay us back so there's no cost to the other taxpayers and I know that, I think that's what you are advocating for.*

*“So I want to say thank you for that, when I hear about public safety, can't get to the homes. That's a pretty big issue and I do know there have been lots of people who have had significant car damage, the buses actually declared they will not run to pick up children or drop children off, people are missing work, mail not getting picked up, I'm sure not getting delivered, and trash not being picked up. It is not every day, but certainly when it rains, that's where we are at. So this is a significant issue, and I want to say thank you for bringing that to our attention, hopefully we can move forward.*

*“Also, wanted to say thank you to Mr. Burgess for highlighting once again the arguments for senior center funding. We're going to have, I'm sure, a more robust discussion on that as we get into the budget issues this morning. So thank you for your comments. Mr. Chairman, do you need a motion to receive and file?”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “I think that on these public comment we have not been taking a motion to receive and file.*

*Commissioner Howell said, “Okay. Alright, thank you, Mr. Chairman.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “It is on record, however. Alright, thank you, commissioner. Is*

*there anyone else who wanted to speak on general issues before we close this portion of our meeting? I don't see anyone rising to speak, so Madam Clerk, we will ask you to call the next item."*

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- A**     [17-651](#)             REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2017.  
All Commissioners were present.

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you had the opportunity to review the minutes of both June 14 and July 5th. What's the will of the board?"*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to approve minutes of June 14, 2017 and July 5, 2017.*

*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>

**Approved**

- B**     [17-659](#)             REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2017.  
All Commissioners were present.

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

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- C**     [17-687](#)             RESOLUTION APPOINTING GILBERT ALVAREZ (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD IN THE EDUCATION POSITION.  
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item C is an item that we can take separately, and the person is going to be here to be sworn in, and the remaining would be combined I think, unless there is an objection from the board. Item C, is a resolution appointing Mr. Gilbert Alvarez to the [Sedgwick County] Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board in the education position. You may recall that position was held by Mr. Faflick, who resigned to move out of the community. So, Mr. Alvarez would be filling the unexpired term of Mr. Faflick. He is filling out that term that would end on June 30, I want to make sure I get this date right, of 2018. He is present to be sworn, the paperwork appears to be in order and I would urge the*

*adoption of this resolution.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Alright. Thank you, Mr. Counselor, Commissioner Dennis.”*

*Commissioner Dennis thanked the Chairman and said, “It’s my pleasure to move that we appoint Gilbert Alvarez to the Board of County Commissioners appointment to Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board in the education position. I have known Mr. Alvarez now for a number of years. He was the Athletic Director at North High School when I taught there. He’s been a principal of a couple of our high schools, most recently at Northwest [High School], home of the Grizzlies, by the way. I announce there, so I am kind of partial. He’s currently the Assistant Superintendent for the high schools. I think it is a great appointment and I am very pleased to make that motion to appoint him. Thank you.”*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution appointing Gilbert Alvarez to the Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board in the education position.*

*Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

**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, “Mr. Alvarez, if you would want to step to the podium and the Clerk will swear you in.”*

*Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, so help me God.”*

*Mr. Alvarez said, “I do.”*

*Ms. Bailey said, “Very good. Congratulations.”*

*Mr. Alvarez said, “Thank you.”*

*Ms. Bailey said, “If you would like to make a comment.”*

*Mr. Gilbert Alvarez, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Just want to say thank you for this appointment to the board. I am excited in this new position as Assistant Superintendent of secondary schools in the Wichita Public Schools to serve the students, families and staff. But I’m also excited to now serve Sedgwick County students and support them in this new appointment. Thank you very much.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, sir. Appreciate your willingness to serve. Next item.”*

**Adopted**

MASTER ELECTRICIAN AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS IN THE POSITIONS OF JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND JOINT CITY/COUNTY PUBLIC-AT-LARGE (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION (BOCC) APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS) TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT BOARD OF ELECTRICAL APPEALS.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Yost said, "Again, items D, E, F, and G are all appointments to the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department, otherwise known as MABCD. I am going to try to combine all of those. I can tell you that for all of these positions, the terms would expire July 31, of 2019. It is my understanding none of these folks will be sworn in here, but will be sworn in at their own meeting.*

*"We will begin with agenda item D. The appointments being made there are as your appointment for the Master Electrician, Mr. Duane Schneider, who is replacing Richard Kretchmar, who had to resign earlier this spring. Reappointments to this particular board are for Journeyman Electrician Casey Belknap, Electrical Engineer Tim Lenz, and to the Joint City and County Public-At-Large position, Mr. Brad Ragland.*

*"Item E is also to the MABCD. The positions, but is to the Board of Code, Standards and Appeals. The position there would be for the Architect position, Mr. Gregg Wilhite, to the Class B Contractor position, Mr. Randy Harder, Public-At-Large position, Daryl Crotts, and the person representing the real estate interests is Mr. Warren Willenberg. The Joint City and County Class A Contractor position, Mr. Randall Coonrod.*

*"On agenda item F, which is the Board of Appeals of Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Warm Air Heating, position being filled would be for the Master Mechanical Contractor position, Mr. Roger Lowenstein, Journeyman Mechanic, Mr. Ron Love, Mechanical Engineer, Joe Samia, and the Joint City and County Public-At-Large position, Mr. Frank Rash.*

*"Finally, item G, which is to the MABCD Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters, the positions being filled are for the Master Plumber, which would be Mr. Kelsey Leidy, Journeyman Plumber, Seth Harrington, Joint City and County-At-Large position, Mr. Larry Doughty. Those are our suggestions on appointments, Mr. Chairman. All their terms expire July 31, 2019; the paperwork appears to be in order and I would urge adoption of all four of these resolutions."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say for some reason I always seem to have an interest in these type of appointments, surprised Lonny [Wright] is not here this morning, I would like to ask him what he thinks about it, but I have asked a lot of folks about how these boards are working and kind of checked up on them a little bit, investigate it, and find out are these boards smooth, things working great, and the answer I get is yes. I know some of these folks, I don't know them all. But I have, I think, vetted all these appointments. These are some great folks and I appreciate their service to the county."*

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the resolutions for Items D, E, F, and G.

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

**Adopted**

- E**     [17-661](#)     RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS IN THE POSITIONS OF ARCHITECT, CLASS B CONTRACTOR, PUBLIC-AT-LARGE, MEMBER REPRESENTING REAL ESTATE AND JOINT CITY/COUNTY CLASS A CONTRACTOR (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION (BOCC) REAPPOINTMENTS) TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT BOARD OF CODE STANDARDS AND APPEALS. Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

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

- F**     [17-680](#)     RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS IN THE POSITIONS OF MASTER MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR, JOURNEYMAN MECHANIC, MECHANICAL ENGINEER, AND JOINT CITY/COUNTY PUBLIC-AT-LARGE (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION (BOCC) REAPPOINTMENTS) TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPEALS OF AIR CONDITIONING, REFRIGERATION AND WARM AIR HEATING. Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution

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

- G**     [17-686](#)     RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS IN THE POSITIONS OF MASTER PLUMBER, JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, AND JOINT CITY/COUNTY PUBLIC-AT-LARGE (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION (BOCC) REAPPOINTMENTS) TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION



DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPEALS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS  
FITTERS.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

H [17-664](#)

ADOPTION OF THE 2018 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET AND THE  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Presented by: Mike Scholes, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution for the 2018  
Sedgwick County Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement  
Program, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

*Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said,  
"Commissioners, exciting day. We had four different opportunities for citizens to  
engage us once the recommended budget was presented; two public hearings, an  
online public hearing, and for the first time, a social media town hall. These  
opportunities for engagement we received a total of 13 comments.*

*"If you will remember, this budget focused on the priorities listed in our strategic plan.  
I've worked to balance the increasing demand for a central county services within our  
available resources. The recommended 2018 operating budget for Sedgwick County  
totals \$407,276,187. This budget will be supported with a property tax levy of  
\$137,441,377, which is approximately equivalent to 29.359 mills. The Sedgwick  
County's five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes updates to adult  
detention, EMS and correction facilities, administration building and main courthouse  
remodel, an elections building that meets Homeland Security guidelines, funding for  
additional ADA (Americana with Disabilities Act) compliance, replacing county roofs  
and parking lots, continued investment in the Mitch Mitchell Floodway, maintenance  
on roughly 100 lane miles per year, and repairing or replacing an average of 10  
bridges per year, and the strategic bonding of certain projects for road and bridge  
work.*

