

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

**9:00 AM**

**BOCC Meeting Room**

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

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on JANUARY 17, 2018 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David T. Dennis, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Michael B. O'Donnell II; 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; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Lynda Baker, Deputy County Clerk.*

### GUESTS

*Mr. Doug Ballard, 920 N. Buffum, Wichita  
Mr. Herb Duncan, Proclamation recipient  
Reverend James Billinger, Pastor, Holy Savior Catholic Church  
Mr. Bob Voboril, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Wichita Diocese  
Ms. Teresa Hatfield, Adult Development and Aging Agent, Sedgwick County Extension Center  
Mr. Max Eberhart, volunteer, Sedgwick County Extension Center  
Mr. Fred Haag, volunteer, Sedgwick County Extension Center*

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

### INVOCATION: Pastor John Oelze, First Mennonite Brethren.

## FLAG SALUTE

## ROLL CALL

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

## PUBLIC AGENDA

*Chairman Dennis said, "We have one person signed up to speak today, Mr. Doug Ballard, if you'd approach the podium and state your name please."*

*Mr. Doug Ballard, 920 N. Buffum greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for having us. First of all, I want to thank you guys. We're not over here a whole lot, but I can't tell you how much we appreciate the opportunity to come and talk to you and the ease that it is on this side of the street, the fact that we can just walk up, sign up, and we're able to come and talk to you. Across the street it's very difficult. Anyway, but on another note, what I want to talk you about is primarily concerns across the street.*

*There's been a recent shooting that draws a lot of problems that myself, as well as a group of us have been working on for about six years.*

*"It has to do with excess use of force by the WPD (Wichita Police Department). I'm only over here because the District Attorney (D.A.) and the Sheriff works over here. So*

*I won't go into great details about the thing. We all read the papers and watch the news, but I want to encourage you to do whatever you can to make this move along as quickly as it can. I have confidence in the District Attorney and the Sheriff. We've known each other personally for a long time, but I want to encourage you this is a situation, it's similar to some of the other things that have happened, but all of the circumstances involved are going to put a lot of national and actually international attention that I'm not sure we really deserve, but it's going to be there. So I want to encourage you to use whatever you can do to make this thing move along, because the strategy of just dragging your feet until everybody forgets about it, I don't believe it's going to happen on this particular situation. Again, I want to thank you for your time. Okay."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Ballard. Thank you for being here today. I don't have anyone else on the agenda. Did anyone else wish to speak on the public agenda this morning? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, next item."*

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**A**     [18-028](#)             REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2017.

All Commissioners were present.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioners, everyone has had a chance to review. Do we have any corrections or additions? Seeing none, do I have a motion?"*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner O'Donnell moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2017*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Next item."*

**Approved**

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

**B**     [18-054](#)             PROCLAMATION DECLARING HERB DUNCAN DAY.

Read by: Chairman David T. Dennis or his designee.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Dennis thanked the Clerk and said, "I have a proclamation, it reads..."*

*WHEREAS, Herb Duncan valiantly and honorably served in the United States Navy from 1958 to 1962. He was stationed at Clark Air Force Base, Cubi Point Naval Air Station, in the Philippines for two and a half years; and*

*WHEREAS, he is a proud member of American Legion Post 4 and works diligently at recruiting veterans and active duty military to become members of Post 4. He works tirelessly in securing donations for the many projects critical to the mission of the American Legion; and*

*WHEREAS, he is a pilot and became a Colonel in the Commemorative Air Force, serving as the Jayhawk Wing Leader for two terms. The Commemorative Air Force awarded him the Silver Magnolia Award twice, the Special Service Award and the Distinguished Service Award for his unmatched ability to lead; and*

*WHEREAS, he founded the Veteran's Lectureship program, furthering the opportunity for military veterans to tell their stories from their time in the service via videos and presentations to schools and other public organizations; and*

*WHEREAS, his volunteerism has contributed to the success of the Kansas Honor Flight program. He has been a leader of the many volunteers in Sedgwick County to help raise over \$300,000 annually towards the costs of Honor Flights. His efforts have enabled veterans from the region to travel to our nation's capital to visit the Memorials that commemorates their service to our country.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, David T. Dennis, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2018, as*

*HERB DUNCAN DAY*

*and he is commended for his service to our country.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Do I have a motion on item B?"*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

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

*VOTE*

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Well it's my pleasure to present this. I've worked with Herb for a number of years on a number of issues. It's a great honor to present that to him. Mr. Duncan, if you'd please approach the podium."

Mr. Herb Duncan, Proclamation recipient, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For those who know me, I am without words. I'm sitting over here hearing what you're saying. I've lost my hearing, and all of a sudden, I heard my name, and I look up and I started reading your lips and putting the words and starting to put all of this together, because my anticipation in coming here today was for Kenny White, our Board of Director member and also the Commander of the American Legion Post 4 here to receive a \$28,000 grant that you folks were going to give to Kansas Honor Flight so that we could send a flight of veterans. But truly this is a surprise, and you got me. You got me. You may be seated.

"But I do have a couple of thoughts I would like to share with everyone. We're Kansas Honor Flight, and we're on a mission, and our mission is to honor Kansas veterans, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. We raise the funds and we send them back to Washington D.C., so they can visit their War Memorials that were built for them by a grateful nation. We've sent basically all of our World War II and most of our Korean War veterans, and because I'm the Vietnam era, I can't tell you how excited I am for this year, it's our sixth year. We're now going to start to be able to send our Vietnam War veterans that they've been waiting so long to go. Each year we lose quite a few of these men and women, Kansas Vietnam War veterans. Now I can actually see this come to pass. We're going to be sending 11 flights this year, good Lord willing, and the cash flow keeps coming in, and I must say this to the generosity of the public and for the business community out there that step up every year and donate money to Kansas Honor Flights so that we can complete our mission.

