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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 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 9:07 a.m. on February 14, 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. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk; Ms. Adrienne Byrne, Health Director, Sedgwick County Division of Health; Ms. Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Brent Shelton, Economic Development and Tax Systems Director, Division of Finance; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Lynda Baker, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. George Theoharis, 2115 S. Chautaqua, Wichita

Mr. James Roberts, appointee

Mr. AJ Boleski, SMG,INTRUST Bank Arena General Manager

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Beckler, Central Community Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item."

PUBLIC AGENDA

Chairman Dennis said, "We have one speaker signed up this morning, Mr. George Theoharis. I want to welcome you to the meeting today. Please approach the podium, and you have three minutes."

Mr. George Theoharis, 2115 S. Chautaqua greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, and Happy Valentine's Day to all. I'm going to talk to you guys. It's probably a City matter, but they make you wait two weeks over there, and you guys let us come right in, so but I've heard it come over here too, so I want to talk about that. I think everyone needs to know that no one is going to forget Andrew Finch. I mean, that's been a deal that we don't want to forget and of course we don't want to forget. I know a couple of the officers that are in Professional Standards [Bureau] over there, and they're going to be very transparent on this as they are on all items over there. "They just fired a police officer over there over that shooting incident with the little girl, and mind you the dog was not licensed there, but that doesn't mean anything, but they

will fire their own. So I think they're going to do the right thing. I think we need to just let the process play out. I just went and talked with the District Attorney (DA), or tried to, and they won't tip their hand. If we knew that those two months, a month, three weeks that they were going to come to some kind of resolve, maybe we could slow things down and let people, just let the process do what the process does. But I'm kind of concerned that we're worried about the officer and to what end do we need to know his name? I don't know that that, I mean I actually wanted to know his name, and my fiancé said, well, what do you want to know for? Well I just wanted to know if I knew the officer, because I know several officers. Mine was inquisitive, but to know his name doesn't help the situation.

"I think it's going to, they're going to do a great job figuring this out, and I think we just need to be patient. Like I said, it's going to be so transparent. This whole deal started with the Ohio guy. The Ohio guy called the California guy then called the police. The Ohio guy is the one that started this, and I think he's the most culpable, but I haven't really heard much about him, and I heard he used to live in that house that Andrew Finch was living at. That's where he got that address from. So if someone wants to go and pick at someone, they ought to be going to Ohio and pick at that 18-year-old. But I just want everyone to just be calm, be peaceful and let's just let the process play out, and trust me, our city officials are going to do the right thing, and the DA (District Attorney) is going to do the right thing. Just be patient.

"Then on an unrelated matter, I'm on the [Sedgwick County] Animal [Advisory] Board, and I'm actually the Vice Chair, and I don't have a dog or a cat. I have a bird, and he doesn't like dogs or cats or me, for that matter. But right now we have a Dangerous Dog [Level 1], we have a Dangerous Dog [Level 2], and then we have euthanization in the county and there's nothing else. But we have had zero on euthanized and zero that have been deemed dangerous, so nothing and nothing. So I'm going to be introducing a Potentially Dangerous [Dog] like the City did, so I hope that you guys can get behind that so we've got something, because there are some bad dogs, actually probably bad owners with those dogs, but we need to do something about that, so thank you for your time."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I appreciate your time today. Okay, does anyone else in the audience wish to speak this morning? Mr. Theoharis was the only one that was signed up. Does anyone else wish to speak today? If not, Madam Clerk, next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2018. All Commissioners were present.

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the special meeting minutes of January 23, 2018.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item." Approved

APPOINTMENTS

B 18-149

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES ROBERTS (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE EAGLE TOWNSHIP IN THE TRUSTEE'S POSITION AS RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have a couple of appointments this morning. Item B is a resolution appointing Mr. James Roberts to the Trustee's Position in Eagle Township to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Randall Wells. The Eagle Township, of course, is in Chairman Dennis' district, and Chairman Dennis is recommending that Mr. Roberts be appointed. That term would expire on January 10 of 2021. I'm told that he is expected to be here this morning, and I would urge adoption of this resolution."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Yost. It's my pleasure to nominate Mr. James Roberts to fill the uncompleted term on the Eagle Township board that is in my district."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis

Aye

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Roberts, welcome."

Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk, thanked the Commissioners and said, "Please raise your right hand. I do solemnly swear that I'll support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Sedgwick County Eagle Township Trustee, so help me God."

Mr. James Roberts, appointee, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulation."

Mr. Roberts said, "Thank you."

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

Mr. Roberts said, "Just say good morning, and I've lived in that area my entire life. My folks lived in that area my entire life, so anyway, we'll see what we can do and see what we can help out. Thanks."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much. Good luck. Next item." Adopted

C 18-158

RESOLUTION APPOINTING GEORGE DEAN (COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Yost said, "Item C is a resolution appointing former Representative George Dean to the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging to fill the unexpired term of a former Representative Mario Goico. Chairman Dennis is recommending that Mr. Dean be appointed to this for a term that would expire July 14, 2019. The paperwork says that he's expected to be here, but I haven't spotted George, maybe he's here, but I would urge adoption of the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item." Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

D 18-102

AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL PLAINS REGIONAL HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP (CPRHCP), SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WICHITA TO PARTNER WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DIVISION OF HEALTH UNDER THE PROJECT ACCESS PROGRAM.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Ms. Adrienne Byrne, Health Director, Sedgwick County Division of Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning I'm here with the agreement with Central Plains Regional Health Care Partnership (CPRHCP), Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Wichita to partner with Sedgwick County Division of Health under the Project Access Program. I did neglect to say that we do have the Executive Director, Phillip Brownlee, in the audience today as well as the Director of Project Access, Shelley Duncan. So Project Access is a partnership program that facilitates access to medical care including needed prescription medications and medical equipment for uninsured low income residents of Sedgwick County, those who fall below 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. "Project Access was created in 1999 and operates within the Central Plains Regional Health Care Partnership and private organizations that identify individuals who may qualify for assistance. Additionally, many local physicians and hospitals have volunteered their time and facilities, and several pharmacies have offered prescriptions at a reduced cost to assist in serving these individuals. Funding for the 2018 project comes from a variety of sources including the City of Wichita, and their donation is \$200,000, Sedgwick County \$200,000 and United Way at \$217,851 as well as private contributions and fundraisers, and they raised [\$]215,000 last year. The [\$]200,000 allocation in 2018 will be used to fund portions of numerous salary positions as well as pay for prescription and durable medical equipment.

"The contribution from Sedgwick County will supplement Central Plains Regional Health Care Partnership for the underserved residents of Sedgwick County that they can have access to medications and supplies and lessen the burden from chronic illnesses. Now I have some numbers in 2017 as far as what they provided to the community. Project Access served 939 patients in 2017, donated hospital care valued at over \$6,470,000 so far. It's not the total tally of claims haven't come in yet. Donated physician care was valued at over \$1,818,000. Again, thus far there's still claims coming in. They provided [\$]377,545 in purchased and donated medications as well as purchased [\$]22,465 in medical equipment for patients with county and city funding. Health outcome surveys demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in patient reported health status.

"Project Access continues to manage the donated Coalition Test Project, coordinating 3,500 donated diagnostic tests for community clinic patients and not requiring enrollment in Project Access. More than 3,400 diagnostic tests were distributed to clinic patients, and approximately 2,800 tests were utilized. MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) and CT (computerized tomography) scans remain in highest demand with a utilization rate of 98 percent. Other tests that were used at 90 percent or higher rate include sonograms and laboratory tests. I recommend that you authorize this agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Adrienne. Do I have any questions from the bench? Seeing none, thank you very much. Is anyone in the audience..."

Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "Mr. Chairman, if you're ready for a motion..."

