

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

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

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on OCTOBER 11, 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, Assistant County Manager of Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Project Services and County Engineer; Mr. Dale Miller, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Glenda Martens, Director, Sedgwick County Division of Corrections; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Assistant County Manager, Department of Public Services; Ms. Keturah Austin, Corporate Communications; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Lynda Baker, Deputy County Clerk.*

#### **GUESTS**

*Ms. Tonya Swafford, 2126 W. Columbine, Wichita*

### **INVOCATION: Pastor Laura Frazey, Covenant Presbyterian Church.**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I did not have anyone asking to speak on the public agenda this morning, so seeing no one rising to speak, we'll call the next item."*

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- A**     [17-872](#)             REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2017.  
All Commissioners were present.

A.     REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2017.

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the minutes of September 13th. Are there any additions or corrections?"*

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2017.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.  
There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

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

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

- B**     [17-887](#)     RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSHUA BLICK (COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'DONNELL'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*B. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSHUA BLICK (COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'DONNELL'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.*

*Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Items B, C, and D are actually all appointments, and they're all appointments to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC). Item B is a resolution reappointing Joshua Blick to that Commission. He's been serving on that Commission, and Commissioner O'Donnell is recommending that he be reappointed for a full term. Item C is a resolution reappointing Mr. Bill Johnson to the MAPC. He has been serving on there also, and Commissioner Dennis is recommending that he be reappointed. Item D is a resolution reappointing Mr. John Dailey to the MAPC, and he has been serving, and Commissioner Ranzau is recommending that he be reappointed. For all three of these, their terms would expire August 31 of 2021. Mr. Blick and Mr. Johnson, I am told, are here to be sworn, and I would urge you to do that, and I would urge adoption of these three resolutions."*

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

MOTION

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Mr. Blick is here to be sworn, so we'll have the Clerk Kelly Arnold perform that."

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

Mr. Blick greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do. Thank you, Commissioners. I appreciate you appointing, Michael O'Donnell, and I hope I can serve you well. Thank you again, I appreciate it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you for your willingness to serve, and since you've served on that Commission, then you know the work and time that it takes. Not everybody is willing to make that kind of sacrifice for public service, but we appreciate what you do."

Mr. Blick said, "Thank you again, appreciate it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "I was just going to comment, thank you, Josh, for your willingness to serve. I know that you've put a lot of time and effort in it, and most importantly, you truly care about people in southwest Wichita, southwest Sedgwick County, so I think you're a great fit to be the representative from District 2 on the County Commission, so I just wanted to thank you very much for that. I think you'll continue to do an outstanding job."

Mr. Blick said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. I think now you can sign (inaudible)"

Mr. Blick said, "Appreciate it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Is any other person, I don't think..."

*Mr. Yost said, "Josh is not here."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, those will be sworn at the appropriate time. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**Adopted**

- C**     [17-886](#)            RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BILL JOHNSON (COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Action taken with Item B*

- D**     [17-880](#)            RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN DAILEY (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Action taken with Item B*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- E**     [17-867](#)            ZON2017-00035 - ZONE CHANGE FROM SF-20 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO LC LIMITED COMMERCIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH BROADWAY APPROXIMATELY 800 FEET NORTH OF EAST 85TH STREET SOUTH (229 EAST NICOLE STREET) (DISTRICT 2).  
Presented By: Dale Miller, Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) and approve the zone change; authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution and authorize the resolution to be published.