"They never say no. We never have to beg for funding. It's the honorable thing to do. For the Commissioners, I thank you very much for this proclamation, and I just wish you the best. Also one other thought that was going through my mind that I need to say. When we go to church and when we talk to people about praying, please keep in your thoughts when you offer up your prayers to God, to please have Him take care of our men and women on the battlefield, because their fight and their endurance is for freedom, and freedom can be lost in one generation. Please teach your children about freedom and the price that was paid by the greatest generation that saved our world to where we could have the freedoms and our Constitution that they uphold and defend. Teach our children about the Constitution of the United States and about our freedom, and I believe it's time for me to say thank you very much, and you got me. That's all I can say, so thank you all very much."

Chairman Dennis said, "Herb once again, thank you for all of your service to our veterans. As a Vietnam War era veteran myself, my brother, my cousin was one of the first army nurses into Vietnam. I appreciate everything that you do for our veterans, Veterans Day Parade, Honor Flight and so forth, and I also want to thank you very much for your thoughts about prayers. I did forget to thank Pastor John Oelze from First Mennonite Brethren Church for being here today to give us our invocation. I want to make sure that I pass along that thank you. Again, Herb and his wife at his side all the time, Jo, thank you very much for being here, and thanks for all the folks from the American Legion for being here and representing us today. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item."

**Adopted**

C [18-053](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK.

Read by: Chairman David T. Dennis or his designee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Dennis said, "I have asked Commissioner Ranzau to read the proclamation."*

*Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman.*

*WHEREAS, all children in Sedgwick County should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and*

*WHEREAS, Sedgwick County recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Sedgwick County to be successful adults; and*

*WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Sedgwick County; and*

*WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is home to a multitude of high-quality traditional public schools, public magnet schools, and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children; and*

*WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, Sedgwick County has many high-quality teaching professionals in traditional public schools, public magnet schools, and nonpublic schools who are committed to educating our children; and*

*WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David T. Dennis, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2018 as*

*SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK*

*in Sedgwick County and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

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

*VOTE*

*Commissioner O'Donnell      Aye*

*Commissioner Ranzau        Aye*

Commissioner Howell           Aye  
Commissioner Unruh           Aye  
Chairman Dennis               Aye

*Chairman Dennis said, "We have Bob Voboril and Father Billinger here to accept the proclamation today. First of all, I don't know how many of you know, but Bob Voboril has been the superintendent of the catholic schools for a number of years. I just read the other day that he is retiring after a great service. I sincerely appreciate his service. I worked with him when I was on the State Board of Education, and I appreciated very much all of his service. Also Father Billinger, who was my priest when I first moved here to Wichita, and I appreciate him being here today. Thank you very much."*

*Mr. Bob Voboril, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Wichita Diocese, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Would you like to say a few words?"*

*Mr. Voboril said, "I would like to thank the County Commission for this proclamation that supports the education of all children in the county. We're blessed to have outstanding public schools and nonpublic schools as well. In the 25 years that I have been privileged to be the superintendent of the Catholic schools, it has been an honor to work with all of the public school systems in the city as well as the nonpublic schools as well as, of course, our own Catholic schools. Our Catholic schools have received really national and sometimes international acclaim for the quality of our schools and the accessibility that they are to children of all backgrounds and all economic levels, and we're grateful that this is recognized by the county, and in particular that you're recognizing Father Billinger and his work at Holy Savior [Catholic Church], where we hope soon to bring a brand new school facility into the inner city to serve primarily the African American community on the near northeast side. Thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Voboril. Father Billinger, would you like to say a few words?"*

*Reverend James Billinger, Pastor, Holy Savior Catholic Church, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just to thank you all for recognizing the importance of an education to all the children that we serve in this community and try to bring good, to work at drawing the good out of children for the sake of this community. Such a humbling thing to receive a proclamation today. I want to thank you all."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much for being here. Madam Clerk, next item."*  
**Adopted**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- D**     [18-059](#)     **RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROB BENTON (COMMISSIONER RICHARD RANZAU'S REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.**  
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item D is a*

*resolution reappointing Rob Benton to the Sheriff's Civil Service Board. Mr. Benton is already on that board, but his term expires this week. Commissioner Ranzau is recommending that Mr. Benton be appointed to a new three-year term, which would expire on January 18th of 2021. I understand Mr. Benton is present, and I would urge adoption of this resolution."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move that we adopt the resolution and thank Mr. Benton for his service on this board, although I don't believe that he actually is here. Nevertheless, I do appreciate his continued service. Thank you."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Is Mr. Benton in the audience at all?"*

*Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "No."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, very good. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**Adopted**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- E**     [18-033](#)     CON2017-00037 - A COUNTY CONDITIONAL USE FOR A BORROW PIT ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF K-15 HIGHWAY AND NORTH OF 95TH STREET SOUTH (9529 SOUTH K-5 HIGHWAY).  
Presented by: Dale Miller, Director of Metropolitan Area Planning Department.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Conditional Use, subject to the conditions recommended by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC), adopt the findings of the MAPC and authorize the Chairman to sign the prepared resolution.