Chairman Dennis said, "I'm sorry."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "We have a motion and second. Before we get into that, does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this item? Seeing no one, we have a motion and a second. Discussion. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "I appreciate the information you gave to us there. I appreciate Shelley for being here. I will say that in our budget we approved \$175,000 for Project Access, not [\$]200,000, so I'll be supportive of [\$]175,000. I've spoken with Shelley about a variety of issues with respect to this."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve the agreement but keep the funding of Project Access at \$175,000 as originally budgeted.

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I don't know if you want to wait for a second."

Chairman Dennis said, "Let's find out if we've got a second for that first before you speak. We have a motion by Commissioner Ranzau to maintain the \$175,000, a substitute motion. Do I have a second? Do I have a second? Do I have a second? Motion fails for lack of second. Commissioner Unruh."

Motion failed due to lack of second.

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to bring to light the fact that we discussed this, I believe, in staff meeting last November, and there was a consensus that we wanted to approve funding at the \$200,000 level rather than what was approved in our budget process. The reason for that is that brings us up to what has been more of our historical level, and it also matches the city's contribution to what is really a very important and beneficial service in our community. I think this is, with the numbers that you gave to us of donated hospital and physician care, it's clearly a good investment on the part of our money, so I will be very supportive of the motion, and I just want to thank the Executive Director and Shelley, the folks that run that agency, for their outstanding service to our citizens."

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

Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "I just wanted to echo the previous comments. I think looking back, I think it was maybe late last year we already approved [\$]175,000. I think we did vote on that. Can someone please remind me of that action item?"

Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We voted on it August 9th (inaudible) budget adoption for [\$]175,000."

Commissioner Howell said, "Alright, very good. So again, I'm very supportive of the [\$]175 (thousand). I'm also supportive of the [\$]200,000. I think that just adding up those numbers that were given to me by Adrienne just a moment ago, just under \$9 million the way I see it. I remember 2015 when we deliberated the 2016 budget. There was community that came out and showed tremendous support for Project Access. I remember that we very well. We had supported it in 2015 at [\$]200,000, because we did add [\$]25,000 I think that year as well. I remember that as well. I think I actually led that issue. So again, I think that our budget is doing well enough at this point that [\$]200,000 is something I can certainly support this year, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to do so today. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "I just wanted to publicly thank Shelley for everything that you guys do over at Project Access. I've been a huge fan since I was on the [Wichita] City Council, when Dr. [Jon] Rosell was the Executive Director of the Sedgwick County Medical Society (MSSC). They do so much good. It's an incredible return on investment and it's just an incredible resource for our community. When I was Chair of the health committee in Topeka, and we talked about this, I said if every community in America had something like the Sedgwick County Medical Society and Project Access, Obamacare and a lot of expansion of government health care would not have been necessary, so I think it's great as the Board of Health that we're able to wrap our arms around this and bring it back to the former funding level, so thank you all. Thank you, Adrienne."

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well unfortunately, this puts me in a very difficult position, but I'm going to have to share additional reasons why I'm not going to support this today. First of all, to say \$200,000 was our historical norm would not be accurate. The last eight years, the funding has been [\$]187,000, [\$]250,000, [\$]232,000,

[\$]208,000, [\$]208,000, [\$]200,000, [\$]175,000, [\$]175,000, so only once in the last eight years has it actually been [\$]200,000. So there really is no historical norm because it's fluctuated up and down and the vast majority of the years it's been a little bit less than the City of Wichita. But how we get here matters to me and why, how this was initiated matters to me.

"I've been speaking up about a variety of things in the past. It's difficult and uncomfortable, especially on issues like this, which this isn't about the issue itself, which is very compelling. Just yesterday, I had two local elected officials and two citizens, I went to a meeting, I had two elected officials tell me the same thing and the two citizens at a basketball game thanking me for my efforts to fight about, in fighting for what's right. So, and I said some of these things in the meeting in November, but this was initiated I think when Shelley came around just to talk about and thank us for the support. This was initiated by Commissioner O'Donnell. He suggested to increase it \$25,000. I heard a rumor that it was because he wanted to make the mayor happy and spread goodwill to the City of Wichita. So I asked him about it. He confirmed, yes, I want to have good relationships, and this is the way to do it. I'm sorry, but as good of a program as this is, and it is, I've actually worked with a physician and we've participated in this program at times. By getting more this way so a Commissioner can basically influence peddle is wrong. It is not appropriate.

"I would actually encourage Project Access to consider taking \$175,000 and then going to the public and ask and say hey we need another \$25,000. I think you would find lots of people that say that's the right way to get it and we'll support you. In fact, if you do that I'll commit \$100 of my own money to it because why we do things and how things are initiated matters to me. Now I have some, I think they're in the minority, but there are some people who say listen, this is not good for you politically. You should not do this and da da da da, but I think it's the right thing to do. I'll lose an election before I lose my soul, and I mean that. I care about this community, I care about the tax payers, and I care about what's right and wrong. That's why I do what I do, and I will continue to the very last breath I have, till the very last moment I serve here on this Commission. So regrettably I'll have to not vote, I'll vote against this, but I want you to understand my position. I fully support \$175,000 and I thank you both for coming here today. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I'm going to support the motion. I want to use Commissioner Ranzau's words that it is compelling what we're doing, the return on investment is great. If we look back historically, we were, as Commissioner Ranzau stated, we were much higher than the \$200,000 in the past. We were at [\$]250,000, [\$]232,000, [\$]208,000, [\$]208,000. It wasn't until 2016 that the cuts started being made. Though I think at this point it is time for us to restore those cuts that were made in 2016. We did discuss this in November, I think it was November 21st at an open meeting. We've been discussing it for some time. The impact on our community by having the doctors being able to contribute their time, their talents to help the folks that would end up either not having health care or would be relying on the county in other ways is also compelling, so I will be voting in favor of this. Is there further discussion? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well I'm going to be supportive of this also. I think the agency does a great job in our community. Our citizens who have hit the wall in terms of access need this service in order to get medical attention, sometimes in extreme and emergency situations. There may be other ways of accomplishing this same goal, but I think that this agency has proven itself in their ability to provide services for a lot of people.

They have the buy-in from the medical community itself and from the hospitals to provide support. My vote has nothing to do with anyone else's conversation. I think that is just a superfluous comment.

I'm not doing this because someone else suggested it. I'm doing it because it's the right thing to do for our citizens. So I'm supportive, and I'm very thankful that I think our Commission will show its support. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to clarify for the public a couple of other points about the funding for Project Access. It used to get [\$]100,000 a year from CoBank. It ended in 2014. They received a one-time gift for [\$]50,000 from the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF), but they have not received anything since then, also in 2014. But in 2015 through '17, there was some money from the United Methodist Health Ministries, went from [\$]30 (thousand), down to [\$]20 (thousand), then down to [\$]10 (thousand), so reducing funds, and it looks like this year no money is planned from United Methodist Health Ministries. So there seems there's reductions in funding from other organizations.

"At the same time their fundraising started in 2012, went from [\$]30,000 and it's increased every year, and in 2018 they're planning \$215,000 of private sector funding. So I guess there is a trend that's happening in terms of going after the public and trying to get more support. So I wanted to make sure that that was known by the public. Second of all, we did match the City in 2015. We matched the City in 2016. We were lower than the City by [\$]25,000 last year. I think, I don't know exactly how that happened, but nevertheless, we were [\$]25,000 last year less than the City but in '15 and '16, we were equal with the City. So I want to make sure the public is aware of our financial history there. So thank you so much, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I'm not as interested in whether or not we're matching the City. I'm interested in making sure that we do what's right. Any further comments? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

Ms. Byrne said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Approved

E 18-140

QUARTERLY INTRUST BANK ARENA REPORT.