*E. ZON2017 00035 ZONE CHANGE FROM SF 20 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO LC LIMITED COMMERCIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH BROADWAY APPROXIMATELY 800 FEET NORTH OF EAST 85TH STREET SOUTH (229 EAST NICOLE STREET) (DISTRICT 2).*

*VISUAL PRESENTATION*

*Mr. Dale Miller, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Let me see if I can get this up here. Okay. There's the application area on the southwest corner of Nicole and South Broadway. You can see*

*that most of the area that's in pink is zoned SF- 20 single family, has a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet, primarily only permits large lot residential uses.*

*"The little, I don't know what color that is, the little darker pink, is neighborhood office, and it's surrounded there, as you can see, by the other SF-20, and then down further south of the application, the red area, those are limited commercial (LC) zoning lots that permit a wide range of single family office and retail commercial uses, and then the greenish color is rural residential, has a minimum lot size of two acres. Here's an aerial. This lot at one time had a manufactured home on it. It's my understanding the manufactured home was removed.*

*"That may be what's showing up on here, but this is an older aerial, but the manufactured home has been removed leaving only a two-car garage and a carport, and the owners have a gentleman that wants to open a car repair business at this location and utilize that existing garage. He can't do that in the SF-20, so that's why they're asking for the limited commercial zoning. You can see from the aerial that the lots surrounding the area are all single family on various lot sizes. This is a church, and of course, South Broadway is a fairly busy street that runs between Haysville and the [Kansas Star] Casino further south.*

*"We did talk with the Haysville Planner, and he indicated support for the request, although they did not send it to the Haysville Planning Commission for consideration. You can see here in the small city Urban Growth Area (UGA) of Haysville, so that's why they were given the opportunity to hear it. There is a less than five percent protest. The folks in red are the valid protest. The folks in yellow submitted protests, but for one reason or another they were not valid. For example, if it's a joint tenancy where husband and wife own it, if only one of the owners signed it, then it's not valid but we go ahead and show it as a protest. It just does not count towards the 20 percent. This is a view of the site, and with that I'll stop and try and answer questions."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright thank you, Dale. Commissioners, are there any questions, clarifications that you need on this particular request? Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "On the first slide you showed us, I think it was slide two, there's a couple of darker areas that are outlined there on the map. Do those have any significance to me in terms of our consideration today?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Like that one there?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That one for example, yeah."*

*Mr. Miller said, "That has a board of zoning appeals on it. There probably was a side yard or front yard setback adjustment. I'm not sure what it is, but it was a BZA (Board of Zoning Adjustment) case, and that was the zone change. These are all border zoning appeal cases here as well. Then that one over here is a conditional use. I didn't look to see what it was, but that was an old from 2014 conditional use application."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you. I think I saw on the photograph, the East Nicole Street is a sand or gravel road, is that correct?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That's a gravel road there?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, alright. That's all my questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you. Mr. Miller, thank you for the presentation. I went down and drove by that area. I don't think that that auto repair shop will be anything that will cause any issues with the neighborhood. It seems like it would fit in with some of the other commercial properties that are down that same street. So at the appropriate time, Mr. Chairman, I'll make a motion that we approve the zone change."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright thank you, Commissioner. I see no one else asking to speak, so now would be a time to make that motion."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner O'Donnell moved to adopt the findings of the MAPC and approve the zone change; authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution and authorize the resolution to be published.*

*Commissioner Ranzau seconded the motion.*

*Speaking inaudibly*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Sorry, public."*

*Mr. Miller said, "Do you want to see if anybody is here? I don't know if the agent is here, if there are any neighbors or not."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. We do have..."*

*Audience member said, "It's my mom's property..."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Would you step to the podium please and state your name and address."*

*Ms. Tonya Swafford, 2126 W. Columbine, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm so sorry. I'm not a public speaker."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Neither are any of us."*

*Ms. Swafford said, "This is my mom's property, and we do have a renter in there right now that's wanting to, he's renting the garage out just to work on mechanic-wise. There is other businesses up and down there, but it just doesn't show that, you know, they run out of their homes or, you know, we're just trying to make sure everything is up before he puts a sign or anything like that. I mean, it's not going to be nothing really big. It's really small, oil changes, you know, just little things in the garage, nothing major."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Did you say your name?"*

Ms. Swafford said, "Sorry, Tonya Swafford."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to speak to this zone change request? Okay. I don't see anyone else rising to speak. This is not a public hearing so we can, I think, go ahead with it. We have a motion and a second. Commissioner O'Donnell would like..."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you for coming, Ms. Swafford. I appreciate your advocacy on that issue, so should I remake my motion that we approve the zone change?"