VISUAL PRESENTATION



*Mr. Dale Miller, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is as she indicated, is a request for a conditional use to permit mining and quarrying. There were no official protests associated with this application; however, the applicant did ask for a waiver of the 23 development standards that are usually associated with mining and quarrying, and the County Commission is authorized by the code to waive those if they think it's appropriate. So that's why the application is on your agenda today. The application is the triangular shaped area here outlined in black. It is located just west of K-15 [Highway], in southwest, what would be southwest of Derby.*

*"The red area up here that has the name Derby is their wastewater treatment plant. All the properties that are zoned that light green color, are zoned rural residential (RR), which includes the application area. The gray color is a property that is zoned general industrial (GI). Aerials showing the site, it is developed with a single family home. There is a single family home to the north. The Derby wastewater treatment plant further to the north. Vacant ground to the west of the application area. The Ark [ansas] River over here, and then farm ground to the south, and then there's a railroad track, and then K-15 Highway and more of the incorporated city of Derby. As you can possibly see here, there is a drive that comes off of K-15 and then crosses over the railroad tracks and provides the access to the application area and to the property to the north.*

*"The Comprehensive Plan (CP) map shows that this area is in the rural area, and by definition, the rural area is one that's not expected to receive public services by 2035. Site plan that was submitted with the application, they expect this to take just a few months to complete. The MABCD (Metropolitan Area of Building and Planning Department) has reviewed the site plan and has approved it. They do not expect to hit groundwater. Because it's an acre or less in size, it does not require additional review by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. There is a project apparently in the city of Derby that a construction company needs the dirt for, and so basically the construction company contacted this property owner and said, we'll dig you a pond if we can have the dirt. You get the pond, and that's how we got here.*

*"Planning Commission did review this and recommended approval 12 to 1 including waiver of the supplemental use regulations. Derby declined to review it, but their staff did indicate that they didn't see anything negative about the application. There were two folks that spoke at the Planning Commission in opposition, the property owner to the north and the property owner to the south. They were concerned with a number of things. The one to the north, the property owner to the north was concerned that that shared access point, heavy trucks moving in and out to remove the dirt might damage their shared access. That's his only way in and out. It's also the applicant's only way in and out. They were also concerned about drainage. The property owner to the north is on well water and was concerned that somehow the excavation or sediments or contamination of the water at some point in the future might damage his well water. He was also concerned that if it doesn't hold water or doesn't have enough water to stay full or at least with some water all year-round, it's going to become an eyesore in the entryway to his property.*

*"The property owner to the south, that's farmland, and he was concerned about runoff and silting that possibly could come off of this site and damage his farm ground to the south. Getting back to the supplemental use regulations, as I said, there are 23 of them. Most of those deal with the removal of sand and are concerned with the notion*

*that sand pits many times operate for many years, decades sometimes, and so there's a requirement for them to be fenced. There are requirements about how the slope on the sides of the pond would be. There's requirements to minimize dust as trucks move in and out, erosion control, those sorts of things.*

*"If they hit groundwater, they're required to excavate down six feet below so that there is enough wave action to minimize mosquito breeding, those sorts of things. Their hours of operation. What Planning Commission ended up ultimately approving was waiving all of those standards with the requirement that the excavation be done by December 2018. With that, I try and answer questions."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioners, do you have any questions? Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "I may have some questions, but I would like to, I don't know if, are we going to have a hearing? Is everybody here that's going to be speaking about this? Is that part of the process this morning?"*

*Chairman Dennis said, "We can open it up to the public."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Alright, I may have some questions, but I wanted just to see if there is anybody here, and I don't know of anybody necessarily. I just want to make sure that I hear their comments before I delve into my own questions, if that's okay."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Is there anyone in the audience that wants to speak on this issue?"*

*Audience Member said, "I'm the property owner. I don't know if that matters."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Did you want to speak on the issue?"*

*Audience Member said, "No. (Inaudible) I'm just here."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, well thank you Mr. Chairman. Is the property owner here, are you the applicant or one of the adjacent owners?"*

*Audience Member said, "No, I'm the property owner."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "The property owner. Okay, good. I'm glad you're here this morning. So I have some questions and I'd like to explore some of this a little bit. I'm reading these 23, I don't know, what do we call these? Are they..."*

*Mr. Miller said, "Supplemental use standards."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "...okay, supplemental use standards. Some of these things, it looks to me like they're there intending to, some of them are safety related. Some of them are basically there to protect, it looks like, maybe the surrounding property owners as well. Let me ask a question. If we approve this today, do these things, are they waived in the future after December 2018?"*

*"For example, there's one about storing fuel and chemicals, for example. That doesn't get waived. That's only potentially waived until the end of the year, 2018, for example?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Correct. They would only, the supplemental use standards apply while excavation is in progress, and presumably once the site has been excavated to the extent that the site plan allows, that the chemicals and equipment would be removed if there were any on site."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "There's one here about, I think number 17, on the site water and sewage facilities, it shall be approved by and constructed to the standards. That's only, again, I don't know if they plan on doing anything like that, but just for example, if they were to do something like that, that waiver would only apply until the end of the year and then they would have to bring that up to county standards at that point?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Yes, I mean, like I said, these are designed for sand pits that may operate for many years. We've got some that are in their second decade, and they're not associated with a residence like this one is, and so they may bring in port-a-potties or set up some sort of restroom facilities on a site that wouldn't otherwise have it. So this requires them to meet whatever applicable regulations apply to their situation."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Is there any reason that we would want to waive that this morning? Is it requested that we would waive that? I guess I'm going through this list here and some of these things that are being requested that we would waive, I don't understand why we would waive them. I mean, I understand you want to dig this pond and they want to sell their material to another party, and that's fine. I have no problem with that. But I am concerned about, for example, the hours from midnight to, yeah from..."*

*Mr. Miller said, "6 a.m. to sunset."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "...6 a.m. to sunset being the operation hours. I think that's reasonable, and I don't think we should have to waive that necessarily. But, so that's just another example of some of the concerns. I don't know, unless it was a specifically requested that we would waive that, I don't want to be one that would waive more than is necessary for them to accomplish what they're trying to accomplish here. So there is one here about drainage, number 21. This is an area that has had some flooding issues in the past. I'm familiar with that, because I've been called out there to look at the property on other occasions. So I'm a little bit concerned about the drainage plan. Again, has there been any discussion about how this might impact drainage?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Yes. According to the person at the county that I talked to, this particular site in their property is outside of the floodplain and is above expected water table levels, and they've approved the plan that you see in front of you."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So it shouldn't have any impact on the neighbors to the north or the neighbor to the south?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "It should not."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Flooding? Okay. Again, I see that might be one we ought to waive because it is a requirement to develop a plan, and that would probably slow*