Presented by: Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer and AJ Boleski of SMG, INTRUST Bank Arena General Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning. Lindsay."

Ms. Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I think you should have handouts coming to you shortly with the presentation itself. I'll go ahead and jump into it while your handouts get passed out. We are here to give you an update this morning on INTRUST Bank Arena's performance through the final quarter of 2017. With us today is AJ Boleski, the General Manager for the arena from SMG. Of course, thanks to him and his team, I'll be delighted to share how well the arena did last year later in the report today, and I want to thank him and his staff for all of their hard work in making the arena a success. As a reminder, today's report focuses primarily on the operations of the facility itself along with an update on the reserve fund.

"The county's quarterly financial report was presented last week and that presents information on the county's facility and its financial activities on our books in a slightly different way, and so if folks are interested in that, that report is available out on the county finance website. Now we'll jump into the report, and I want to thank Michelline Stokes from the County Manager's office for her work in preparing this for us today. So as with past reports, we'll walk through just a quick reminder of what the agreement is, a status update for part of that agreement that we have with the City of Wichita. We'll talk about the arena sales tax reserves, including its authorized uses and where it stands now at the end of 2017, and then AJ will come and talk with you about some of the exciting things we have to look forward to.

"So again, SMG was hired in 2007 as the building operator to oversee the business and management aspects of the arena. They will promote, operate and manage the facility to ensure provision of high quality management services, enhancing the use and enjoyment of the arena, and of course, under a unique arrangement between county, a public entity and SMG, the private entity, SMG actually would absorb a loss if we had any, and of course, there are some profit splitting measures within that contract, and we'll talk about those later on in the report and how that fares for the county this year.

So in terms of the information you'll see throughout the report now, we'll talk about ticket sales and how those compare year-over-year, community affairs and then a financial summary.

"So jumping right into it then, this slide shows 2017 performance versus 2016 performance in terms of ticket sales. You can see that in 2017 there were a total of 94 performances with total attendance of 338,190 folks and tickets sold of 300,280. Each of these categories is slightly less than 2016 when we had 100 performances, 371,280 in attendance and tickets sold of 319,498. But when we look at gross ticket sales, you'll see that actually it was a considerable increase in 2017 over 2016 with receipts of about [\$]11.99 million versus [\$]9.84 million last year or an increase of about 2.15 [percent]. That does factor into then the average cost per ticket sold. "That also is higher in 2017 than in 2016 at \$39.92 versus \$30.80 last year. So then

looking at a slightly different section of data, we'll look at community affairs. You can see that there were fewer community groups volunteering in concession stands. Again, you have fewer performances, it does correspond to fewer folks being able to volunteer and man those concession stands. As such, there was a lesser amount paid out to those groups. Spending with Sedgwick County and Kansas companies actually was pretty level. It's a slight decrease, spread at about [\$]3.9 million for both years. Sales tax paid did go up from about [\$]1.1 million to about [\$]1.3 million. There was one more

arena presentation and tour at 18 total in 2017, and the number of local events and activities did go down.

"So this next slide I don't necessarily want to belabor. It goes into all of the details about the different types of income categories that the arena has that we'll talk about over the next few slides, so I just maybe ask that you flag slide number six to come back to refer to it down the road. I would point out, though, net building income is going to be kind of our hot point of discussion later on. That is when we take everything into account, kind of how do we fair at the end of the day, what's our bottom line? So I would point that out, that definition out as a key for when we move on into the presentation. So for the fourth quarter only, so October, November, December of 2017, the arena had 25 performances, though there were 27 events. Typically you'll see that number is kind of flipped. We'll have more performances of a particular event.

"The reason is that other category that you see there, they are not performances, and so we simply don't count those. You can see again those events themselves generated about [\$]1.1 million for direct income. There is other operating income that comes from things like select-a-seat of just more than [\$]500,000 for total gross building income of \$1,656,221. When we take into account those indirect expenses that are listed at the bottom of the slide, that leaves the fourth quarter alone to have net building income, again kind of that bottom line figure of \$301,231 for 2017. So then let's look at 2017 as a whole, and again, we're going to talk about this bottom line number. There were 94 performances, we've already talked about that. The total event income then was [\$]4.1 million, applying all of the other categories that you can see listed here, at the end of the day, net building income was \$1,000,829.

"This is where it gets fun, because now we know what the county, what kind of the bottom line was for the arena. Under the contract we have with SMG, SMG is entitled to the first \$400,000 of this figure. That leaves another \$600,829 that we split with them. So what that means is that the county will receive a check for \$300,414 to deposit back into the sales tax reserve as a part of the overall performance of the arena in 2017. So that is certainly good news, just as a reminder, last year, that figure was \$140,135. So certainly an increase that's welcome and shows what a great year this really was for the arena. So moving on through the rest of the slides, we'll take a look at comparing 2017 data with 2016 data. So again, there were 94 performances in 2017 versus 100 in 2016. You can see the number of events. Overall, net event income in 2017 versus 2016 was greater by \$386,336. So these next few slides actually show us this type of information but in a slightly more broken down fashion. So other operating income also increased in 2017 over 2016 by about \$81,000. Total gross building income increased by \$468,000.

"Taking into account indirect expenses, again, those items that are not necessarily tied directly to an event itself, we had an increase of about \$147,000 over 2016. So in 2016, costs were [\$]4.79 [million]. In 2017, they were [\$]4.94 million. Again, the bottom line figure then, net building income, did increase in 2017 over 2016 by \$320,561. So net building income in '16 was [\$]680,268. Again in 2017, it's \$1,000,829.

"So shifting gears a little then, looking at the status of the arena sales tax reserves. Again, this is the fund that was created after the one cent sales tax which funded the construction of the arena, and so anything that was left over was put in there and throughout the years as we received checks like these for operating income, it goes back into the sales tax reserve. We can then use that on a number of items, including major repairs and equipment and, of course in 2017, we saw the arena entrance C remodel, which costs as of the end of the year \$1,789,646. We also can use that fund

to pay up to \$225,000 annually to the City of Wichita for parking lots, which we have not had to use, and then parking operations and maintenance of Second and St. Francis parking lot if we needed to do work there.

"So this slide shows then where we stand now with the arena sales tax reserves at the end of 2017. At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the funds stood at \$10,453,944. That balance is now at just less than [\$]10 million. You can see the revenues that came in in the fourth quarter, and you can also see a categorization of the expenses that occurred in the fourth quarter here. The next few slides actually go into much greater detail and show you what those actual expenses were. Certainly we're happy to talk about any of those if you have questions, but most of those do relate to CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) projects, including the entrance C remodel, so LED (light emitting diode) lighting and other things at the arena.

"So in terms of comparing information for 2017 versus 2016, at the end of 2016, the balance in the O & M (operation & maintenance) reserve funds stood at \$12.5 million roughly. Again, that balance now stands at slightly less than [\$]10 million, and again about [\$]1.8 million of that total cost was because of the entrance C remodel, which was certainly a much larger project than we typically see in a normal year. With that, I'm happy to stand for questions. Otherwise, I will turn it over to AJ for the second portion of the event, and we can answer questions after that, if you'd prefer."

Chairman Dennis said, "Do we have questions from the Commissioners? I have one quick question. We did repair on two broken windows. Do we have any insurance on that building?"

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "There is insurance, but for those costs, because of the nature of the contract in the agreement, that would be something that we pay for out of the reserve fund."

Chairman Dennis said, "We can't claim insurance? Weren't those shot out?"

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "We would have a deductible of, I believe, at least \$100,000, and I'll confirm that. We wouldn't want to invoke insurance at that point."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay. Any other questions? Seeing none, thank you. AJ, welcome."