*"As stated earlier, the 2018 budget totals of \$407,276,187 will be supported with a  
property tax levy of \$137,441, wait excuse me, \$137,441,377, which will require a mill  
levy of approximately 29.359 mills. Every budget recommendation I made was with  
the intent of preserving the county's sound financial condition, while moving forward  
with the priorities outlined in our strategic plan. To do this we had to have a great  
team. This year we used the executive team as we reorganized last year. They were  
a big part of the process between myself, David Spears, the ACM (Assistant County  
Management) for Public Works Facilities Maintenance and Project Services, Tom  
Stoltz, Deputy County Manager, Tim Kaufman, Assistant County Manager for Public  
Services, also the Communications team of Keturah Austin and Kate Flavin.*

*"But really the big budget team, also want to mention Jessica Ostmeyer, she had a  
part in this, too. Really the budget team headed by our new CFO (Chief Financial  
Officer), Lindsay Poe Rousseau, the Deputy CFO, Rick Durham, also Lorien  
Showalter Arie. And although she is not here, because she gave birth. I wanted to*

*mention that Kamme Carlsten, was part of our budget team. Carli Sanchez, Brandon Mills, and Kate Flavin, I already mentioned her, and Todd [Kawawa]. Where are you? As well as Todd. So really, it was really about a team. If you were a part of the budget team, could you please stand?*

*"Everybody in finance stand. These are the masters that really got us to this position and the 802-page document that sits in front of you today and has postured us to have this discussion today for you to pass the budget, hopefully by the end of this meeting. Thank you, everybody, please take your seats. Commissioners, if there are any needed changes to this budget, of course, myself, Lindsay and Lorien are here to help you through them. Thank you very much, look forward to the discussion."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Manager. I believe at this point without another portion of formal presentation. I guess, Commissioners, it is time for us to discuss our priorities and what we want to do with the budget. I think Lindsay is getting in position to answer questions."*

*Ms. Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Only if necessary. I am going to run the levy live for you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "So, Commissioners, is there any comment, questions as we go through this process to adopt the budget? If there are no comments or questions, we are ready for a motion. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was wondering if you were going to go out to public comment again on the overall budget now that we are on the agenda item. I not sure there is anybody else that wants to speak this morning."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well, I think we need to have a motion and comment from us."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "The public has had four opportunities, I think..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That's fine."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "...to weigh in. Thank you for that suggestion."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you very much. Just wanted to make sure before I went on. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a couple comments and maybe some motions here, so if you will please bear with me, I would like to do that now. I apologize for not stapling these. There are two sheets each. If you guys would like to take a set, pair of those sheets, that would be great."*

*"That shows what the Sedgwick County has given to senior centers, in terms of performance measures, I believe about 10, 11 years ago when this was developed between the county and many seniors, I think, that had an interest in this. I know a lot of effort was put in this, but essentially I look at this as somewhat of a promise. I think someone made a comment that, you know, this is contingent whether there's funding available. I would argue with the increases in funding in this budget on a number items. I think that this year we actually do an opportunity to make a correction on something that has been going on quite a while. Again, I was thinking as previous speakers, Mr. Burgess, said this morning, some of the senior centers have had the performance measures have been hit for as many as six years. I've heard one of them maybe as long as eight years. I think we heard that last Monday evening."*

*"With that in mind two of these senior centers are in district two, that's Clearwater and Haysville, each one of them, actually Haysville, I think is eligible according to this sheet to receive an additional \$22,000, if I understand correctly. Lindsay, if I'm wrong, please correct me. But Clearwater, I believe is eligible for \$17,000, Mulvane another \$17,000 and I believe, Bel Aire another \$17,000. I understand there is, I think two senior centers in Bel Aire, one of them has applied for funding and has provided performance measures and the other one has not done that.*

*"So we don't know what the other one maybe doing and whether or not they're both needed or if they have any interest in merging their efforts. That is something they can certainly discuss, but the one has given performance measures and has measured what is going on there and has requested funding is the Bel Aire that we have been dealing with. So collectively these four senior centers, again one in District One and one in District Five and two in District Two collectively would be due \$73,000, would be full funding for those three, those four senior centers to be made whole according to agreement we made with them about 10 years ago.*

*"With that in mind I would like to make a few other comments, I think reason the senior centers are important, a couple of things they're intending to monitor the health and wellbeing of these seniors that associate with these senior centers. They check up on them, they do home visits, they make sure they have grab bars and wheelchair ramps if necessary. They socialize together, they do eat together, those are some things that kind of keep seniors engaged in their communities and active. But on top of that they do things like help them with Medicare supplemental insurance applications, they help them with their income taxes.*

*"These seniors, as long as they can stay independent and in their homes, that's the good, that's the best position for them to be in and to the extent that they are not independent and not able to stay in their homes, they end up in places like our community nursing homes or on Medicaid. So they become something the taxpayers get involved in one way or the other. This senior center funding, in my opinion is well intended to keep these seniors independent and engaged in their communities as long as possible.*

*"I think as speakers said Monday night, we had a number of speakers that made some comments and I think, numbers of them made comments about how the aging population continues to grow, I referenced a WSU (Wichita State University) that shows over, about 80 percent increase in 62 and above of that population. An 80 percent increase between 2010 and 2030. So, I think we would all agree that the senior population as a population is increasing, obviously there's some level of inflation, there is assessed valuation growth, we have not increased funding for senior centers for a very long time. I don't know how many years it has been, but it's been a long time. So I think it's time to move forward and do what we said we would do.*

*"Again, I have handed out what I consider to be the performance measure sheet and it basically outlines what's needed for certain levels of funding. Should we not fund this this morning maybe the discussion ought to move, maybe today or another day and to what to do with this agreement. Because the agreement is what's driving, I think my motions this morning. So I would like to make a motion this morning, Mr. Chairman."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Howell moved to transfer \$73,000 from Operating Reserve budget to Division of Aging for the funding of Senior Centers.*

*Motion failed due to the lack of a second.*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Alright. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate that, and I anticipated that might happen, but I would encourage you all too please consider comments I have already made. But maybe part of the problem is the exact motion I made. I would make a different motion, \$60,000 right now is inside the economic development fund, Lindsay please share with me how much money in 2017 we have not spent or in 2016 that we have not spent that is in the Economic Development fund."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "In 2016, we didn't spend roughly [\$]1.4 million of the Economic Development contractual budget."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, and this year it's probably around [\$]1.0 to [\$]1.1 [million] perhaps..."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "...we anticipate we're not going to spend. I know there has been some discussion about funding some of the things in the community like the USS Wichita, something that Commissioner Dennis cares greatly for, there's a few other items, I think that are along that line that some Commissioners, you know, I think they value some those priorities. Maybe they would move some money out of Economic Development fund for some of those things. Again, I would argue this is in a sense an economic development item.*

*"So I will tell you, I will share with you I am, this may seem like a negative comment, but I know we have been funding our SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District) program roughly \$60,000 per year. I personally, I'm not sure about my colleagues but I'm still right now not in favor of funding \$60,000 for SCKEDD. That maybe a future discussion because we're not allocating that in this budget, but to the extent there is \$60,000 in this budget that would potentially go to SCKEDD."*

#### MOTION

*Commissioner Howell moved to transfer \$60,000 from Economic Development contractual budget to Division of Aging for the funding of Senior Centers.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, sir. Is there a second? Commissioner O'Donnell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "I have a question about that that maybe Lindsay can answer. Is that a, is it possible to move money out of economic development to senior centers like that?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Yes, sir. Because this would be in the general fund and we can transfer that budget authority out of the economic development general fund budget into the aging general fund budget."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yeah, yeah no, I definitely want to see the senior centers get money. I think that the formula needs to be addressed. I had two senior centers in my district that came to the meeting the other night, have since followed up with me about it. But I do think it's something that needs more discussion, because I*

*do think that the formula is a little antiquated at this point. So it's a tough position for me personally on how to move forward, but I think it's a discussion I would like to have with the Department on Aging before I move forward changing policy at the bench on that particular issue. So thank you, Mr. Chair."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "Yeah, Lindsay you said we had budgeted how much wasn't spent from last year [\$]1.2 million?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Last year was approximately [\$]1.4 million..."*

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

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "...as a contractual budget."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "...of budgeted. What about forecasted?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Last year we did not spend the Economic Development incentive budget authority that we had forecasted because the terms of those agreements were not met."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "So the budget amount of [\$]1.4 million can a deceptive number because that is a budget authority that doesn't necessarily mean there is money there to support that."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Right, forecasted authority."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Forecasted, okay. I just want to, I've got some information here from staff that I think is important to enter into record. I understand the senior centers issue as far as the levels that we've established I've long thought that we need to change these levels and rearrange what we do. Somebody said yesterday, maybe it wasn't yesterday, it's all running together, the last public meeting that there was unfunded mandates, I think there are we need to look at reducing or eliminating these unfunded mandates within these requirements here to free up some money.*