Chairman Unruh said, "I don't think it's necessary..."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Okay."

Chairman Unruh said, "...to remake the motion. So, we do have a motion and a second registered, and I will be supportive of this as an old family-owned automotive repair shop business. I know that I don't think that will be intrusive to the neighborhood. So I can be supportive with a clear conscience. Any other comment? Mr. Counselor."

Mr. Yost said, "I just want to clarify the motion. The motion is to take the recommended action, is that correct?"

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yes."

Mr. Yost said, "Okay."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Any other comment or discussion? Seeing none, madam clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

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

**Approved**

**F**     [17-869](#)

CANCELLATION OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (KDOC) PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY YOUTH PROGRAM (SCYP).

Presented by: Glenda Martens, Director, Sedgwick County Division of Corrections.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the contract cancellation and authorize the chairman to sign the 30 day written notice to KDOC.

F. CANCELLATION OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (KDOC) PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY YOUTH PROGRAM (SCYP).	YOUTH
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Ms. Glenda Martens, Director, Sedgwick County Division of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning, I am here to recommend the closure of Sedgwick County Youth Program, SCYP. SCYP is currently co-located at our adult residential center and serves male youth 16 ½ to 22 years of age. Recently, Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Services has announced to all county directors they are no longer renewing licenses and programs that do not meet their eligibility criteria from Senate Bill 367 (SB 367). SCYP would no longer be a residential option for youth, residential services when these changes take effect January 1st, 2018.

"The youth population for out-of-home placements continues to decrease due to Senate Bill 367. The SCYP average daily population was 14 in 2016 and has continued to slowly decline. Currently, there are no clients in SCYP at this time. I would request that Sedgwick County Commissioners to approve discontinuation of the Sedgwick County Youth Program operations effective November 11th, 2017. Because of our licensing with the State of Kansas, we are required to give a 30-day notice. Sedgwick County does not anticipate any reduction in force for closing the program. I'm happy to stand for questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you. Commissioners, we've been briefed on this, but are there further questions or clarifications that you'd like at this time? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

#### MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the contract cancellation and authorize the Chairman to sign the 30-day written notice to KDOC (Kansas Department of Corrections).

Commissioner Unruh 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, "Thank you, Glenda."

Ms. Martens said, "Thank you."

**Approved**

G [17-852](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,754,585 FOR COMCARE'S PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AGREEMENT.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the grant award, authorize the budget authority request, and authorize the Chairman or his designee to sign all necessary documents.

G. CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,754,585 FOR COMCARE'S PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AGREEMENT.

*Mr. Tim Kaufman, Assistant County Manager, Department of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you today is a contract with the State of Kansas that designates COMCARE as the mental health authority and provides funding for a wide variety of behavioral health services in the community. Last week our community recognized mental illness awareness week, including your proclamation, and yesterday was World Mental Health Day. One in five adults experience mental illness in a given year. COMCARE and their community partners are here to remind everyone that treatment works and that it's possible to access services in a variety of different ways. Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis can call 660-7500, 660-7500, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or walk into our Community Crisis Center at 635 N. Main. If anyone is interested in beginning or restarting treatment, they can call 660-7540 to learn about our same-day assessment process.*

*"The contract amount is \$6,754,585 and represents an increase of almost \$1.5 million over last year due to legislative action last session that increased funding for mental health services across the state. This funding allows COMCARE to provide an array of services, including medication management, case management and therapy and crisis services.*