Mr. AJ Boleski, SMG,INTRUST Bank Arena General Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just wanted to give some highlights and thank you to Lindsay for that great presentation. Highlights on our community involvement, you'll see those there, a lot of ticket donations. We do some annual events in the fall that we're really proud of, United Way campaign, we had a record participation and a record amount donated from our portion of the United Way campaign. We also were involved, we spent a day at the Kansas Food Bank and also we love doing the Salvation Army angel tree. It's kind of become a tradition within our staff, so we do those every year around Christmastime. Those are some of the community involvement events that we had.

"Upcoming events that we have, we are, obviously there's a few big ones on the near horizon. It seems like we've been talking about it for a few years now. The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) tournament, we are now closing in on a month away, and we are super excited for this event. A lot of time and effort has been

spent. We want to thank the Commission and Sedgwick County for all of the support in getting several projects done last year. Lindsay referenced several of those. Obviously the NCAA was a catalyst, but everybody that comes to our building and every event that we host is going to benefit from those improvements, so we're very happy to have those in place. Really kind of diving into the details at this point, being about a month out on the tournament. A lot of planning going into that, a lot of planning, I think, from the community and the city as a whole. I think it should probably be just a big giant party in downtown Wichita that weekend is what it sounds like. There's a lot of events going on. It's going to be a great time, great time to showcase our community that week for sure, so we're looking forward to it.

"Then we also have Pink coming up, a major pop show for us, and something that we haven't had a lot of in the past, so we're excited to have her coming to town. That will be March 3rd. It's pretty much a sold out show at this point. Hopefully it will lead to another one down the road. We've seen it in the past. We've had events, you know, Fleetwood Mac and The Eagles that have led to other events like Neil Diamond and Paul McCartney that we had last year. So hopefully we'll see the same thing with this successful show here, and it will lead to more similar large name events. We also recently just announced James Taylor and Bonnie Raitt coming up in May, we're excited about that one, and then Journey and Def Leppard in July. So those are a few of the upcoming events. That's pretty much the report that I had for you today."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, AJ. Do we have any questions from the Commissioners? I look forward to James Taylor. I have tickets for that."

Mr. Boleski said, "That'll be a good one. I don't think Bonnie Raitt has ever been in Wichita before."

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Unruh has a question."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well AJ, it's another good report, and I appreciate once again the way that SMG and your team manages our arena. I think it's proven out to be what we wanted it to be as a great entertainment and event facility in our community that gives people lots of options and I think, I'm really proud of the fact the way that you involve the community in community events and the way that you're generous with tickets. So it's not just an exclusive use of the facility. So that's, I'm proud to see that you're managing it that way. Also once again, I'm really happy to see the numbers of the way of local businesses that you use to supply goods and services and the amount of sales tax you generate, so it turns out to be a really plus for the community, and just once again, commend you all and your team for a great job."

Mr. Boleski said, "We appreciate it very much. I think we mentioned it, but it ended up being the third best year we've ever had from a financial standpoint, so behind the grand opening year and then our fifth anniversary year, this was the third best one, so kudos to our entire team, lots of hours spent across the past year, and not only did we do it, but we did it during a year when one entrance was closed for seven months. So we appreciate our staff, all the effort, hours they put in and also the community for supporting the events and coming out and selling out Paul McCartney and several of other big events last year, so thanks for the compliments."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Good job. I think the entire community appreciates what you all do."

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to ask, we've done a lot of, we've had a lot of discussion about the NCAA, and we've done a lot of things to get ready for that. Can you give us a status if there is anything that's still outstanding that needs to be done to get the facilities ready for the NCAA coming up?"

Mr. Boleski said, "Yeah at this point it's a lot of details. We completed entrance C, which Lindsay talked about which is going to allow, you know we were able to test it out back in December during the Wichita State [University] (WSU) and Oklahoma [University] (OU) during that game and made some additional tweaks so we will be able to maximize the number of people coming back and forth through Old Town. We've completed, part of that project was we put bollards around that plaza to kind of protect the folks lining up. We've also completed bollards around the entire facility at this point. So again, thank you to the county for your support and being able to complete those projects.

"We've converted all of our exterior lighting into LED now, so it's a much brighter facility around outside. At this point, a lot of details inside the building, so we'll finish up.

"We're adding some drink rails on the concourses and we're adding some phone charging stations, those kind of things that are important when you're talking about hosting 15,000 people throughout an entire day, which is going to be the case on March 15th. So a lot of that going on, and then we'll really dive into the details of what the tournament needs as far as set-ups and phone lines and power and that kind of thing, but we've got the infrastructure. It's all in place now. Now it's just a matter of setting it up and really diving into those details."

Commissioner Howell said, "Just for a reminder for entrance C, can you kind of indicate, how did that final project cost come in compared to our initial estimates? We kind of talked about some numbers, but how did we come out at the end of the..."

Mr. Boleski said, "Yes so we had originally had it estimated at about [\$]2.1 million for that project. I think Lindsay said we ended up coming in at [\$]1.789 [million]. So we came in less than what we originally thought, which was great, and we were able to do a couple of additional things in the process of that project as well."

Commissioner Howell said, "That's fantastic. Can you talk about, we invested in some of the wireless technology for the visitors to be able to get access."

Mr. Boleski said, "So we launched, we worked with Cox Communications, a founding partner, and one of the partners of the building and also Hospitality Networks [LLC], which is a division of Cox. They did an arena out in Las Vegas last year, the T-Mobile arena, so we felt like they were a great selection for this project. We installed it back in October, we've been monitoring it ever since. We've seen it kind of depends on the demographics of the event. Thomas Rhett was our first show, much younger demographic, a lot more use on the Wi-Fi (wireless fidelity) than some of the other shows like Trans-Siberian Orchestra. So we also were able to monitor it during the Wichita State-OU (University of Oklahoma) game, which was a great example of what we're going to see during the NCAA, so we've been able to tweak it, make it better, we actually have a couple of meetings coming up this week just to continue to monitor that process. But so far, it's been really good."

Commissioner Howell said, "I also want to say thank you to your great service to our community, and I liked the report that Lindsay gave, and seeing a bigger check to the county is very exciting, so thank you for all you've done to manage this arena. I think you did a tremendous job and appreciate the great report this morning."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to receive and file.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "Well again AJ, thank you very much for operating the arena for us. We certainly look forward to the tournament coming up in March. I'm certain we're ready for it."

Mr. Boleski said, "You're very welcome. Thank you for the opportunity. We appreciate it. thanks."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Received and Filed

F 18-073

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO BUILD OR REPAIR EXISTING BRIDGES IN THE COUNTY UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF K.S.A. 68-1103; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY LAW (2018 BRIDGE PROJECTS).

Presented by: Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "The item before you now is a resolution pertaining to the funding of four bridge projects included in the 2018 Capital Improvement Program you approved as part of your 2018 adopted budget last August. Those bridges include a bridge on 53rd Street North between 231st Street West and 247th Street West to be funded with \$700,000 of bond proceeds, a bridge on 295th Street West between 45th Street North and 53rd Street North, which is to be funded with \$550,000 of bond

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proceeds, a bridge on Pawnee between 127th Street East and 143rd Street East to be funded with bond proceeds of \$800,000, and finally another bridge on Pawnee between 143rd Street East and 159th Street East to be funded with bond proceeds of [\$]800,000. The total amount of bonds to issue these projects, or to be issued for these projects is \$2,850,000. When we add transaction costs to that, you would be, what you would be authorizing with the resolution is \$2,945,000.

"This resolution authorizes the county's right to fund these projects with cash and then to reimburse ourselves down the road for those expenses from the proceeds of that bond sale, which we would expect to occur later this year. Again, those projects were in the adopted CIP for 2018, and so repayment of the bonds has been contemplated in every version of the forecast you've seen since the County Manager presented his recommended budget to you last July. We do anticipate that the bonds will require an estimated average annual debt service of about \$195,000 over 20 years. The resolution doesn't require a protest period.