*"But I think it's important for everybody to see the big picture. If you look at property tax supported community services for the elderly that we do here in Sedgwick County there are 15 different programs that we give money to, senior centers is one of them, 15 different programs and we give a total of \$1.3 million. Senior centers get [\$]630,000, which is about 49 percent of all mill levy funded money that goes to community services, but they are also the last priority of the 15. So I'm going to ask that this be entered into the record and if anyone wants a copy of this, so there's 15 different organizations the lowest priority, which is the senior centers not to say it's not good, don't do things, but they're not as high priority as the other get, still 49 percent.*

*"I think that's pretty good, I think instead of increasing their funding there, I think staffs, position there is that if we had extra funding we should give those higher priority programs that initial funding first. Like nutrition or Roving Pantry or commodity distribution or Sedgwick County in home program, medical critical needs transportation, you know there is a variety of things. So it's not, I think people need to keep in perspective that we give money to, for these programs to the tune of \$1.3 million for a variety things and that's what we as Commissioners have to do.*

*"We have to look at the entire budget, not just one specific one, and try to be fair to everybody. I think the 14 other programs that are higher priority could make a point that perhaps they're getting, you know, less funding than what they should because they while they get 51 percent, I mean one program the lowest priority, gets 49 percent. So that's not to say I don't support the senior centers, but I think we need to keep things in perspective and that's why I'm not supportive of making a change here today.*

*"I do think we need to reevaluate the requirements and standards for senior centers at some point as we move forward and we allocate this \$1.3 million we keep in mind all the programs and try to do the best we can to be fair to everybody. So thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Is there anyone else that would like to make a comment? Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to point out, out of these 14 other priorities listed here. I don't think any of them have a predetermined agreement with the County Commissioners like the senior centers do. This chart I handed out this morning is unique amongst the 15 priorities, this is the only one that's got an agreement in place that requires performance measures with promised funding. Again, the funding was contingent upon our ability to make that funding possible. I think our budget this year, arguably has the funding in it to do this.*

*"I would also like to make the point that out of these other 14 priorities, let me make a couple of comments. Nutrition programs, I think senior centers administrate nutrition programs in fact they, when they socialize amongst themselves, one of the things they do together is they eat, but also they also hand out, they do the Meals On Wheels program in the congregant meals there in the senior centers. The pantry, the Roving Pantry, I think they provide help to seniors that have needs for food in their homes in other ways. Commodity distribution, transportation, I'm, I think the senior centers are aware if someone needs to get to the doctor, they'll find a way to get them there. They coordinate people, the volunteers, with people with needs. Health screenings, they do that maybe not funded directly, but they do a lot of things on this list.*

*"Again, senior centers that is exactly what they do, that's why they're needed. Again, without those services to these seniors, the senior centers are providing lot of these other things would have a greater need because they're actually doing these things naturally. So once again, the one thing that makes the senior center funding unique and different is that we do have an agreement with them and should we not fund this this morning, I don't know what we fall back on. It's not for the lack of funding availability, that's not the argument.*

*"Once again, we've got the funding in our Eco Devo (Economic Development) fund that we're not going to spend this year. We haven't spent it for the last two years and so we have the funding available, that's not the question. It's just a willpower to fund the thing we agreed to 10 years ago, and now, arguably it's doing some great things in our community. So Mr. Chairman, my motion stands. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yes, just for clarification was the motion for \$60,000 out of the Economic Development fund, which would be money from SCKEDD?"*

Commissioner Howell said, "Well, to answer the question, we're not making a decision on SCKEDD today, but I do know that right now I do not have an interest in funding SCKEDD out of the Eco Devo budget. By the way, some of the things they do are the micro loans, we can talk about that later on, but the other thing they do is weatherization and basically mobility, basically safety things inside the home, grab bars and things like that. I would tell you that I think the senior centers are also doing that. They're very aware of trying to keep people in their homes and independent.

"So if I was going to spend \$60,000 to do something like that, in my opinion the senior centers are much more effective of knowing what those needs are and providing essentially some of that similar work. I've asked SCKEDD for details of exactly how does someone get on that list. I have got a lot of questions on SCKEDD and right now I am not convinced that \$60,000 is what we should be spending money on with SCKEDD. I hate, we can explain that later, we can talk about that more robustly later on, but today is not a, today's argument is not to not fund SCKEDD necessarily. But I would make argument later on that, at least right now I don't have any interest in funding SCKEDD and that \$60,000 we don't need to put it in the Economic Development budget specifically.

"So if you guys would agree with me later on then we can certainly have that discussion I will make a motion later on that we don't fund SCKEDD if that would help. But that is my interest is that I don't want to fund SCKEDD, I would like to see this \$60,000 go to senior centers."

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

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I don't see anyone else asking to speak. I would just say that I think the South Center Kansas Economic Development District provides a good service to our region. It's an organization of 14 counties in the area, has support for all other 14 counties.

"They can list you where they have helped citizens and programs that are beneficial and I just, to me it doesn't make sense that 14 counties been working in consort together to do good benefits and to help small companies get micro loans to start businesses. Now all of a sudden we're going to say, well SCKEDD's not worth it, I reject that argument, reject that comment.

"So I will not be supporting the notion that we take from SCKEDD for senior centers and if it comes on the stand alone issue I will still be supportive of SCKEDD. If we need more information they have a new executive director who came to our staff meeting once, talked to us, offered to give us information and I believe it's beneficial to South Central Kansas and 14 collaborating counties that work together. So those are my comments, we do have a motion and a second. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can't be supportive of this motion, because if we do this then we're going to skip over 14 other programs that are the higher priority in the same category, simply because I know we have this formula here that we've developed and I would argue that is the problem that the formula needs to be changed. So I will make a substitute motion."

#### SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to table the funding for senior center until discussion can happen on changing the funding formula.

*Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, we have a motion and a second on a substitute motion to table fundamental motion for discussion at another time. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm not clear on the motion because should this substitute motion pass does that mean I cannot make another motion for funding senior centers a different and a different amount?"*

*Chairman Unruh said, "That's the way I would take that motion, the intent of that motion is that we take this up, the whole formula funding for senior centers at another time. Is that correct?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I think that would be the best approach myself."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, if you don't mind I would like to further comment. I believe Commissioner Norton, when he was here, I'm trying to remember the details exactly. But I think it was not during the budget cycle, he made a motion, we discussed this formula at a staff meeting, I raised the issue we need to look at this formula and figure out if this is a fair way to distribute allocated funds. I would much rather, if I had my choice, I would much rather appropriate dollars to the Aging Advisory Committee [Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging] and let them determine help determine how that money should be best used, but let us appropriate dollars.*

*"But to the extent we have a formula and again, we promised to performance measures, we would fund you to these levels to me that is where we are at today. I raised the issue of amending that formula and I was warned you don't want to do that, there was a lot of consternation, a lot of discussion, a lot of emotion went into getting this formula into place and should we want to open that can of worms, it's not going to go good, not going to go well, excuse me. So I'm reluctant to do that today.*

*"Commissioner Norton, again, not in a budget cycle, but I think it was between budget cycles made a motion to fund senior centers. I'm trying to remember, I think it was seconded by a Commissioner and I believe it failed three to two. I have to go back and look at my data, I believe that is what happened. One of the comments I made at that time was, not that I don't support senior centers, I voted no that day. I wish I would have voted yes. I voted no that day my argument for that was that it's not the budget cycle, we should do this during a budget cycle when we have a chance to look at all the other funding priorities and this is the time. Right now we have all the budget in front of us to look at, to decide whether we can afford this, we can forecast this and plan on this funding, this is the time. To table this puts us right back into the not action mode. I have no faith that we're going to change this formula or that we're going to come back and actually consider funding sometime between now and budget cycle next year.*

*"So this is the time, we need to have the bravery to do what we said we would do. Either that or again should my motion not pass by all means I hope you will keep your word and you will intend to open up that formula and fund it to some level in the future. I do think that my experience is when you tweak formulas and that type of thing that we have a no, hold harmless intent. So I don't think anybody who is due*



*funding today is going to see a reduction in funding, redirections and funding at least I would hope not. To me that makes it very difficult to pass.*