*things down and that. I'm fine with waiving that as long as we perceive there's not going to be a risk to any of the other property owners."*

*Mr. Miller said, "Well, we would want them to, we would want this plan to remain in effect, for whatever that's worth."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Alright. Do you know how close to the south property line is this pond plan need to be? I can't see the detail of the map."*

*Mr. Miller said, "I'm not sure I know the, yeah I can't read it on here. Yeah, I can't really answer that."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Anyway as I'm reading these 23, I guess I believe that the majority of these either will not impact the applicant but may protect the adjacent landowners, and so I guess I have concerns about waiving some of this without any discussion as to why we would waive it. So I would be fine to approve some of this, but I guess as it's presented to us from MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Commission), I don't feel comfortable approving it as it's been presented this morning. So I guess I would have an option to, I guess..."*

*Mr. Miller said, "You can with a two-thirds vote override, change your recommendation from what Planning Commission approved and override the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve it however you think is reasonable. Staff might recommend that four, five and nine are ones that seem, given the small size and the limited time, that might be appropriate to be waived if you wanted to keep a majority of them."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Again, to add to that just a little bit, number eight does have the word safety built into that discussion or into that statement, and I don't know why that's listed there, but let me read the full comment. It says to provide for bank stabilization and safety for future uses."*

*Mr. Miller said, "The concern was that if was just a straight up and down slope that if someone, like a child fell in, they wouldn't be able to get out. So the slope is there to enable someone that's actually in the water to be able to climb out."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Again, as it's been presented to us, they're asking that we would waive that. Again, I don't know that we should waive that or not, but I guess I have concerns about number eight. I'm willing to waive it if that's what they feel is important to them, I guess, but I'd just like to have a discussion about it. Then number seven, slope shall have a vegetative covering consisting of perennial drought resistant grass. That might impact their own property and prevent some silting in, I would guess, but that probably is in their own best interest to do that if that's what they wanted to do. I'm okay with waiving that, number seven."*

*Mr. Miller said, "Okay."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That makes sense to me. In terms of the, and then number five, extraction shall be to at least a minimum of six feet below the normal water table, and you described that as being something about mosquitoes."*

*Mr. Miller said, "Yes. The Health Department, when we put these together, all of these 23 conditions back in 1996, we discussed with all the various departments that have*

*review authority on sand pits, and that was one of the things that they wanted to make sure that there was enough wave action to prevent mosquito larvae from surviving. In this particular instance, they're not expected to hit groundwater, and so the water that they're going to have is runoff."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, so by waiving this, they may not even get to the water table, to the groundwater, which is fine."*

*Mr. Miller said, "Right..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."*

*Mr. Miller said, "...because in a typical sand pit, they nearly always hit groundwater."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "In terms of number 21, is that a very difficult process to talk about our drainage plan? Is that basically very simple?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Well, the one that they submitted suffices, so it's already..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So 21 is basically (inaudible)..."*

*Mr. Miller said, "It's already in place."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So we don't need to worry about 21 either way."*

*Mr. Miller said, "Yeah."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Well, I don't know if my colleagues would agree with me or not, but I would like to enable this to happen, but I just want to be judicious in what we waive here and why we waive it. So rather than just waiving all 23, it would be my position that waiving items four through nine would be reasonable. I don't see there is anything else on this list that should be waived. It gets into things like we don't want to turn this into an RV (recreational vehicle) park necessarily, hours of operation.*

*"There's things on here I think that are very reasonable, and we treat this property like we would any other property. You know, I can talk about a number of these, we would just basically, they would have the same opportunities as any other property in Sedgwick County, we're not giving them special permission or a waiver, you know, to do things that may be concerning to other people beyond doing the pond that they've described here. So again, let me ask you a question, Mr. Miller, if we waived items four through nine, would they be able to dig this pond reasonably, or is there something on that list that would be a burden that you can see?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "In my opinion, they would be able to."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, so it shouldn't hurt their plan in any way if we just waived items four through nine?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Not that I can see."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. I don't know if the applicant wants to speak now or not. Is there anything else on this list that I'm missing that would be a, anybody else have an opinion about the other items on this list? I guess I'm inclined to, in just a moment, I would like to make a motion to approve this conditional use permit but only*

*items four through nine, and then the other items that were waived by MAPC, I would like to reestablish those, because I don't think it really matters to the applicant in terms of, it's not going to change what they're planning to do, but it doesn't create, I guess, other opportunities that haven't been discussed that may not have anything to do with the creation of this pond. So I'm willing to make that motion, but I guess I would like to see if there's anybody else has any other comments before I do that."*

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

*Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "Commissioner Howell, I'd be happy to second your motion on limiting the number of exceptions."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, we have a motion and a second. Would the property owner like to speak? Okay. Any further discussion? I'm sorry. Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So if this motion were to prevail, it would take four approving..."*

*Mr. Miller said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "...votes, is that correct?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Alright, I don't have any disagreement with the motion and don't think that it would any way hamper what the applicant intends to do, so unless I hear a comment otherwise, I will support the motion. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."*

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

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Talk to me about, I thought I read in the backup material that if they dug this pond and just left the dirt on the land, then they wouldn't need a permit at all. Is that correct?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "That's correct. Mining and quarrying by definition means that they're removing the soil or the sand and taking it off-site."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. But if they left it there, they could do it on their own, no permit, and none of these rules would be in effect anyway?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "The building code may actually have a limitation. I think it's 26,000 cubic feet or something that they can move on-site, but as far as zoning, there would be no conditional use requirement."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. But the fact that's triggering these regulations or the fact that they're taking it off the property, not necessarily that they're digging the pond to begin with."*