"The bonds are simply authorized as general obligation issues of Sedgwick County. As you know, we do have a debt policy that sets out five ratios, and when taken together those benchmarks established what is essentially our debt capacity or debt limit. We just talked about bonding a month ago, nothing has changed. This was factored into those figures that you saw then. Again, we plan to be under four of the five benchmarks.

"The fifth one is the measure that essentially takes debt for all taxing entities in Sedgwick County and puts that on a per member of the population basis or per-capita. That limit in or policy is \$3,000. Right now, we're projecting that that will actually be closer to \$3,800. Again, the driving force behind that is not necessarily Sedgwick County debt. That measure does reflect all debt for cities, school districts, townships, every taxing entity you can think of in this county goes into that factor. We are well below the ratio that sets Sedgwick County's per-capita amount, and so really it's driven by those other communities.

"So we believe that that puts us well within tolerances that are expectable for a community of our size. If you have any questions about any of this, I'm happy to answer it. Joe Norton of our, from Gilmore and Bell, who is the county's bond council is also here, and I'd be happy to rope him into anything to help answer any technical questions if you might have any. With that, I'm happy to stand for questions or I recommend you authorize the resolution if there are none."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Bottom line with what you just told us is that this is in our CIP. We've already approved the CIP back in August. It is within our debt limit that policy that we've created. It doesn't require us to raise our mill levy anything, any additional tax on any of the citizens in Sedgwick County."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "That's an accurate summary sir, yes."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well Lindsay, I appreciate your presentation and the analysis of what we're doing and why we're doing it. I have a question maybe for our County Engineer, Mr. [David] Spears. The projects that were selected here, they go through a very detailed prioritization process. Why are these bridges chosen rather than others?"

Mr. David Spears, Assistant County Manager of Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Project Services and County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We inspect all of our bridges every two years. We have 600 bridges, and we inspect them. They are given a sufficiency rating. We follow a computer program that is dictated to us by KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation). It's used throughout the state, and so we go by sufficiency rating. Any bridge under sufficiency rating of 50 should be replaced, and these are at the top of the list. We have several, I think we have actually about 40 bridges that are below sufficiency rating 50 that we need to do. Of course we can't do them at all at once, so we do a few per year. But yes, these are high priority."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Alright thank you, I appreciate it. You know, that's what we're doing and why we're doing it and how we are doing it. I'm satisfied. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Any other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "Do you have something from the public to say?"

Mr. Theoharis said, "Yes, can I?"

Chairman Dennis said, "We don't usually have public comment during this time, but I don't have a problem with you speaking."

Mr. Theoharis said, "I am actually on the bicycle and pedestrian advisory board, and I actually do have a bicycle and I ride it, not as much because my fiancé thinks it's a demolition derby when we go out. But anyhow, what I wanted to ask you, I've talked with two of you Commissioners. When you guys are doing a bridge, and it's either in Wichita or maybe something Wichita is going to annex, could you please get, not bike lanes, but at least lanes so you can walk across the bridge, because sometimes you will have a bridge that goes to nowhere, be a sidewalk going up to it, but then, and it's much more expensive to put a sidewalk on the bridge after you've already put the bridge in with no sidewalk. So could you please look into that and think about that when you guys are doing bridges in and around Wichita or something that may be annexed. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Theoharis."

Mr. Spears said, "I can address that. We look at that on each bridge that we do, like a lot of times they're near one of the small 20 cities, they're not all small, but like Colwich out on 53rd, we put pedestrian lanes on it, and you are correct, it's easier to do it up front than it is later, and also you have to realize a bridge will last probably 50 years, so you have to anticipate what development might be and that sort of thing, so we are very cognizant of that, and we check with people. Now if it's way out in the southwest corner of the county, no, we don't put sidewalks on it, but around the more urban area, we do."

Mr. Theoharis said, "Okay."

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Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Spears. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well my friend Mr. Theoharis used the phrase, a bridge to nowhere. We don't do bridges to nowhere. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Dennis said, "We're not in Alaska. Thank you. Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Adopted

G 18-139

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING INDUSTRIAL BONDS FOR PROJECT ADDITIONS FOR TEXTRON AVIATION, INC.

Presented by: Brent Shelton, Economic Development & Tax Systems Director, Division of Finance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Take action as the Commission deems necessary.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Brent Shelton, Economic Development and Tax Systems Director, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item is a result of an action that was taken yesterday at the [Wichita] City Council, where Wichita City Council approved by unanimous vote, a letter of intent to issue tax exempt industrial revenue bonds (IRB) on behalf of Textron Aviation [Inc]. You are considering that request today. I would also let you know that in the audience we have a couple of representatives from Textron, Blake Meyen, who is the Vice President and general counsel of Textron Aviation and Stephanie Harder, the director of employee and community engagement.

"Textron Aviation was created in 2014 when Textron Inc., who was the at that time the parent company of Cessna, acquired Hawker and Beechcraft, and they formed Textron Aviation to consolidate and to integrate those production and maintenance facilities. Textron and these, as these three combined companies represent the third largest property taxpayer in the county. They're also the second largest employer in Sedgwick County. Some of the things that they have going at this point in time, some major production and support segments throughout the county, include their Citation family of business jets, the Caravan family of turboprop aircraft, Hawker and Beechcraft lines, they've also added world-class service and maintenance operations. They've also announced that they are in the early stages of developing the Citation Hemisphere, which is a large-cabin jet, their entry into that market. So they have a lot of things going on in our community.

"Now the bond proceeds if approved would be used in three of their facilities that are located adjacent to the city of Wichita but in Sedgwick County. You have the Wallace Industrial District, which is basically located adjacent to the Wichita [Dwight D.] Eisenhower Airport. We have the Pawnee Industrial District, which is bounded on the east, or I'm sorry, on the west by Interstate 35 (I-35), on the north by Pawnee, Rock Road to the east, and it sits north of McConnell Air Force Base (AFB). The third area is the Beech Wichita Industrial District.

"In that area we have the Beech facilities that are bounded from Webb Road to Greenwich Road, east to west, and from 13th Street on the north down roughly to Kellogg. The \$434.8 million bond request that was approved yesterday by the City Council would be to issue industrial revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed that \$434.8 million. The breakdown of the expenditures are about [\$]24.4 million in real property, buildings and improvements. The balance of [\$]410.4 million would be for machinery and equipment. All of these would carry a 100 percent tax exemption.

"As I mentioned earlier, Textron is the second largest employer in Sedgwick County. They currently employ 9,000 people in this region. What they are seeking is a 100 percent tax abatement on those industrial revenue bonds for a period of five-plus-five years. Municipalities are allowed by state law to grant tax exemptions on industrial revenue bonds for a period of ten years. So the City could issue these, this blanket exemption for ten years. Their policy now calls for a look at the performance of the company that has received the benefit of the industrial revenue bonds at the five-year period and determine whether or not an additional five-year exemption will be allowed.

"The threshold for maintaining the exemption at that five-year period for the second five years is that Textron will maintain the current level of employment that they have in the Sedgwick County area. Originally when this was presented, and I think they still anticipate that they will increase employment levels, but the threshold for this is maintenance of the existing level of employment. Sedgwick County and Wichita's economic development policy calls for a study to be done to determine whether or not the deal makes sense. We've engaged the Center for Economic Development and [Business] Research (CEDBR) at Wichita State University to perform this analysis, and county policy requires that the benefit-to-cost ratio for the county be equal to or exceed 1.3 to 1.