*"I look at the school's financial formula from the state level, for example, there is usually a hold harmless effort, so that no one would lose funding when moving from one formula to the next. So my opinion the conservative thing to do and the right thing to do is to keep our promise today fund the \$73,000. I would urge you not to support tabling this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I want to make one clarification, when we established criteria for senior centers back when the formula was first established, we said this is a criteria that should you meet them, you would be eligible for more funding if it was available and if that was the intent of the Commission. The word promise is a stronger word, I think, than was then ever used at that time and that should be used now because we didn't promise. We said this is a formula, you meet it, if you qualify for the next level and money is available then, and the Commission decides then we will fund you at a higher level. So that's the language that was used, promise was not a word that was used.*

*"Commissioners, are there any other comments? We have a motion to table this issue and have staff discussion at a later time to see if we want to change the formula or how we might change the funding schedule. Is that a reasonable recap of the motion?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. Then we have a motion and second for that, this is a substitute motion, Madam Clerk, would you please call the vote."*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Unruh said, "So the substitute motion prevails and this discussion, then, will be had at another time. So Commissioners, we're ready to continue with a discussion of budget considerations. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Alright. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not going to talk about senior center funding. Although, I do have motion I had prepared, I guess I will not offer. You guys were very clear on that, you don't want to talk about that today, so that's fine. I do want to talk about storm drainage. It's another issue that's plaguing districts two and five. I think every district actually has problems with storm drainage. I don't think that two and five are the only districts that have this issue.*

*"But we have done a number of studies and we have identified at least about a half of a billion dollars in projects that need to be either we need to fund them somehow and move forward or we need to, I guess, decide we're not going to do that.*

*"Really that question comes from really a will of the people not so much the Commission. Not just the board, but I think the will of the people to develop a long-term revenue plan to do that.*

*"Unfortunately, I don't have the details on how we would develop this, but I tell you I had a very good discussion with Manager of the City of Derby as well as the Manager of the City of Mulvane. They suggested jointly, I met with them and a number of staff from here in Sedgwick County. They made the observation it's really not so much that we need to have more projects defined although there may be other projects we could define, that's really not what we need to find at this moment.*

*"The bigger need is to figure out how to solve this problem and they would suggest that we would do a study to figure out whether or not if there is a will among the people. How that would be funded and so I think we have some work to do to solve this problem. I can't hone, I can't determine exactly the dollar, so I'm going to make this somewhat generic. Again, we do have operating reserve, we could fund, we could do an RFI (request for information) and a RFP (request for purchase) at a later time and get those defined. Should the Commissioners want to go forward, we could pull money out of the operator reserve.*

*"I guess to make it very clear it would be my intent today to transfer a little bit of money, just to make it very clear that there's an intent, I guess to solve this problem. Not just a Band-Aid to do some small amount of work, but to do something basically to solve the half billion dollars or more problem long term.*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell moved to transfer \$200,000 budget authority from the Operating Reserve to storm drainage contractual budget for a study of long-term funding solutions for flood control projects in Sedgwick County.*

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

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would be happy to support that motion if it was actually going towards drainage projects. From what I understand, and Mr. Manager or David Spears might be able to confirm this, but we have a study that still is alive and needed to, we need to do the projects in the current study from what I understand. So going out for another study, I think, is what a lot of citizens hate about government that we spend so much money on studies and consultants and we actually don't do projects. So I would like someone from staff to let me know about the last storm study, storm water control study."*

*Mr. David Spears, Assistant County Manager of Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Project Services and County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioner O'Donnell, what we have is a list of over \$200 million worth of projects. So we have a list of projects, what we don't have is a funding source to do those projects. So the storm, the [SC]SMAB [Sedgwick County] Stormwater Management Advisory Board they have been meeting for over 10 years and there has been many studies done.*

*"What we are working on right now is we have contacted Johnson County and they have agreed to come here and speak to us about how they do that, they had a similar problem and they had a sales tax approved that is dedicated to storm drainage. We've talked to them, in fact this week and what we are trying to do is arrange a meeting, maybe like out at NCAT (National Center for Aviation Training), invite every city in this county and anybody that's interested to come to that meeting and learn about how Johnson County did it and the possibility that we might try to do it the*

same way.

*"Otherwise, I mean we have been spinning our wheels as you might say for the last 10 years unable to do anything significant with these projects because we simply do not have a funding source to do it. So that would be my comments about storm drainage."*

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yes, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Mr. Manager, are you not making an effort to get with other city managers or county manager in the area to get input from the staff side, what is a good process and what are suggestions to attack this problem?"

*Mr. Scholes said, "I have talked to actually several managers about this, including Kathy Sexton from Derby. But we talked to about using the managers association, not only for the counties, but the municipalities to come together to actually be the ones to help generate the plan, the ideas on how we would get this, you know, approach this problem of finding a revenue stream, what those ideas are. David getting Johnson County, certainly the managers need to be a part of that discussion, but I think that the managers are clearly where we need to come together and unite to be able to bring recommendations to our leaders to help, you know, help in this area."*

Chairman Unruh said, "Then as far as immediate, practical action to try to solve this we have added in the recommended budget \$350,000 to add people, couple of personnel and some equipment to do a more aggressive attack on our drainage issues as far as cleaning up creeks in so forth and specific areas. So in light of the magnitude of the problem that's not, I know that's not a lot of money but it is something and we're doing it and we know from past experience cleaning up those creeks has done a very significant job in helping relieve the flooding, so..."

Mr. Scholes said, "Correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "I'm pleased at least we're taking that step to increase our effort there, so."

*Mr. Scholes said, "We attacked it at different fronts within this budget. Obviously, we allocated as you said more money, \$382,000, not only for two more FTEs (full time employees) or two more crew members for the stream maintenance crew, but also equipment including backhoe, you know vehicle fleet charges, et cetera. That total is about, like I said \$382,000, but we also allocated in terms of the solid waste fee if you remember money toward a storm water contingency of \$250,000.*

*"So last year when we had those big storms there were many opportunities where if we had that fund we could actually provide some assistance that we really hope this could be used for that immediate need, that's really how we can effect it off our budgets. But we are providing more as in terms of an operational support in time of need we're ramping up that capability, we're also providing David the ability to increase his capacity and capability to clear out streams throughout the year. That will help in times of these flash flooding events, that if you have a lot debris in the streams, clog up the drainage pipes and really cause problems for the whole county and different municipalities.*

*"That's how we can do it without having to a larger funding stream. But we have to*

*dedicate a lot of money and that on top of, not to mention the \$1.1 million we've already spent on the Wichita/Valley [Center] flood control project this an O (Operation) and M (Maintenance) cost and then another almost a half a million in just construction projects on the flood valley project, infrastructure improvements. So we spend quite a bit of money this year, it will be over \$2 million, just in flood control and maintenance."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well thank you for that explanation. I appreciate it. I think Commissioner Dennis hasn't spoken on this issue, so let me call on Commissioner Dennis."*

*Commissioner Dennis thanked the Chairman and said, "Flooding is an issue in district three. We've got flooding issues up around Bentley, ever since the Halloween flood, we've had major flooding concerns out in western Sedgwick County between the Cowskin, the Calfskin, the Dry Creek and so forth. So it is something I have been concerned about for some time. I did have some discussions where our manager earlier this week or late last week, I guess it was and he informed me that the different managers from the different communities here in Sedgwick County have been meeting and you did indicate to me that at that time that it would be, as I recall, something around \$60,000 to start a study, rather than \$200,000. Is that not correct?"*

*Mr. Scholes said, "Yeah, I think for us, I think [\$]60,000 would more than enough to actually craft a plan on how to, that's probably more than enough."*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "You indicated that would be Sedgwick County portion, but more would go into that because other managers were going to commit some funding to it also."*

*Mr. Scholes said, "Well, as far as, the effort if we put money in and there is more needed then I would certainly approach the other managers and municipalities to help if we needed it. I just think [\$]60,000 probably would be more than enough."*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "Okay, well therefore I would really ask the maker of the motion if we could modify the motion to provide \$60,000 and let the manager work with the other managers to help solve this problem."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you for the, Mr. Chairman do you want to wait for a minute?"*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Yeah, Commissioner Howell if you want to respond to that in a minute, but I'm not trying to ignore you. But..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That's fine."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Ranzau hasn't spoken yet, so let me call on Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with Commissioner O'Donnell, I would willing to support this if it, well actually I would prefer that it say storm water drainage contractuals and kind of leave that open ended, whether it be for projects or a study or whatever. I've heard some discussions, you know I'm not convinced we even need [\$]60,000 to do this study. Because we have organic personnel, you know. So I'm open to the idea of having that conversation, but I don't want to necessarily make a specific determination with respect to that money today. I*