*Mr. Miller said, "Right. To make a distinction between site preparation and site development and mining and quarrying, it's the removal of the material off-site."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Mr. Counselor, is this one of our quasi-judicial things? Do we need to limit our decision-making based upon what's in the record here, what's*

*been presented?"*

*Mr. Yost said, "That's right."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. Well, I do have concerns about not following the recommendations. But if the recommendation is to waive all of these things has been made by a 12 to 1 basis by MAPC, I think it just makes common sense if they could build it on their land or dig the pond on the land, and if they left the dirt there without these regulations, then what does it matter if they're taken off? They're just trying to be a little more efficient. Beyond that, I don't see anything in the record that would support not following the recommendation."*

*"I've heard some opinions, but I haven't seen anything in the record that would support that, so I would be very concerned about that. I think we should just approve it as recommended by the MAPC, and let them go on about their business and not have to overregulate them anymore than what we need to. I mean, if I was a land owner and knew I could build a pond without all of these regulations and then I thought I was helping someone out by letting them take the dirt, I wouldn't be very happy if I felt like I needed to be being regulated some more, but that's just me."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess to the previous Commissioner's comments. Again, some of this has absolutely nothing to do with digging a pond. If you were running a large mining operation, sand pit for a number of years, I would guess these might become more important, but I guess it talks about the water wells and sewage facilities and hours of operation and all kinds of things in here that, again, that will have potential impact on, I guess, other people, so I guess if we were going to have a need to waive those things, that's fine. I want to have a discussion, but again I don't think that there was a lot of discussion about these specific items needing to be waived. I think it was just, Mr. Miller, when you and I spoke in the office, you came and presented this to me once before. My question was, was there some discussion at MAPC, and I'm sure you were there. MAPC, were these items specifically discussed and there was a request to specifically waive these items?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Yes. That was discussed, and the one Commissioner that voted against the approval was concerned about some of the conditions that he thought were appropriate to remain."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "But in terms of things like the hours of operation and the sewage, if there was a sewage, construction of a sewage facility or a water well, those weren't items that were requested to be waived specifically, were they?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Well, if they were part of the supplemental use regulations, then they were specifically requested to be waived, and I think the factor that was heaviest in MAPC's opinion was that this was a small pond. It's only going to be in excavation for two to three months. The scale, I think is, compared to what they normally see for a sand pit, like I said, that may be around for a decade or more. I think that was their main focus."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Well okay, so I haven't actually made a motion yet, but I guess I'll stand by my previous comments and that is I understand exactly what they want to do here. Then by specifically waiving items four through nine, they can do*

*exactly what they wanted to do without any burden from us to restrict what they're trying to do here, and that's the way I see this. I don't know if you agree with that or not, okay, good. With that in mind, I think these other items are basically not really items of discussion that we need to, we could waive them and it wouldn't cause any problems probably, but I don't see any reason to waive them. To the extent that this might end up doing something we didn't anticipate, I guess I'd like to just keep these other items in place. It doesn't change what they're planning to do in any way."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell moved to approve the application to waive items four through nine but reinstate the requirements for the remaining 19 of the 23 items.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Okay we have a motion and a second. Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yeah, let me say I think we're looking at this from the wrong viewpoint. Instead of trying to justify why these things should be waived, we should be asking what justification do we have to impose any restrictions to begin with. It's clear from the record that the current conditional use regulations were not intended for this type of activity. It's intended for like you said, large developments, sand pits that go on for years and years and years, but a private pond could be done without any of this stuff. It's only because they want to let somebody use the dirt somewhere else that they're doing this. So this, I mean if our rules and regulations and everything we have doesn't require these sorts of regulations for a private pond if they keep the dirt here, it doesn't make sense to impose them in this particular instance, so and there's nothing in the record, from what I can see, that would indicate going against the MAPC's recommendations."*

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

*Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the conditional use and follow the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission recommendations.*

*Motion failed for lack of second.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Back to the original motion. Any further discussion on the original motion? Commissioner Unruh."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dale, if we waive item number five, which has, you have to go six feet below water level, you mentioned that that's been initiated to originally to take care of mosquitoes and that sort of thing, but you think that's just simply not applicable in this instance?"*

*Mr. Miller said, "Well, because of the way it's worded below the normal water table, it's our understanding they're not going to hit the normal water table, so it wouldn't apply."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, well I don't want to create a situation where we have a mosquito problem, I guess. Alright. Thank you. That's all I had, Mr. Chair."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Do we have further discussion? Any further*



discussion? Commissioner Ranzau.”

Commissioner Ranzau said, “I was going to say for the record, I support the landowner’s right to use this without these additional regulations. So I’ll be voting no, not because I don’t support the right to use the property. I think it’s inappropriate for us to require these things. There’s nothing in the record that would indicate that these are necessary, so that’s why I’ll be voting no.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Howell.”

Commissioner Howell said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to clarify. Items one through three have already been completed by the applicant, is that correct?”

Mr. Miller said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Howell said, “Okay, so no need to waive those, because it’s already been complied with. Okay. Alright, well that’s my only question, so I’m ready to vote. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you. I’ve read through each of the different items that we’re going to retain, although a number of those probably aren’t going to apply in this case, but I will support the original motion. Further discussion? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the roll.

VOTE

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| Commissioner O’Donnell | Aye |
| Commissioner Ranzau    | No  |
| Commissioner Howell    | Aye |
| Commissioner Unruh     | Aye |
| Chairman Dennis        | Aye |

Chairman Dennis said, “Next item.”