"The analysis that we received indicates a 1.9 to 1 benefit-to-cost ratio in that analysis, so it does exceed the county's minimum threshold. Basically, they anticipate [\$]2.9 million in economic development benefits versus a million and a half in cost to the county. Since these improvements will occur in the area outside the city limits of Wichita, they are part of the [Sedgwick] County Fire District [No. 1]. One of the conditions of the granting of the industrial revenue bonds and that tax exemption is a fire protection agreement between Textron and the county Fire District. The fire protection agreement will be similar to those that we've done in the past. Basically the county Fire District is made whole. As improvements occur, those improvements times what the mill levy is for the Fire District will equal a service fee that Textron will pay to the Fire District. It's the same calculation that would be performed to calculate their tax. It's just a service fee because the exemption applies to all tax authorities within which the area of the improvements are going to be located.

"At the conclusion of the exemption periods, ten-year periods that are staggered throughout this 20-years of projects, there's about [\$]24.4 million in taxable real estate that would go on to the tax roll. So while we are foregoing about [\$]1.9 million in property tax benefits, or property taxes because of the exclusion or the exemption on

real estate, that will come back on the roll and be taxable to Sedgwick County at the conclusion of these exemptions.

"Basically you have now before you three options. One is that you can adopt a resolution that would approve the city's resolution to authorize the issuance of the tax exempt industrial revenue bonds, you can choose to adopt the resolution that would deny the city's resolution, or you could take no action. If you take no action, that will allow the letter of intent of the IRB issuance to go forward, the same as if there was an affirmative vote, which was your first option. At this point I will open up for any questions or comments that you have, and in following a good leader, I might lean on Joe Norton for legal expertise as well."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thanks, Brent. Do we have any questions from any of the Commissioners? Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Brent, I have some questions. So this is not about new jobs. There's the expectation that they'll keep the same level of employment. Now, is there some sort of claw back provision or contract?"

Mr. Shelton said, "Yes. At the five-year look, if the level of employment is below the 9,000, the current level of employment at the beginning of that exemption, the city would go in and reduce the amount of the exemption. So let's say that jobs are down by 10 percent. The way their policy is written, they have a 10 percent reduction in the amount of the exemption. So instead of 100 percent, they'd have a 90 percent exemption going forward."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "That's per city policy?"

Mr. Shelton said, "Yes."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "It's not a claw back, it is a reduction in exemptions going forward."

Mr. Shelton said, "Correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Was there anything in writing that would prevent them from not following policy or giving it anyway? We don't have any protection in this contract like we have in some of the others, like for example, Spirit [AeroSystems], that it was actually in the contract."

Mr. Shelton said, "Right."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "But there's nothing in this."

Mr. Shelton said, "No, because the difference between this one and the Spirit contract was that the money that the county is extending to have an equity position in the building, if they don't meet the threshold, then that money could be clawed back."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Right."

Mr. Shelton said, "In this case, it's a tax exemption."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "So we really don't have a guarantee in writing, we have an

expectation, and there really is no claw back then. It would be going forward, and just with respect to this IRB. I am not opposed to IRB's, but it's the property taxes that go, the property tax abatement, 100 percent property tax abatement on the real property, which is, and again sales tax exemption as well."

Mr. Shelton said. "Correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "So now this ROI (return on investment) that we have here, you know, it talks about, it does the calculation. We've had this issue before in the past. The calculation is based on twenty years of benefits, but the term itself, the abatement is ten years. I mean, the term, the abatement and the return on investment, I mean because the commitment to jobs, whether or not to increase or staying the same is for ten years, but then we're calculating the return on investment for 20 years, and that's a mismatch. We've had this, it's been a few years, and that's problematic. I think that, I mean, there is no guarantee after the ten years that we have anything. Really in this one there is no guarantee we will get anything anyway."

Mr. Shelton said, "As I understand this 20-year period is because there are about five different projects that have different start times. So it's potential to have five different ten-year periods of exemptions going on that would overlap. So the whole project is anticipated to go on for twenty years, but you may have a \$50 million investment in year two and \$100 million investment in year three, and those carry different start dates for the ten-year exemption."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I understand, but you're assuming the benefit is jobs for the whole 20 years, and that isn't necessarily true. That's an issue that we have, not just with this one, but all of the other things they need to match up, because otherwise it skews the numbers. Now another thing I think is important to talk about here is we're talking about these IRB's will give about \$1.9 million in property tax abatements for the county."

Mr. Shelton said, "From the real estate portion."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, but that's not the whole picture. I think people need to understand how these things work. I mean you have the building itself, and then you have all the machinery and equipment that goes inside the building. Several years ago the state passed a law that exempted all machinery and equipment, which affects us here locally, I think maybe at least one of my colleagues is here and wasn't really appreciative of that. But nevertheless, it applies to everybody, you don't have to, you know, pick one business or another.

"But that is the incentive that encourages businesses to stay here and to expand here, obviously, if they are already here, a lot of times it's cost prohibitive to move anyway, but this is the one that we don't talk about a lot, okay? So the value on this one is over \$32 million of property tax abatements, but so what we're talking about today is [\$]1.9 million on the building. It's \$32 million for machinery and equipment. There is no claw back for that because that's state law."

Mr. Shelton said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "That will happen no matter what the jobs are."

Mr. Shelton said, "It is not taxable."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "It doesn't matter. I'm not bemoaning that, I'm just saying we need to put that on the table. That amount of money is not included in the ROI calculations either, even though it does effect of course, it effects in this case the county, the state, Wichita School District and Haysville School District. So I'd be supportive of these IRB's if they didn't include the 100 percent tax reduction on the buildings because that amount, if you look at the whole picture of over \$34 million worth of tax abatements, the part we're talking about here today is about 5.6 percent of that. So if we were to approve this, then they'll have to about pay 5.6 percent of the overall tax bill, which you would have normally expected.

"I don't think that's unreasonable to say, hey, let's have you pay 5.6 percent of this, because the state, I'm telling you, this exemption on machinery and equipment is a big deal. I don't think a lot of states have this, and it's very powerful. That's the mother of all incentives for a lot of businesses here in the state. Okay? We can't forget about that. We focus on this [\$]1.9 [million], but there's 32 million other dollars that are out there. So I think, I don't think I am going to be supportive of the 100 percent property tax abatement here on the building. I'll make this very clear, what we are here today to do is to vote on the abatement of \$1.9 million. We are not here to vote on the project itself. I fully support the project and what they are doing. That's their decision to make. I believe they've made it. I think it's obviously cost-effective for them, they're already here.

"But you get this \$32 million tax abatement and that's fine, but we don't have a say on that decision. We just have a say on whether this property tax abatement, and we often talk about, you know, we're limited on funds, and this, that and another, and I just don't think it's unreasonable to say, hey, well, can you chip in 5.6 percent of what you would normally have to pay. I'd say yes, I think that's okay, especially since this really isn't about adding more jobs, and there really is no claw back provision for any of it like we have in the past. For a small portion of it, we can rely on the City in five years to make some adjustments, but so I think, I mean, when these things come up, we have to look at all the information, all the details, and kind of consider everything out there, and that's why I will vote the way I do, and because I got to look out for the whole community.

"I respect and appreciate the decision by Textron, but I also have to look out for the taxpayers, and we do have some roads and bridges and a variety of other stuff that we have to pay for, and I think most of us in the community, if we just had to pay 5.6 percent of what we would normally had expected there, I think we would be happy. So I would encourage my colleagues to vote to approve the IRB's, just to do it without the property tax abatement. I am not sure if there's value to that or not, but I know I'm likely the only one to have this view, but these numbers are very, very telling. Keep in mind the total abatement is \$34 million, and it was designed as an incentive. It's used by the partnership and other entities to tell businesses, hey, this is what we have here, this is something we have in Kansas that may not have in other states. So that's all I have. Thank you."

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

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Brent, thanks for the presentation, and our friends from Textron, sorry I almost said Cessna, but Textron,

thank you for coming. I just heard that there's not jobs, new jobs included with this, but in this, in your paperwork it shows that there's 250 new jobs. Is that correct?"