*do think if we don't use it for a study there is some storm water drainage issues that we could, you know we could put the money toward.*

*"So I would support even [\$]200,000 for a general storm water contractals move. So that's where I'm at, but I think we have a mixed bag of positions here, so. But I wanted to get that on the record before you responded to him, Commissioner Dennis. So, thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So just to be clear, I understand the comments of Commissioner O'Donnell. Again, another study to develop more projects, I think is not what I'm interested in right now.*

**Adopted As Amended**

*"We have plenty of work to find and I think to spend more money to define more projects would be essentially wasteful at this point. We know we have got plenty of work to do. The biggest question is, to find out how to do that. Again, to the extent we can do this a little bit here and a little bit there, I admit as our Manager Scholes has defined, you know, I appreciate the fact we are putting more money into it this year. We have the will this year because we have been hammered over the last year and a half or so. Many, many homes in my district have been flooded as a result of some of the infrastructure it's not in place to handle the flood waters.*

*"We are not in a good position right now and I know when we are in the middle of a drought we talk about water supply. When we have floods that are damaging our homes, we talk about storm water. The challenge is how do you keep the momentum and the issue alive outside those seasons that come and go. That's why I think a revenue stream is dedicated is the answer. Again, if there is not a will power from the people for us to solve this problem, that is fine. No is a good answer, if that's what the people want us to do. Yes, is also a good answer, I think our challenge is listening to the people to find out what they want and we have not listened to the people.*

*"This is not just Manager's speaking, but taxpayers, constituents and the communities that are being impacted by the floods. We need to hear from them and so, I've talked with some of these folks who say to do a small internal study is probably not something I'm interested, I mean, it is a step in the right direction, but not what I am talking about. I am talking about doing a presentation amongst many communities, neighborhoods, cities, to get their input, to what they want, develop something that is seemingly, you know, a solution that's supported by all the folks we talked with.*

*"I am not sure you can do that with \$60,000, I just don't know. It's hard to know exactly, we tried to get estimates on what the study would cost, we were not able to get those numbers. So unfortunately, I don't have that. Lindsay, may I ask, if we were to make this transfer today and we didn't spend that money, because we, say we overfunded this, what would happen to the unspent funds?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Since it's in the general fund at the end of calendar year 2016, the budget authority would just lapse."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So it doesn't hurt us to transfer the money in excess of what we actually need for this purpose."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Not within the budget. It could potentially have an impact on your forecast though and your long term deficit."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Let me ask if we transfer \$60,000 and we needed to have more dollars, we would still have the availability to go back to the operating reserve and fund additional dollars if we needed that as well."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. So I think I hear from listening to my colleagues, at least some of them said they would support \$200,000 as long as it was for projects or could be used for projects and possibly other things, storm drainage contractuals. In other words, more generally defined. At least one of them said he would support \$60,000 for the purpose to figure out the how. So, I guess I have a decision to amend my motion. I guess, I would like to say to me the study is the important part here. I would really like to, I guess, commit to going in the direction to figure out how to solve this is the most important thing here."*

**AMENDED TO MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell amended the motion to transfer \$60,000 budget authority from the Operating Reserve to storm drainage contractual budget for a study of long-term funding solutions for flood control projects in Sedgwick County.*

*Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, procedurally here this is the only motion with a second on the table, first motion did not get a second. Is that right?"*

*Ms. Page said, "Yes, Chairman."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, so this is the motion on the table. Motion and a second then to transfer \$60,000 from operating reserve. That has a net deficit effect of just increasing our deficit spend."*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Yet at this point the \$60,000, we are not even sure what we are spending it on. If I understand it; is that right? I mean, we don't have a structure, we don't have a project. But we're just going to increase our deficit and approve a greater deficit spend. You know, I would be more likely to be supportive if we said, okay, we have got this group that's going to meet and they need this much money and I am going to fund that money. Or I would be likely to support it if we said these are three projects that cost about \$60,000, or whatever, and I could support that. To move \$60,000 for unspecified, let's try to fix a problem, I just, doesn't sit right with me. So likely I will not be supportive of the motion. Commissioner Dennis."*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have got a couple different points of view. I understand your point of view on not having a direction on where the money is going.*

*"If we could clarify that to say that this money is going to be the Manager's within Sedgwick County to decide the direction of flooding in the future, something along those lines, if we amended the motion, would you be more inclined? So that we do give direction that this is going to be used directly by our Manager, with conjunction with the other Manager's within Sedgwick County and with promises of the other*

*communities also contributing to this, would that be more palatable?"*

*Chairman Unruh said, "That is more palatable. It still, I don't like the idea of increasing our deficit spend, but in our world, \$60,000 is not a big number. But if I knew that we were saying, okay, we are going to move 60, and this is how it's going to be used, I would be more likely to support it."*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "So is that the motion?"*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "I don't know, I didn't make a motion."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, if you don't mind, let me read the motion again and see, I guess make a couple comments. So the motion was that we would transfer \$60,000 from the budget authority from the operating reserve to the storm drainage contractuals budget to be used to fund a study of long-term funding solutions for flood control projects in Sedgwick County."*

*"So, again, this is trying to define the how and get it, should we hit a brick wall and there's not support amongst communities and people we speak with, I think we are done. If there is a funding stream that the people seem to want to support. Again, I have looked at this before there is at least four solutions that I have had presented to me from some of our staff. In my opinion, I am more interested in those that have voter approval. I anticipate some point we would develop a proposition that would go out to the people, they would simply say yes we want you to do this or no we don't want you to do that."*

*"But to the extent we would develop a proposition of a long-term funding stream to create infrastructure to solve this problem over time and how we do that is what I am trying to figure out. We need some money to figure this out, with our existing staff, with our existing workload there's just not going to be enough, in my opinion there's not enough momentum to solve the how of this problem. So, we need to make this an intentional thing to go, is to go find out how to move forward."*

*"So, again, if I was to add some words to that, Commissioner Dennis, I don't know what I would add exactly. To me the motion is pretty defined already. It's about Sedgwick County, it's about a studying a long-term funding solution for flood control projects in Sedgwick County, that's very narrow. I don't know how I could make it more, narrow to make it pleasing to other Commissioners here today. So you would make a suggestion, I would be glad to amend my motion. I am not sure exactly what to add to that."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Commissioners, if I could..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Please."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "...since we've talked about Economic Development having some forecast authority there for special projects and other things, that might be a way it do a transfer. If you remember our discussion yesterday, transfer within this file will allow us to simply transfer a forecast that extends from one place to another. So it wouldn't increase the overall deficit. So we could change the motion instead of having it come from the operating reserve, having it come from the economic development contractual budget and that could essentially get us most of the way there, if it's \$60,000. I'm not sure we could do the same thing for \$200,000."*

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, excuse me. So we would be reducing the balance in our economic development money."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Right."

Chairman Unruh said, "I'm trying to understand what we're voting on; \$60,000 and this study would be for, or we're not funding a study, right? We're funding an effort..."

Mr. Scholes said, "It's more of a plan then it is a study."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. This is going to be supposedly county-wide?"

Mr. Scholes said, "Correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "I mean, it's not just for one particular portion of the county."

Mr. Scholes said, "Correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay."

Mr. Scholes said, "County-wide, involving all Managers, city Managers and county Managers."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Madam Clerk is that the issue, is that the motion you've got down?"

Ms. Page said, "I believe, Commissioner Howell would need to speak on this again."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Alright. Based on the discussion, Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my previous motion and make a different motion. Would that be okay?"

Chairman Unruh said, "I think that would be great."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, great."

Chairman Unruh said, "Does Commissioner Dennis withdraw his second?"

Commissioner Dennis said, "I withdraw my second."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you."

#### MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to transfer \$60,000 budget authority from the Economic Development fund to storm drainage contractuals budget for a study of long-term funding solutions for flood control projects in Sedgwick County.

Commissioner Dennis 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, "Alright. We've made the transfer, okay. What's, Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, I just want to let you know I don't have any more motions. You might enjoy that one, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioners, are there any more comment? Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you, Lindsay, based on our conversation does there need to be any more motions regarding the mail budget for the Election Commissioner?"

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Only if you want to take any action from the bench to restrict how that mailroom budget is used, but because it is in the IT (Information Technology) budget it is under IT's purview."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Do you have some language that based on our conversations, might be necessary? Alright. Thank you, Lindsay. Mr. Chair, if I may?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Please."