*"Services are available for adults, for children and specialized services for those experiencing mental illness and homelessness and those with substance use disorders. On behalf of the COMCARE staff and those in the community that we serve, I'd like to thank the Commissioners for their ongoing support of this partnership with the State of Kansas to make these services available in our community. I recommend that you accept the grant, authorize the budget adjustments required and authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents. I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you for that presentation, Tim. This grant comes with some requirements for outcomes..."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Yes."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "...and measurable results."*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "They're the same as they have been over the previous years. This is a renewal of a contract that we've had for any number of years."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "And not accepting the grant, we would no longer be a*

*Community Mental Health Center (CMHC)...*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "...and these services wouldn't be available for a lot of folks that depend upon them."*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well we had quite a discussion with the proclamation last week, and so we don't need to repeat ourselves, but this is, I think an important and critical service provided to many citizens who need the services and who live productive lives as a result of that. So we want to make sure that all of our practitioners and people who provide services at COMCARE know of our appreciation."*

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, are there any other comment or question? What's the will of the Board?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner O'Donnell moved to accept the grant award, authorize the budget authority request, and authorize the Chairman or his designee to sign all necessary documents.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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

*Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."*

**Approved**

**CONSENT**

*Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I recommend you approve consent agenda items Hotel (H) through Victor (V) with the exception of Mike (M)."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "And the exception is a deferral 'til we..."*

Mr. Scholes said, "It's a deferral until the Commissioners get briefed up on."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve Consent Agenda items H through V with the exception of 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, "Next item."

- H     [17-860](#)     Acceptance of an \$45 memorial donation for the Suicide Prevention Coalition.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- I     [17-857](#)     Acceptance of an \$85 Memorial Donation for the Suicide Prevention Coalition.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- J     [17-879](#)     Three (3) 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.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- K     [17-878](#)     Cooperator Fishing Access Agreement with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Community Fisheries Assistance Program.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- L     [17-716](#)     Agreements with Arts Council, Inc. and Artistic Stone Work and Landscape for an Environmental Art Park at Sedgwick County Park.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- M     [17-836](#)     Approval of Debris Management Plan.

**Deferred**

- N**     [17-849](#)            Agreement with Butler County and Harvey County to Contribute Matching Amount for the Senior Care Act (SCA) Program.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- O**     [17-895](#)            Resolution for Interlocal Agreement with Butler County for Radio Tower.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- P**     [17-871](#)            Single Family Mortgage Program Modification.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- Q**     [17-881](#)            Nine (9) Vendor Contracts to Provide In-Home Services for Older Americans Act (OAA), Title III B for FY2018.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- R**     [17-901](#)            Cintas Corporation No. 2 - Uniform and Mat Rental Services Agreement.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- S**     [17-882](#)            Third Quarter 2017 Range Reallocations.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- T**     [17-891](#)            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:  
  
McCormick Acres Addition.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- U**     [17-784](#)            General Bill Check Register for October 4, 2017 - October 10, 2017.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- V**     [17-785](#)            Payroll Check Register for the September 30, 2017 payroll certification.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Chairman Unruh said, "Mr. Counselor, do we have anything to report on legislative issues?"*

*Mr. Yost said, "Not at this point."*

*Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, we will continue on to the next item."*

**OTHER**

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, is there anything else you would like to bring before the BoCC this morning in this unusually brief meeting? Any comments? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just sitting here thinking about the item on the Sedgwick County Youth Program. I wanted to just make a couple of comments. I should have made them earlier, but I hadn't had my thoughts ready to speak out. I thought I'd just do it at this point. I just wanted to say I appreciate Glenda Martens and her leadership, and I do trust her. I've known her for years. She was in charge of Judge Riddel's Boys Ranch (JRBR) and she's been a very solid person advocating for juvenile programs, trying to help our kids. I know that she's really given to that, so I appreciate her perspective on this and I trust her. On the surface, it sounds like a pretty negative thing to shut down the youth program, but I will point out a couple of things here. Senate Bill 367 is doing things differently, and I guess I'm cautiously optimistic. I think there is going to be some trailer bills and tweaks to that bill, but hopefully that is a better way to do things going forward. It is more, arguably more efficient. I hope it's more effective. That's the question for me. But to the extent that she supports this, I trust her.