Mr. Shelton said, "That is correct."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Okay."

Mr. Shelton said, "I received a revised analysis this morning with no jobs, and it gives us a 1.56 to 1..."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Okay."

Mr. Shelton said, "...benefit to cost ratio, so we're still within that threshold."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Right, okay. So the 250 is yesterday's and no additional jobs is today's?"

Mr. Shelton said, "We just, because that was the threshold, it was ratcheted down to..."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Okay."

Mr. Shelton said, "...include no jobs and see if it still fits, and it does."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Okay. Perfect. Well just want to make sure on that because there still is the indirect jobs from the 9,000 base employment, which I think is phenomenal that we are going to guarantee that Textron is going to keep that threshold of 9,000. Of course I think the goal for Textron is to grow a lot more as the demand rises with the economy that seems to be on the rise, and aviation as a whole seems to be doing a lot better now than it has over the last several years. So I think that's absolutely a minimum, but I think this is great coming off the heels of a pretty successful 2017 when it comes it our aviation sector, and I think this is a great way to really kick off 2018. So thank you, Brent. Thanks for coming."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of quick questions. First of all, thank you for the presentation, well done, and I thank you for a good explanation, what this is all about. One question, is this \$24.4 million, that actually is planned to be capital improvement on one of their, one or all of their properties in some way, they are going to actually do some capital investment there?"

Mr. Shelton said, "Yeah, it's buildings, new buildings, improvements to real estate in those facilities that are located outside the city."

Commissioner Howell said, "Very good, and down the road, whether it be five years or ten years, but some point down the road, this commercial assessed value does come on the tax rolls at some point down road."

Mr. Shelton said, "That is correct. At the conclusion of that exemption period, those real property improvements go on the tax roll.

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, and at that point I will make a comment that the tax revenue from that will be a benefit to Sedgwick County to provide services and all of that. I would say one of my things I look at when I consider things like this is, is there a cost of government during that five or ten year period. I guess in my opinion is I don't think there's going to be any cost to Sedgwick County government in terms of any of the services we provide that hasn't already been discussed. The Fire District is probably the biggest thing, but in terms of, you know, other services provided, the Health Department and COMCARE and you just go down the list of all the things we provide, I don't think there is going to be a significant cost in terms of Sedgwick County government, because of this abatement.

"This is going to be new construction, or improvements, I should say. But one things this does do, it provides, again, stable employment. That was one of the issues I talked about during the Spirit AeroSystems discussion is that stable employment is a big deal. We know the roller coaster of aviation jobs in this community, and to have someone commit to a 9,000-job level, and even talk about potentially adding 250 jobs, that is a good thing for this community. I have experienced a roller coaster personally. I have a lot of friends and family who have experienced the roller coaster.

"So right now we've got Spirit that's made a long-term commitment at their peak employment, and now we see Textron Aviation doing the same thing, essentially. I would just like to point out, they have choices. If we don't, I guess, encourage them to do this here in our community, they can go anywhere. A lot of other communities would love to have Textron Aviation set up a plant in their own community. I'm sure there are going to be a lot of other communities that would love to see them come, and they would be willing to give them a lot more than what we're discussing here today. So I think this is a good option for us. It does increase our tax revenue down the road, it doesn't cost us anything in the meantime. We have a promise of jobs, and in my opinion is our history is we have approved IRB's for manufacturing companies in the past, I don't think this ought to be an exception. So, I am grateful for the opportunity this morning."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to agree with the City of Wichita and approve the IRB's for Textron Aviation, Inc.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. We have a motion and a second. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well I am going to be supportive of the motion. I am pleased that Textron wants to invest in our community, and I think that this is a way for us to show them that we want to be good partners, and we're respectful of what they are doing in terms of employment and capital investment in our community. My question, though, is these bonds are going to be issued through the City of Wichita."

Mr. Shelton said. "Correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "This property is located outside the city limits of Wichita."

Mr. Shelton said, "Right."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Is that arrangement just because of history of the way things have been doing? I mean, it just seems like the county is not being asked to issue them, the City is, and yet the property is in the county. I was just wanting a clarification."

Mr. Shelton said, "I think a couple of things would contribute to that. One is that municipalities, cities, are granted authority by state law to issue industrial revenue bonds within a three-mile area outside their city limits. The second thing that I think is contributing to this, if you go back to 2014 when Textron Aviation was formed, the two different companies that came together, Beech and Cessna, we had been issuing industrial revenue bonds for Beech, the city for Cessna.

"I think they looked to a common municipality to handle all their issues going forward, and at the time it was agreed that it would be the City of Wichita."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Alright. Well, that's not an objection from my perspective, it's just a clarification. So thank you for that."

Mr. Shelton said, "You bet."

Commissioner Unruh said, "That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, if my colleague really believes there is no cost of government related to this, then we can just give 100 percent property tax abatement for this program, this new construction, then let's extend that same property tax abatement to all new construction within Sedgwick County for all businesses. You want to do that, I'll do that. If there's no cost to government, let's let everybody expand their business property tax-free, everybody. Let's not just pick winners or losers, now let's do it for everybody, if there's no cost, if you really believe that, but think about that. We wouldn't even begin to contemplate that. We'd be, it just doesn't make sense.

"Now that being said, but I'm willing to support that, if we want to adopt that policy, let's give 100 percent property tax abatement to every business in town that expands, every single one. So you've got a new ROI this morning."

Mr. Shelton said, "Right."

Commissioner Ranzau said. "We don't have that."

Mr. Shelton said, "Right. I just received it before I came here."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I need a copy of that. I think it would be wise for us to not make a decision today, since we don't even have an accurate ROI in our hands. How can we make a good decision when we don't even have accurate data?

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to table the item for a week until more information is available.

Chairman Dennis said, "We have a substitute motion. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Brent, are we under some sort of timeframe where this has to be approved by us? I mean, would that take us outside the timeframe?"

Mr. Shelton said, "You have a seven-day window from the time that you were notified of this, which was yesterday. So is it seven days after their first meeting after? Okay."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So a week delay would still be within that timeframe? I mean. I don't want to..."

Mr. Shelton said, "It would not."

Commissioner Unruh said, "It would not. Alright, so the motion on the table that is yet to be seconded would eventually then kill this program, is that right?"

Mr. Shelton said, "The motion, if you delay it, it's option three. You have taken no action, so it's like an affirmative vote."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I see."

Mr. Shelton said, "It happens anyway."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, very good, appreciate that. Then one other comment while I have the floor, is that in part of this agreement you mentioned that they have payment in lieu of taxes to our Fire District, so that particular cost to government is being, that cost is being provided for by Textron."

Mr. Shelton said, "Correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, that's a clarification. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, well we still have a substitute motion on the table currently. With the substitute motion though, it would essentially approve the IRB's. Is that your intention?"

Commissioner Ranzau said, "No, we could always have another meeting before then. We've done it before. We could have a special meeting and say no if we wanted to. We do that occasionally. But I mean I have made motions before that weren't seconded. But I do what I think is right, and we will see what happens."

Chairman Dennis said, "I just wanted to clarify your motion."

Mr. Scholes said, "Commissioners, before we move on, if we did a special session, it would have to be tomorrow or Friday, because Monday is a holiday. Just keep that in mind."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Or Tuesday."

Mr. Scholes said, "Or we could do it Tuesday."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, well we have a substitute motion. Do I have a second?

Do I have a seconds? Do I have a second? Motion fails due to lack of second. Thank you."

Motion fails due to lack of second.

Commissioner Ranzau said. "Seems to be a common theme here."

Chairman Dennis said, "Brent, I have a question."

Mr. Shelton said, "Okay."

Chairman Dennis said, "We're talking about foregoing \$1.9 million in property tax, correct?"