**MOTION**

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to require any print request for advance election ballot fliers to be specifically authorized by the Board of County Commissioners before any such work is performed by Sedgwick County Print Shop staff.

Commissioner Dennis 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, "Okay, Commissioners. Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "I have one other motion. I will say that this motion, we have a very good salesman with Commissioner Ranzau on the Commission."

**MOTION**

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to eliminate the project manager position with the Health Division Community Health Assessment Program, transfer the general fund budget for this position to the Operating Reserve, and leave the associated budget authority in the Health Grant Fund.

*Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Commissioner Dennis."*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I won't be supporting this motion, I think the position is a valuable position. I think that, and I have read the health assessment, I think there are some problems in our current health assessment in the way it was drafted. The fact that there is problems in it doesn't mean that we can't manage that and make sure that it meets of the citizens of Sedgwick County.*

*"So I think the position is valuable, I'm not sure that I appreciate the way that the previous health assessment was drafted and some of the recommendations that came out of that. But I don't want to kill the whole thing because I don't agree with what was written. I think that that's our job as managers and the Manager's job to make sure that it does meet the need. So that's the reason that I would be voting against that motion. Thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be supportive of this motion. I think we can meet the needs of our community with respect to Health Department data with existing personnel and I would be willing to work with staff and the Managers to ensure that happens as we move forward. The current plan has really become a politically motivated effort and document, and in the long run I don't think it's helpful for a variety of reasons. But I do think we can do what we need to do as the Board of Health to collect data with respect to health issues within our community. Thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Lindsay, a question. Is that position funded by grants or is it funded by general fund?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "It's funded half and half between the two funds."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Half and half."*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "General fund and health grant fund."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "What is the total amount?"*

*Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "The general fund portion is \$35,985, the grand total \$71,969. That includes all of the benefits, like health insurance and labor taxes as well."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, so total cost to taxpayers locally for this position is a little over \$35,000."*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Well, I make it, you know, this health assessment, this Community Health Assessment and working with people in the community from the medical community and from other community groups, they may come up with conclusions and recommendations that this Commission is not wholly in support of. But the best way for us to influence that is to have a person on the committee. To have our representative there. Someone that we can give direction to, that we can*

*put under our authority to try to advance the perspective that this Commission supports.*

*"I think to be involved in the community conversation as the Board of Health is something we need to do. The cost certainly is not oppressive at a cost to our folks of [\$]35,000, but so I will not be supportive of the motion. I think we ought to be involved and that's the way to influence, protect ourselves, and achieve what our goals are as the Board of Health. So, withdrawing that person from the conversation, to me doesn't, it seems to be counterproductive, so I won't be supporting it. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question on the motion. Could you read it to me one more time, please the maker of the motion?"*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Absolutely. The motion was to eliminate the project manager position associated with the Health Division Community Health Assessment Program in the 2018 budget. I move that we would transfer the general fund budget authority for the position to the operating reserve, but leave the budget authority associated with the position in the health grant fund in place.*

*"The reason why I wanted to leave that money in place is because I hope we can develop a better program, a program that doesn't advocate for gun control, a program that doesn't attack the Topeka Legislature, a program that doesn't get into areas that are not only out of their territory, but also affront to many of the principles that we all campaigned on and believe in. I spoke with a couple of people about this, spoke to Becky Tuttle, that is kind of the spokesperson for the group. There was offensive language in that to me personally, they did remove that. But that just showed me there is a lot of room for changing that.*

*"Let's stick to improving the health of our community. Let's get out of the political bomb-throwing and areas that are not the business of this group. Talking about Topeka tax policy, Topeka education policy, talking about gun control, talking about sex education, talking about a lot of these things that got into that Community Health Improvement Program, even went so far as attacking the work programs that the state has put in place, so that people on welfare can get education. They should want that instead of attacking it.*

*"We need to start asserting our authority as the Board of Health and we need to start talking about health programs and ways to do that without becoming a political weapon. Thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "I think Commissioner Howell still has the floor."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me just say that I think in 2015 I supported not fund being the position and I did change and later on I did decide to fund that. I think the compelling argument for me was we are the Board of Health. I think it's reasonable we would have our finger on the pulse of health trends in Sedgwick County, I think that's a great argument. If I understand the motion and I think comments from Commissioner Ranzau, it is not that we are not wanting to know those things. I think we do want to know what's going on in Sedgwick County, whether we can do this with existing staff or there might need to be some supplemental funding for some staff to do something outside the normal existing workload. That sounds like that money would be available based on the way the motion was made."*

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

Commissioner Howell said, "So I think that, again that the Community Health Assessment is a three-year cycle. I don't think that that's a good cycle time for us to keep our pulse on what's going on in Sedgwick County. That's too long of a period. I have read the last Community Health Assessment, a year ago, they were in the process, if I understand correctly, finishing up the three-year, the third year of a three-year cycle, which was another compelling reason I wanted to support that. We invested two years, we wanted to get the third year done, which is then developing the plan, if you will.

"But reading that plan, I am extremely disappointed. It is, as Commissioner O'Donnell said, it's a political statement. They are advocating for Medicaid expansion, gun control, sex education, in a way that I think that people would be alarmed. There is a lot of things in there that, I think are very much just political statements. They're not based on actual data that we collected from actual people in our community. In fact, if I understand the process, which is defined in the Community Health Assessment, there's people who use sticky notes on a wall to develop the major tenants of the plan. It wasn't necessarily based on data that they collected.

"I think what we need to do as Board of Health is actually collect real data and to keep our pulse on what are the health trends in Sedgwick County, and we can do that outside the Community Health Assessment Program. I think we need to do that I am very supportive of the idea that we would in fact keep our pulse on the health trends of Sedgwick County. I want to know how obesity changes, or smoking is changing, or infant mortality especially, I care about that one greatly.

"There are so many things are going on in our community, we ought to be aware of what's going on, if there are factors within our control, we can have those discussions. But CHA (Community Health Assessment) in my opinion is not the way to do that. It has unfortunately, become a political effort. That's not something I can support today, so I appreciate the motion, I will be supportive of, I will be glad to support that today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner O'Donnell, did you want to make more comment?"

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "No, no."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "I think made my point."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Dennis."

Commissioner Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, we've already heard three that are going to be in favor of this, but I still want to say why that I would oppose the motion and I will be voting in opposition to it. Truly, I agree with what Commissioner O'Donnell said and Commissioner Howell said, that there are some political statements in there and some things that I don't agree with. They even went so far to talk about they wanted to have the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) change the zoning code, so that we don't have on-street parking in the suburbs, which in my area, we are not going to ride bicycles from where I live to get downtown to where we work. So I agree, it has a lot of political statements in it.

"The survey, if you went through and read all the survey questions, we had some pretty good survey questions in there. Unfortunately, I think they went off track a little

*bit when they got involved in some things that were beyond the survey and beyond things that we ought to be looking at. So, again, I think that the position will work for our County Manager. The County Manager works for us. If it is not meeting our needs, we need to figure out a way so it meets our needs, rather than throw the baby out with the bath water.*

*"I think that's what we are doing if we just say we disagree with it and I think probably all of us would agree that there's things in there we don't agree with. That it went political instead of staying on the health assessment portion of it. But I don't want to say that we're going to just forget about that, because we are the Board of Health for Sedgwick County. I take that responsibility very strongly, so I am going to vote in opposition to that and I am not saying that I am voting in opposition because of the comments that were made, because I agree with a lot of the comments. I am voting in opposition because I think we do need some kind of an assessment of the health of Sedgwick County, so that we can do our job as the Board of Health. Thank you, sir."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I guess, I would want to make my position clearer. I agree with the comments of my colleagues on the deficiencies and some of the things included in that health assessment that we just totally disagree with. It has become some, well, more than somewhat political, but I don't want to give up my seat at the table, I want to still be represented. So we have a motion and a second. That's right, Madam Clerk?"*

*Ms. Page said, "Yes, sir."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Would you please, call the vote?"*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Dennis</i>	<i>No</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>No</i>

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright. That modification to the budget has been made. Is there anything else? Okay, Commissioners, any other specific items of the budget we need to discuss before we go to a motion on the budget in general? Mr. Ranzau, do you want to make a, thank you sir, Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, I appreciate the dialogue and discussion we had today. I don't have any motions with respect to levy live, I don't think anybody else does, I don't think. I would like to make a motion to approve the budget itself with the exception of the some of the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) as we discussed in staff yesterday. If that would be okay?"*