**Approved As Amended**

**F**     [18-060](#)

COUNTY EXTENSION QUARTERLY REPORT.

Presented by: Teresa Hatfield, Adult Development and Aging Agent, Sedgwick County Extension Education Center.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Chairman Dennis said, “Welcome.”

Ms. Teresa Hatfield, Adult Development and Aging Agent, Sedgwick County Extension Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am one of the extension agents at the Sedgwick County Extension Office, and I do programming on adult development and aging, and I’d like to thank you, Commissioners, for allowing me to come here today and do the extension quarterly report. I’d like to talk about one of my programs that is very popular at the extension office, and that is the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) program, otherwise known as SHICK.

“SHICK is a free program that we offer for all Medicare beneficiaries to help them get information on Medicare, how it works, what other options with Medicare. We can also

*help them with things like appeals and how to solve some problems that we have with Medicare. We can also help people with disabilities, and we also help a lot of people that are low income. People with low income, it's very important that they choose the right plan so that they are paying the lowest cost for their medication. We do keep track of our impacts with the SHICK program. I'm proud to say last year in 2017, we served 89,000. Those contacts included one-on-one counseling sessions with our volunteers as well as answering a statewide hotline. We answer that hotline four days a week. We take calls from all over the state of Kansas and try to help them with their Medicare issues.*

*"I also do Medicare presentations two times a month, I do a new to Medicare presentation out at the extension office as well. This last year, we also saved the community \$1.85 million in savings by having beneficiaries choose the right Medicare prescription drug plan. Today I've brought with me two of my volunteers, and I thought that I would ask them to share a little bit about the SHICK program and what they do. None of what we do out at the extension office would be possible without our valued volunteers. I have about 50 of these folks that help me out on an annual basis. So I'd like to introduce Max Eberhart and Fred Haag to talk a little bit about what they do at the extension office."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Welcome."*

*Mr. Max Eberhart, volunteer, Sedgwick County Extension Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm a retired attorney, and I work with my colleague and also retired attorney Fred Haag. We work as a team. I hear a little bit better than Fred does, and he's better at the computer, and we're both sort of obsessed in getting things correct, so we try to hook up as Batman and Robin here, and we're not sure which is which, but we work together and try to serve the people that we serve with. We've been doing this for about seven years.*

*"We learned about this program because of another organization we're involved in, which is called Life Ventures, formerly called the Eastside Shepherd Center. One of the representatives of SHICK came out to talk to us, and following that talk, they said we're also looking for volunteers if people want to counsel. Well Fred and I talked about this and we confessed to ourselves that we just don't have the skills to build houses and all kinds of stuff like that. If somebody puts a tool in our hands, our relatives usually try to call 911, because somebody is going to get hurt, probably us. So, but we've been had a very lengthy career as attorneys, and we're accustomed to counseling, so we said well this is something we can do. It's also something we can just learn for ourselves. So we've taken extensive training. We actually, to work for free, we have to use the same amount of continuing education we did as we had when we were working as attorneys to get money.*

*"So as Teresa has explained, our job is to acquaint people with Medicare information and to help them make informed choices as to what they do. Under our rules, we cannot tell them what to do. We even have them sign a short document that says they make their own choice; however, we do try to explain to them all the number of options. For example, if in drug plans this year, 23 different plans have been approved for Kansas residents. We have a software program that we go through to take their prescriptions, and we try based on that to find the best plan for them. It's almost impossible to do this without using the software program, because everybody usually has a different prescription pattern and so forth. We try to tell people one of the main things is that in Medicare, everybody is an individual.*

*"We've gone through our whole career, been hooked up with our spouses and our family under Medicare, those rules go away. Everything is an individual. So as I say, we've done this. We see dozens of people every year. My colleague, Fred, is going to give you some real life examples of things that we have done in savings. In closing, I just want to say that we feel we are very fortunate to have Teresa as our boss. We think she is an outstanding professional and a very wonderful director, and she makes our job a lot easier because she makes a lot of things available to us. Now, I'll turn it over to my friend Fred."*

*Mr. Fred Haag, volunteer, Sedgwick County Extension Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I don't know how many of you have been to the Sedgwick County Extension Center at 21st and Ridge. You might go there to Farmer's Market, but you really ought to go there to meet the people that work there and the people that we see that come for counseling, because they are really, really great people. I can assure you that the constituents of Sedgwick County that we see have been hard working citizens. Some are disabled. Of course, we see them now and they're usually over 65. Some are in poor health. Their health can change, of course, from year to year. But we see them and give them good care, and our care is free."*

*"Why did I become a Medicare counselor? Well, because when I retired in about 2007, I got a book like this that says 'Medicare and You'. I could read the darn thing, but I couldn't understand it, you know."*

*"So after about 40 hours of training through Teresa and her predecessor, I now cannot only read the book, but I you can understand it, and I can explain it to others. People come to us when they are first going on Medicare. They're turning 65, they want a Medicare supplement or they want a Medicare prescription drug plan. When we talk about savings, we're talking about changing prescription drug plans for individuals from year to year. If you get on a prescription drug plan and do nothing, your plan will roll over year after year after year. Your costs can go up. The drugs that you take now that may be on the formulary may not be covered the next year necessarily."*

*"Let me give you a couple of examples. Like I said, we provide our services for free to anybody that comes out. Some would say that's probably what we're worth, but we think we give good advice. We know everybody comes to see us, they're always happy. Sometimes they come in, it's like they're going to the dentist, you know, we don't want to be here but our neighbor made us or they drove us. Everybody that comes, I promise, leaves with a smile and a handshake, because they leave and we've given them good advice, the best that we can."*