"I would say that our SCYP program was not ideal in the fact that we had juvenile offenders that are coming back into the community, basically being housed with adult felons near each other. That was not a good configuration for these kids, so I don't think that that was ever an ideal situation trying to treat them in that facility. It wasn't the best place to do that. So what we have now in place of that is treatments and supports in the community where they live, in their home.

"We are interfacing these kids in a different way. It's not like we're dropping the ball and not providing some treatments for these kids. We're just doing it in a different way, and in a way that's not going to take them into a wrong direction. So, I guess I want to just highlight the fact that we're not disengaging the youth, we're actually just trying to find a better way, and again I think with the support of Glenda Martens supporting this, that's why I also supported that. I think that we're going to find a way to do this hopefully effectively, more effectively, and I think more efficiently of course is something we have to be focused on because dollars are thin everywhere.

"The second thing I'd like to point out, yesterday we celebrated the opening of 87th Street. Now normally we don't talk about our little road programs, but I pointed out yesterday, this isn't really a little road program. This was a thing I've been talking about for two and a half years. It was extremely complicated. It took a partnership, a four-way partnership, which I'm celebrating the fact that we were actually able to get this done. Sometimes four-way partnerships or partnerships such as that are difficult to move forward because there's, there may be disagreements by different parties. But this was refreshing that we were able to actually get this completed. We argued before, and I talked with Director David Spears and the Public Works about how bad this road was. He made comments he felt at the time this was maybe the worst road in Sedgwick County. It's anecdotal, but I kind of latched on to that.

"This is, in my opinion, the worst road in Sedgwick County, at least was. Now it's one of the best roads in Sedgwick County. We converted that road, it was all-for-all. The city of Derby started the process in March of 2016 and took until now to get this completed. Westar Energy was there yesterday and made some comments. They've invested about a million dollars to relocate, actually remove and replace, there was two very large utility poles, metal utility poles, over eight feet in diameter with a 45 foot foundation. They had to take out two of those and then replace it with one larger pole,

*and very complex. They had to move five different utilities that were going up and down the road, they had to be moved out of the way. We had to purchase right-of-way. We had our engineering staff provide all the expertise on this project.*

*“Anyway, the program just, I’m just going to say everything went forward fantastically. The road looks great. I’m proud of Sedgwick County for solving that problem. It was, in my opinion, this is an artery into the city of Derby, and this is going to be a catalyst for growth to the east side. I think it was mutually important both regionally as well as to the city of Derby. So, they paid in about \$238,000 for this project, Rockford Township paid in [\$]34,000, and we paid the balance of that, but I want to say I appreciate the staff for putting that together yesterday. It was certainly worthy of celebration. With that, that’s all my comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner O’Donnell.”*

*Commissioner O’Donnell said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I was able to speak to the Leadership Wichita class on Friday. Thank you, Mr. Chair, for letting me sub for you. One of the questions from a doctor at the KU (Kansas University) Med Center was talking about our Community Health Advisory Program and the fact that we’re the largest municipality in the country that doesn’t have one. You’ll remember this, Mr. Manager, you were able to speak to that as well. I’d like to follow up a little bit more on that and see if that truly is the case, that we are the largest municipality in the country without that, and figure out a plan moving forward on what we need to do with that Community Health Advisor position, how we need to go about crafting that and filling that position. I think it was a really good program we had on Friday. The manager was able to speak as well. It was a great program, and our very own Keturah Austin is a part of that group too, so thank you Keturah for that work. I’m sure you all enjoyed the jail food, right?”*

*Ms. Keturah Austin, Corporate Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It was an experience.”*

*Commissioner O’Donnell said, “So anyway, it was a fun day at the jail. So anyway, thank you, Mr. Chair.”*

*Chairman Unruh said, “Alright thank you, Commissioner. Anyone else with other items of interest to bring before the Commission? I see no one asking to speak, and I think we’ve completed the agenda.”*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.*