*Chairman Unruh said, "I think that would be fine. Would you make that motion?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I will. Before I say that, I want to say that as with any budget, I can't say that I agree with everything in the budget. I don't think any Commissioner likes everything that's in the budget, but I will say we've made significant improvements in the financial outlook of Sedgwick County over the last few years. This budget improves our outlook with respect to some of our deficits, projected deficits, I think in the general fund. I mean, it's better than it has ever been since I have been here in six years.*

*"I will say, I think some of the budget cuts we made a couple years ago, which were controversial, in my opinion helped us get to that point. We made some tough decisions that made it easier to get where we are today.*

*"But nevertheless we have to continue to be vigilant every single year and the Manager has worked hard to control the budget, but at the same time, increased salaries as much as he could and addressed a variety of issues that he's found since he's been here. So I will be supportive the budget in general, although I do have some issues with the CIP, which is why I want to make a motion I made."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to adopt the resolution for the 2018 Sedgwick County budget that includes an operating budget of \$407,276,187 in the 2018 cash-funded Capital Improvement Program of \$17,409,490. The total operating budget is partially funded with property tax levy of \$137,441,377, which is approximately equivalent to 29.359 mills based on the estimated assessed valuation subject to review and technical adjustment.*

*Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.*

*Commissioner Dennis said, "This is my very first budget cycle that I've been through. I really do appreciate Lindsay, all of her staff, everyone that was involved in it, keeping us informed along the way, leading me through this, making sure that I knew what I was doing and understanding exactly why we were doing different things the way we did. So with Lindsay, all of her folks, the Manager, I want to thank you very much for helping me understand what we were doing and I'm very pleased to second the motion."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question on the motion. Please, Commissioner Ranzau, can you please describe once again, I tried to listen to you, but I wasn't sure which motion you just read. Does your motion include the CIP or not?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "It would be, if you got the blue sheet, it would be the middle motion, adoption one."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, since your motion has already been seconded, I will be supportive of motion. I would like to say, you know that I did my best to make changes to the budget, I made compelling arguments, but sometimes we don't agree on some of those things. That's fine, I respect and appreciate my colleagues' opinions and positions on things. That's totally what we should do, these discussions are healthy. I do think it's time to commend our staff, they did a tremendous job this year, really since the beginning of this year they have been working on this budget, even late last year they've been working on this budget. It's a very long process to put together over 800 pages of very technical information and they did a tremendous job. I want to say I appreciate them very, very much.*

*"There's always reasons to vote no. I could find reasons to vote no today. There's rarely do I find something that I want to vote on that's 100 percent, something that I love. Usually there's things mixed in there that I don't love and so it's easy to vote for something with a few things in them you don't love. It's also easy to vote against something because of the things you don't love and miss an opportunity to support the things that are good. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to support the budget*

*this morning and the motion, but I wanted to just explain that I don't like everything in here, but I do appreciate the staff and I think it's time for us to move forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. We have a motion and a second. I don't see any other comments, but before we go to vote, I don't see anyone from the general public that might want to speak, before we vote. I don't see anyone rising to speak, so that being the case, Madam Clerk, we'll ask you to call the vote."*

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, "Commissioner Ranzau, I turn to you, would you like to make another motion or would you prefer someone else make that motion?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I think I would prefer somebody else make a motion."*

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

MOTION

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the addition of the bond funded and externally funded portions of the 2018 Road and Bridge Capital Improvement Program, totaling \$41,486,000, to the 2018 Capital Improvement Program included in the 2018 Sedgwick County budget.*

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Do you want to speak, okay. Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will not support this particular motion, because some of the change in the CIP. We've had an ongoing discussion about what level of bond funding and cash funding there should be for cash projects. I think we all agree this should be some level of both. This agreement is as to what level, I think this swings the pendulum back too far. I think, you know this year we had about \$11 million of cash funded project, next year about [\$]2 [million], that's a delta of \$9 million that I, I wouldn't say we need to have \$11 million worth next year. But I would have hoped that we would not have decreased it that much because if we get in the area of funding some things in the long run are better funded with cash as opposed to bond, although there's certainly a need of bond funding on some things in the future. I'm just not comfortable with the balance right now in that CIP. So that's why I desire to separate those out and to vote separately on this.*

*"With that being said, I'll echo my fellow Commissioner's comments about the efforts on behalf of staff and County Manager. We truly do appreciate it we know you work hard and we ask lots of questions. Lindsay wears out a pair of shoes, I think, walking up and down the hall answering all of our questions. So we appreciate it, but I think*

*you've got five Commissioners up here that will ask questions and try to do their due diligence and bring their viewpoint, you know on to the budget and the accurate amount. I think that's good it ends up with some votes that are split, but I think that's okay and that's good too. In the end, we get to where we are today, and I think, as I said over the last few years, we have significantly improved our financial position, although there's always work to be done, and we can't get lackadaisical or anything like that. But I'm very happy and pleased with all the work by staff. So, thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I see no one else asking to speak and I would like to add my thanks to the Budget Department and all the staff for their extra work in answering lots and lots of questions and giving us lots of alternatives in our decision making process. So you're truly appreciated. So, thank you. Madam Clerk, we have a motion and a second on the Capital Improvement Program. Would you please call the vote."*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Unruh said, "I don't know if I can, I'm speechless right now."*

*Ms. Page said, "So am I Chairman, so am I."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner, thank you for this work on the budget and I think it might be appropriate at this time for us to recess the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and call to order the Board of County Commissioners Sitting as the Governing Body of Fire District No. 1, so that we can handle that budget issue."*

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Fire District No 1 from 10:39 a.m. and returned at 10:51 a.m.*

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

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RECONSIDERATION OF ITEMS 4 & 5 OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2017 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS: ASBESTOS ABATEMENT & PROPERTY DEMOLITION AT JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH - FACILITIES PROJECT SERVICES.

Presented by Joe Thomas, Purchasing Director.

These items were deferred at the July 12, 2017 Commission Meeting.

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

*Mr. Joe Thomas, Director of Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Back on July 12th at the Commission meeting, we brought to your attention two items that were recommended by the Board of Bids and Contracts of July 6th and identified as items four and five. These were pertaining to the abatement*



*and demolition of the Judge Riddel Boys Ranch and so at the will of the Commission at that time, it was to defer both items for further review and also some pending additional information that you had wanted to look at. So it's the request at this time that we return with a reconsideration of these recommendations and so I'll read them into the record again.*

**1. ASBESTOS ABATEMENT JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH -- FACILITIES  
PROJECT SERVICES  
FUNDING -- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

*"This recommendation is to accept the low quote from Major Abatement and Demolition, Inc. in the amount of \$88,500. Note that the funding is also contingent on your approval of the CIP amendment that will be presented in the consent agenda.*

**2. PROPERTY DEMOLITION JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH -- FACILITIES  
PROJECT SERVICES  
FUNDING -- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

*"This recommendation is to accept the low bid from H. Excavating LLC in the amount of \$128,500. This, as well, has the funding contingent on that consent agenda approval item."*

*"I'll try to answer any questions you may have and I recommend approval of both items."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Well, thank you, Joe. Commissioners, do you have any questions? We've discussed this at length, over a long period of time and seen these items previously. If there are no questions or comments, what's the will of the board?"*

**MOTION**

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

*Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Unruh said, "So we have a motion and a second to take the recommended action. Is there any discussion?"*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "My light went out."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Oh, good, no. Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I've been sabotaged. Well, I won't be supportive of this motion even though I suspect it will pass. It continues to be interest, I talked to a gentleman this week in that facility. But the use of this facility, which I think would be very good, is complicated by the fact that we took the grant by the federal government 50 years ago for \$7,100. So we have eventually relinquished control of that land, which complicates this issue significantly and I have been working on that issue and will continue to work on that issue regardless of what happens here, but my position remains unchanged. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chair, my light doesn't work either."*

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, I guess something happened, all the of our lights now. Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you for the chance to speak and I apologize for interrupting. But I want to, I guess, make some comments. I suspect this will also pass and I do respect my colleagues and I appreciate your opinion and you certainly have a right to vote any way you want. I respect you in that, no problem.

"For me personally, this is just an issue. This is sad, to me, it's just a sad ending to a tremendous piece of our history. We've done some great things out at JRBR (Judge Riddel Boys Ranch). I don't feel like we've run the course, we've not hit the brick wall, we were not hit the end. If I understand correctly Congressman Estes is still working on it. We're not able to get a resolution by today.

"The contractor that bid this, I believe he's very patient. He's not asking for us to vote today, I don't think. It sounds like when we talked to him about the three-week extension, he was very gracious and agreeable to that, so there's not pressure from the contractor to do this today and to the extent we've not hit a brick wall or end point.