*"Now, when we talk about savings, we're talking about changing from one drug plan to another drug plan, and there's a limited amount of time that we can do that, October 15 to December 7, and we can review and change your prescription drug plan in that very short amount of time. We saw one lady a year ago in that period of time. She was about 40. She was a registered nurse (RN), and she came in and said, I'm disabled now. I can no longer be a nurse. My only income is social security. She earned about \$1,350 in disability payments. She said, I love my drug plan. I didn't want to come, but I had the appointment so I didn't want to stand you guys up, so here I am. We said, that's great. We ran her information through the Medicare.gov website, which is a great website. Lo and behold, her three medications on this plan that she loved were not going to be on the formulary for next year."*

*"Had she not come in and stayed on that plan, her medications were going to cost her"*

*\$3,000 a month, \$36,000 in a year, when she has a monthly income of \$1,350. Needless to say, she practically burst into tears. What am I going to do? I'm facing bankruptcy, I can't pay my bills. We said, relax, let's look. We've got 23 plans available. We looked through other plans. We found another plan that covered all three of her medications for a cost of \$900 a year. She went from [a] \$36,000 potential costs to \$900 cost. You think she wasn't a happy lady? She was, I promise you. We don't do hugs, but we got fist bumps and handshakes, and she was dancing all the way down the hall, I can promise you that.*

*"Another lady takes one medication for a disabling condition, and that, under her plan last year, cost her \$1,000 a month. She could afford it. It was expensive, but she could afford it. I said, let's look at your plan, let's review it. We found out that one drug under her plan, had she let it roll over, was going to go from \$1,000 to \$10,000 a month. So she was facing \$120,000. We said, don't worry, we'll look for other plans. We found not that same drug but a generic of that drug for \$6,000.*

*"So she went from a potential cost and expense of \$121,000 to \$6,000. She also was a happy lady. Now not everybody we see can we save money for. Some people we say, the best plan that you have right now, your plan, was the best plan this year. It's going to be the best plan next year too. Stay on it. It will just roll over, and you'll be on it. Think what a happy person that is. I've had a good plan this year. I'm going to stay on it, and it's going to be a good plan next year. But we see other people who change plans to save \$89 in one year. Another person went from \$1,454 down to \$1,306, a savings of \$148 per year, but to those two people, that was a lot of money to save because they're on fixed income, social security or retirement. That was a lot of money, and this is a kind of savings that we can help people with.*

*"Now, we talk about pharmacies also. Does it make any difference where you get your medicines? Yes, it does. Let me give you one example. We counseled a couple who is a friend of mine, goes to our church. We've seen them for years. The wife says, I will only go to Pharmacy A, that's all, I love it, I'll never go anywhere else. My husband goes across the street to Pharmacy B, but I'll never, ever go there. We said, okay. Let's run it through the system. So we ran her medications through the system. Her medications at Pharmacy A was no longer going to be covered. That became an out-of-network pharmacy. Her medications at Pharmacy A was going to be \$18,000. If she went across the street where her husband went, it would cost her \$2,500. The husband looked at the wife and said, honey, you may want to change pharmacies, you know.*

*"Now, that doesn't happen all the time, but it happens regularly, because our website, Medicare.gov is a great site. Not only does it compare drug plans, there's 23, but it compares every pharmacy in Sedgwick County. You'd be staggered, surprised the difference in costs, not always, but sometimes, like this example. You might save \$15,000 simply by going from Pharmacy A across the street to Pharmacy B. That's real money, and that's the kind of money, that's the kind of help we can provide the residents of this county that you're helping provide through the work that you do and the money that you give to the extension office.*

*"I enjoy being a counselor or I wouldn't have done it for nine and a half years. I go there every month like Max and I do. We like working for Teresa. We meet good people out there every single day that we're there. They're residents of this county, we provide them good help, and I think they think they get good service. They're great people,*

*they're friendly, they're grateful, they're glad we're there. So if you're over 65, if you're going to retire, if you're disabled, if you need help, if you have family or friends who are in that category, have them come see us, because I promise we'll help them. Thank you very much."*

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

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well first of all, I just want to thank Fred and Max for the great, great job that you do. You know, I think I've mentioned to both of you that I get many e-mails and phone calls, and I think my colleagues do also, from citizens who've taken advantage of your services, and they are truly extremely grateful. So appreciate what you do. Now, both of these two gentlemen are constituents, and more than that, they're friends of mine, so I can brag on them a little bit, but they, you know, they clearly have a training and an expertise that lends themselves to this analysis, but other counselors are not retired attorneys, is that correct?"*

*Mr. Haag said, "True. They come from all walks."*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "Yeah, we've got a lot of retired professionals like volunteering for SHICK, because it is a rewarding and challenging volunteer opportunity. So I've got a WSU (Wichita State University) retired nursing instructors, social workers, business owners. So it is a great volunteer opportunity for anybody that wants a challenge as well as knowing the impact that you make right away."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Do you, are you open for more volunteers?"*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "Oh, of course. We can always use more volunteers."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay."*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "We generally, the volunteers have to go, right now have to go through an online training. They have to go through some in-person training, and then we also connect our volunteers with mentors. So other volunteers mentoring other volunteers to help them get acquainted with how to counsel, how to talk to people, some of the unexpected questions that come up, so we do that year-round, we recruit year-round for that."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "How many citizens do you serve?"*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "Last year, 8,900 we served."*

*Mr. Eberhart said, "Thousand."*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "Hundred, hundred, hundred. Yeah hundred, yeah so like I said, that includes our one-on-one contacts that, like Fred and Max do when they sit down one-on-one with them a Medicare beneficiary, as well as all those calls that come in, presentations that we do. I've been going out to KWCH about monthly, and on their news talk, taking some Medicare questions that come in over the air. So that's another way we can reach Sedgwick County citizens and let them know we're out there for them."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Then you all also take the opportunity, I know Fred and Max have convinced their churches where they worship into providing some little space and a little time so people don't have to go across town..."*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "Right..."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "...if they're east siders."*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "...outreach locations on the east side as well. So we appreciate their hosting SHICK for Medicare open enrollment."*

*Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, it's a great service, and just from my anecdotal comments from citizens, I know how much it's valued in the community. We appreciate your service. Thank you for providing that for our citizens."*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "Well thank you for letting us talk about that today."*

*Mr. Haag said, "Thank you for having us."*

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

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yeah, Fred and Max, I just wanted to reiterate a couple of the points that Commissioner Unruh said, and that is I have received e-mails and phone calls from constituents that have mentioned the different services that you guys offer and really just the variety of things that are offered out at the extension center. It's really life changing. A lot of people don't have the opportunity to meet with an attorney or meet with people that can help with their prescription issues. I know around tax time, you guys have people helping with taxes and other stuff. It's really incredible the services that you do. So it is making an impact on people all across our community, because they make that drive from down south over to Commissioner Dennis's district and come to see you guys, but thank you, because it's truly remarkable that you give of yourselves that way. It's quite the mission work, so on behalf of the citizens in District 2 to take advantage of it, I'm very, very grateful."*

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

*Ms. Hatfield said, "We did also have a volunteer down in Derby during open enrollment."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Makes Commissioner Howell happy."*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "Yeah."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I think I know who that is."*

*Ms. Hatfield said, "You know who that is?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I do. Great guy."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Teresa, Fred and Max, I sincerely appreciate you being here today. I'd like to echo Commissioner Unruh's comments also. We receive an awful lot of communication from our constituents and the citizens. Most of it is that they have*

*needs or concerns, but the nicest communications that we receive are actually about the services that you all provide. I'm always very pleased when I receive those. I forward them to Tim Kaufman and the Manager to make sure that it gets over to you all so that you can recognize how much and how valuable that the services you're providing. A couple of us up here are of an age that we do need your services. We do appreciate that very much, and we appreciate you coming here today and providing an update to us."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Next item."*

**Received and Filed**

**G**     [18-063](#)

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 11, 2018.**

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Welcome Joe."*

*Mr. Joe Thomas, Director of Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of January 11th has two items that we'd like to bring before you."*

1. **TENDER TRUCK – SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1  
FUNDING – SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1**

*"This recommendation is to accept the proposal from Danko Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$370,774.*

2. **BANKING SERVICES – FINANCE  
FUNDING – FINANCE**

*"This recommendation is to accept the proposals from Intrust Bank, N.A. for Banking and Safekeeping Services and The Central Trust Bank dba Central Bank for Purchasing Cards and establish contract pricing at the rates listed for a period of three (3) years with two (2) one (1) year options to renew."*

*Mr. Thomas said, "I'll be happy to try to answer any questions you may have, and I recommend approval of both items."*

**MOTION**

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

*Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Any discussion? Seeing none, I'm sorry. Commissioner Ranzau."*

*Commissioner Ranzau said, "I have some questions just about the, will this affect our credit card fees that we charge? If so, how?"*

*Mr. Thomas said, "This wouldn't, I believe you're referring to the merchant services, which is an upcoming RFP (Request for Proposal), sir. This is just a different one."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Any other questions? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the roll."*

**VOTE**

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

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Next item."*

**Approved**

**CONSENT**

*Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, I recommend you approve consent agenda items Hotel (H) through Kilo (K)."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Unruh moved to approve consent agenda items Hotel (H) through Kilo (K).*

*Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

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



VOTE

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

- H      [17-894](#)      Agreement with Butler County Department on Aging (BCDoA) to provide case management services to Butler County residents for the Older Americans Act (OAA), In-Home Services Program FY 2018.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- I      [18-030](#)      Order dated 12/26/2017 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- J      [18-041](#)      General Bill Check Register for January 10, 2018 - January 16, 2018.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- K      [18-042](#)      Payroll Check Register for the January 6, 2018 payroll certification.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Chairman Dennis said, "Legislative issues', do we have anything today?"*

*Mr. Yost said, "No."*

**OTHER**

*Chairman Dennis said, "We have nothing there. 'Other', Commissioners. Seeing nothing for 'other', we have no executive session scheduled for today. With that, oh, Commissioner O'Donnell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Actually, I just wanted to say something. I didn't mention it last week, but both Commissioner Howell and I went to the Wichita City Council swearing-in last week, and we also got an honor to leaving Councilmembers [Lavonta] Williams and [Janet] Miller, and I just wanted to take a moment to publicly thank both Ms. Lavonta Williams and Ms. Janet Miller for ten years for Lavonta and eight years for Janet of dedicated service to our community. Janet and I, we have overlapping people that we represent, and they both are former colleagues of mine, friends of mine that did a whole lot of good for our community, and so it was great to see their accomplishments highlighted and a celebration afterward. Then I also wanted to welcome both Councilmember Cindy Claycomb and Councilmember Brandon Johnson and wish them luck."*

*"Then in Haysville, Mike Kanaga got off of the Haysville City Council after 11 years last week, so I wanted to publicly thank him as well for his service to the city of Haysville. But in reference to Councilmembers Lavonta Williams and Janet Miller, they did a lot of good over there 10 years, and we're a better community because of it, so I just wanted to take a moment to thank them publicly Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Commissioner O'Donnell. I'd like to echo your comments about their service. One other organization that had a large change in leadership was USD 259 (Unified School District) Board."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "We have a brand new board, a group to work with there. One of the things with USD 259, last night I had the opportunity to go over and serve on a board, select some seventh graders for Honor Cadet for this past year. I've done this several times in the past. It's always an honor to go over and see those young individuals and how sharp they are. I know we've had them here at our board meetings before, and they're truly outstanding, and it's an honor for me to actually be able to go over and do that. Anyone else have anything?"*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.*