Mr. Shelton said, "Right."

Chairman Dennis said, "If they don't build anything, how much property tax do we get?"

Mr. Shelton said, "You get no additional property tax."

Chairman Dennis said, "So what we are talking about is deferring for a period of time before we get property tax."

Mr. Shelton said, "Right."

Chairman Dennis said, "But if we don't approve this, we are not going to get any additional property tax whatsoever."

Mr. Shelton said, "No, it would be, the financing wouldn't be in place for those improvements."

Chairman Dennis said, "We're not going to get a guarantee that we're going to have 9,000 workers here."

Mr. Shelton said, "That is right."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well keep in mind, I don't think this whole deal hinges on [\$]1.9 [million]. They are getting \$32 million worth of property tax abatements. So, but that's the whole question we go back to, the but, for. If only we do this, and that's kind of the scare tactics that are used that will push politicians to do this, but the state legislature took this action for a reason, to give this machinery and equipment exemption. It's very powerful, and I think that's all we need to do, and I think 5.6 percent of the property tax is not asking too much. I bet you this would proceed anyway. I bet you they would find a way do that. So with that being said, I certainly can't support moving forward when we don't even have the accurate data, so thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, we have a motion and second. Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II Aye
Commissioner Ranzau No

Commissioner Howell Aye
Commissioner Unruh Aye
Chairman Dennis Aye

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Brent. Thank you all for joining us today. We appreciate it very much. Next item."

Approved

H 18-155

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2018.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director of Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting that was conducted on February 8th of the Board of Bids and Contracts, we have one item to present to you this morning."

1. AUCTION SERVICES FOR FIVE (5) PARCEL LOTS IDENTIFIED AS "WICHITA GREYHOUND PARK" - FACILITIES DEPARTMENT FUNDING - FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

"This recommendation is to accept the proposal from BizCore Pros, Inc. dba Lange Real Estate for the rates listed until the completion of the project."

Mr. Thomas said, "I will be happy to answer any questions you may have, and I recommend approval of this item."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. What I understand, is that this is for sale of the land that's under the [Wichita] Greyhound Park plus another couple of parcels, correct?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir"

Chairman Dennis said, "The way that it's drawn out, the winning bid has no buyer's premium? It does have a one percent to the broker, 2.5 [percent] commission. It appears that this is the direction that the Commission has asked you to go to put together an opportunity to auction this piece of property, so this is just following up on the action that we've already directed you to take, correct?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Correct, sir."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. That's all my questions. Do I have any questions from any of the Commissioners? Seeing none, do I have a motion?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Thanks, Joe. Next item, please." Approved

CONSENT

Mr. Mike Scholes said, "Commissioners, I recommend you approve consent agenda items India (I) through Quebec (Q)."

MOTION

Commissioner O'Donnell moved to approve consent agenda items India (I) through Quebec (Q).

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

<u> 18-134</u>

One (1) Easement for Right of Way for Sedgwick County Road Project on 87th Street South between Webb Road and Greenwich Road; 640-33. CIP# R342. District 5.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners		Meeting Minutes	February 14, 2018
J	<u>18-132</u>	Resolution designating weight restrictions for bridges withi County. All Districts. Approved on the Consent Agenda	n Sedgwick
K	<u>18-148</u>	An agreement between Sedgwick County, The Kansas De Transportation and BNSF Railway Company for Sedgwick Project on the south side of 47th Street South from Oliver to on the west side of Clifton from approximately 47th Street MacArthur. CIP# R330A - Phase 2. District 5. Approved on the Consent Agenda	County to Clifton and
L	<u>18-131</u>	Amendment Number Two to Agreement for Provision of Provision by and between Sedgwick County, Kansas Div Corrections and Dandurand Pharmacy, Inc. Approved on the Consent Agenda	•
M	<u>18-057</u>	Proposed Modification of Section 2.4.310 of the Unified Bu Trades Code (UBTC) Prohibiting 'Ladder-like' Railings. Approved on the Consent Agenda	uilding and
N	<u>18-092</u>	ZON2017-00055 - Zone Change from RR Rural Residential Industrial on 158 acres of undeveloped land, generally local East 37th Street North and east of North Greenwich Road Approved on the Consent Agenda	ated north of
Ο	<u>18-135</u>	Consideration of a grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 for a Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Project through Division of Emergency Management (KDEM). Approved on the Consent Agenda	
Р	<u>18-122</u>	General Bill Check Register for February 7, 2018 - Februa Approved on the Consent Agenda	ry 13, 2018.
Q	<u>18-123</u>	Payroll Check Register for the February 3, 2018 payroll ce Approved on the Consent Agenda	rtification.
	LEGISLATIVE IS	<u>SUES</u>	

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Will."

Mr. William Deer, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Got three updates for you. House Bill 2509, which was the Election Commissioner budget bill passed out of committee unanimously. There is not a date where it's going to be out on the floor that I know of yet, but it will be voted on by the House [of Representatives]

"I would assume, in the next week or so. House Bill 2597, which designated Sedgwick County as an urban area was voted out of committee actually yesterday. So that's a fresh update, just here in the last day. Then House Bill 2560, which was the bill

creating the Cybersecurity Act where we had a lot of concerns about the new fees that were going to be charged for our employees to access various state databases, that bill was worked last Friday, but they didn't actually take a vote on it. Recent updates are that the Sheriff is actually exempt, but whether the Treasurer and some of our other executive type offices are exempt is still up in the air. I don't expect that bill probably to go anywhere this session. I think it will end up in an interim study, but I'd be open to any questions on those three bills or any other topics."

Chairman Dennis said "Thank you. We still have our opposition of 2560."

Mr. Deer said, "2560, and then there's a companion Senate Bill, I don't recall the number, but Tom Sloan introduced bill in both chambers. They're identical bills."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, very good. Do I have questions? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just curious, in Senate Bill 299, is that the same as House Bill 2509?"

Mr. Deer said, "No. Senate Bill 299 I believe is the bill that would actually bring the Election Commissioner appointment under the power of the Board of County Commissioners, so it goes a step further, not just the budget, but actually the appointment, which would take all the power away from the Secretary of State with the four election commissioners in the four largest counties."

Commissioner Howell said, "But there was a companion bill for 2509 in the Senate, you know that number by chance?"

Mr. Deer said, "I do not..."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."

Mr. Deer said, "...off the top of my head, but I'll get it for you sir."

Commissioner Howell said, "I think 299 had a hearing yesterday. Did we provide testimony to that?"

Mr. Deer said, "We did not."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. So some of the folks on the committee there are asking questions about whether we support that bill or not. I guess we need to reach out to them..."

Mr. Deer said, "Okay."

Commissioner Howell said, "...before they work that bill and let them have a status that we do support the other bill, but I think that 299 maybe goes a step too far. So anyway, I think we have an opportunity to communicate, hopefully today or so, because it's getting to the turn-around date here coming up. So we need to be aggressive to get that, to get our opinion, I guess, on these bills to the committee members before we lose our opportunity."

Mr. Deer said, "Okay, yeah. It is my understanding when we voted on our legislative agenda, we were just supporting the bill for the budget for the Election Commissioners as opposed to the appointment."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Well again, if 2509 moved out of committee, do we know if the senate bill that's similar to that, it didn't go anywhere?"

Mr. Deer said, "No."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. I anticipate that it still could happen, and if that did happen, it would just go right to conference. They may not even..."

Mr. Deer said, "Right."

Commissioner Howell said, "...swap bodies. So, alright. So that's my only question, thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Further questions? Seeing none, thank you Will."

Mr. Deer said. "You're welcome."

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item."

OTHER

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioners, does anyone have any other items that they'd like to discuss today? Seeing none, we don't have an executive session scheduled today. Anything else to come before the board?"

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.