"Again, should there be some grace from big government of our state or federal government to allow us to use this facility other ways, this is a multi-million dollar facility. I think the repairs have been overstated, it needs to have a roof repair. It needs to have a new sewer line. The boiler works it is an antiquated styled facility, but it has a lot of value to certain parts of our community. I can imagine, maybe this is just me dreaming here, but homeless men going out there to get off of their substance abuse issues, and getting save job training, getting resumes, and some clothing and we transport them back and help them get jobs. We've got hundreds of homeless in our community that would benefit from something like that. They don't need a fancy facility. They need a place to go.

"This is a taxpayer-owned facility, it's been there for over 50 years, it's done a tremendous amount of good things in our community. I'm not ready to bulldoze it yet, to the extent that we've not finished asking the questions and getting the answers. So to me, this is still premature and for that reason, I'm going to vote no today. I would say, again once again, I do respect my colleagues, I appreciate, we all have our own vote. I hope that you'll respect me as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. So after our meeting in July, two different groups reached out to me. Two different groups went out there and toured. I appreciate Tania Cole setting that up, they went through, both of these were nonprofits. I had told both groups that if they were interested in the property, then I'm sure we could come up with a lease agreement of virtually nothing for them to get out there as long as they brought that building up to code, as long as they were able to enter into this agreement, understanding they weren't going to own that property, that we weren't going to sell it to them. But we would give it to them virtually free.

"Both of these groups, one of them does it across the country. Both of these groups realized that there's too much work to that facility. It was overwhelming. Like I said, the one group that's out of North Carolina, they do this, I think eight different states and they just, they don't see any way to move forward with that property. I find it unfortunate, because I was really hoping that with that last-ditch effort we would find a user for that facility.

"We are at a point now that this has been going on three years, I think, looking for a user for that facility and the property condition has only degraded over that time. It's

*become more of a liability and since it isn't in our downtown footprint or in a reasonable area for us to use it for other county functions, it's with a lot of consternation and obvious hesitancy on my part, but I will be supportive of moving forward today on this motion."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I appreciate your last comments, Commissioner O'Donnell, that it's been a lot of effort, consternation, thought, different iterations, ideas. It seems like we're at the point now this decision needs to be. So, I guess I just want to say a personal note. When I graduated from high school in 1960, I worked on that building when they were putting it together, so I've known of it for a long time, I won't do the subtraction to see how many years that is, but it's a long time ago, but I had the opportunity to work on that building, have been aware of its value to our community for all of these years and like my colleagues, this is a hard decision. We don't want, you know we don't to do things frivolously and especially with property that's had a big value to our community. But I think now is the time to make a decision, so I'm ready to go forward. I don't see anyone else asking to speak, so we have a motion and a second, Madam Clerk, please call the vote."*

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "We have a comment from Commissioner, thank you, Joe. Have a comment from Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, we're at a place where I hoped we wouldn't get, but I do want to talk about the efforts that Congressman Estes are making on our behalf. Obviously, they weren't able to get anything done to stop this, I think it's difficult, they're aware we have a mixed opinion on the Commission, and it's hard to get legislation pushed through, but with that being said, I did talk to their office yesterday. There is still a possibility to get legislation that would remove the encumbrance from Lake Afton altogether."*

*"I was told that it would be very helpful if we, for example, passed a resolution that was unanimously voted on to ask the federal government or Congressman Estes to help us with this issue, but that would go a long way in helping get the legislation passed. Because the people on the committee at the federal level would want to have, you know that everybody agrees down here, that we want to remove the encumbrance altogether. It won't save JRBR, but it would solve us from having any problems in the future with respect to Lake Afton. I've told them that we probably would be unanimous in support of that, but perhaps at the next staff meeting we would talk about that."*

*"I could work with legal to work on the resolution, if necessary, and so I would like, at least, to have that discussion, but moving forward. I wanted to share that with Commissioners to let us know we can probably, hopefully, work some good out of this, and you know if we want to move forward on that issue, so thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I think that I can say confidently that we can direct staff to go ahead and start preparing that resolution and we'll take*

*it up at the next meeting, our next meeting, because I think we're all in agreement. We would like to not have the federal government restricting us. Commissioner O'Donnell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you, I just wanted to let Commissioner Ranzau know that not only would I be supportive of that, but I had lunch with Congressman Estes two weeks ago. We talked about this issue. He understood that we would probably be moving forward with demolition of [Judge Riddel] Boy's Ranch and understood the caveats with those decisions.*

*"However, the other policy decision would have been, if we had got that encumbrance taken away and we would have sold that property. I think that was another obstacle, because I think a lot of the, I think there's many of us on the Commission that don't want to sell off parts of Lake Afton Park regardless if the Boys Ranch was still in use or just flat grassland. I don't want to sell parts of our county parkland regardless. So that's why I let the Congressman know we would still probably be moving forward in the direction that we just went on that last vote. So, thank you."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "But, so I'm clear, Commissioner O'Donnell you would support efforts..."*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "...to remove that restrictions, yes."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Right, I would love to get rid of any encumbrance we have, whether it's that at Lake Afton or that dumb restriction we have out on the land in Furley or anyplace. The federal overreach is astounding, so I would love to remove as much of that as we can and nobody is better than Commissioner Ranzau of leading that charge."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "We all agree with that. Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "A couple of Commissioners already have brought up the land, Furley. I asked about that, we have several other encumbrances. The recommendation was is that we do this with Lake Afton first since we've had an incident and they all know about it. If we get that through and if that goes through good, then we could look at bundling and all the remaining ones together and try address them together, but still on a separate piece of legislation later on. "So I did have that conversation with him and that was the recommended, so that's why I would recommend to the way we proceed."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, very good. Well, we'll start with Lake Afton and hopefully be successful on the others also. Okay, we're now read for the next item."*

**Approved**

## **CONSENT**

*Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I recommend you approve consent agenda items Juliet (J) through Sierra (S)."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Howell."*

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to approve consent agenda with the exception of Item M.

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, "Commissioner Howell, do you want to make a comment now on Item M."

Commissioner Howell said, "Well, yes sir. Thank you for the opportunity to speak once again. Just to be consistent, item M is the CIP amendment to fund the demolition of the JRBR facility. To be consistent, I just do not want to add my support to that CIP amendment. So I expect my colleagues to support that, which is totally fine. I just don't want to be on record of supporting that. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I would recommend one of you make a motion and we'll vote."

MOTION

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to approve consent agenda Item M.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

**J**      [17-653](#)

Two (2) Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project on the south side of 47th Street South from Oliver to Clifton, and on the west side of Clifton from approximately 47th Street South to MacArthur Road. CIP#R330A - Aviation Pathway Phase 2. District 5.

Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.

**Approved As Amended**

- K**     [17-655](#)     VAC2017-00017 - Vacation of platted access controls, generally located on the west side of Hydraulic Avenue and the south side of East 117th Street North, 11565 North Hydraulic (DISTRICT 4).  
*Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.*  
**Approved As Amended**
- L**     [17-695](#)     Proclamation Declaring Bishop Cornwell Day.  
*Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.*  
**Approved As Amended**
- M**     [17-586](#)     Amendment to the 2017 Capital Improvement Program for Judge Riddel Boys Ranch demolition.  
*Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.*  
**Approved**
- N**     [17-652](#)     2nd Quarter 2017 Range Reallocations.  
*Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.*  
**Approved As Amended**
- O**     [17-671](#)     Addition of two Finance Auditor positions to the staffing table.  
*Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.*  
**Approved As Amended**
- P**     [17-688](#)     Plat.  
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2016 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:  
  
LEMEN ADDITION.  
*Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.*  
**Approved As Amended**
- Q**     [17-673](#)     General Bill Check Register for July 19, 2017 - July 25, 2017.  
*Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.*  
**Approved As Amended**
- R**     [17-674](#)     General Bill Check Register for July 26, 2017 - August 1, 2017.  
*Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.*  
**Approved As Amended**
- S**     [17-675](#)     Payroll Check Register for the July 22, 2017 payroll certification.

*Discussion for this item will be added after minutes for this meeting are adopted.*

**Approved As Amended**

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Chairman Unruh said, "I think we have nothing to discuss there. So Commissioners, we're ready for other if you want to make comments about things you've been involved in. I don't see anyone asking to speak. So we don't have an executive session and so we are at the end of our agenda. Is that right, Madam Clerk?"*

*Ms. Page said, "Yes, sir."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Anything else, anything else, Commissioners? Then we will be adjourned. Thank you all."*

### **OTHER**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.*